

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-09-15

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 17, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 17, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident fall season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM841 in Central Unit 22(A) at 11:59 p.m. on September 17, 2015. The hunt area covered by this closure includes the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages. The harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 22(A) remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
...		

Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages

1 antlered bull by registration

Sept. 1–Sept. 17

No open season.

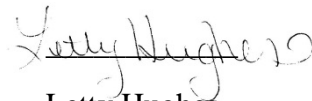
permit only or

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Dec. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31 (To be announced)	No open season.
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------	-----------------

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Letty Hughes
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Moose seasons in the central portion of Unit 22(A) were closed in 2005 due to a declining trend in the moose population since 1989. A stratified moose census completed in March 2007 estimated 339 moose in the area, and beginning in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted a registration moose hunt regulation with harvest quotas to prevent over harvest. The 2012 stratified moose census estimated 545 moose in the area. The Department set a harvest quota of 22 antlered bull moose in this portion of Unit 22(A) for regulatory year 2015-2016. The harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

This Emergency Order is distributed to the recipients listed below. Copies are available from the Department of Fish and Game office in Nome.

1. Lieutenant Governor
2. Assistant Attorney General (Board of Game Liaison, Anchorage)
3. Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
4. Division of Wildlife Conservation
 - Director
 - Deputy Director
 - Assistant Director
 - Regional Supervisors
 - Regulation Coordination Team
 - Area Offices Statewide
 - Information Management Section, Anchorage, Douglas, Juneau
 - Public Communication/Information, Anchorage, Fairbanks
 - Federal Subsistence Liaison
5. Division of Boards

- Boards Support Section, Executive Director
- Field Offices: Dillingham, Kotzebue
- Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Chair
 - Unit 22 AC, Northern Norton Sound
 - Unit 22 AC, Southern Norton Sound
- 6. Division of Subsistence
 - Assistant Director
 - Program Director, Fairbanks
 - Field Offices: Fairbanks, Kotzebue
- 7. Public Communications Section, Juneau
- 8. Department of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
 - Director
 - Detachment Commander
 - C Detachment, Western
 - D Detachment, Northern
 - Field Offices:
 - Unit 22: Nome
 - Unit 23: Kotzebue
- 9. U. S. Department of the Interior
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - BLM, State Director
 - BLM, Anchorage District
 - Unit 18/22 Anchorage, Mgr.
 - Unit 18/22 Anchorage, Subsistence
 - Unit 18/22 Anchorage, Wildlife
 - BLM, Fairbanks District
 - Unit 22/23 Central Yukon, Mgr.
 - Unit 22/23 Central Yukon, Wildlife
 - Fish and Wildlife Service
 - FWS, Regional Director
 - FWS, Office of Federal Subsistence Management
 - FWS, OSM Regional Advisory Councils, Coordinators
 - FWS RAC Unit 22, Seward Peninsula
 - FWS, Refuges
 - FWS, Selawik NWR, Refuge Mgr.
 - FWS, Togiak NWR, Refuge Mgr.
 - FWS, Yukon Delta NWR, Refuge Mgr.
 - FWS, Law Enforcement, Nome
 - National Park Service
 - NPS, Regional Director
 - NPS, Subsistence
 - NPS, Park Unit, Superintendent
 - Bering Landbridge, Nome
- 10. Clerk of the Court or Magistrate, Nome
- 11. I.R.A./Traditional Village Councils/Regional Native Corporations
 - Unit 22
 - Bering Straits Native Corporation
 - Kawerak, Inc., Natural Resources Department
 - Kawerak, Inc., Reindeer Herders Association
 - Sitnasuak Native Corporation
 - Brevig Mission Council Elim

Golovin
Koyuk
Mary's Igloo
Nome
Shaktoolik

Shishmaref
Solomon
Stebbins
St. Michael
Teller

Unalakleet
Wales
White Mountain

12. News Media: Statewide