

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-04-14

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
March 7, 2014

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska resident winter moose season in Unit 22E. A resident moose season with a bag limit of one antlered bull will open Mar. 7 – Mar. 15. Winter weather created poor travel conditions that prevented harvest of moose in the regular winter season ending January 31, 2014.

If a person has harvested a moose since July 1, 2013 they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in portions of Unit 22.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20) ...		
Unit 22E		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull; or	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31	
1 antlered bull	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Mar. 7 – Mar. 15	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS		
1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration		Sept. 1–Sept. 14

permit only

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tony Gorn
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in Unit 22E was surveyed in 2011 and the count of 669 moose was an increasing trend compared to the previous survey of 587 moose in 2006. Based on the most recent population estimate, available harvest has not been reached due to low success resulting from poor travel and hunting conditions during the season ending January 31, 2014. The winter bag limit has not changed and remains one antlered bull to prevent harvest of cows.

Antler drop of mature bulls generally begins in December. Spring moose surveys on the Seward Peninsula have shown young bulls retain their antlers into early spring. A March season is not expected to impact the breeding bulls, but will likely result in an increased harvest of young bulls.

In January 2014, the Alaska Board of Game reviewed the moose population information for Unit 22E and changed the winter season closing date to March 15, effective in next regulatory year (RY2014 begins July 1, 2014). The changes made by this emergency order are in alignment with the regulations effective next year in Unit 22E.

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