

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order R5-10-25

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
October 27, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
October 28, 2025

Expiration Date: June 30, 2026

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order opens a state resident only registration moose hunt (RM605) in the Unit 18 Kuskokwim area, that portion known as Zone 1 of hunt RM615. The season will open November 5, 2025, and go to January 15, 2026. The bag limit for the Kuskokwim hunt area is one moose, and proxy hunting is allowed for this hunt.

- One hundred (100) registration permits (any moose) will be available online <http://hunt.alaska.gov> beginning November 5, 2025 at 9am. (Available only to Alaska Residents)

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.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

(16)

Unit 18 Kuskokwim area, that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainages north and west of a line beginning at the confluence of Whitefish Lake and Ophir Creek at the Unit 18 boundary and continuing southwest to the confluence of Tuluksak and Fog Rivers, then southerly to the lower Kisaralik River-Kasigluk

River cutoff of the Kisaralik River, then southwesterly to the lower Kisaralik River-Kasigluk River cutoff of the Kasigluk River, then southwesterly to the Akulikutak River where the snowmachine trail crosses the river from the east side of Three Step Mountain, then westerly to the confluence of Kwethluk River and Magic Creek, then southwesterly to the confluence of Eek River and Middle Fork Eek River, then southwesterly to the Unit 18 boundary at 60° 4.983' N, 161° 37.140' W; and all drainages easterly of a line from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake at 60° 59.41' N, 162° 22.14' W, continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver along the east bank of Crooked Creek to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank of Arhymot Lake easterly to the Unit 18 boundary

1 moose, by registration permit only; or

Nov. 5 – Jan. 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: Patrick Jones

Patrick Jones
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in the Kuskokwim hunt area was last surveyed in the spring of 2024 with an estimated population of just over 5,000 moose. This is at the upper limits of the desired population size. In the September 2025 hunt, 235 moose were harvested in Zone 1 and 65 moose were harvested in Zone 2. This population is at the upper limits of our population goal it can support additional harvest beyond the total harvest of 300 moose already harvested this year.

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