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Emergency Order Changes Community Hunt Moose Bag Limit in Game Management Units 11 and 13

(Glennallen) – The Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest moose hunt (CM300) bag limit in Game Management Units (GMU) 11 and 13 will be changed by an emergency order, effective 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2013. The emergency order changes the bag limit to match general season bag limits in each unit:

- In GMU 11, the bag limit will change from one bull moose to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50 inch antlers or antlers with **three or more brow tines** on at least one side.
- In GMU 13, the bag limit will change from one bull moose to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50 inch antlers or antlers with **four or more brow tines** on at least one side.

Prior to the hunt, a quota of 100 “any-bull” moose was allocated by the Board of Game for CM300 in GMUs 11 and 13. The department distributed the allocated quota to the GMU subunits based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. “Any bulls” are bull moose that do not meet state general hunt antler restrictions.

Currently, 72 “any-bull” moose have been reported by community hunters. The department is also aware of additional “any-bull” moose that have been taken, but have not been reported by hunters who are still in the field. By Friday evening, it is anticipated the 100 “any-bull” moose quota will be met.

The established quota of 16 “any-bull” moose for Subunit 13A has been exceeded, with 41 “any-bull” moose reported in Subunit 13A. This reported take reduces the number of “any-bull” moose that can be taken from other portions of the community harvest area. Currently, 17 “any-bull” moose have been reported in Subunit 13B, none in 13C, five in 13D, nine in 13E, and none in GMU 11. An additional 36 bulls meeting general season antler restrictions have also been reported taken by community hunters across the community harvest area.

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Copper Basin community moose hunters can still hunt in in the community harvest area through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20) however, all bulls taken after Friday, August 16, must meet the general season antler restrictions. Community moose hunters are required to follow all established salvage requirements for the community harvest hunts through the end of the season.

We will continue to update the Community Subsistence Harvest hunt hotline (822-6789) with the number of “any-bull” moose reported taken by subunit, caribou hunt information, and additional emergency orders issued.

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