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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Registration Moose Hunt RM585 in Units 17B will Open, 17C will Remain Closed**

The *may be announced* winter registration moose hunt RM585 in Game Management Unit 17B will open on December 1, 2022. The 17C portion of RM585 will not open this December due to continued conservation concerns. Moose populations in Units 17C are currently under population objectives with low bull-to-cow and calf-to-cow ratios. Information on moose calf survival obtained through on-going department research in Unit 17C continues to document good calf productivity but relatively low calf survival through the first year of life.

Registration moose hunt RM585 was designed to supplement fall moose hunting opportunity by providing a limited number of bull moose permits in years when the population allows. Resident fall moose hunters in Units 17B were successful during the fall under the general season and RM583 reporting 65 bulls harvested. The additional opportunity of a 20-day winter season in 17B is warranted given the limited number of available bull moose to remain within harvest limits.

Registration permits will be available in person at the Dillingham ADF&G office and the Nushagak River villages. Successful hunters are required to report to Dillingham ADF&G office (phone: 907-842-2334) within 24 hours of killing a moose. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G, regardless of success, within 15 days of the close of season.

It is important that any hunt permittees return their fall hunt reports to provide wildlife managers the information they need to understand harvest by mailing in their paper reports, completing them online at [https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter\\_report\\_hunterid](https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter_report_hunterid), or in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

For questions or more information about moose hunting opportunities in Unit 17, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at (907) 843-2334.

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