Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-05-17

Effective Date: 11:59 PM October 31, 2017

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska October 31, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens targeted hunt, AM751, in Game Management Units 20A and 20B for winter 2017-2018. Hunters signed up during October 1-31 in a format similar to a registration hunt. The list of hunters is randomized and hunters' names are drawn, during the winter months, to harvest specific nuisance or injured moose as the need arises. These moose have created a nuisance and/or hazardous situation for residents; or created a dangerous situation near roads where moose-vehicle collisions are known to occur. The lottery drawing selects hunters to respond to these nuisance or injured moose on short notice.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(a)(18), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits (18)	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 20(A), the Ferry Trail Management Area, Wood River Controlled Use Area, and the Yanert Controlled Use Area		
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)	

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

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Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Remainder of Unit 20(A)

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1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued

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Unit 20(B), remainder of the Fairbanks Management Area

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1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued

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Unit 20(B), that portion south-east of the Moose Creek dike within one-half mile of each side of the Richardson Highway

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1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)

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Remainder of Unit 20(B)

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1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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All other moose hunting regulations in Units 20A and 20B remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tony Hollis Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Units 20A and 20B have a combined population of approximately 25,000 moose. Within these healthy populations of moose are urban centers and road systems with many residents and vehicles. Moose interactions in these urban and semi-urban environments can lead to dangerous conflicts between people and moose or result in severely injured moose that must be put down. Nuisance and injured moose are common within these areas and the Department of Fish and Game responds to many situations regarding these animals. It is also common for moose to inhabit areas near roadways, creating hazards during the dark winter months. Under this emergency order, hunters who receive the AM751 permit will be authorized to take a specific moose that is causing a safety concern or hunt a specific area where a safety concern may be eminent. This allows the hunters to alleviate the area of the problem or nuisance moose and at the same time put moose meat in their freezers.

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