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## **Ship Creek Moose Hunt Closes**

(Anchorage) – Registration permit hunt RM435 for bull moose in the Ship Creek drainage will close at one minute before midnight on October 31, 2018, by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The moose population in this area is estimated at about 200 animals. In order to maintain the appropriate bull:cow ratio and the overall population objective for this area, the department has determined the harvest from this area should not exceed 15 bull moose. Seven bulls were harvested in fall drawing permit hunts DM446 and DM447, and an additional seven bulls were reported harvested in RM435 as of October 30. Additional hunters remain in the field and, therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this hunt.

The hunt area includes the Ship Creek drainage in Unit 14C. All other moose hunts in Unit 14 are unaffected by the emergency order.

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