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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MOOSE HUNTING SEASONS AND HARVEST LIMITS ANNOUNCED FOR PORTIONS OF UNIT 12

The Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, has announced the following changes to the federal subsistence hunting regulations for the harvest of moose in portions of Unit 12:

- The establishment of a hunt area in the portion of Unit 12 within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge with a season of Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 and a harvest limit of one antlered bull by joint Federal/State registration permit. (Note that the season, harvest limit, and permit requirement have not changed for this geographic area. The change concerns the establishment of a new hunt area, separate from Unit 12, remainder.)
- The opening of seasons from August 24 to August 28 and September 8 to September 20 with a harvest limit of one bull in Unit 12, remainder.

The changes will be effective Thursday, August 20, at 12:01 a.m., and will remain in effect through September 20, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

Federally qualified rural residents participating in the hunt within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge must obtain an RM291 joint State/Federal registration permit. RM291 permits are available online at hunt.alaska.gov and in person from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Palmer, and Tok. These permits are also available at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve offices in Copper Center (822-7250) and Slana (822-7401). If you would like to pick up a permit at a park office, you must call ahead to request your permit.

Federally qualified hunters participating in the federal moose hunt in Unit 12, remainder must obtain a State of Alaska moose harvest ticket. Harvest tickets are available online at hunt.alaska.gov and in person from ADF&G offices.

Justification:

These changes to seasons, harvest limits, and hunt area descriptions for moose in portions of Unit 12 were reviewed and approved by the Federal Subsistence Board as Wildlife Proposal 20-50 at its April 2020 meeting. There has been a delay in publication of these regulatory changes in the *Federal Register*, and a temporary Delegation of Authority Letter was issued to the Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elis National Park and Preserve to implement the changes prior to publication in the *Federal Register*. The federal in-season manager consulted with the Chair of the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council, the Chair of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Bureau of Land Management prior to issuing this Emergency Special Action.

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