## Finding for the Alaska Board of Game 2008-174-BOG

## Unit 19D East Supplemental Findings March 5, 2008

The Board of Game finds that the moose population has increased within the Experimental Micro Management Area (EMMA) to the point that the limited harvest is now appropriate, although predator control should be continued in order to consolidate gains made. The following information supports a limited harvest.

- 1. The moose population has increased by approximately 350 animals (524 to 874) between 2001 and 2007.
- 2. The bull/cow ratio is well within management objectives, having increased from 18/100 to 39/100 between 2001 and 2007.
- 3. At 39 bulls per 100 cows, there is a harvestable surplus of bulls that can be used to provide an opportunity that is critical to local subsistence users. The Board of Game notes that local users have voluntarily refrained from taking moose in this area, which is where many of them live, for the past five years.

Cliff Judkins, Chairman Alaska Board of Game

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