

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-13-20

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December 7, 2020

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December 7, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM844 in Unit 22(A) Central during the period December 7, 2020 to January 31, 2021 with a harvest quota of 20 antlered bull moose. The RM844 hunt area includes the portion of Unit 22(A) in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Egavik Creek drainage. The winter season will close January 31, 2021 or by a subsequent emergency order if the harvest quota is reached before the season closing date.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
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Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Egavik Creek drainage		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	No open season
1 antlered bull by	Dec. 7 – Jan. 31	No open season

registration permit only; during
the period Dec. 1- Jan. 31,
a season may be announced
by emergency order

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to:

Bill Dunker
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Moose hunting seasons in 22(A) Central were closed 2005-2007 in response to declines in moose abundance. During this time, the population grew and in November of 2007 the Alaska Board of Game adopted regulations establishing a registration moose hunt with a harvest quota to prevent overharvest. Since that time, the population continued to grow with an estimated 9% annual rate of growth between 2012 and 2017. The 2017 spring moose abundance survey estimated 840 observable moose (90% CI: 747-933). The department plans to complete an abundance survey in the area in February/March of 2021 to monitor the population and guide future management.

For regulatory year 2020-2021 the department set a fall harvest quota of 50 bull moose for this portion of Unit 22(A), and a record high harvest of 47 bull moose was taken during the fall 2020 season. However, the results of a post-hunt moose composition survey completed in 22(A) Central November 28-30th, 2020 indicated that the bull:cow ratio remains well above the management objective and further harvest is warranted at this time.

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