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20A Antlerless Moose Drawing Applicants Refunded

(Fairbanks) – Hunters who applied for drawing permits (Hunt numbers DM628-DM679) to hunt antierless moose in Game Management Unit 20A will have their application money refunded. Due to the difficult winter conditions in and around the Fairbanks area the Department of Fish and Game has decided to take a conservative approach to moose management by cancelling the 2022 antierless moose hunts in Unit 20A. Area Wildlife Biologist Tony Hollis said, "There is a potential for higher than normal winter mortality of moose this year. As a result, we want to take the step of evaluating the consequences of this winter on our moose populations before we allow the harvest of antierless moose."

Hunters annually apply for special drawing permits during the application period of November 1 – December 15. The winners are normally announced in mid to late February. Hunters that applied for Unit 20A antlerless moose permits during the 2021 application period will be refunded.

Questions regarding application fee refunds can be directed to the Licensing Section at (907) 465-2376. Questions related to 20A moose and steps the department is taking to evaluate the severity of this winter can be directed to Tony Hollis (907) 459-7256.

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