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## Gustavus Bull Moose Hunt (RM049) Closed

(Juneau) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announced an early closure to the moose hunting season in that area west of Excursion Inlet and north of Icy Passage (commonly referred to as the Gustavus hunt area) of Game Management Unit 1C. This area is managed under the RM049 registration permit.

Based on aerial survey data and survival estimates a guideline harvest objective of 10-12 bull moose was established by ADF&G for the Gustavus hunt area. As of Wednesday morning, October 2, 2013, 12 bulls have been taken. Because the guideline harvest has been met an emergency order has been issued to close the 2013 RM049 hunting season on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 11:59 PM. This closure will assist managers in maintaining an adequate bull to cow ratio during the breeding period. Hunters are reminded to return hunt report cards no later than November 2, 2013.

**An Emergency Order (01-07-13) was issued that closes the moose hunting season in this area at 11:59 PM on Thursday, October 3, 2013.**

The remaining Unit 1C moose hunts remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.