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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HARVEST CAP FOR COW MOOSE ESTABLISHED IN UNIT 15C SPECIAL ACTION FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

**Under Authority of: 50 CFR Part 100.10 and 19
36 CFR Part 242.10 and 19**

Special Action No: KNWR19-01

Issued at: Soldotna, Alaska, August 02, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 10, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2019

unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Special Action establishes a maximum harvest cap of eight (8) cows (moose), for Unit 15C for Federal Subsistence Hunt FM1505 on Federal public lands within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Game Management Unit 15C. The cap is effective for the 2019 Federal subsistence moose season, which is from August 10-September 20 by Federal registration permit only. The season will be closed to the harvest of cow moose once the cap is met. The harvest of bull moose with a spike (only 1 point) or fork (only 2 points) on at least one side, 50-inch antlers, or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler under FM1505 is not affected by this Special Action. Authority has been delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager to establish the cap for moose in Unit 15, in consultation with ADF&G and the chair of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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by delegation to

/s/ Andy Loranger

Andy Loranger

Refuge Manager

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

JUSTIFICATION: Cows moose are vital in maintaining a productive population. The latest moose population estimate for Unit 15C 3529 (95% CI 2769 -4289) indicate that this population can sustain a limited harvest of cows, but harvest of cows beyond these levels may have a negative impact on the overall productivity of the moose population in this unit. The current cow moose harvest cap represents an estimate of a sustainable harvest level for moose utilizing federal lands within Unit 15C while considering population status and overall harvest levels (bulls and cows) in this unit as a whole. Reduced population numbers of moose in 15C could lead to reduced subsistence opportunity on federal lands in subsequent years.

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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Richard Encelewski, Chair of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council; Jeff Selinger, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation, Soldotna; Terri Marceron, Chugach Forest Supervisor; Brian Glaspell, Regional Chief of Refuges, FWS; Tom Malecek, Seward District Ranger; Thomas Doolittle and Theo Matuskowitz, Office of Subsistence Management.

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ninilchik Traditional Council

Ninilchik Native Association

Seldovia Native Association, Inc.

Seldovia Village Tribe

Native Village of Port Graham

Port Graham Corporation

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