Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order
Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-04-21
Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 2, 2021

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
Expiration Date: June 30, 2022

September 2, 2021

EXPLANATION:

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

The State resident and nonresident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(C) closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 2, 2021. 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.

This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas: Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22(D) Remainder, 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(C):

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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.

JUSTIFICATION:
A conservative harvest strategy has been implemented in Unit 22(C) since 2013 in an effort to increase the bull:cow ratio. Fall trend count composition surveys completed in 2017 and 2018 found 32 bulls:100 cows and 31 bulls:100 cows, respectively.

For regulatory year 2021-2022 the department established a harvest quota of 16 bulls in Unit 22(C) to prevent over harvest, while also maintaining the bull:cow ratio at or above 30 bulls:100 cows. 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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