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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Bering River Registration Moose Hunt Closes**

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RM160 for bull moose in Game Management Unit 6A West, known as the Bering River or Controller Bay moose hunt, will close at 11:59 p.m. on October 3, by emergency order. The hunt area for RM160 includes the western portions of Unit 6A (all drainages into the Gulf of Alaska between Cape Suckling and Palm Point).

The 2017 moose population estimate for Unit 6A West, drainages between Cape Suckling to Palm Point, is 269 moose. The department set a maximum allowable harvest of 20 bulls shared between the drawing hunt (DM160) and the registration hunt (RM160). Five drawing permits were issued and two bulls have been harvested in the drawing hunt. The current reported registration harvest is 19 bulls for a total of 21 bull moose harvested. Hunters currently remain in the field, therefore, it is possible that additional moose have been taken and are not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent excessive harvest which could harm the long-term stability of the moose population.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RM160 in Unit 6A West. All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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