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Antlerless Moose Hunt Closes

RM764 Zone 4B Closes

Antlerless moose hunting in the central mountains portion of Unit 20A south of Fairbanks will close at 11:59 pm on Friday night, December 23, 2011.

The Department of Fish and Game is closing the antlerless moose hunt in Zone 4B, the area east of the Wood River within the Wood River Controlled Use Area because that harvest quota of 13 moose is expected to be met by Friday night.

The Board of Game authorized the Department to open registration permit hunt RM764 for antlerless moose in Unit 20A this winter, and close it on February 28, or by emergency order when quotas are met. Hunting for antlerless moose by registration permit RM764 in Unit 20A opened November 15.

"Hunters were restricted to the more inaccessible portion of Zone 4, but strong moose numbers, mild weather, and good participation has resulted in meeting the quota rather quickly," said Fairbanks Area Biologist Don Young.

Zones 1A, 1C, 2A, 2C, 3, 4A, 4C, 5A and 6A are also closed.

Hunters may continue to hunt in zones 1B, 2B, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6B and 7 of Unit 20A with an RM764 permit from the Department of Fish and Game. Successful hunters must report their harvest to the Fairbanks ADF&G office (459-7272) within 2 days of the kill. Reporting online is available at <http://hunt.alaska.gov/>. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must report by March 15.

The quota for antlerless moose in all of Unit 20A during the winter hunt is 120, but to distribute the harvest more evenly, the Department divided Unit 20A in 7 major and 18 minor hunt zones and established individual quotas for each zone based on estimated moose abundance. A zone map is printed on the back of the hunt permits.

Hunters must call the Unit 20A antlerless moose hunting hotline at 459-7386 to make sure the area they plan to hunt is still open. Hunters with other questions can call 459-7206 or 459-7233 for more information.

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