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Antlerless Moose Hunt Closes in Minto Flats

RM785 Minto Flats Management Area to Close

Antlerless moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area portion of Unit 20B (Registration Permit Hunt RM785) will close at 11:59 pm on Friday night, January 2, 2015.

As of Monday, hunter reports indicated that 32 cow moose had been taken since the season opened October 15. Department staff members expect the harvest quota of 40 cow moose to be reached Friday.

Fairbanks Area Biologist Don Young said that recent warm weather and snow has allowed many hunters to take part in the hunt. "There were reports of quite a few hunters in the area this past weekend, but we haven't gotten all the reports in yet," Young said. "More hunters were able to get out during the holidays, also."

Regulations require hunters to return their harvest report cards within five days of harvesting a moose, or by March 15 if unsuccessful. Hunters who fail to return reports, even if they didn't harvest a moose or did not hunt, face losing the opportunity to receive any hunting permits the next season.

"I'd encourage hunters to return harvest reports now to make certain their report cards don't get lost or forgotten," Young said.

The Board of Game authorized the Department to open registration permit hunt RM785 for antlerless moose in Unit 20B between October 15 and February 28, and close it by emergency order when the quota is met.

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