

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-14-20

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
December 15, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
January 1, 2021

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order opens the state resident moose season in Unit 18 covered under that that portion that drains into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Carter Bay Drainage (59.180 N 162.003 W), under registration permit hunt RM621. The season will open January 1, 2021, and close March 15, 2021. The bag limit for the winter season in the Goodnews Hunt Area is one moose. The season will be closed by emergency order once the quota of 18 moose is reached.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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| (16) That portion that drains into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Carter Bay Drainage (59.180 N 162.003 W) | Jan. 1 - Mar. 15 | No open Season |
| 1 moose by registration permit only | | |

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Patrick Jones
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game(BOG) established a registration permit hunt in Unit 18, that portion that drains into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Carter Bay Drainage (59.180 N 162.003 W) for a winter moose season at the January 2017 BOG meeting. The moose population in the Goodnews River Hunt Area is estimated between 450-500 moose, and the harvest quota for the winter hunt will be 18 moose. This announced winter season provides additional opportunity for hunters to harvest a moose now that winter travelling conditions allow hunter access to the RM621 hunt area. Hunters are asked to report their harvest within 36 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office (907) 543-2839 or (907) 543-2457. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2020) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by April 15, 2021.

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| Akiak | Goodnews Bay | Kwigillingok |
| Algaaciq | Hooper Bay | Marshall |
| Andreafsky | Kalskag, Lower | Mekoryok |
| Aniak | Kalskag, Upper | Mountain Village |
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