

Spring RAC Report on Subsistence Hunting Permits and Harvest

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2022 Subsistence Moose Hunt

Fall 2022 was an excessively rainy period. The rain and warm temps seemed to dampen hunter’s spirits to get out as many of the popular parking areas were empty during the early subsistence period and into the first week in September. The reduction in effort during the early season resulted in only 4 moose harvested where there would typically be 7-8. The warmer weather continued a little longer into the late season allowing more subsistence hunters a couple of additional weekends before travel conditions to the Refuge boundary were hampered by snow. This resulted in a bump up from 2-3 moose during the late season to 7 which brought us back up to an average harvest level for this hunt for the year.

Drawing hunt harvest for sheep, goats and caribou are as follows:

Sheep: 1 permit issued - 1 hunted (6 days) - did not harvest

Goat: 4 permits issued – 0 hunted

Caribou: 2 permits issued – 1 hunted (5 days) – did not harvest

The following table summarizes the results of the Subsistence Moose Hunt in Unit 15 (FM1505) from 2016-2022. These numbers may change as late harvest reports come in, but generally this only affects the effort data and harvest numbers should be complete at this point.

Regulatory Year	Permits Issued	Did Not Report	Hunted	Harvest			Days Hunted
				Cow	Bull	Total	
2016	109	3	73	5	7	12	473
2017	95	4	51	2	7	9	417
2018	86	4	52	2	12	14	389
2019	90	3	58	0	13	13	339
2020	91	9	63	1	7	8	491
2021	91	6	50	3	5	8	310
2022	143	23	60	2	11	13	308