

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-04-15

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
September 3, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 4, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident hunting season in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area hunt area. This area includes the Lower Kuskokwim River drainage where the hunting season for antlered bull moose by registration permit RM615 on State Land closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 4, 2015. Based on harvest reports received to date, the harvest quota of 110 antlered bull moose will be reached by the closing date in this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

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

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Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area, that portion easterly of a line from the mouth of the Ishkowiik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60° 59.41' Latitude; W 162° 22.14' Longitude), continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence

of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver along the east bank of Crooked Creek to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank of Arhymot Lake easterly to the Unit 18 boundary, and north of and including the Eek River drainage.

1 antlered bull by registration permit only


Sept. 1 - Sept. 4

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Phillip Perry
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration permit hunt for antlered bull moose in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area hunt area. The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at approximately 1900 moose and a harvest quota of 110 antlered bull moose on State Managed Lands has been established by the department to prevent overharvest of bulls. Hunting began on September 1 and harvest rates show that the harvest quota of 110 antlered bulls will be reached by September 4, 2015. Hunters are reminded to report their harvest within 72 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by September 25, 2015.

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