Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Department

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-01-19

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Effective Date: 12:01 AM

March 1, 2019

Expiration Date: June 30, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent

emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This announcement opens a state resident registration permit hunt, RM831, for any moose in the portion of Game Management Unit 21D south of the south bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough and west of Kala Creek.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(a)(19)(B)**, **HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose in Unit 21D:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 21(D), that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1-Sept. 25

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 320 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

Sept. 5–Sept. 25

1 bull, by registration permit only; or

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Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
	Sept. 5–Sept. 25
Aug. 22–Aug. 31 Sept. 5–Sept. 25	
Sept. 5–Sept. 25	
Mar. 1-Mar. 15	
	Sept. 5–Sept. 25
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) Aug. 22–Aug. 31 Sept. 5–Sept. 25 Sept. 5–Sept. 25

Aug. 22–Aug. 31 Sept. 5–Sept. 25

Units and Bag Limits

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 600 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 21(D) that portion south of the South bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough and west of Kala Creek

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) Sept. 5–Sept. 25

Nonresident Open Season

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side, by drawing permit only; up to 600 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 21(D), that portion south of the South bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough and west of Kala Creek

Sept. 5-Sept. 25

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 21D remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

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Glenn Stout Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration permit hunt in the portion of Unit 21D south of the south bank of the Yukon River downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough and west of Kala Creek at their January 2019 meeting. The board supported the season opening in 2019, in order to make progress toward the Intensive Management harvest objectives in Unit 21D.

The moose population in the Kaiyuh Flats area of Unit 21D is increasing rapidly, providing additional moose available for harvest. Moose abundance in the hunt area was estimated to be 1,900–2,500 in 2011 and increased to an estimated 4,000–4,500 moose by fall 2018.

The Unit 21D 10-year average estimated harvest during 2008–2017 was 412 moose, which is below the Intensive Management harvest objective of 500–1,000 moose. The harvest quota for this winter hunt will be 25 moose, to include no more than 20 cows. The harvest of cows accompanied by calves is prohibited. Hunters who have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2018) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Hunters must report their harvest within 2 days of harvest, and unsuccessful hunters or hunters that did not hunt need to report by March 31, 2019.

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