

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order** 05-06-17

**Issued at** Nome, Alaska  
September 7, 2017

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
September 7, 2017

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2018

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident moose season in hunt area Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident fall season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 7, 2017. The fall harvest quota of 23 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted. (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). Hunters should note that season closure for federal permits may be announced by federal managers.

Moose hunting in Unit 22(B) is managed by permit hunts with separate fall and winter harvest quotas. The Department plans to administer hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2018 with a quota that will be dependent on overall fall harvest.

The closure in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is additive to the RM840 season closures announced for Unit 22(C) and 22(D) Southwest and Kuzitritin drainage.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)		

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or **Sept. 1 - Sept. 7**

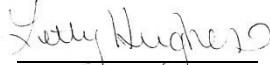
1 antlered bull by registration permit only; **Jan. 1 - Jan. 31**

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:** No open season.

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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  
Assistant Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The moose population in western Unit 22(B) has declined by 64% since 1987, and recruitment rates have been below 10% for over 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B). The department completed a spring GSPE abundance survey in March 2016 and found an abundance estimate of 728 observable moose (609-847 at 90% C.I.). The department set a regulatory year 2017-2018 fall harvest rate of 3%, which gives a harvest quota of 23 bulls. The fall harvest quota of 23 bulls 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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