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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Antlerless Moose Permits Available September 27 for Unit 20A**

RM764 Registration Permits for antlerless moose in part of Unit 20A (Zones 5C and 5D) will be available in person at Department of Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Delta Junction, Homer, Glennallen, Palmer, Soldotna, and Tok beginning Friday, September 27. The number of RM764 registration permits is not limited.

Zones 5C and 5D will open in portions of Unit 20A on Tuesday, October 1. Hunt zones will be closed by emergency order when harvest goals are met, or on February 28, 2013, whichever occurs first.

The bag limit for RM764 is one antlerless moose. Taking cows accompanied by calves is prohibited in this hunt.

Registration permits for Unit 20A are limited to Alaska residents and only one permit can be issued per household. Applicants must have a valid hunting license, and cannot have harvested a moose since July 1, 2013.

The Board of Game authorized Fish and Game to open antlerless registration hunts in Units 20A and 20B as needed to achieve harvest quotas. At this time the hunt is opening only in Unit 20A. There will be no registration hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 20B this regulatory year.

Those hunting on military lands must possess a Recreational Access Pass which is available online at <http://usartrak.isportsman.net/> or at the main gate visitor centers at Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely. Hunters can also call (907) 361-9686 for more information about hunting on military lands.

Rivers bordering and within Unit 20A will not yet be frozen, so access into the unit will be very limited. As a result, staff members expect the harvest to progress very slowly.

A map of the hunt area will be printed on the back of the permit and detailed descriptions of hunt areas will be available online on the Department's website <http://hunt.alaska.gov>

A recorded message containing the most current information about reported harvest levels of antlerless moose in Unit 20A and closures of hunt zones is available at 459-7386.

Unit 20A is south of the Tanana River and north of the Alaska Range, and hunt zones with different harvest goals have been established for several years. Harvest goals are set based on the number

of moose estimated in the zone and the number of antlerless moose taken in the fall drawing permit hunt. The harvest goal for all drawing and registration hunts in 2013 in Unit 20A is 100 antlerless moose, and is limited to 28 in Zone 5.

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