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ADF&G Emergency Order changing community hunt moose bag limit in Unit 13C and Unit 11

(Glennallen) – The Moose Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300) bag limit in Game Management Unit 13C and Unit 11, will change by Emergency Order 04-08-12 at 11:59 pm, Sunday, September 16th, 2012 from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side in Unit 13C, and to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side in Unit 11.

Prior to the hunt, it was established that up to 10 “any-bull” moose could be taken in Unit 13C and an additional 10 could be taken in Unit 11 in the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300). These limits were established based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. The Alaska Board of Game also established an overall limit of 70 “any-bull” moose for the entire community hunt area. “Any-bulls” are bull moose that do not meet state general hunt antler restrictions. The established limit of “any-bull” moose for Unit 13C is expected to be met by Sunday evening. While no “any-bull” moose have been reported taken in Unit 11, the take of “any-bulls” in other units has exceeded the established limits. The overall limit of 70 “any-bulls” established for the community hunt is expected to be met by Sunday evening. No additional “any-bull” moose can be taken in the Copper Basin Community Hunt area for this regulatory year after Sunday evening.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20th) however, all bulls taken in this area after Sunday, September 16th with a community harvest ticket must meet state general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side for Unit 13 and that portion of Unit 12 open to community hunters, and spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side for Unit 11). Community moose hunters must still follow all established salvage requirements for this hunt through the end of the season.

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