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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MOOSE HUNT KUSKOKWIM RIVER ZONE 2 FEDERAL LAND REGISTRATION HUNT

This is a notice for a federal subsistence moose registration hunt for Unit 18 Kuskokwim river zone 2 area. One hundred forty (140) registration permits with a quota of 70 moose will be issued on a first come-first served basis by contacting Yukon Delta NWR information line at 907-543-1008 and leaving your name, phone number, and village of residence on the voicemail starting December 11, 2024 at 9:00AM. Any voicemail before 9am on December 11 will be deemed void.

To be eligible for the permit, you must be a resident of Akiachak, Akiak, Atmautluak, Bethel, Eek, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Quinhagak, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak

Conditions for the hunt are as follows:

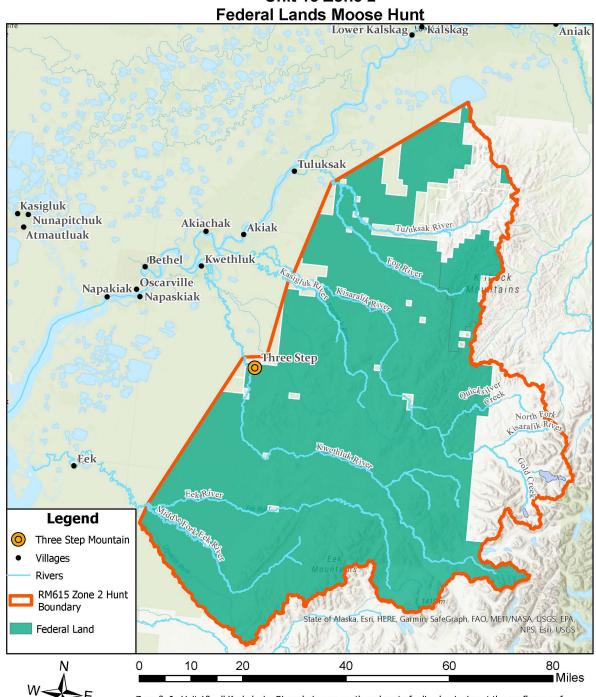
- The season dates are from December 14, 2024 to January 31, 2025.
- If you harvested a moose in any other hunt during 2024 fall season you are not eligible for this permit.
- Any moose may be harvested.
- Moose harvested under this permit must be harvested from federal lands in zone 2 of the Kuskokwim hunt area.
- Hunters must have a valid State of Alaska hunting license.
- Successful hunters must report their harvest 3 days after taking a moose.
- Unsuccessful hunters must report their permits 7 days after the close of the season.

Justification:

The winter 2024 moose population within the zone two area (Kuskokwim River tributaries) was estimated to be a minimum of about 1700 moose. The 2024 fall zone two moose hunt had a reported harvest of 74 antlered bulls out of the 110 moose quota leaving an unmet quota of 36 bulls. Additionally, harvest near 2% of the population is considered sustainable for a harvestable surplus of 34 cow moose. Therefore, we are aiming for a total harvest of about 70 moose. Assuming hunter harvest will be near 50% successful, and that the number harvested bulls and cows will be the same, the number of permits to be issued for the Zone 2 winter hunt will be 140 for any moose.

For more information, contact Aaron P. Moses, Subsistence Specialist at 907-543-1021 or 907-543-3151 or email at aaron_moses@fws.gov

RM1803 Unit 18 Zone 2 Federal Lands Moose Hunt



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Zone 2: In Unit 18, all Kuskokwim River drainages south and east of a line beginning at the confluence of Whitefish Lake and Ophir Creek at the Unit 18 boundary and continuing southwest to the confluence of Tuluksak and Fog Rivers, then southerly to the lower eastern Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff, then westerly to the western lower Kasigluk River-Kisaralik River cutoff, then southwesterly to the Akulikutak River were the snowmachine trail crosses the river from the east side of Three Step Mountain, then westerly to the confluence of Kwethluk River and Magic Creek, then southwesterly to the confluence of Eek River and Middle Fork Eek River, then southwesterly to end at 60° 4.983 N, 161° 37.14 W.