

PROPOSAL 7

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

Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18 as follows:

The Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee seeks to change the start date of the RM615 moose hunt from September 1 to September 5.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Hunters in the Lower Kuskokwim region are active subsistence users and rely on moose to meet their subsistence needs. The RM615 is a popular Unit 18 hunt for many hunters due to its location and close proximity to lower Kuskokwim communities. Changes in weather conditions in recent years have brought warmer and wetter weather in late August and early September. Zone 1 of the RM615 hunt generally closes by emergency order within the first week of September. Hunters have struggled with preserving their catch until they can return home from their hunt due to the increased wet and warm weather. Moving the start date of the hunt from September 1 to September 5 may allow hunters to hunt during cooler and dryer weather conditions.

PROPOSED BY: Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-058)
