Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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<th><strong>Issued at</strong> Nome, Alaska September 6, 2019</th>
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<td><strong>Effective Date:</strong> 11:59 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Expiration Date:</strong> June 30, 2020</td>
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**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the State resident moose season in hunt area Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident fall season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 6, 2019. The fall harvest quota of 23 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted. *(Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below).* Hunters should note that a season closure for federal public lands may be announced by federal managers.

Moose hunting in Unit 22(B) is managed by permit hunts with separate fall and winter harvest quotas. The Department plans to administer hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2020 with a quota that will be dependent on overall fall harvest.

The closure in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is additive to the RM840 season closures previously announced for Unit 22(C), Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) in the Kuzitrin River drainage.

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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

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<td><strong>(Subsistence and General Hunts)</strong></td>
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(20)
... Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 antlered bull by registration permit only; 

Sept. 1 - Sept. 6

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
No open season.

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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:

The moose population in western Unit 22(B) declined 15% annually between 1987 and 1992. Since that time the population has persisted at low densities with poor recruitment that averaged 11% 1992-2019. In order to prevent overharvest, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B). The fall harvest quota of 23 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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