# Hunting and Trapping

## **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-08-14

**Issued at** Bethel, Alaska September 3, 2014

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

September 4, 2014

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2015

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident hunting season in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim River hunt area. This area includes the Lower Kuskokwim River drainage where the hunting season for antlered bull moose by registration permit RM615 on State Land closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 4, 2014. Based on harvest reports received to date, the harvest quota of 100 bull moose will be reached by the closing date in this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

#### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(16)

Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area, that portion easterly of a line from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60° 59.41' Latitude; W 162° 22.14' Longitude), continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the

Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then upstream along the creek to the Unit 18 border and north of and including the Eek River drainage.

1 antlered bull by registration permit only

Sept. 1 - Sept. 4

No open season.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Phillip Perry Area Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration permit hunt for bull moose in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim River hunt area. The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at approximately 1300 moose and a harvest quota of 100 bull moose has been established by the department to prevent overharvest of bulls. Hunting began on September 1 and harvest rates show that the harvest quota of 100 bulls will be reached by September 4, 2014. Hunters are reminded to report their harvest within 24 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by September 25, 2014.

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