



# Fall hunting in Galena

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Galena, AK – Moose hunting season opened on September 5th and closed on the 25th. While many people were hunting to get meat for the winter, some people were hunting just for a trophy.

Tom Eley, Manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife office in Galena, commented on the problem, "One of the serious crimes is wanton waste." Eley noted that he saw some meat down at the dump, but he thinks that it is from last year.

One complication with the season this year was the warm temperatures. Eley noted, "It is too warm out for the meat. It can get spoiled really fast." Because of the warmth, some non-local hunters might have thought it was too far for them to get home with the meat not spoiling. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is aware of this problem and is watching closely for people who throw good meat away.

Another complication with moose hunting season is that

many students are missing work because of camping and hunting.

On one hunting trip there were three students who missed about a week of school work. John Billings, LA Commack, and Mark Huntington went to the Kateel River. They all left on Saturday the 16th. Huntington came back on Wednesday, while Commack and Billings stayed out until Saturday the 23rd.

Another student who has been absent due to moose activities, Morris Demoski, noted, "I missed three days of (school) work because of camping and hunting for moose. That is what got me behind." Demoski doesn't want to miss any more school unless he has to.

Demoski is just one of the many students who has missed a lot of work. I, the author, have missed a lot of school work because of hunting. It has taken me a long time, but I got my work done.

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