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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **State Closes Winter Moose Hunt RM843**

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to close the State resident moose season 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*) at 11:59pm on January 4, 2021.

The moose population in Unit 22(B) West has remained stable at a low density with recruitment rates at or below 10% between 1999 and 2013. A survey completed in the spring of 2016 resulted in an abundance estimate of 728 observable moose (609-847 at 90% C.I.), and a recruitment rate of 14%. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(B) West which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. The department set an annual harvest quota of 34 bulls for regulatory year 2020-2021 based on the results of the 2016 spring abundance survey. The fall season closed Sept. 4, 2020 with a reported harvest of 26 bull moose. The winter season, RM843, opened January 1, 2021 with a harvest quota of 8 antlered bulls. The harvest is expected to be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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

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