# Hunting and Trapping

## **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-03-15

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. September 2, 2015 **Issued at** Nome, Alaska September 2, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

### **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the moose season in hunt area Unit 22(C) covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident and nonresident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(C) closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 2, 2015. The fall harvest quota of 9 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The season closure does not affect the remaining hunt areas assigned to registration permit hunt RM840: the portion of Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22D Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22D Southwest.

#### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(C):

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 22(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 2

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1 antlerless moose by registration permit; or	No ope	n season	
1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order		- Jan. 31 announced)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration permit			Sept. 1 – Sept. 2
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.			
By delega	tion to:	Sam Cotten Commissioner Tage Tony S. Gorn Unit 22 Area Biologia	st
JUSTIFICATION:			
Following a record harvest in 2004 of 52 bull moose in Unit 22(C), fall composition surveys found the bull:cow ratio had declined to 11 bulls per 100 cows. Annual fall surveys completed between 2005 and 2014 found an average of 16 bulls per 100 cows. For regulatory year 2015-2016 the department established a harvest quota of 9 bulls in Unit 22(C) to prevent excessive harvest and to improve the bull:cow ratio. The fall harvest quota of 9 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency			

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