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ADF&G open Resident Only Moose hunt RM605 in that portion of Unit 18, commonly referred to as Zone 1 of the Kuskokwim RM615 moose hunt area

(Bethel) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is offering 100 resident only Registration permits for moose (RM605) in that portion of Unit 18 including the Kuskokwim River drainages north and west of a line beginning at the confluence of Whitefish Lake and Ophir Creek at the Unit 18 boundary and continuing southwest to the confluence of Tuluksak and Fog Rivers, then southerly to the lower Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff of the Kisaralik River, then southwesterly to the lower Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff of the Kasigluk River, then southwesterly to the Akulikutak River where the snowmachine trail crosses the river from the east side of Three Step Mountain, then westerly to the confluence of Kwethluk River and Magic Creek, then southwesterly to the confluence of Eek River and Middle Fork Eek River, then southwesterly to the Unit 18 boundary at 60° 4.983' N, 161° 37.140' W; and all drainages easterly of a line from the mouth of the Ishkowi River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake at 60° 59.41' N, 162° 22.14' W, continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver along the east bank of Crooked Creek to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank of Arhymot Lake easterly to the Unit 18 boundary. This area is commonly referred to as Zone 1 of the RM615 moose hunt area.

This hunt is intended to support communities impacted by Typhoon Halong's devastating storm surges in October 2025. The typhoon destroyed homes, displaced over 1,000 residents, and ruined critical subsistence food stores in Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta villages, threatening winter food security.

With the Kuskokwim moose population at the upper end of its management goal in Game Management Unit 18, ADF&G can sustainably provide additional harvest opportunities. These permits, prioritized for subsistence users affected by the typhoon, aim to replenish lost food resources.

Permits will be issued online only at hunt.alaska.gov starting November 5, 2025, at 9:00 AM AKST. Alaska residents who have not harvested a moose since July 1, 2025 are eligible to participate, and must possess a valid Alaska resident hunting license. The bag limit is one moose and the season will be from November 5, 2025, to January 15, 2026. Proxy hunting is allowed for this hunt.

All successful hunters must report within 5 days either online at hunt.alaska.gov, by calling (907)543-2433, by mail, or at the Bethel Fish and Game office. Unsuccessful hunters and those that did not hunt must report by January 31, 2026.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this advisory announcement.

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