

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-04-14

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
August 13, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
Thursday
August 14, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2015, 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superseded by subsequent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 Subunit 13A, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers, or 50 inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (11), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

Aug. 14 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

1 bull per harvest report by community harvest permit only **in Units 13B, 13C, 13D and 13E;** however, no more than 100 bulls that do not meet antler restrictions for other resident hunts in the same area may be taken in the entire community harvest area; or

Aug. 10 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt only)

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Frank Robbins
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, a quota of six bull moose that do not conform with the general season antler restrictions was established for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13A East, and no bulls were allocated to the quota for Unit 13A West due to the low bull:cow ratio observed in the area last fall. The quotas are based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. The established quota of bulls that do not meet general season restrictions has been exceeded for Unit 13A with four bulls taken in Unit 13A East and six bulls taken in Unit 13A West.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt in subunit 13A through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20), however beginning Thursday, August 14, all bulls taken with a community harvest ticket must conform to the general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 100 moose that do not conform to general season antler restrictions to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt. The cumulative total for quotas for the 2014-15 season is 90 moose due to the low bull:cow ratio observed in Unit 13A West. The following table lists the quotas for each hunt area and the general season antler restrictions.

This emergency order changes only the bag limit in Unit 13A. Bulls that do not meet the general season antler restrictions can still be taken in the remaining subunits of Unit 13, 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.

CM300 Quota of Bulls That Do Not Meet General Season Requirements	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction for all other resident hunters
0	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
0	GMU 13A West	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
6	GMU 13A East	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
26	GMU 13B	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
16	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
11	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
21	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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