This emergency order closes the state registration permit hunt RM435 for moose in Unit 14C, in the upper Ship Creek drainage. All other moose hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this emergency order.

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(12), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:  
Cory Stantorf  
Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Ship Creek drainage moose population is estimated at 199 individuals, based on an aerial survey conducted in November 2013. In order to maintain the appropriate bull:cow ratio and the overall population objective for this area, the department has determined the harvest from this area should not exceed 15 bulls. Eleven bulls were harvested in the fall drawing permit hunts (DM446 and DM447) and an additional two bulls were reported harvested in RM435 as of October 25 with many additional hunters remaining in the field; therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this hunt.

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