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PRESS RELEASE

Unit 21E Moose Registration Permits to be Available Online

Hunters will require a registration permit to hunt moose in Unit 21E including the Yukon-Innoko flats area this year, and permits will be available beginning August 13.

Permits will be available online at <u>www.huntalaska.gov</u> and from Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks and McGrath, and from local license vendors.

At their February 2014 meeting, the Board of Game changed moose hunting requirements in Unit 21E from a general, harvest ticket season to registration permit RM836. The change was based on a proposal by the Grayling-Anvik-Shageluk-Holy Cross (GASH) Fish and Game Advisory Committee. The GASH Advisory Committee stated that a registration hunt would provide more timely and accurate harvest information, and the Board adopted the proposal.

"We look forward to better harvest data from the area," said McGrath Area Biologist Roger Seavoy. "This can help us more closely monitor the moose harvest."

Hunting regulations books omitted the fact that permits will be available online and in Fairbanks. The regulations posted on the Department's website (www.hunt.alaska.gov) are correct.

"The Board intended to have the permits available online and in Fairbanks in addition to Unit 21E and McGrath, but we have a misprint in the regulation books," said Regional Management Coordinator Doreen Parker McNeill. Permits will be available beginning on August 13.

Hunters will need harvest tickets to hunt in adjacent Units 21A and Unit 18. Harvest tickets are available online, from local license vendors or from Fish and Game offices. Adjacent Unit 21D requires a separate registration permit.

Hunters with questions on moose hunting in Unit 21E should call the McGrath Fish and Game office at (907) 524-3323 or 524-3325.