

# Federal Wildlife Proposal

## Proponent:

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council

## Issue:

Allow cow moose without calves to be taken in Unit 18 remainder from July 16 to July 31

## Existing Federal Regulation:

### Unit 18– Moose

*Unit 18, remainder—3 moose, only one of which may be antlered. Aug. 1-Apr. 30.  
Antlered bulls may not be harvested from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.*

## Proposed Federal Regulation:

### Unit 18– Moose

*Unit 18, remainder—3 moose, only one of which may be antlered. ~~Aug. 1~~  
**Bulls and cows accompanied by calves may not be taken July 16 - 31. July 16 - Apr. 30.**  
Antlered bulls may not be harvested from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.*

## Why Should this regulation be changed?

Salmon fishing on the Yukon River has been restricted for a number of years and has created severe food security issues. At the same time that salmon have declined, moose numbers in Unit 18, remainder have increased and are approaching levels that pose concerns for habitat degradation. With the current abundance of moose, additional harvest can be supported without conservation concerns in Unit 18, remainder. This proposal would create additional opportunity for federally qualified subsistence users.