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ADF&G Extends Resident Moose Hunt Extended Remainder of GMU 18

BETHEL – The Alaska Department of Fish & Game will use its emergency order authority to extend the moose hunting season in Unit 18 in response to communities needs.

The Alaska Board of Game approved a request from local communities to extend the moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18. Residents requested that the season be extended due the lack of snow and the poor travel conditions associated with little snow. The extended season will allow resident hunters to take any moose during the winter season of January 27-February 28 in the portion of Unit 18. In conjunction with the early emergency order opening the area below Mountain Village, this emergency order allows hunters to harvest a moose in any area north and west of the Kuskokwim Hunt area, also known as the former moratorium area. Please note that if a person has harvested a moose in the fall 2009 or winter 2010 season they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season

ADF&G biologists have determined that additional hunting opportunity is biologically defensible given the low harvest that has already occurred and the low harvest that typically occurs in this area in the winter season.

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