

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-14-25

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
October 29, 2025

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
October 31, 2025

Expiration Date: June 30, 2026
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens targeted hunt, AM751, in Game Management Unit (Unit) 20A and portions of Unit 20B. Interested hunters sign up during October 1-31 in a format similar to a registration hunt, with a finite application period. The list of hunters is randomized and hunters' names are drawn, during the winter months, to harvest specific nuisance or injured moose as the need arises. The lottery drawing selects hunters to respond to these nuisance or injured moose on short notice.

This emergency order opens the AM751 targeted hunt for winter 2025-2026 by allowing hunters who have pre-registered during October 1-31 and are randomly drawn, to take specific moose within Unit 20A or portions of Unit 20B that are injured, have created nuisance or safety concerns for people, or have created a dangerous situation near roads where moose-vehicle collisions are common.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(a)(18), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits
(18)

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Unit 20(A), the Ferry Trail Management Area, Wood River Controlled Use Area, and the Yanert Controlled Use Area

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)	
...		
Remainder of Unit 20(A)		
...		
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)	
...		
Unit 20(B), remainder of the Fairbanks Management Area		
...		
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)	
...		
Unit 20(B), that portion south-east of the Moose Creek dike within one-half mile of each side of the Richardson Highway		
...		
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 15 (General hunt only)	
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Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Remainder of Unit 20(B)		

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1 moose by targeted permit only; by
shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow
only; up to 100 permits may be issued

Nov. 1–Apr. 15
(General hunt only)

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All other moose hunting regulations in Units 20A and 20B remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Jeff Wells
Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Units 20A and 20B have a combined population of approximately 20,000 moose. Some of these animals occur near busy roadways and within urban or semi-urban areas where interactions with people are common. In these settings, moose can pose safety risks to the public or become severely injured and require euthanasia. Such incidents are relatively frequent, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff routinely respond to reports of nuisance or injured moose. Moose are also often found near highways, where they create additional hazards during the dark winter months.

Under this emergency order, hunters issued an **AM751 permit** are authorized to harvest a specific moose that poses a safety concern, is injured, or is located within an area where a safety issue is imminent. This approach allows hunters to selectively harvest these animals while simultaneously allowing them to fill their freezers.