

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-10-13

Issued at: Anchorage, Alaska
November 8, 2013

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
November 9, 2013

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014
unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state registration permit hunt RM435 for moose in Unit 14(C), in the Ship Creek drainage. All other moose hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(12), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(12) ...		
Unit 14(C), that portion of the Ship Creek drainage upstream of the Fort Richardson Management Area ...		
1 bull by registration permit only	October 25-November 2 (General hunt only)	October 25- November 9

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jessy Coltrane
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Ship Creek drainage moose population is estimated at 204 individuals, based on a Gasaway census conducted in November 2011. In order to maintain the appropriate bull:cow ratio and the overall population objective for this area, the department has determined the harvest from this area should not exceed 10 bulls. Only one bull was harvested out of this area in the fall drawing permit hunts (DM446 and DM447) and an additional eight bulls have been reported harvested as of November 8, 2013. Additional hunters are currently in the field. To avoid overharvesting moose in this area, DM435 is being closed by emergency order.