

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order** 05-06-18

**Issued at** Bethel, Alaska  
September 5, 2018

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
September 7, 2018

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2019

### **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the resident moose season in Unit 18 covered under Zone 1 under the registration permit hunt RM615.

Zone 1 of registration hunt RM615 in Unit 18 Kuskokwim river hunt area closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 7, 2018. Based on harvest reports received to date, the harvest quota of 170 antlered bull moose will be reached by the closing date in this announcement and no further harvest is warranted.

The season closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM615 in Zone 2.

### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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In Unit 18, all Kuskokwim River drainages north and west of a line beginning at the confluence of Whitefish Lake and Ophir Creek at the Unit 18 boundary and continuing southwest to the confluence of Tuluksak and Fog Rivers, then southerly to the lower Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff of the Kisaralik River, then southwesterly to the lower

Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff of the Kasigluk River, then southwesterly to the Akulikutak River where the snowmachine trail crosses the river from the east side of Three Step Mountain, then westerly to the confluence of Kwethluk River and Magic Creek, then southwesterly to the confluence of Eek River and Middle Fork Eek River, then southwesterly to the Unit 18 boundary at 60° 4.983' N, 161° 37.140' W; and all drainages easterly of a line from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake at 60° 59.41' N, 162° 22.14' W, continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver along the east bank of Crooked Creek to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank of Arhymot Lake easterly to the Unit 18 boundary.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull by registration permit only

**Sept. 1 - Sept. 7**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS :

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:           *Patrick Jones*

Patrick Jones  
Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration permit hunt for antlered bull moose in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area hunt area. The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at 2100 moose and a harvest quota of 170 antlered bull moose on in Zone 1 has been established by the department to prevent overharvest of bulls. Hunting began on September 1 and harvest rates show that the harvest quota of 170 antlered bulls will be reached by September 7, 2018. Hunters are reminded to report their harvest within 72 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office. Hunters with RM615 permits may still hunt in Zone 2 until the closing day of September 30, 2018. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by October 15, 2018.

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