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## **Antlerless Moose Permits Available for Unit 20A**

Registration permits for an antlerless moose hunt in portions of Unit 20A (RM764) will be available from Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Delta Junction, Homer, Glennallen, Palmer, Soldotna and Tok beginning Wednesday, September 19. The number of registration permits will not be limited, and hunters must apply in person for the permits.

Antlerless registration hunt RM764 will open in portions of Unit 20A (hunt zones 4B, 5B and 6B) on Monday, October 1. These zones will be closed by emergency order when harvest goals are met, or by November 30, 2012, whichever occurs first. Hunt zones 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5A, 6A, and 7 will not be opened.

The 2012 harvest goal for Unit 20A is 225 antlerless moose. Individual hunt zone harvest quotas for this registration permit hunt (RM764) will be based on the number of moose estimated in the zone and the number of antlerless moose taken in the fall drawing permit hunt, which is underway now. The quotas will be determined in early October.

Registration permits for Unit 20A are limited to Alaska residents and only one permit can be issued per household. Applicants must have a valid hunting license, and cannot have harvested a moose since July 1, 2012.

The bag limit for RM764 is one antlerless moose. Taking cows accompanied by calves is prohibited in this hunt.

Access into the unit will be very limited during this hunt, and staff members expect the harvest to progress very slowly. Rivers bordering and within Unit 20A are usually not frozen, and snow coverage is usually minimal, until mid- to late November.

Before going into the field, hunters are encouraged to call 459-7386 to listen to a recorded message containing the most current information about reported harvest of antlerless moose in Unit 20A and closures of hunt zones.

A map of the hunt area will be printed on the back of the permit and detailed descriptions of hunt areas will be available online on the Department's website http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntingmaps.byhuntnumber

Those hunting on military lands must possess a Recreational Access Pass which is available at the main gate visitor centers at Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely. Hunters can call (907) 361-9686 for more information.

The Board of Game authorized Fish and Game to open antlerless registration hunts in Units 20A and 20B as needed to achieve harvest quotas. At this time the hunt is only opening in portions of Unit 20A. No decision has been made about a registration hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 20B.

