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Antlerless Moose Hunts Close

RM764 Zones 2B and 5B Close

Antlerless moose hunting in portions of central Unit 20A south of Fairbanks will close at 11:59 pm on Thursday night, February 3, 2011.

The Department of Fish and Game is closing the antlerless moose hunt in Zones 2B and 5B. "We've met the harvest quota of 45 antlerless moose in Zone 2B. We're close in Zone 5B, but we'll probably go over the quota of 15 if we don't close the hunt before the weekend," said Area Biologist Don Young.

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4C, 5A, 5B and 6 are now closed.

The Board of Game authorized the Department to open registration permit hunt RM764 for antlerless moose in Unit 20A between January 10 and February 28, and close it by emergency order when quotas are met.

"Hunters were restricted to the more inaccessible southern portions of Zones 2B and 5B, but high moose numbers, warmer weather, and high participation has resulted in our meeting the quota rather quickly," Young said.

Hunters may continue to hunt in Zones 4B, 5C and 5D of Unit 20A with an RM764 permit from the Department of Fish and Game. Successful hunters must report their harvest to the Fairbanks ADF&G office (459-7272) within 1 day of the kill. Reporting online is available at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> Unsuccessful hunters must report to the Fairbanks ADF&G office by March 15.

The quota for antlerless moose in all of Unit 20A during the winter hunt is 225, but to distribute the harvest more evenly, the Department divided Unit 20A in 7 major and 16 minor hunt zones and established individual quotas for each zone based on estimated moose abundance. A zone map is printed on the back of the hunt permits.

Hunters must call the Unit 20A antlerless moose hunting hotline at 459-7386 to make sure the area they plan to hunt is still open. Hunters with other questions can call 459-7206 or 459-7233 for more information.

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