

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order R5-6-24

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
October 4, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
October 5, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2025

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the state resident moose season in Unit 18, that portion that drains into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Carter Bay Drainage (including the Goodnews River drainage) under the registration permit hunt RM620. The season will open October 5, 2024 and go to October 15, 2024. The bag limit for the Goodnews hunt area is one bull moose.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(16)		
Unit 18, that portion that Drains into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Carter Bay Drainage		
1 bull, excluding male calves, by registration permit only; or	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 Oct. 5 – Oct. 15	No open Season
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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: _____



Keith Oster
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in the Goodnews river hunt area is estimated between 400-450 moose. There was a 30 day season in September, but the quota of 40 bulls was not achieved. Poor weather in the first part of the month and high water in the latter part of the month has resulted in low harvest. Hunters have only reported harvesting 4 moose and with 41 total permit holders it is not possible to surpass the harvest objective. This extended season provides additional opportunity for hunters to harvest a moose. Hunters are asked to report their harvest within 36 hours to the Bethel ADF&G office (907) 543-2839 or (907) 543-2457. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2024) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by October 31, 2024.

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