

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-05-14

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
August 14, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
Friday
August 15, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2015, unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for the Moose Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13E, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers, or 50 inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (11), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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(11)

Unit 13

1 moose per regulatory year,
only as follows:

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 bull with spike-fork
antlers or 50-inch antlers or
antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side per harvest
report by community harvest

Aug. 14 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

permit only in Unit 13A; or

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side per harvest report by community harvest permit only in Unit 13E; or

Aug. 15 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt only)

1 bull per harvest report by community harvest permit only **in Units 13B, 13C, and 13D;** however, no more than 100 bulls that do not meet antler restrictions for other resident hunts in the same area may be taken in the entire community harvest area; or

Aug. 10 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt only)

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Frank Robbins
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, a quota of twenty-one bull moose that do not conform with the general season antler restrictions was established for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13E. The quota was based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. Currently 19 bulls that do not meet the restrictions have been reported in the harvest. The department anticipates that the quota in Unit 13E will be reached when this emergency order takes effect.

Copper Basin community moose hunters can still hunt moose in Units 13A and 13E through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20), however all bulls taken must conform to the general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 100 moose that do not conform to general season antler restrictions to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt. The cumulative total for quotas for the 2014-15 season is 90 moose due to the low bull:cow ratio observed in Unit 13A West. The following table lists the quotas for each hunt area and the general season antler restrictions.

This emergency order changes only the bag limit in Unit 13E. Bulls that do not meet the general season antler restrictions can still be taken in the remaining open subunits of Unit 13, per the table below. All other state hunting regulations still apply, including the closure of the take of all big game in the Paxson Closed Area.

| CM300 Quota of Bulls That Do Not Meet General Season Requirements | Hunt Area | General Season Antler Restriction for all other resident hunters |
|---|------------------------|--|
| 0 | Open portion of GMU 12 | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 0 | GMU 13A West | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 6 | GMU 13A East | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 26 | GMU 13B | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 16 | GMU 13C | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 11 | GMU 13D | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 21 | GMU 13E | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines |
| 10 | GMU 11 | Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 3 or more brow tines |

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