# Hunting and Trapping **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-10-11

Effective Date: 12:01 AM September 30, 2011

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska September 29, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2011 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

# **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order announces the re-opening of the resident hunter moose season in parts of Unit 24. The affected hunt area is listed in the hunting regulation book No. 52 as the remainder portion of Unit 24B (which requires a Harvest Ticket) and the remainder portion of Unit 24C (which requires a registration permit RM834). Harvest tickets and hunt permits for regulatory year 2011-2012 are still valid for the extended season. Existing hunt conditions for the September seasons will continue to apply, including all hunt conditions in the remainder of Unit 24C listed on the RM834 permit. The bag limit is 1 bull moose per regulatory year. Any hunter who has killed a moose anywhere in Alaska since July 1, 2011, under either state or federal regulations, is not eligible to hunt.

# **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(a)(22), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

**Units and Bag Limits** (22)

Resident **Open Season** (Subsistence and **General Hunts**)

Nonresident **Open Season** 

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Remainder of Unit 24(B)

### **RESIDENT HUNTERS** 1 bull; or

for up to four years beginning on July 1, 2010, 1antlered bull by registration permit only

Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Sept. 30–Oct. 9 Dec. 15–Apr. 1 (Subsistence hunt only)

# Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

#### Units and Bag Limits

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side

Unit 24(C), that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only; or

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 320 permits may be issued in combination with Units 21(D) and24(D), those portions within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or

for up to four years beginning on July 1, 2010, 1 antlered bull by registration permit only

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit only; up to 80 permits may be issued in combination with Units 21(D) and 24(D), those portions within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

Remainder of Unit 24(C)

# **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 450 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24(D) outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or

for up to four years beginning on July 1, 2010, 1 antlered bull by registration permit only

# Nonresident Open Season

Sept. 5-Sept. 25

Sept. 1–Sept. 25 (Subsistence hunt only)

Sept. 5–Sept. 25

Dec. 15–Apr. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)

Sept. 5-Sept. 25

Sept. 5–Sept. 25 Sept. 30–Oct. 9 (Subsistence hunt only) Sept. 5–Sept. 25

Dec. 15–Apr. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)

# Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Sept. 5-Sept. 25

Units and Bag Limits NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit; up to 450 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24(D) outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 24 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Glenn Stout Wildlife Biologist

# **JUSTIFICATION:**

The moose hunting season extension is being offered because a nearly month-long search and rescue effort diverted the entire communities of Allakaket, Alatna and Hughes from their normal fall hunting activities. This extended season will remain an any bull season, and existing hunt conditions for the September seasons will apply. Traditionally, harvest rates have been conservative (2.5–3.5% of the population) in this remote area, and harvest during this extended season is expected to remain low. Although this is an extremely low-density moose population, bull:cow ratios are high (55–60 bulls:100 cows), indicating that additional harvest of bulls is sustainable at this time.

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