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Emergency Moose Season for Remainder of Unit 21D

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is authorizing an emergency re-opening of subsistence moose hunt RM834 in Unit 21(D) outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area. This includes a portion of the middle Yukon River area in the vicinity of Galena. The additional season will run from September 27 to October 3. A 2013 Alaska hunting license and a RM834 permit is required to participate in the hunt.

The moose season is being re-opened for an extra 7 days because normal moose hunting opportunity was disrupted by complications stemming from the Yukon River flood disaster earlier this year. Moose harvest records from the re-opened portion 21(D) indicate that harvest is approximately 20-25 moose below normal. The moose population can sustain the normal level of harvest, and an additional 7 days of hunting opportunity is consistent with sustainable moose management. If the harvest rate exceeds expectations, the hunt will be closed by Emergency Order before October 3. This emergency action is intended to help alleviate human duress as preparations for the approaching winter in the flood disaster area reach a critical stage.

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