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State Closes Moose Hunt in Unit 22C

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to close the moose season in the Unit 22C hunt area covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident and nonresident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(C) closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 02, 2014. The fall harvest quota of 9 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

Following a record harvest in 2004 of 52 bull moose in Unit 22(C), fall composition surveys found the bull:cow ratio had declined to 11 bulls per 100 cows. Annual fall surveys completed between 2005 and 2012 found an average of 16 bulls per 100 cows. For regulatory year 2014-2015, the department established a harvest quota of 9 bulls in Unit 22(C) to prevent excessive harvest and to improve the bull:cow ratio.

The season closure does not affect the remaining hunt areas assigned to the registration permit hunt RM840: the portion of Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22D Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22D Southwest. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season in these remaining hunt areas is Sept. 1-Sept. 14. Hunters are advised to check with the Nome ADF&G office for emergency closures as the season progresses and harvest is reported to the department.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

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