Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-02-14

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. January 31, 2014 Issued at Palmer, Alaska January 30, 2014

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game Management Unit 17(A) until February 14. The winter season will be closed early by Emergency Order if the harvest quota of ten cow moose is reached prior to February 14. Hunters are allowed to harvest one bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (bull permit) and/or one cow with a RM576 registration permit (cow permit). Hunters who have already taken a moose in the fall are only allowed to harvest one additional moose (either sex). Registration permits issued in January will remain valid until February 14. Permits are also available only at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory year, only as follows

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration

permit only, or

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Up to 2 moose by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–Jan. 31, a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order Aug.25 –Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only)

Jan. 7–<u>**Feb. 14**</u> (Subsistence Hunt only)

All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

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By delegation to:

Lem Butler Fish and Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17(A) with a bag limit of up to two moose. The department opened the winter hunt from January 7–31 (25-day hunt), but few moose were taken (2 bulls and 4 cows) because hunters had difficulty accessing the hunt area.

Prior to opening the winter hunt, the department established a harvest quota of ten cow moose to regulate the population in Unit 17(A). The reported harvest for the fall and winter hunts (24 bulls and 5 cows, and 1 unknown) is currently below the harvest quota, and it does not appear likely that cow quota will be reached before the season closes on January 31.

As a result, the department is extending the 17(A) winter moose season until February 14 to provide additional harvest opportunity and to regulate the moose population. The department will issue an Emergency Order to close the winter moose season in Unit 17(A) when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose is reached.

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