

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-02-16

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska
February 9, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
February 11, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the RM576 registration permit hunt for antlerless moose in Game Management Unit 17(A) at 11:59 p.m., February 11, 2016. The bag limit for the winter season in Unit 17(A) is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one antlered bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (antlered bull permit) and/or one antlerless moose with a RM576 registration permit (antlerless permit). Quotas of 10 cow moose and 15 bull moose have been established for this hunt. As of Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 13 cow moose have been reported harvested. No additional antlerless harvest is warranted at this time; the closure is intended to prevent further harvest that could have long-term negative effects on this moose population.

All other moose regulations for Unit 17A remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory year, only as follows

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or Aug.25 –Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only)

1 antlered bull by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1 – Last day of Feb. a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order; or Dec. 1–Feb. 29 (Subsistence hunt only)

1 antlerless moose by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1 – Last day of Feb. a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order; Dec. 1–**Feb. 11** (Subsistence hunt only)

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Neil Barten
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17(A) with a bag limit of up to two moose. Quotas of 10 cow moose and 15 bull moose were established for this winter hunt under separate registration permits (RM575 allows harvest of one antlered bull and RM576 allows harvest of one antlerless moose). At this time the reported cow harvest has reached 13 animals, therefore the season will be closed to prevent further harvest of antlerless moose in this area.

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