

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-06-15

Issued at Palmer, Alaska  
December 23, 2015

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
January 1, 2016

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2016  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game Management Unit 17(A) from January 1–31. The bag limit for the winter season in Unit 17(A) hunt is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one antlered bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (antlered bull permit) and/or one antlerless moose with a RM576 registration permit (antlerless permit). The cow season will be closed by emergency order when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose has been reached, and the bull season will be closed by emergency order when a harvest quota of 15 bull moose has been reached. Hunters who have already taken a moose in the fall are only allowed to harvest one additional moose during the winter hunt (either sex). Permits will be available only at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Dillingham and the Togiak Traditional Council office. This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory year, only as follows

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration

Aug.25 –Sept. 20  
(Subsistence Hunt only)

permit only, or

Up to 2 moose by registration permit; during the period

**Jan. 1–Jan. 31**  
(Subsistence Hunt only)

Dec. 1–last day of Feb., a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Neil Barten  
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17(A) with a bag limit of up to two moose. Winter travel conditions are slowly improving, and the hunt can now be offered with a reasonable opportunity for success. Aerial surveys in March 2011 indicated that there were at least 1,166 moose in Unit 17(A). High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate that the population can sustain the harvest of 10 cow moose annually. The department will issue an emergency order to close the cow season when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose has been reached, and a separate emergency order when the harvest quota of 15 bull moose has been reached.

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