Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-04-20

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
March 20, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
March 20, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska winter moose season in a portion of GMU 18. The resident moose season with a bag limit of two moose will open from March 20 – April 30 in the following areas:

Remainder of Unit 18

Please note that the bag limit for Unit 18 Remainder is 2 moose. If a person only harvested 1 moose in either the fall or winter season, they are still able to harvest one moose in the extended season. Also note that this announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 18. All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

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2 moose of which only 1 may be an antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf; or
2 antlerless moose  Oct. 1 – Nov. 30  No Open Season
2 moose  Dec. 1 – April 30  Dec. 1 – March 15

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Patrick Jones
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:
The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at over 15,500 moose. Winter harvests in the past 5 years have fluctuated between 600 and 800 moose. Allowing additional hunting opportunity through the end of April will provide additional opportunity and harvest data indicate the population can sustain additional harvest. This also aligns moose hunting regulation on State and Federally managed lands. The Alaska Board of Game recently took action to permanently change Remainder of Unit 18 moose season dates as described in this Emergency Order (05-04-20).

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Unit 18:
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