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Unit 20A Antlerless Moose Hunt RM764 Closes

Antlerless moose hunting in Unit 20A south of Fairbanks will close at 11:59 pm on Friday night, January 24, 2014.

The Department of Fish and Game is closing the antlerless moose registration hunt (RM764) in Unit 20A, Zone 5 because that harvest quota of 24 female moose is expected to be exceeded if the hunt continues through the weekend of January 25-26.

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

"Hunters were restricted to antlerless moose hunt zones 5C and 5D, the more inaccessible portions of Unit 20A, but mild weather and good participation has resulted in meeting the quota before the end of the season," said Fairbanks Area Biologist Don Young.

RM764 hunt zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6 and 7 are also closed. Hunters possessing RM768 antlerless moose registration permits for the western Tanana Flats (Zone 1) may continue to hunt through January 28, 2014. 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 and those who did not hunt must report by February 12th.

The quota for antlerless moose in all of Unit 20A during regulatory year 2013-2014 was 120. To distribute the harvest more evenly, the Department divided the fall drawing permit hunt into 14 hunt areas and the winter registration hunt into 7 major and 18 minor hunt zones, but held the winter hunts only in Zones 1, 5C and 5D with individual quotas for each of the major hunt zones based on estimated moose abundance and reported fall drawing permit harvest.

Hunters with questions can call 459-7206 or 459-7233 for more information.

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