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Winter Moose Hunt Details Announced

Winter moose hunting seasons will open in Minto Flats and continue in Unit 20A, but permits for the winter season in other parts of Unit 20B (RM780) will not be issued this year.

Minto Flats (RM785):

Registration permits (RM785) for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B will be issued from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, in Minto, Nenana and Fairbanks.

“Moose numbers remain high enough in Minto Flats to allow the winter registration hunt to take place again this year,” said Assistant Area Biologist Tony Hollis. “This is a limited registration permit hunt, and we’ll offer 150 permits for a moose of either sex for the winter hunt in the Minto Flats Management Area.”

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th, 60 permits for RM785 will be issued in Fairbanks, 54 permits in Minto, and 36 permits in Nenana.

Individuals must physically maintain their own place in line. Lists of names or numbers will not be honored.

The Fairbanks line will follow the rail fence outside the Farm house (near the Creamer’s barns) north of the Fairbanks Fish and Game office at 1300 College Road. Alcohol and open fires are not allowed.

The Minto line will form at Minto Lakeview Lodge. The Nenana line will form at the north entrance of the Tribal Hall at 802 “G” Street. In Nenana, permit applicants must use the parking lot on the North Side of Front Street, across from the Tribal Hall.

Long lines are expected for the permits. ADF&G staff members have investigated other methods of distributing the permits, but at this point, no other method complies with state subsistence laws.

Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis. Hunters must register in person for the permits, and must have a 2012 hunting license in their possession. Only Alaska residents qualify for the permits, which will be limited to one per household. If hunters have killed a moose anywhere in Alaska after July 1, 2011, they are not eligible for this hunt.

Unit 20B (RM780):

Unit 20B Antlerless Moose Registration Permit Hunt (RM780) will not open for the 2011-2012 season. The Department's goal for this year is to harvest approximately 400 antlerless moose from all of Unit 20B. A total of 308 antlerless moose were reported taken during the fall drawing permit hunts and the fall registration hunt RM775. The Unit 20B harvest objective is expected to be met with the harvest from this winter's registration hunt in the Minto Management Area (RM785).

Unit 20A (RM764):

Meanwhile, harvest goals for Unit 20A antlerless moose hunt RM764 have been revised based on results from moose surveys completed in November 2011.

The revised harvest goal in Unit 20A is 120 antlerless moose (down from 185) and is limited to 23 in Zone 1B, 29 in Zone 2B, 13 in Zone 4B, 10 in Zone 5B, 18 in Zone 5C, 10 in Zone 5D, 10 in Zone 6B and 7 in Zone 7.

A recorded message containing the most current information about reported harvest levels of antlerless moose in Unit 20A and closures of hunt zones is available at 459-7386.

Permits to hunt antlerless moose in Unit 20A (RM764) continue to be issued over the counter at Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Delta Junction, Homer, Glennallen, Palmer, Soldotna and Tok.

Registration permits for Unit 20A are limited to Alaska residents and only one permit can be issued per household. Applicants must have a valid hunting license, and cannot have harvested a moose since July 1, 2011.

Those hunting on military lands must possess a Recreational Access Pass which is available at the main gate visitor centers at Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely. Hunters can call (907) 361-9686 for more information.

A map of the hunt area will be printed on the back of the permit and detailed descriptions of hunt areas will be available online on the Department's website <http://www.hunt.alaska.gov>

The bag limit for RM764 is one antlerless moose. Taking calves or cows accompanied by calves is prohibited in this hunt.

In registration hunt RM764, the number of registration permits is not limited; but will be closed by emergency order when hunt quotas are met, or on February 28, 2012.

Hunters with questions about any of these hunts can call 459-7206 or 459-7233 for more information.

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