

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-08-20

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 4, 2020

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 4, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains hunt area.

The State resident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 4, 2020. The fall harvest quota of 23 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted. (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). Hunters should note that a season closure for federal public lands may be announced by federal managers.

Moose hunting in Unit 22(B) is managed by registration permit hunts with separate fall and winter harvest quotas. The Department plans to administer registration permit hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2021 with a quota that will be dependent on overall fall harvest.

The closure in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is additive to the RM840 season closures previously announced for Unit 22(C), Unit 22(D) in the Kuzitrin River drainage, and Unit 22(D) Southwest. This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt area: Unit 22(D) Remainder.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		

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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or **Sept. 1 - Sept. 4**

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; **Jan. 1 - Jan. 31**


NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Bill Dunker
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in western Unit 22(B) declined 15% annually between 1987 and 1992. Since that time the population has persisted at low densities with poor recruitment that averaged 11% 1992-2019. In order to prevent overharvest, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B). The fall harvest quota of 23 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The department plans to administer registration permit hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2021 with a quota that will be dependent on overall fall harvest.

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