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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Fall Moose Hunt Dates Extended for RM583**

(DILLINGHAM) – Moose hunters in Game Management Units 17B & 17C will have an additional 5 days of hunting this September. In an effort to increase fall moose harvest the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issued an emergency order extending the resident hunt, RM583, from September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. The bag limit remains one bull for all RM583 permits holders.

The most recent aerial survey conducted in Unit 17C under good snow conditions was in February 2023, and resulted in an estimate of 3,629 moose, above the population objective of 2,800–3,500. November 2022 composition surveys estimated 51 bulls and 23 calves per 100 cows. Fall hunts in recent years have not met harvest objectives for either Unit 17B or 17C and an additional 5 days will allow hunters to take advantage of additional harvest opportunities that exist for a population at or above their management objective bull harvest will be monitored closely to determine if a winter hunt is warranted or if quotas to be adjusted accordingly. This will not change general season (HT) dates of September 1 – September 15.

Hunters are reminded that if you have already harvested a moose this season no additional state opportunity remains. To participate, hunters must be residents, possess a valid Alaska state hunting license, and already have in possession state registration permit (RM583). The bag limit remains unchanged at one bull.

Successful hunters can provide wildlife managers the information they need to closely track in-season harvest by filing hunt reports online at [hunt.alaska.gov](http://hunt.alaska.gov) or the department's Dillingham office (phone: 907-842-2334). Additionally, successful hunters are reminded to report within 5 days of a kill. Hunters are reminded that hunts may still be closed by emergency order should harvest be excessive, but this is not anticipated at this time. The reporting period for unsuccessful hunters will be extended to October 5<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at 907-842-2334.