

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-11-14

Issued at Juneau, Alaska
October 12, 2014

Effective Date: October 14, 2014

Expiration Date: 30 June 2015
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order).

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident moose hunting seasons in the portion of Game Management Unit 5A west of the Dangerous River. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 5(A):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 5(A), except Nunatak Bench; that portion west of the Dangerous River	No open Season	No open Season


One bull by registration permit only

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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 5A are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Ryan Scott
Region I Management
Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game set a harvest objective of 25 bull moose for this area for the 2014 hunting season. As of Sunday evening, October 12, 2014, the harvest had reached 25 bulls; the harvest is expected to exceed the harvest objective. An aerial survey in December 2013 resulted in a 12 bulls per 100 cow moose ratio which is below the 25:100 management objective for the Yakutat area. While the December 2013 bull:cow ratio is considered a minimum ratio due to survey timing it is important, if possible, not to exceed the harvest objective of 25 bull moose west of the Dangerous River to ensure adequate bull to cow ratios for this portion of the Yakutat forelands.

Because the harvest objective of 25 bull moose has been reached during the federal subsistence moose season the State of Alaska moose hunting season will not open in 2014 in the area west of the Dangerous River to Yakutat Bay on the Yakutat Forelands. An Emergency Order (01-11-14) has been issued that closes the state moose hunting season in this area on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 @ 11:59 pm. The United States Forest Service will issue a news release closing the federal moose hunting season in this area, effective October 13, 2014 @ 11:59 pm.

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