

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R4-2-23

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
July 31, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
Monday, July 31, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2024 unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for DI450 from one bison to one bull. The Chitina bison herd has experienced a substantial decline in abundance and productivity following two successive winters with unusually deep snow. There is one DI450 permitholder for RY23. The Chitina bison herd cannot sustain cow harvest at this time.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.010 (a) (1), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for bison**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season (General Hunt only)
(1)		
Unit 11, drainages of the Chitina River east of the Chakina River and south and east of the Nizina River		
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1 bull every 10 regulatory years by drawing permit only; up to 12 permits may be issued;	Sept. 6– Nov. 30	Sept. 6– Nov. 30
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All other bison hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Heidi L. Hatcher
Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The 2023 summer minimum count for the Chitina bison herd was 18 adults with no calves. This herd cannot sustain cow harvest and the one permit that has been issued for RY23 must be for a bull only. No permits will be issued for RY24 in an effort to allow the herd to recover.