

**PROPOSAL 72 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17 as follows:

Establish a registration archery (conventional bows, not crossbows, IBEP certified hunters) only moose season in any Unit of 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 or 17 that is open to a general (harvest ticket) moose hunt. A legal moose would be the same as during the general season hunt. Season dates would be seven days immediately following the close of the general moose season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Nearly all states in the lower 48 encourage bowhunting by having long archery only seasons in desirable times of the year. This allows many individuals the opportunity to hunt with a challenging, ethically satisfying device while limiting the harvest because of the limited range of that device. More hunting opportunity translates into more hunters which results in more license sales and more gear purchased. This all rests in increased Pittman-Robertson federal funds to support better wildlife management. Hunters are the best conservationists and bowhunters are the best of the best because they spend more time in the field and harvest less game. Alaska has very few archery-only hunts but we believe that more hunts could be offered with minimal impact on the game populations. We are asking for a special archery moose hunt, which would occur after the regular firearms moose hunt. It would be a registration hunt. A legal moose would be whatever moose was legal in the general hunt in that same area. In other words, no special size limits for archery hunters. The purpose of the hunt being after the general moose hunt would be because the weather is colder and meat care is easier later in the fall. Also, fewer leaves on the trees and bushes make the moose easier to see. We would propose a registration hunt so that it could be closely monitored in terms of participation and harvest. We purpose this hunt for any area open to moose hunting with a general harvest ticket.

**PROPOSED BY:** The Alaskan Bowhunters Association (EG-F17-064)  
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