# Hunting and Trapping

## **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 03-08-13

Effective Date: 12:01 AM September 27, 2013

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska September 26, 2013

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2013 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order announces the re-opening of subsistence moose registration hunt RM834 **only** in Game Management Unit 21D outside of the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area, from September 27 to October 3, 2013. A hunter must possess a 2013 hunting license and a RM834 permit. The bag limit is 1 bull moose per regulatory year, the trophy value of which must be destroyed. Any hunter who has killed a moose anywhere in Alaska since July 1, 2013 under either state or federal regulations, is not eligible to hunt.

**<u>REGULATION</u>**: Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(a)(19)**, **HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

Nonresident Open Season

### Units and Bag Limits

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Remainder of Unit 21(D)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Aug. 22—Aug. 31 Sept. 5—Sept. 25 (Subsistence hunt only) Sept. 27—Oct. 3 (Subsistence hunt only)

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 600 permits may be issued in Unit 21(D) outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or Sept. 5-Sept.25

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

Sept. 5-Sept. 25

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

By delegation to:

Nonresident Open Season

### Units and Bag Limits

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit only; up to 600 permits may be issued in Unit 21(D) outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 21 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

Glenn Stout Wildlife Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The moose season in Game Management Unit 21D outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area is being re-opened for an extra 7 days because normal moose hunting opportunity was disrupted by complications stemming from the Yukon River flood disaster earlier this year. Moose harvest records from Unit 21(D) outside of the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area at the close of the season on September 25<sup>th</sup> indicated that harvest is approximately 20-25 moose below normal. The moose population can sustain the normal level of harvest, and an additional 7 days of hunting opportunity is consistent with sustainable moose management. If the harvest rate exceeds expectations, the season will be closed by Emergency Order before October 3. This emergency action is intended to help alleviate human duress as preparations for the approaching winter reach a critical stage.

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