

**PROPOSAL 210**

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13 as follows.

Eliminate the community harvest moose hunts in Unit 13. General season moose hunt for all should be September 1st to September 20th.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Discontinue community harvest moose hunts. This hunt, in its sixth or seventh year has destroyed the moose population in Unit 13. My family has survived off Unit 13 moose for 20 years continuously. On and off we have lived off them since 1961. We have gone two years, hunting every day of the 20-day season without seeing a legal moose. The community hunt is putting too much pressure on moose, and since they can also harvest spike-fork or 50", 4 brow tines moose before the general season without it counting on the community harvest quota, there is increase pressure on those moose, thus removing them from the woods before the general season. I live in the middle of Unit 13, and this fall, for the first time in 20 years, I will be forced to travel to other areas to harvest moose meat. Tier I caribou tied to moose in Unit 13 also has put added pressure on moose in Unit 13.

**PROPOSED BY:** Claude Bondy

(EG-F21-005)

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**PROPOSAL 211**

**5 AAC 92.074. Community subsistence harvest hunt areas.**

Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou as follows:

Repeal 5 AAC 92.074(d)(1) - (13)

The Alaska Board of Game would then implement **AS 16.05.258. Subsistence use and allocation of fish and game** consistent with **Article 8, Section 3. Common Use** under 5 AAC 92.070 - 71 whenever a reasonable opportunity for harvesting amounts necessary for subsistence are not being met.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Repeal the **Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentesta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kash Community Harvest Area for moose and caribou 5 AAC 92.074(d)**; it has not achieved the goal intended by the Board of Game (board) when it was adopted. In 2006 the board assumed that under the current Tier I & II system (5 AAC 92.070 and .071) hunting permits had shifted from the most dependent local residents to less subsistence dependent urban residence. The board took action to provide local communities in the Copper Basin with a priority to hunt moose and caribou. The board's action was challenged in state court and determined to be unconstitutional, **Alaska State Constitution, Article VIII. Sec. 3 Common Use**.

After 15 years of implementation by ADF&G, the proposers of the proposal to create the Copper Basin Community harvest area are achieving their original request to the board on federal lands through the Federal Subsistence Board.

Federal law, ANILCA Title I, Sec.101(b)(C) allows for Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) to achieve their goal of exclusive community member moose and caribou hunts on federal lands in Units 11, 12, and 13.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Outdoor Council

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**PROPOSAL 213**

**5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)(I). Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.**

Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13 as follows:

The solution would be to remove the requirement that Alaskans would have to hunt moose in Unit 13, or remove Tier I altogether and manage the population with increased draw tags and increased Tier II tags.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I would like to see the removal of the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13 if an individual receives a Tier I caribou permit. The purpose of this requirement has failed in its intention to limit Alaskans who apply for these permits. With the closures of federal land in Unit 13, this has compounded the crowding and user conflicts that is the cause of the Unit 13 land closures. The removal of this requirement will spread out users and lower conflicts in this area and allow Alaskans increased opportunities throughout Alaska.

**PROPOSED BY:** Caleb Martin

(EG-F21-039)

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