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Antlerless Moose Hunt Closes in Unit 20A

RM764 Zone 2B Closes

Antlerless moose hunting in a portion of the Tanana Flats in Unit 20A south of Fairbanks will close at 11:59 pm on Friday night, January 27, 2012.

The Department of Fish and Game is closing the antlerless moose hunt in Zone 2B. "As of Wednesday, 24 antlerless moose were reported taken; therefore we are closing the hunt in Zone 2B on Friday so the harvest quota of 29 antlerless moose will not be exceeded," said Area Biologist Don Young.

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

The Board of Game authorized the Department to open registration permit hunt RM764 for antlerless moose in Unit 20A between October 1 and February 28, and close it by emergency order when quotas are met.

"Despite the cold weather and hunters being restricted to the more inaccessible southern portion of Zone 2 the harvest quota will likely be reached by Friday," Young said.

Hunters may continue to hunt in Zones 1B, 5C, 5D, 6B, and 7 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 2 days 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 120, but to distribute the harvest more evenly, the Department divided Unit 20A in 7 major and 18 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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