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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Winter Moose Hunt Extended in Game Management Unit 17A**

(DILLINGHAM) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, are announcing an extension to the winter moose hunt in Game Management Unit 17A. The season, which was scheduled to close on January 31, will be extended to February 29 unless harvest quotas have been met before then. Lack of snow for travel with sno-go's has prevented hunters from accessing moose habitat and harvesting many moose.

To keep the harvest within sustainable limits, the antlerless season will be closed by emergency order when a quota of 10 cows is reached. The antlered bull season will be closed by similar action when the quota of 15 bulls is reached. As of Friday, January 29, only 4 cows and 1 bull have been harvested.

To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2016 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 must have both permits to shoot two moose (one antlered and one antlerless). Hunters who have already taken a moose during this regulatory year (July 1, 2015–June 31, 2016) can only shoot one additional moose during this winter hunt.

Registration permits will be available at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. Successful hunters are required to report to the Dillingham ADF&G 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 ADF&G by March 15, 2015.

For additional information contact: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dillingham (phone: 907-842-2334), or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge (phone: 907-842-1063).

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