Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-04-24

Issued at Nome, Alaska September 2, 2024

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

September 2, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2025

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) will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 2, 2024. The fall harvest quota of 25 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The closure in Unit 22(C) is additive to the RM840 season closure announced for Unit 22(D) Remainder. This 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(C):

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 22(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 – Sept. 2

only; or

1 antlered bull by registration Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 permit only; during the period (To be announced)

Dec. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may

Dec. 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

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Sept. 1 – Sept. 2

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

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sara Henslee Area Biologist

Sara Hensle

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(C) which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. The moose population in the combined Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(B) survey area increased at a rate of 5% annually between 2016 and 2022. Additionally, bull:cow ratios obtained from composition surveys in Unit 22(C) completed in 2018 and 2021 were estimated to be 31B:100C during both years.

For regulatory year 2023-2024, the Department established a harvest quota of 25 bulls in Unit 22(C) in response to the observed population increase and bull:cow ratios consistently above the management objective of 20B:100C. The fall harvest quota of 25 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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