

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-02-14

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January 29, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
February 1, 2014

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska resident winter moose season in Unit 22(A) Remainder. The resident moose season with a bag limit of one antlered bull will open Feb. 1- Feb. 28 in the following area:

Remainder of Unit 22(A)

Please note that if a person harvested a moose in the fall 2013 or winter 2014 season they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season. This announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 22.

REGULATION:

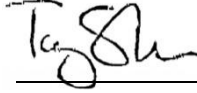
Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
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Remainder of Unit 22(A)		
1 bull; or	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	
1 antlered bull	Feb.1 – Feb. 28	

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tony Gorn
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department does not have a moose population estimate for the Remainder of Unit 22(A). This southern portion of Unit 22(A) includes the Golsovia River drainage and all drainages south to the Pastoliak River drainage. Aerial surveys completed in 2003 found 50 bulls:100 cows and 67 calves:100 cows in the area. This portion of Unit 22(A) is not easily accessible and village based harvest assessment surveys found harvest to be approximately 25 moose per year. Harvest for the current regulatory year is considered incomplete due to lag in harvest ticket reporting, but reports received to date show 8 bulls have been harvested in the Remainder of Unit 22(A).

The bag limit announced in this emergency order is intended to prevent cow harvest which may limit herd growth and better moose hunting opportunity in future years.

The Norton Sound area experienced extended periods of unseasonably warm temperatures during January 2014 creating poor travel conditions with little to no snow cover, unstable ice pack and extensive areas of open water and overflow. The extended season dates announced in this emergency order will provide additional hunting opportunity during a period when data suggest additional bull harvest is sustainable.

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