

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-05-16

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 08, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 08, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State nonresident bull moose season in hunt area Unit 22(D) Remainder covered under registration permit hunt RM855.

The State nonresident fall season for bull moose in Unit 22(D) Remainder by registration permit Hunt RM855 closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 08, 2016. The nonresident fall harvest quota of 3 bull moose has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Remainder of Unit 22(D):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 22(D)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull moose;
only antlered may be
taken from Dec. 1 through Jan.31

Aug. 10 – Sept. 14
Oct. 1-Jan. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers
or antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side
by registration permit only

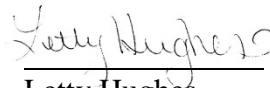
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Letty Hughes
Unit 22 Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a nonresident registration moose hunt in Remainder of Unit 22(D). A spring GSPE moose survey within the Agiapuk River drainage completed in March 2014 estimated 491 observable moose (0.39 moose/mi²). This represents a 14% annual rate of decline since March 2011 when the spring survey estimated 781 observable moose (0.61 moose/mi²). Fall moose composition surveys completed in 2003 and 2011 found bull:cow ratios to be 32 bulls:100 cows and 35 bulls:100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2016-2017, the department established a nonresident harvest quota of 3 bulls to prevent excessive harvest.

The fall nonresident harvest quota of 3 bull moose is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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