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To: Larry Semmens; Tibbles, Kristy R (DFG)
Subject: Re: SB 77 Youth Hunting

Larry please express the Board of Game's appreciation to Senators Micciche, Giessel and Kelly for their support and efforts to help youth hunters. As you know, the future use of our abundant wild resources is dependent on building support from the public, and from public testimony the majority of Alaskans support special hunts for young hunters. The Board recently adopted a youth hunt for antlerless moose in the area north of Fairbanks providing an allocation of 20% of the available tags going to hunters between the ages of 10 to 17. In the first year, 78 youth hunter permits will be available for this hunt. Youth hunters will be required to have successfully completed a state hunter education course, be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older and both will be required to validate their harvest ticket for the one moose. Due to the current enabling legislation, the season had to be set in early August before school begins which is not a desired time to hunt moose or care for meat in warm weather. With passage of SB77 the Board will have flexibility to adopt seasons with a higher probability of success.

Thank you for your support.
Ted Spraker, Board of Game Chairman