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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **State Closes Moose Hunt RM840 in Unit 22(D) Kuzitrin and Southwest**

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to close the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in hunt areas Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest.

The State resident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 5, 2021. The fall harvest quota of 27 bull moose is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest. The management objective for the area is to maintain the fall post hunt composition at or above 30 bulls:100 cows. Fall moose composition surveys completed in November 2017 and 2019 resulted in 32 bulls:100 cows and 33 bulls:100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2021-2022, the department established a harvest quota of 27 bulls to maintain the bull:cow ratio at or above the management objective and prevent excessive bull harvest.

The closure in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest is additive to the RM840 season closure announced for Unit 22(C). These closures do not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas, including Unit 22(D) Remainder and Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season in Unit 22(D) is from Aug. 10 through Aug 14, and the season in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is from Sept. 1 through Sept. 14.

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

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