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### **Moose Antler Restriction Kenai NWR/Unit 15B-West Spike/Fork Bulls Cannot Be Harvested in Unit 15B-West**

#### **SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD**

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

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Issued at: Thursday, August 30, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 1, 2012  
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012, unless superseded by  
subsequent special action

**EXPLANATION:** This Special Action restricts the harvest of bull moose on Kenai National Wildlife Refuge lands within Game Management Subunit 15B West to only those bulls with antlers 50 inches or greater in width, or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler. Bull moose with spike/fork antlers are not legal for harvest in this area.

#### **REGULATION:**

Unit 15B West – 1 antlered bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit only. Sept. 1– Sept. 20

The area affected by this Special Action includes all Federal lands within Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Game Management Unit 15B-West. This includes all refuge lands lying west of a line running from the mouth of Shantatilik Creek on Tustumena Lake, northward to the headwaters of the west fork of Funny River; then downstream along the west fork of Funny River to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary (see attached map).

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by delegation to: 

Andy Loranger  
Refuge Manager  
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge  
30 August 2012

**JUSTIFICATION:** This special action is being taken to address conservation concerns for the moose population based on low bull:cow ratios in the western portion of Unit 15B and the high calf mortality documented during the severe winter of 2011-2012 in this area which has already reduced the 2011 cohort. The action is consistent with the objective of increasing bull:cow ratios quickly within the Refuge and Unit 15 as a whole to preclude or reverse any negative impacts on moose productivity. Allowing recruitment of surviving yearling bulls to this area's moose population will benefit both moose populations and all users over time.

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