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Winter Moose Hunts Extended in Game Management Unit 17A

January 25, 2019 (Dillingham) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Togiak National Wildlife Refuge are extending the winter moose hunts in Game Management Unit 17A. The hunting season, which was scheduled to close at midnight on January 25, 2019, will be extended to midnight on February 25, 2019.

Travel conditions have been relatively poor for hunters and access to moose has been impeded by lack of snow for snowmachine travel. As of January 25, 11 cows and six bulls were reported harvested out of the established quotas of 30 cows and 25 bulls. Moose numbers in Unit 17A exceed the population objective and extending the season allows for more harvest opportunity. Hunter harvests are an important management tool for lowering the moose density in this area.

To keep harvest within sustainable limits, the antlerless moose hunting season will be closed by emergency order and federal special action if the quota of 30 cows is reached before the February 25 season closing date. The antlered bull season will be closed by similar action if the quota of 25 bulls is reached earlier than the scheduled closing date of February 25.

To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2019 Alaska state hunting license, and at least one state registration permit (RM575 and/or RM576). Hunters will be allowed to shoot one antlered bull if they have registration permit RM575 in their possession and/or one antlerless moose if they have permit RM576. Hunters are required to have both permits to shoot two moose (one antlered bull and one antlerless moose). Hunters who have already taken a moose since July 1, 2018, can only shoot one additional moose.

Registration permits are available at the Dillingham Fish and Game office and the Togiak Traditional Council office. Successful hunters are required to report to the Dillingham Fish and Game 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 Fish and Game by March 12, 2019. For additional information, contact Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dillingham at 907-842-2334; or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge at 907-842-1063.

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