

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 04-01-17

Issued at Palmer, Alaska  
January 5, 2017

**Effective Date:** 12:01 AM January 9, 2017

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

In spring of 2011, the Alaska Board of Game established a new type of permit hunt—the targeted moose hunt. This type of hunt allows hunters to sign up similar to a registration hunt with a finite application period. The randomized list of hunters is used if winter conditions are such that nuisance moose need to be taken. The lottery drawing selects hunters to respond to specific moose or areas on short notice.

This emergency order meets the moose management needs in Unit 14A for 2016-2017 by allowing hunters who have pre-registered and randomly drawn to take specific moose that a) have created a nuisance and hazardous situation for residents of Unit 14A; or b) have congregated near roads in areas where considerable moose-vehicle collisions (MVCs) are known to occur.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(12), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are in effect for the 2016-17 regulatory year:

#### **5AAC 85.045 (12), Hunting seasons and Bag limits for moose**

<b>Unit and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(12)		
Unit 14(A)		
1 moose per regulatory year,		

only as follows:

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side, by bow and arrow only; or	Aug. 10–Aug.17 (General hunt only)	Aug. 10–Aug.17
1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side; or	Aug. 25–Sept.25 (General hunt only)	Aug. 25–Sept.25
1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; up to 1000 antlerless moose permits may be issued; or	Aug. 20–Sept. 25 (General hunt only) Nov. 1–Dec. 25 (General hunt only)	No open season.
<b>1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun or archery only; up to 200 permits may be issued.</b>	<b>Jan. 9–Mar. 31 (General hunt only)</b>	<b>No open season</b>

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

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Tim C. Peltier  
Palmer Area Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

As of 2013 the moose population in Unit 14A is estimated at over 8,500 animals. This high density of moose in a semi-urban environment can lead to conflicts between residents and moose in the winter when snowfall makes travelling more difficult for moose, and has reduced their access to available natural forage. When snowfall becomes significant moose descend the surrounding foothills and congregate in the lower elevations, where the human population centers for the Matanuska-Susitna Valley also occur. Snowfall can impede travel for moose and result in using roads as travel corridors which lead to MVCs. In addition food-stressed moose can create hazards to residents by eating and defending human sourced food such as garden remnants, ornamental trees, and farm silage.

Permittees authorized to take a moose under this emergency order may either be assigned a specific area along a pre-determined road corridor in which MVCs collisions are known to occur or assigned to take specific moose that are known to be creating a safety issue. Reducing the density of moose along the roadsides in areas of known collisions should reduce the potential for MVCs which can cause property damage, human injuries, and fatalities.

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