

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-05-18

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 4, 2018

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 4, 2018

Expiration Date: June 30, 2019

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident moose season in hunt areas Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 4, 2018. The fall harvest quota of 22 bull moose is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The closure in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest is additive to the RM840 season closure announced for Unit 22(C). These closures do not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt area, Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is from 1 Sept. through 14 Sept.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(D):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(D), that portion within
the Kougarok, Kuzitrin, and

Pilgrim River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 4

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 – Jan. 3
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam’s Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel

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Jan. 1 – Jan. 3
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

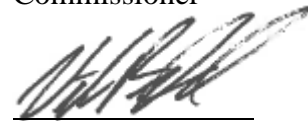
No open season.

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Bill Dunker

Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest. The management objective for the area is to maintain a fall post hunt composition at or above 30 bulls:100 cows. Fall moose composition surveys completed in November 2016 and 2013 resulted in 20 bulls:100 cows and 23 bulls:100 cows, respectively. This suggests a decline in the areas bull to cow ratio when compared to similar surveys completed in 2008 and 2011 that resulted in 33 bulls:100 cows and 28 bulls:100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2018-2019, the department established a harvest quota of 22 bulls to prevent excessive bull harvest and to improve the bull to cow ratio.

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