

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-05-15

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 28, 2015

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

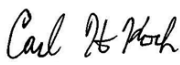
This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident TM059 Tier II moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday October 1, 2015.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D) 1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 250 permits may be issued.	Sept. 15–Oct. 1 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Carl H. Koch
Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Aerial surveys conducted in the Chilkat Valley the last few years has resulted in lower moose counts; a total of 177, 163, and 147 were observed in 2012, 2013, and 2014, respectively. The 2014 survey was conducted late in the winter with poor sightability conditions and should be considered a minimum count only. Although the department estimates the moose population in game management unit (GMU) 1D to be 250-350 moose, poor survey conditions due to lack of snow have been factors in the lower survey numbers since 2012. A harvest management objective of 20-25 bull moose with legal antler configuration (spike or fork, 3 brow tine on one antler, or 50 inch antler spread) was established for the moose harvest in GMU 1D. During the first week of the 2015 season 17 moose were harvested; as of September 28th, 2015, 23 bull moose have been taken. Low numbers of yearling bulls were harvested in 2014; as of September 28th, 2015 only 4 yearling bulls were taken and a relatively low number of calf moose detected during surveys suggests the potential for low recruitment into the population. Due to concerns of additional harvest beyond the management objective (20-25 bull moose), an emergency order (01-05-15) is being issued to close the Tier II moose hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on October 1st, 2015.

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