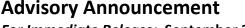
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Moose season extension in Game Management Unit 17A

(DILLINGHAM) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are announcing the extension of the State of Alaska moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 17A (RM571/RM573). The hunting season originally scheduled to close at 11:59 pm on September 25, 2021, will now be extended to 11:59 pm on October 3, 2021.

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a fall moose hunting season in Unit 17A with a bag limit of up to two moose. The season was initially opened August 25–September 25, but issues related weather have contributed to low success. Moose abundance in Unit 17A exceeds the population objective and extending the season allows for more harvest opportunity particularly in the absence of a Mulchatna caribou season. Hunter harvests are an important management tool for lowering the moose density in this area and communities where no current harvest opportunity exist are encouraged to participate in these hunts to meet subsistence needs.

To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2021 Alaska state hunting license, and at least one state registration permit (RM571 and/or RM573). Hunters will be allowed to shoot one bull if they have registration permit RM573 in their possession and/or one antlerless moose if they have permit RM571. Hunters are required to have both permits to shoot two moose (one bull and one antlerless moose).

Additional opportunities to harvest moose in Unit 17A may be announced this winter under registration moose hunt RM575 for one antlered bull and RM576 for one antlerless moose (up to a 31-day season may be announced Dec. 1–Feb. 28). Moose registration permits will be available at the ADF&G in Dillingham and Togiak Traditional Council office.

Successful hunters are required to report to the department's Dillingham office (907-842-2334) or the Togiak Traditional Council (907-493-5003) within 24 hours of killing a moose. All permit reports must be returned to the department within 15 days of the close of season regardless of if you hunted. Online hunt reports can be filed here: http://www.hunt.alaska.gov

For additional hunt or permit information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at 907-842-2334.