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ADF&G Emergency Order Closing the Kalgin Island Moose Hunt in Sub-unit 16(B)

(Palmer) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game announced an early closure to the Kalgin Island moose hunting season under the state registration permit hunt (RM572).

The 2011 fall survey, estimated the population on Kalgin Island at 58 moose. However, information provided by property owners on the Island suggest that winter mortality may have been high (26 reported) and calf production may have been low, indicating the fall 2012 population may be significantly less than last year's survey.

With the concern of potentially high winter mortality, ADF&G Biologists decided to let the hunt proceed utilizing a shortened reporting period requirement to allow close monitoring of the hunt, with the intention of closing the hunt by emergency order when a calculated harvest objective was reached. Based on the last year's population estimate and reported winter mortality, a harvest objective of 8 moose was established for the 2012 season. This objective is close to being exceeded and the Kalgin Island registration hunt (RM572) will be closed early.

An Emergency Order (04-06-12) was issued that closes the Kalgin Island moose season for the (RM572) registration hunt effective on Monday, September 10, 2012 @ 11:59 pm.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 16(B) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

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