

Emergency Order

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME**

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-9-23

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 24, 2023

Effective Date: September 25, 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:


This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident TM059 Tier II moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, September 25, 2023.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 1(D) (Subsistence hunt only) 1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 250 permits may be issued.	Sept. 15–Sept. 25	No open season

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Carl H. Koch
Wildlife Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists observed 191 moose (43 bulls, 128 cows, and 20 calves) during an aerial survey conducted on November 8, 2023, under average snow conditions. Sightability of collared cows during the survey was ~53% leading to a population estimate of ~352 +/- 94 moose. Approximately 34 bulls/100 cows were counted during the survey which is above the management objective (25 bulls/ 100 cows). However, only 16 calves/100 cows were observed during the November survey.

ADF&G's current management objective for this population is harvest of 20-25 bull moose with legal antler configuration (spike or fork (S/F), 3 brow tine (3BT) on at least one antler, or 50-inch antler spread).

As of September 24th, 24 bulls (6- S/F; 13 - 3BT; 4- fifty inch plus, and 1- sublegal) have been reported with rumors of others. Because the upper limit of our management objective (20-25 bull moose) has been met with rumors of at least one more moose down, and in order to maintain a sufficient number of bulls, an emergency order (R1-9-23) is being issued to close the Tier II moose hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm, Monday, September 25, 2023.