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### **State Closes Nonresident Moose Hunt in Remainder of Unit 22D**

(Nome) – The State nonresident season for bull moose by registration permit RM855 in hunt area Unit 22(D) Remainder closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 5, 2015.

The fall nonresident harvest quota of 3 bull moose for hunt RM855 has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

A spring GSPE moose survey within the Agiapuk River drainage completed in March 2014 estimated 491 observable moose (0.39 moose/mi<sup>2</sup>). This represents a 14% annual rate of decline since the 2011 spring survey estimated 781 observable moose (0.61 moose/mi<sup>2</sup>). Fall moose composition surveys completed in 2003 and 2011 found bull:cow ratios to be 32B:100C and 35B:100C, respectively.

For regulatory year 2015-2016, the department established a nonresident harvest quota of 3 bull moose in Unit 22(D) Remainder to prevent excessive harvest.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

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