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## NEWS

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### **ADF&G Extends Resident Moose Hunt Extended Remainder of GMU 18**

BETHEL – The Alaska Department of Fish & Game will use its emergency order authority to extend the moose hunting season in Unit 18 in response to communities needs.

The Alaska Board of Game approved a request from local communities to extend the moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18. Residents requested that the season be extended due the lack of snow and the poor travel conditions associated with little snow. The extended season aligns the season closing date and bag limit with the hunt on the lower Yukon River allowing resident hunters to take any moose during the winter season of February 2-February 28 in the portion of Unit 18 north and west of the Kuskokwim Hunt area. This emergency order does not authorize the taking of moose on the Kuskokwim River in Unit. Please note that if a person has harvested a moose in the fall 2010 or winter 2011 season they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season

ADF&G biologists have determined that additional hunting opportunity is biologically defensible given the low harvest that has already occurred and the low harvest that typically occurs in this area in the winter season.

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