Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-08-12

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday September 16th, 2012 Issued at Glennallen, Alaska September 14, 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Expiration Date: June 30, 2013 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 13C, 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, and in Game Management Unit 11, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50 inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side.

<u>REGULATION</u>:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (9-11)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Resident

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(9) Unit 11

1 moose per regulatory year, only as follows:

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side per harvest report by community harvest permit in Unit 11; or

Sept. 17 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)

September 14, 2012

(11) Unit 13

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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 13C; or

Sept. 17 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)

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By delegation to:

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Rebecca Schwanke Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, it was established that up to 10 "any-bull" moose could be taken in Unit 13C and an additional 10 could be taken in Unit 11 in the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300). These limits were 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 limit of "any-bull" moose for Unit 13C is expected to be met by Sunday evening. While no "any-bull" moose have been reported taken in Unit 11, the take of "any-bulls" in other units has exceeded the established limits.

The Board of Game allocated up to 70 total "any-bull" moose to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt for 2012-13. The limit of 70 "any-bulls" established for the season for the community hunt is expected to be met by Sunday evening. No additional "any-bull" moose can be taken in the Copper Basin Community Hunt area for this regulatory year after Sunday evening, September 16th.

All bulls taken after Sunday evening 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 for Unit 13 and that portion of Unit 12 open to community hunters, and spike-fork antlers or 50" antlers or 50" antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side for Unit 11).

Community moose hunters must still follow all established salvage requirements for this hunt through the end of the season.

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