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Unit 6B Moose Hunt Closes

(Cordova)- Registration permit hunt RM164 for bull moose in Unit 6B will close at 12:00 noon on September 20 by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RM164 which includes all of Unit 6B (the Gulf of Alaska and Copper River Basin drainages west of Palm Point near Katalla, east of the west bank of the Copper River and east of a line from Flag Point to Cottonwood Point.)

The point estimate from February 2014 for Unit 6B is 227 (90% CI 177-278). The department set the maximum allowable harvest of 20 bull moose. This population is currently below management objectives. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the moose population and its ability to grow. According to Cordova Area Biologist Charlotte Westing, the harvest is currently at 20 bull moose. Hunters are currently in the field, and therefore it is possible that additional moose have been taken and are not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RM164 in Unit 6B. All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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