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Advisory Announcement

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CLOSURE OF Tier II MOOSE HUNT IN UNIT 1D(TM059)

(Juneau)-Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Douglas announce an early closure of the Tier II moose hunting season under the state subsistence permit TM059, for Game Management Unit 1D. An emergency order (R1-9-23) was issued to close the season in this area at **11:59PM, Monday, September 25th, 2023.**

Biologists observed 191 moose (43 bulls, 128 cows, and 20 calves) during an aerial survey conducted on November 8, 2023, under average snow conditions. Sightability of collared cows during the survey was ~53% leading to a population estimate of ~352 +/- 94 moose. Approximately 34 bulls/100 cows were counted during the survey which is above the management objective (25 bulls/ 100 cows). However, only 16 calves/100 cows were observed during the November survey.

ADF&G's current management objective for this population is harvest of 20-25 bull moose with legal antler configuration (spike or fork (S/F), 3 brow tine (3BT) on at least one antler, or 50-inch antler spread).

As of September 24th, 24 bulls (6- S/F; 13 - 3BT; 4- fifty inch plus, and 1- sublegal) have been reported with rumors of others. Because the upper limit of our management objective (20-25 bull moose) has been met with rumors of at least one more moose down, and in order to maintain a sufficient number of bulls, an emergency order (R1-9-23) is being issued to close the Tier II moose hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm, Monday, September 25, 2023.

Hunters with questions about moose hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Haines Area Office at 907-465-4329.