

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-08-18

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
September 20, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
September 21, 2018

Expiration Date: June 30, 2019

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the State of Alaska resident fall season for bull moose in Unit 26(A) until September 30, 2018. The hunt area covered by this extension includes the remainder of Unit 26(A) only.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 26(A):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(24)		
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Remainder of Unit 26(A),		
1 bull	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	No open season
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 26(A) remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phillip Perry
Region 5 Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

Moose seasons in the remainder of Unit 26(A) were shortened in 2014-2016 due to a decline in the population along the Colville River. The current opportunity to harvest moose is the General season hunt for one bull from August 1 – September 14.

The Department received a request from the City of Nuiqsut for a season extension due to poor weather preventing hunters from being successful in the first two weeks of September. The most recent surveys indicate a moderate increase in both the population size and productivity. With this information and reports of poor success this year, the Department has determined that additional opportunity is warranted. The season will be extended until September 30, 2018 to allow for additional opportunity. The area affected by this EO is within the Unit 26A Controlled Use Area and hunters may not use aircraft to access the area for moose hunting from July 1 – September 30.

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