

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-03-15

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
September 8, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
Wednesday
September 9, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2016, unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for the Moose Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Subunit 13E, from one bull moose to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers, or 50-inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (11), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
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(11)
Unit 13

1 moose per regulatory year,
only as follows:

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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**1 bull with spike-fork
antlers or 50-inch antlers or
antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side per harvest
report by community harvest
permit only in Unit 13E; or**

Sept. 9 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

1 bull per harvest report by
community harvest permit only
in Units 13A East, 13B, 13C, and 13D:

Aug. 10 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

however, no more than 100 bulls
that do not meet antler restrictions
for other resident hunts in the
same area may be taken in the
entire community harvest area; or

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Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Frank Robbins
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, a quota of 26 bull moose that do not conform with the general season antler restrictions was established for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13E. The quota in Unit 13E, based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates, has been reached.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt in subunit 13E through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20), however all bulls taken beginning Wednesday, September 9, with a community harvest ticket must conform to the general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 100 moose that do not conform to general season antler restrictions to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt. The cumulative total for quotas for the 2015-16 season is 100 moose. The following table lists the quotas for each hunt area and the general season antler restrictions.

This emergency order changes only the bag limit in Unit 13E. Bulls that do not meet the general season antler restrictions can still be taken in the remaining subunits of Unit 13, per the table below. All other state hunting regulations still apply, including the closure of the take of all big game in the Paxson Closed Area.

CM300 Quota of Bulls That Do Not Meet General Season Requirements	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction for all other resident hunters
0	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
0	GMU 13A West	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13A East	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
30	GMU 13B	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
18	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
14	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
26	GMU 13E	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
2	GMU 11	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 3 or more brow tines

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