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Winter Moose Hunt Opens in Game Management Unit 17A

(DILLINGHAM) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, are announcing an extension of the winter moose hunt in Game Management Unit 17A. The season, which was scheduled to close on January 31, will be extended until February 14.

Prior to opening the hunt, hunt managers established a harvest quota of 10 cow moose to control the moose population's growth, while keeping the harvest within sustainable limits. Poor travel conditions restricted access to the hunt area, and only 4 cow moose were taken.

To provide additional moose hunting opportunity and regulate the moose population in Unit 17A, the department is extending the winter moose season until February 14. The department will issue an Emergency Order to close the winter moose season in Unit 17(A) when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose is reached.

Registration permits issued in January will remain valid until February 14. Permits are also available at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. Successful hunters are required to report the sex of the animal killed to the Dillingham ADF&G office (phone: 907-842-2334) or the Togiak Traditional Council (phone: 907-493-5003) within 24 hours of killing a moose and submit a completed permit hunt report. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G by February 28.

For additional information contact: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dillingham (phone: 907-842-2334), or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge (phone: 907-842-1063).

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