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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **State Extends Resident Moose Hunt RM841 in Unit 22(A) Central**

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to extend the State resident fall season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM841 in Unit 22(A) Central from October 4th until October 8th, 2022. The hunt area covered by this extension includes Unit 22(A) that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of and including the Egavik Creek drainage. The current reported harvest of 49 bulls is below the estimated harvestable surplus and additional hunting opportunity is warranted.

Post-hunt fall moose composition surveys completed in Unit 22(A) Central in 2016 and 2020 indicated that the bull:cow ratio is well above the management objective and additional harvest from the area is appropriate. Based on the average reported harvest RY2017-RY2021 and recent estimates of sex ratios within the hunt area, the RM841 registration moose hunt was administered from Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 without a harvest quota in RY21 and RY22. This further liberalized the fall hunting opportunity following a trend of incremental liberalizations that have been adopted through time since the RM841 registration moose hunt was first administered.

The Department has received an official request from the City of Unalakleet to provide additional hunting opportunity after Typhoon Merbok precluded hunter success for some individuals during the Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 season. Current reported harvest following the completion of the fall RM841 registration permit hunt is below the estimated harvestable surplus for the hunt area and the department has determined that providing additional harvest opportunity is warranted at this time.

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