Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-07-15

Issued at Nome, Alaska September 10, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

September 10, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the resident bull moose season in hunt areas Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in the specified portions of Unit 22 closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 10, 2015. The fall harvest quota of 37 bull moose has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(D):

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(20)

Unit 22(D), that portion within the Kougarok, Kuzitrin, and Pilgrim River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 10

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 - Jan. 3 (To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

No open season.

Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam's Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel

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Jan. 1 – Jan. 3

(To be announced)

Sept. 1 – Sept. 10

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Letty Hughes

Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage. A fall moose composition

survey completed in November 2013 found a decline in the areas bull:cow ratio. The management objective for the area is 30B:100C and the 2013 fall survey found 23B:100C. Similar surveys completed in 2008 and 2011 found 33B:100C and 28B:100C, respectively. For regulatory year 2015-2016, the department established a harvest quota of 37 bull moose to prevent excessive harvest and to improve the bull:cow ratio.

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