Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060 of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-01-20

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 13, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 13, 2020

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, at 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2020 (Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below). The harvest quota of 7 antlered bulls will be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

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

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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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:
Sara Germain
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The western Unit 22(B) moose population has remained stable at a low density (≤0.25 moose/mi²) with recruitment rates at or below 10% between 1999 and 2013. The department completed a spring GSPE abundance survey in March 2016 and found an estimate of 728 observable moose (609-847 at 90% C.I.), and a recruitment rate of 14% short yearlings. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B) and the department set an annual harvest quota of 34 bulls based on results from the 2016 spring GSPE moose abundance survey. The fall season closed Sept. 6, 2019 with a reported harvest of 27 bull moose. The winter season, RM843, opened January 1, 2020 with a harvest quota of 7 antlered bulls. The harvest is expected to be reached by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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