

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-03-11

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
August 15, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
Wednesday
August 17, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
unless superseded by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 13A and in 13D, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50" antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (9-11), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
permit in Unit 13A and 13D; or

Aug. 18 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, it was established that up to 10 “any-bull” moose could be taken in Unit 13A and up to 5 “any-bull” moose could be taken in 13D in the Copper Basin community hunt. These limits were established based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. ‘Any-bulls’ are those bull moose that do not meet state general hunt antler restrictions. Due to the number of “any-bull” moose reported taken, these quotas are expected to be reached by Wednesday night.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt in Unit 13A and 13D through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20th) however, all bulls taken after Wednesday August 17th with a community harvest ticket must meet state general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 70 total “any-bull” moose to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt for 2011-12. The following table lists the areas where the “any-bull” moose could be taken, and the general season antler restrictions for each area.

On Friday, Aug 12th the bag limit was changed for that portion of Unit 13B within 5 miles of the Denali Highway by emergency order from one bull to the general season antler restriction. This emergency order changes the bag limit in both Units 13A and 13D. Any-bull moose can still be harvested in the remaining areas, 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.

Any Bull Quota	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction
none	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13A	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
6	GMU 13B within 5 miles of the Denali highway	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
14	GMU 13B Remainder	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
5	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
15	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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