HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R 1-12-23

Issued at Juneau, Alaska October 15, 2023

Effective Date: October 16, 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024(unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order).

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident moose hunting seasons in the portion of Game Management Unit 5A west of the Dangerous River. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Monday, October 16, 2023.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 5(A):

| Unit and Bag Limit | Resident Open Season | Nonresident Open Season |
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| Unit 5(A), except Nunatak Bench; that portion west of the Dangerous River | Oct. 15- Oct.16 | None |

One bull by registration permit only

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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 5A are not affected by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang Commissioner

Roy Churchwell

By delegation to: **V** Roy Churchwell Management Coordinator

Justification:

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game set a harvest objective of 30 bull moose for the Yakutat Forelands West side of the Dangerous River at 30 bull moose for the 2023 hunting season. As of Sunday evening, October 15, 2023, at least 29 bulls have been harvested under Federal and State hunting regulations and with rumors of at least one more having been harvested indicating the harvest objective has likely already been met.

This emergency order (R1-12-23) closes the state season on Monday, October 16, 2023@11:59 pm. The United States Forest Service will also issue a news release closing the federal season in this area effective October 16, 2023.