# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-07-12

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Issued at Glennallen, Alaska September 12, 2012

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2013 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order changes the bag limit for the Moose Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300) in Game Management subunit 13E, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50 inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side.

#### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045** (9-11), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(11) Unit 13

. . .

1 moose per regulatory year, only as follows:

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side per harvest report by community harvest permit in Unit 13E; or Sept. 14 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Relieven Schwanke

Rebecca Schwanke Area Wildlife Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

Prior to the hunt, a quota of 13 "any-bull" moose was established for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300) in Game Management subunit 13E. This limit was established based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. "Any-bulls" are bull moose that do not meet state general hunt antler restrictions. The established quota of "any-bull" moose for subunit 13E has been met.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt in subunit 13E through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20th) however, all bulls taken after Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> with a community harvest ticket must meet state general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50" antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 70 total "any-bull" moose to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt for 2012-13. The following table lists the areas where "any-bull" moose could be taken, the "any-bull" quotas, and the general season antler restrictions for each area.

This emergency order only changes the bag limit in subunit 13E. Previous emergency orders were issued for subunit 13A, 13B, and 13D changing the bag limit of those subunits as well. "Any-bull" moose can still be harvested in the remaining units per the table below. All other state hunting regulations still apply, including the closure of the take of all big game in the Paxson Closed Area.

Any Bull Quota	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction
none	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
12	GMU 13A	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
Closed by EO		
17	GMU 13B	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
Closed by EO		
10	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
8	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
Closed by EO		
13	GMU 13E	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
Closed by EO		
10	GMU 11	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 3 or more brow tines

2

## **DISTRIBUTION**:

This emergency order is distributed to the recipients listed below. Copies are available from Department of Fish and Game offices in Glennallen, Palmer, Delta Junction, Tok, Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks.

- 1. Lieutenant Governor's Office
- 2. Assistant Attorney General (Board of Game Liaison)
- 3. Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
- 4. Division of Wildlife Conservation:

Director Deputy Director Assistant Director Management Coordination Team Regional Supervisors Area Wildlife Biologists: Regions II, III, IV Regional Information Centers State-Federal Regulations Coordinator Webmaster

- 5. Division of Boards Executive Director Board of Game members
- 6. Division of Subsistence Director
- 7. Public Communications, ADF&G, Juneau
- Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers Detachment Commanders: Palmer Detachment Field Offices: Glennallen, Cantwell, Delta, Palmer, Talkeetna, and Tok
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director, Anchorage Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage
- 10. U.S. Forest Service Supervisor, Chugach National Forest
- 11. U.S. Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office
- 12. U.S. National Park Service Superintendent, Denali National Park
- 13. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Director
- 14. Magistrates: Glennallen
- 15. Chairmen, Fish and Game Advisory Committees
  - Copper Basin Tok Cut-off/Nabesna Rd. Paxson

Denali

- 16. Metropolitan and local newspapers
- 17. Metropolitan and local radio stations