

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
PROPOSAL FORM**
(Updated 1/26/23)

Top of form check boxes:

- Insert applicable game management unit your regulation would change.
- Check the appropriate box(es) for the activities the regulation change would affect (hunting, trapping, subsistence, resident, nonresident, other).
- Select the appropriate meeting for which the proposed regulation change applies.

Fillable numbered boxes:

1. If known, enter the series of letter and numbers which identify the regulation to be changed. For example, 5 AAC 92.055. If it will be a new section or provision, then enter 5 AAC 72.XXX.
2. Write a short explanation about the issue your proposal addresses, or why you are proposing the regulation change. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject proposals that contain multiple or confusing issues.

State why the regulation change should be adopted or provide an explanation about what will happen if the regulation is not changed.

To assist you in development of your issue statement (#2 on the form), you may want to consider the following:

- What would happen if nothing is changed?
 - What are other solutions you considered? Why did you reject them?
3. Print or type your proposal as you would like to see it appear in the regulation book. The boards prefer that revised regulatory language is provided. **New or amended text should appear first and be in bold text and underlined.** [REGULATORY TEXT BEING DELETED SHOULD BE FULLY CAPITALIZED AND ENCLOSED IN BRACKETS]. It is not necessary to bold and underline text if entire change contains new language.

EXAMPLES: **5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

Shorten the brown bear hunting season in Unit 16B by as follows: September 25 through **April 15** [MAY 1]

5 AAC 85.025(3). Unit 9(B) Caribou.

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: **2** [3] caribou; however, no more than 1 bull may be taken.

Alternatively, you may state your changes in clear sentences. For example, “Lengthen the season for brown bear hunting to July 15 in the Togiak and Bay districts,” or “Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 9(B) to two caribou.”

Bottom of form (submission block):

- Write the name of the group that voted to submit the proposal or your name if you are submitting the proposal. This name will be published in the proposal book. The Boards of Fisheries and Game will not consider anonymous proposals.
- Fill in your address and zip code, and telephone number. These will NOT be published; it simply enables us to reach you if clarification is necessary.

Mail, fax or upload the completed form as follows:

Online: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

NOTE: The proposal deadline for the 2023/2024 meeting cycle is Monday, May 1, 2023. Proposals must be received by the deadline; there are no exceptions. The form must be physically received by fax or mail on the deadline; postmark is not adequate. Proposals are encouraged to be submitted online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please consult staff at any Department of Fish and Game office.

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM | 2023-2024 MEETING CYCLE**

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Upload Forms Online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal;

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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS

***What Game Management Unit (GMU) does your proposal apply: 20D**

☒ Hunting

☐ Subsistence

☐ Trapping

☐ Other

Does the proposed change affect residents or nonresidents?

Resident

***Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

Interior and Eastern Arctic Region

(GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C.)

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. **The board will reject multiple or confusing items.**

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC:

Regulation Book Page No:

***2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

Simplify Antlerless moose hunts in SW20D

In existing regulations, we have DM791 currently for one of our Antlerless hunts in SW20D, but with the decline in moose population, we are projected to issue fewer permits for the near future. We also have a youth hunt YM792 on the books that allows for bull and Antlerless harvest, but in a very small area. Eliminating DM791, and expanding YM792 will provide Antlerless moose harvest while simplifying the regulations.

In January 2023 the Department (ADFG) presented a Moose Management Workshop at which revealed that moose in GMU 20 suffered a significant population loss from the winter of 2021-2022.

The Delta AC was asked how to move forward and make decisions for the future harvest of Antlerless moose. (At this time there are no Antlerless hunts for this area, but future harvest may be needed)

The goal of the Delta AC is to create and maintain a productive and healthy moose population in GMU 20D SW, as measured by the percentage of cows giving birth to twins. This will also require that the habitat be maintained in a productive condition.

ADFG will monitor the condition of the moose population and habitat by conducting:

- 1) Biennial GSPE moose population surveys
- 2) Annual calf twinning surveys
- 3) Short yearling calf weights
- 4) Browse removal surveys

Equipped with this information, the Department will determine the number of Antlerless harvest permits to issue for GMU SW20D. These harvest tags will be available through the expanded Youth Hunt (YM792).

The Delta AC is suggesting that the harvest of bull moose also be included in this youth hunt. Adding the desired number of "Any Moose" (Up to 10 tags) permits to this hunt will provide opportunity for the youth to harvest a bull. Any moose permits will also allow the department to maintain the desired bull/cow ratio for the unit.

What has been stated by department staff in moose management meetings is that approximately a 15/100 bull cow ratio is sufficient for reproduction, however many moose populations (including Unit 20D) are managed at 25 to 30/100 bull cow ratio for hunter satisfaction hunting in horn restriction areas, so keeping a close watch on bull/cow ratios will determine the number of bull of tags allocated for this hunt (Up to 10). The allocation of 10 or less tags to this (Any Moose) hunt should be sustainable most years. ADF&G reported the SW20D bull/cow ratio to be at 25/100 based on their most recent survey in 2022.

These tags would be put into this proposed expanded Youth hunt (YM792) that will be a high quality youth hunt to help manage our moose population in the future.

***3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

Unit 20(D), expand the YM792 hunt boundaries to the entirety of SW20D including the DJMA and eliminate DM791 from regulation. Hunt Dates: Sept 16th-25th

Resident youth who will be 10-17 years old by the starting date of the hunt are eligible to apply, and can only hunt (with) a youth permit while they are 10-17 years old. Each permittee must be accompanied in the field by a licensed Alaska resident adult at least 21 years old.

Any Moose (Max 10 or up to 10 bulls); or 1- antlerless moose(up to 100), by youth hunt drawing YM792 permit only; up to 10 (Any Moose) permits may be issued; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf; If the moose surveys determines there are a surplus of bulls (Any Moose) could be the bag limit for a portion of (example 1st-10th) successful applicants drawn. The remaining successful applicants' bag limit would be antlerless. Luck of the draw for Bull tags. The bag limit (any moose or antlerless) and the number of permits will be a permit condition decided on annually by the Delta Area Biologist based on most recent population surveys.

Example: The department determined it should harvest approximately 30 antlerless moose and has determined up to 10 any bulls (Any Moose) could be harvested. Therefore, the department would issue 40 permits and the first 10 applicants drawn would have the option to harvest Any Moose, and the remaining 30 successful applicants could only harvest an Antlerless moose.

Submitted By: Delta Junction Advisory Committee

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