

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-12-12

**Issued at** Nome, Alaska  
November 14, 2012

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
December 1, 2012

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2013

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM844 in Unit 22(A) Central during the period December 1 to December 31, 2012 with a harvest quota of 6 antlered bull moose. The RM844 hunt area includes Unit 22(A) that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages. The winter season will close December 31, 2012 or by a subsequent emergency order if the harvest quota is reached.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(20)		
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Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages	Sept. 1 – Sept. 20	No open season
1 antlered bull by registration permit only; or		

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Dec. 1- Dec. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

**Dec. 1 – Dec. 31**

No open season

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tony Gorn  
Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Moose seasons in the central portion of Unit 22(A) were closed in 2005 because of a declining trend in the area's moose populations since 1989. A stratified moose census completed in March 2007 estimated 339 moose in the area, and beginning in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted a registration moose hunt regulation with harvest quotas to prevent over harvest. A stratified moose census completed in February 2012 estimated 545 moose in the survey area, which is a 13% annual rate of increase since the 2007 population survey.

The department set a harvest quota of 22 antlered bull moose for this portion of Unit 22(A) for regulatory year 2012-2013. Due to community needs and low harvest during poor weather, the fall season was extended 6 days until September 20 to allow additional opportunity to reach the harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls. After the season extension the combined total fall harvest from state and federal hunts was 16 antlered bulls, which leaves an unmet quota of 6 antlered bulls. This emergency order provides additional opportunity through a winter season for 6 antlered bull moose by registration permit in Unit 22(A) Central during the period December 1 to December 31, 2012. Harvest will be monitored closely by the department to ensure that overharvest does not occur.

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