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### **State Closes Antlered Bull Moose Hunt: Unit 22B West of Darby Mountains**

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to close the winter season for antlered bull moose in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, by registration permit hunt RM843 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the hunting regulations booklet*).

The western Unit 22(B) moose population has remained stable at a low density ( $\leq 0.25/\text{mi}^2$ ) with recruitment rates at or below 10% since 1999. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B) and the department set an annual harvest quota of 31 bulls based on results from the 2013 spring GSPE moose population survey. The fall season closed Sept.6, 2015 with a reported harvest of 21 bull moose. The winter season, hunt RM843, opened January 1, 2016 with a harvest quota of 10 antlered bulls. The harvest quota has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

The State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, closes at 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2016. The area affected by this emergency order includes all drainages in Unit 22(B) west of the Darby Mountains

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

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