# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-04-15

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday September 9, 2015 Issued at Glennallen, Alaska September 8, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2016, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 Unit 13D, from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers, or 50 inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045** (11), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

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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

Sept. 9 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)

#### September 8, 2015

permit only in Unit <u>13D and</u> 13E; or

1 bull per harvest report by community harvest permit only in Units 13A East,13B, 13C, and Unit 11; however, no more than 100 bulls that do not meet antler Restrictions for other resident hunts in the same area may be taken in the entire community harvest area; or Aug. 10 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Frank Roblins

Frank Robbins Area Wildlife Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

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Prior to the hunt, a quota of fourteen bull moose that do not conform with the general season antler restrictions was established for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13D. The quota in Units 13D and 13E, based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates, have been reached.

Copper Basin community moose hunters can still hunt moose in Units 13D and 13E through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20), however all bulls taken must conform to the general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 100 moose that do not conform to general season antler restrictions to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt. The cumulative total for quotas for the 2015-16 season is 100 moose. The following table lists the quotas for each hunt area and the general season antler restrictions.

This emergency order changes only the bag limit in Unit 13D. Bulls that do not meet the general season antler restrictions can still be taken in the remaining open subunits of Unit 13, 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.

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CM300 Quota of Bulls That Do Not Meet General Season Requirements	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction for all other resident hunters
0	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
0	GMU 13A West	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13A East	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
30	GMU 13B	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
18	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
14	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
26	GMU 13E	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
2	GMU 11	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 3 or more brow tines

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