

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-11-17

Issued at Palmer, Alaska
December 08, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
December 10, 2017

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unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska winter moose hunt in the Unit 17C portion of the RM585 hunt area. Composition surveys indicate the bull-to-cow ratio in Unit 17C is currently well below the fall post hunting season management goal. Closing the season is necessary to prevent further overharvest of bull moose in Unit 17C.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 17(B), that portion in the
Unit 17(B) nonresident closed area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration
permit only; however,
during the period Sept.
1 - Sept. 15, spike-fork bulls
and bulls with 50-inch antlers
or antlers with 3 or more brow tines
on one side may be taken
with a harvest ticket; or

Aug. 20 - Sept. 15
Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

1 antlered bull by registration permit only Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side, by registration permit only; up to 75 permits may be issued Sept. 5 - Sept. 15

Remainder of Unit 17(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only; however, during the period Sept. 1 - Sept. 15, spike-fork bulls and bulls with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side may be taken with a harvest ticket; or Aug. 20 - Sept. 15 Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

1 antlered bull by registration permit only Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side Sept. 5 - Sept. 15

Unit 17(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS: Aug. 20 - Sept. 15

1 bull by registration permit only; however, during the period Sept. 1 - Sept. 15, spike-fork bulls and bulls with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side may be taken with a harvest ticket; or

1 antlered bull by registration permit only Dec. 1 - Dec. 10


NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Neil Barten
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Composition surveys indicate the bull-to-cow ratio in Unit 17C area is currently lower than the minimum that biologists try to manage for post hunting season. With eight moose already reported taken and approximately 240 permits already issued, additional moose are likely to be taken. Relatively good snow conditions for snowmachine travel have increased the popularity of the hunt this year, and biologists believe closing the season is necessary to prevent overharvesting the bull portion of this moose population. Incomplete harvest reporting has also been an issue that creates uncertainty with managers when trying to tally the harvest for in-season management of this hunt.

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