

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-1-24

Issued at: McGrath, Alaska
1/12/2024

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
2/1/2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the winter moose hunt RM660 in Game Management Unit 19D.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(17), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(17) Unit 19(D), that portion upstream Of the Selatna River, excluding the Black River		
1 moose by registration permit only, a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf	No Open Season	No Open Season


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JUSTIFICATION:

Moose in Unit 19D experienced a significant decline over the winter of 2022/2023. The McGrath area experienced record snow levels for much of the winter followed by an extremely late spring and green up. On April 30 there were still 34 inches of snow on the ground. Of 15 calves collared in March 2023 none survived the remainder of the winter. Surveys were conducted in November 2023 in an 1,118 mi² area around McGrath where numbers declined from 2,471 moose in 2022 to 1,613 moose in 2023. This represents an approximately 35% decline. The current intensive management objective in a portion of Unit 19D is 5,578 moose. Our current estimate of 3,825 moose is below the objective. With very poor recruitment and high overwinter mortality, a winter antlerless hunt is not sustainable at this time, and RM660 will be closed in all areas.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:  _____

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Area Biologist

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