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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Moose Hunt Opens in Game Management Unit 17A**

DILLINGHAM – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, are announcing a second 14-day winter season for moose hunting in Game Management Unit 17A. The hunt will open on January 9, 2013, and close January 22, 2013, with a bag limit of one antlered-bull moose. Hunters who have already killed a moose during the current regulatory year are not eligible to participate in this hunt.

Hunters must possess a registration permit to participate in this hunt. Permits will be available at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. Successful hunters are required to report to the Dillingham ADF&G office (phone: 907-842-2334), or the Togiak Traditional Council (phone: 907-493-5003) within 24 hours of killing a moose. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G by February 6, 2013.

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 14 days for antlered bulls in GMU 17A. A 14-day hunt was offered in December, but travel conditions and moose distribution are believed to have affected hunter success. Preliminary reports indicate that six to eight bulls were harvested during the December season. Aerial surveys indicated that there were at least 1,166 moose in GMU 17A when the population was surveyed March 2011. High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate that the population can sustain additional harvests. Because there is a large surplus of animals, a second 14-day moose season is being offered in GMU 17A.

Hunters are reminded that a current resident State of Alaska hunting license and the registration hunting permit are required to participate in this hunt. For additional information contact:

- Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dillingham (phone: 907-842-2334), or
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge (phone: 907-842-1063)

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