Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-03-20

Issued at Bethel, Alaska February 05, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

February 6, 2020

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order opens and extends the state resident moose season in Unit 18 covered under that portion south of and including the Goodnews River drainage, under registration permit hunt RM621. The season will open February 6, 2020, and close March 15, 2020. The bag limit for the winter season in the Goodnews hunt area is one moose. The season will be closed by emergency order once the quota of 15 moose is reached.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045** (a) (16), **HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(16)

In Unit 18, that portion south of and including the Goodnews River drainage

1 moose by registration permit only

Feb. 6 - Mar. 15

No open Season

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Jones Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game(BOG) established a registration permit hunt in Unit 18, that portion south of and including the Goodnews River drainage for a winter moose season at the January 2017 BOG meeting. The moose population in the Goodnews river hunt area is estimated between 250-330 moose, and the harvest quota for the winter hunt will be 15 moose. This announced winter season provides additional opportunity for hunters to harvest a moose now that winter travelling conditions allow hunter access to the RM621 hunt area. Hunters are asked to report their harvest within 36 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office (907) 543-2839 or (907) 543-2457. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2019) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by April 15, 2020.

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Unit 18:

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