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### **State Closes Moose Hunt in Unit 22D Southwest and Kuzitrin Drainage**

(Nome) – The State resident season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in hunt areas Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 10, 2015. After 11:59 p.m. on September 10, 2015 all RM840 hunt areas are closed to moose hunting.

The fall resident harvest quota of 37 bull moose has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage. A fall moose composition survey completed in November 2013 found a decline in the areas bull:cow ratio. The management objective for the area is 30Bulls:100Cows, and the 2013 survey found 23Bulls:100Cows. Similar surveys completed in 2008 and 2011 found 33Bulls:100Cows and 28Bulls:100Cows respectively. For regulatory year 2015-2016, the department established a harvest quota of 37 bulls to prevent excessive harvest and to improve the bull:cow ratio.

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

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