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## NEWS

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### **State Closes Moose Season in Central Unit 22A (Unalakleet Area)**

NOME – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency closure of the antlered bull moose season by registration permit hunt RM841 in Central Unit 22(A) at 11:59 p.m. on September 17, 2011. The hunt area covered by this closure includes the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages.

Moose seasons in the central portion of Unit 22(A) were closed in 2005 because of a declining trend in the area's moose populations since 1989. A stratified moose census completed in March 2007 estimated 339 moose in the area, and beginning in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted a registration moose hunt regulation with harvest quotas to prevent over harvest. The department set a harvest quota of 14 antlered bull moose in this portion of Unit 22(A) for regulatory year 2011-2012.

At current rates, the harvest quota of 14 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

All other moose hunting seasons and bag limits in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

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