

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order R5-9-25

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
October 3, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
October 4, 2025

Expiration Date: June 30, 2026

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 4, 2025 and go to October 15, 2025. 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.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. 4 – 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. Members of the communities in the hunt area have reported a myriad of difficulties this hunting season and hunters have only reported harvesting 4 moose. Further, with only 28 permits issued for the fall 2025 season 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 5 days to the Bethel ADF&G office (907) 543-2839 or (907) 543-1678. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2025) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by October 31, 2025.

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Akiak	Emmonak	Kotlik
Algaaciq	Goodnews Bay	Kwethluk
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