Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-04-19

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 2, 2019

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 2, 2019

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident and nonresident moose season in hunt area Unit 22(C) covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident and nonresident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(C) closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 2, 2019. The fall harvest quota of 16 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The season closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas: Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22(D) Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22(D) Southwest.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(C):

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Unit 22(C)
RESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration permit

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:
Bill Dunker
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Following a record harvest in 2004 of 52 bull moose in Unit 22(C), fall trend count composition surveys completed between 2006 and 2012 resulted in undesirable bull: cow ratios below 20 bulls:100 cows. In regulatory year 2013 the department implemented a reduced quota hunt management strategy to improve Unit 22(C) bull to cow ratios. Fall trend count composition surveys completed in 2017 and 2018 found 32 bulls:100 cows and 31 bulls:100 cows, respectively.

For regulatory year 2019-2020 the department established a harvest quota of 16 bulls in Unit 22(C) to prevent over harvest, and to continue the improvement of the bull:cow ratio. The fall harvest quota of 16 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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