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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **A Young Bull Moose Escaped from the Kroschel Films Wildlife Center**

Douglas – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) received a report that on Monday September 11, 2023, a yearling bull moose escaped from the Kroschel Films Wildlife Center near Haines in GMU 1D. The moose likely remains near the wildlife center on Mosquito Lake Road in the Chilkat Valley. The animal is unmarked and has no natural markings that would distinguish it from other moose. This moose was reared in captivity and may be more approachable than wild moose or may approach people on its own. However, ADF&G cautions the public that it remains a wild animal and could be dangerous.

The Haines area moose hunt, TM059, opens on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Kroschel Films Wildlife Center has been authorized to attempt recovery of the escaped moose through Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>. If the escaped moose is not recovered, it will be legal to harvest during the TM059 moose hunt as long as it meets the antler restrictions.

Although this moose was reared in captivity, Kroschel Films Wildlife Center reports it was fed natural foods and the only medication administered was the dewormer, Fenbendazole, in late June. No data exist for moose, but this medication is known to leave the systems of domestic livestock in about 8 days. Based on this information, ADF&G believes meat from this moose would be safe to eat.

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