1. The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is requesting for the refuge manager to have the authority to extend the Kuskokwim River RM1803 Winter Zone 2 moose hunt from the current end date of January 31 until March 31st. The ability to extend the season will allow hunters the flexibility to adjust for winters that have little to no snow until late winter. For the last 3 winters, little snow prevented many hunters from being able to travel which caused few winter moose from being harvested. The number of permits have been, and likely will continue to be, limited in order to stay within sustainable harvest limits. Therefore, the refuge does not believe an extension of the season will cause an overharvest of the population.

Existing Regulation:

Unit 18, that portion east of a line running from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60°59.41′ Latitude; W162°22.14′ Longitude), continuing upriver along a line 1/2 mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek. then continuing upriver to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank east of the Unit 18 border and then north of and including the Eek River drainage—1 antlered bull by State registration permit during the fall season.

OR

<u>Up to one moose</u> by Federal permit during a may be announced winter season.

Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose except by residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Atmautlauk, Bethel, Eek, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag,

Sept. 1 - Oct. 15

May be announced between Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, <u>Quinhagak</u>, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak.

Proposed Federal Regulation:

Unit 18, that portion east of a line running from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60°59.41' Latitude; W162°22.14' Longitude), continuing upriver along a line 1/2 mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank east of the Unit 18 border and then north of and including the Eek River drainage—1 antlered bull by State registration permit during the fall season.

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May be announced between Dec. 1 – **Mar. 31**

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