Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-15-26

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
October 23, 2026

Effective Date: 11:59 P.M
October 31, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 PM
June 30, 2027 unless by superseded subsequent emergency order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 to harvest specific moose that are injured or have created significant safety concerns for people during the winter months. 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 2026-2027 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 or have created safety concerns for people, including dangerous situations 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(a)(18), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose: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	**Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)**	**Nonresident Open Season**
(18)		
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. 30 (General hunt only)	
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Remainder of Unit 20(A)		
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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. 30 (General hunt only)	
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Unit 20(B), remainder of the Fairbanks Management Area		
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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. 30 (General hunt only)	
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Unit 20(B), that portion south-east of the Moose Creek dike within one-half mile of each side of the Richardson Highway		
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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. 30 (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)		
…		
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Nov. 1–Apr. 30 (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.