

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-06-15

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 6, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 6, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the moose season in hunt area Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident fall season for bull moose by registration permit Hunt RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 6, 2015. The fall harvest quota of 20 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted. (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). Hunters should note that season closure for federal permits may be announced by federal managers.

Moose hunting in Unit 22(B) is managed by permit hunts with separate fall and winter harvest quotas. The Department plans to administer hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2016 with a quota that will be dependent on overall fall harvest. Hunters are reminded to get a 2016 hunting license if they plan to hunt with a RM843 permit in winter 2016.

The closure in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is additive to the RM840 season closure announced for Unit 22(C). Hunting by RM840 permit is only open in the following hunt areas assigned to this permit: Unit 22D Kuzitrin Drainage and Unit 22D Southwest.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		
(20)		
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or **Sept. 1 - Sept. 6**

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; **Jan. 1 - Jan. 31**

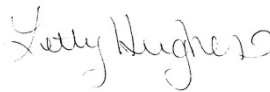
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season.

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in western Unit 22(B) has declined by 64% since 1987, and recruitment rates have been below 10% for over 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B). The Department completed a spring population survey in February 2013 and found a population estimate of 618 observable moose ($\pm 19\%$ at 90% C.I.). The Department set a 2015-2016 fall harvest rate of 3% which gives a harvest quota of 20 bulls. The fall harvest quota of 20 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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