Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order
Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-01-15

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska
January 30, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
January 31, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2015
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game
Management Unit 17(A) to February 28. The bag limit for the winter season in Unit 17(A) hunt
is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one bull moose with a RM575 registration permit
(bull permit) and/or one cow with a RM576 registration permit (cow permit). Hunters who have
already taken a moose in the fall are only allowed to harvest one additional moose (either sex).
The cow season will be closed by emergency order when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose has
been reached, and the bull season will be closed by emergency order when a harvest quota of 15
bull moose has been reached. Permits will be available only at the Dillingham ADF&G office
and Togiak Traditional Council office. This emergency order does not affect any other moose
hunting regulations in Unit 17.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits
for Moose, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory
year, only as follows

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only, or

Up to 2 moose by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–Jan. 31, a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order

**Aug. 25 – Sept. 20**
(Subsistence Hunt only)

**Dec. 1 – Feb. 28**
(Subsistence Hunt only)

... All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: [Handwritten signature]

Neil Barten
Dillingham Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17(A) with a bag limit of up to two moose. Little snow and poor travel conditions have limited hunters’ access to moose thus far and the harvest is well below our objectives for both bull and cow moose. The quotas for the winter hunt are 10 cows and 15 bulls. As of Thursday, January 29, only 4 cows and 1 bull have been harvested. Aerial surveys conducted in March 2011 indicated at least 1,166 moose in Unit 17(A) with a bull ratio of 66 bulls:100 cows. High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate the population can sustain the harvest of 10 cow moose annually. The department will issue emergency orders to close the cow season when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose has been reached and when the harvest quota of 15 bull moose has been reached.

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