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### **State Closes Moose Hunt in Unit 22D Southwest and Kuzitrin Drainage**

(Nome) – The State resident season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in hunt areas Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 5, 2017.

The fall resident harvest quota of 22 bull moose has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage. The management objective for the area is 30 bulls to 100 cows. A fall moose composition survey completed in November 2016 and 2013 resulted in 20 bulls to 100 cows and 23 bulls to 100 cows, respectively. This is a decline in the areas bulls to cow ratio when compared to similar surveys completed in 2008 and 2011 that resulted in 33 bulls to 100 cows and 28 bulls to 100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2017-2018, the department established a harvest quota of 22 bulls to prevent excessive bull harvest and to improve the bull to cow ratio.

This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt area Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is from 1 Sept. through 14 Sept. Hunters are advised to check with the Nome ADF&G office for emergency closures as the season progresses and harvest is reported to the department.

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

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