### Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Restoration Grant

**GRANT NUMBER:** AKW-20

**SEGMENT NUMBER:** 

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 1.65

PROJECT TITLE: Age-specific natural mortality rates of male versus female moose

PROJECT DURATION: 1 July 2006–30 June 2018

**REPORT DUE DATE:** 1 September 2017

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Scott M. Brainerd

**COOPERATORS:** Rodney Boertje (ADF&G retired), Graham Frye, Wildlife Biologist III, Layne G. Adams (USGS), Donald Young (ADF&G retired) and Brad Griffith (University of Alaska Fairbanks)

WORK LOCATION: Fairbanks

#### I. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED THIS SEGMENT ON JOBS IDENTIFIED IN ANNUAL WORK PLAN

JOB/ACTIVITY 4: Write reports and publications.

The principal investigator retired in early FY13. He is being contracted to complete work associated with this project. He is currently working two papers, including one on causes of mortality and the other on age-specific productivity from long-term data sets. No papers were submitted for publication in FY17. However, Dr. Boertje produced a draft paper entitled "Lifetime Moose Reproduction in a Nutritionally-stressed Population", coauthored with retired ADF&G biologist Donald Young and new moose research biologist Graham Frye. This paper will be refined and submitted for publication in FY18.

#### II. SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID-FUNDED WORK NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THIS PROJECT DURING THIS SEGMENT PERIOD

None.

# **III. PUBLICATIONS**

None.

## IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

Publication of results from this study will be contracted to retired biologist Rodney D. Boertje in FY18, and costs of publication will be covered by this project.

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