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## State Closes Nonresident Moose Hunt in Unit 22E

(Nome) – The State nonresident season for bull moose by registration permit RM855 in hunt area Unit 22(E) closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 13, 2017.

The RM855 fall nonresident harvest quota of 13 bull moose has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

A spring GSPE abundance moose survey in Unit 22(E) completed in March 2014 estimated 701 observable moose (0.18 moose/mi<sup>2</sup>), which represents a stable population between the 2011 and 2014 abundance surveys. Additionally, fall moose composition surveys completed in 2014 and 2016 resulted in 41bulls to 100 cows and 38 bulls to 100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2017-2018, the department established a nonresident registration hunt harvest quota of 13 bulls.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

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