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ADF&G extends Resident Moose Hunting

in the Unit 18 Remainder Hunt Area, which includes the Lower Yukon Hunt Area

(BETHEL) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an Emergency Order season extension for moose hunting in the Unit 18 Remainder hunt area. The Emergency Order extends the resident season closing date to March 31st. Weather this winter has been unusually mild and snow free preventing hunters from harvesting moose during January and February.

In 2014, the Alaska Board of Game liberalized hunting seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remainder due to high population levels and public requests to increase opportunities for hunters. The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at approximately 12,000 moose and growing. The annual winter harvest has been 150-200 moose during the past 5 years. Poor travelling conditions, harvest reports, and anecdotal reports suggest current harvest is below average.

All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

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