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State Closes Moose Hunt in Unit 22A Central (Unalakleet Area)

(Nome) – The State resident season for antlered bull moose by registration permit RM841 in hunt area Unit 22(A) Central closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 17, 2015. The hunt area covered by this closure includes the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainages and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages.

Moose seasons in 22(A) Central were closed in 2005 due to a declining trend in the moose population since 1989. A stratified moose census completed in March 2007 estimated 339 moose in the area, and beginning in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted a registration moose hunt regulation with harvest quotas to prevent over harvest. The 2012 stratified moose census estimated 545 moose in the area. For regulatory year 2015-2016, the Department established a harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls.

The harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

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

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