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## NEWS

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### **Antlerless Moose Hunt Closes in Minto Flats**

#### **RM785 Minto Flats Management Area to Close**

Antlerless moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area portion of Unit 20B (RM785) will close at 11:59 pm on Sunday night, December 18, 2016.

As of Wednesday, hunter reports indicated that 20 cow moose had been taken since the season opened October 15. The harvest quota for the registration permit hunt is 30 cow moose.

Fairbanks Assistant Area Biologist Tony Hollis said that with warm weather in the forecast and the addition of snow last week hunters will likely harvest the remaining portion of the quota. "It looks to be a good weekend to get out and harvest a moose," Hollis said.

Regulations require successful hunters to report within two days of the kill. Hunters may report on the internet at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or drop report cards off at the ADF&G office in Fairbanks. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Fairbanks office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> within 15 days of the close of the season. Hunters who fail to return reports, even if they didn't harvest a moose, face losing the opportunity to receive any hunting permits the next season.

"I encourage hunters to return harvest reports now to make sure their reports don't get lost or forgotten," Hollis said.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports or to mail them by delivery confirmation receipt. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or Tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.

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