

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R4-6-26

Issued at: King Salmon, Alaska
July 1, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
Sept. 26, 2026

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unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the RM272 resident only moose hunting season within Unit 9B.

The hunting season in Unit 9B opened on September 1, 2026 and the closing date will be extended from September 25 to September 30, 2026. To participate, hunters must be Alaska residents, possess a valid Alaska state hunting license, and a state registration permit (RM272) available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> and in person in Unit 9B villages or in King Salmon. Hunters must report harvest within 10 days of killing a moose. The bag limit is one bull moose; successful hunters will not be able to harvest a moose in the RM272 December 15–January 15 winter hunt. This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 9.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the regulations of **5 AAC 85.045(a)(8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Open Season
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Unit 9(B)		

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration
permit only;

Sept. 1 – **Sept. 30**

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Manny Eichholz
Region IV, Assistant Regional
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The RM272 registration moose hunt in Game Management Units 9B will be extended to September 30, 2026.

Several unusual conditions have significantly reduced moose hunting opportunities in Unit 9B this season. Unseasonably warm temperatures in early September made hunting conditions difficult, while high water levels limited access to traditional hunting areas. Periods of heavy rain rendered many creeks impassable and made travel along the north shore of Iliamna Lake challenging. In addition, wind and water conditions frequently made boat travel difficult or unsafe. Because many hunters rely heavily on boat access, the combination of high water and repeated poor travel days reduced the number of days hunters could realistically access hunting areas during the open season. The number of successful harvests reported is lower than in recent years. The 2025 ADF&G composition survey illustrates stable moose density in Unit 9B with a high bull-cow ratio above management objectives. This indicates a harvestable bull surplus.

Registration permits are available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Unit 9B villages and in King Salmon. Successful hunters are required to report to King Salmon ADF&G office by phone (907-246-3340), in person, or online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> **within 10 days of killing a moose**. Meat taken prior to October 1 in Unit 9B must remain on the bones of the front quarters and hindquarters until removed from the field or processed for consumption.

For questions or more information about moose hunting opportunities in Unit 9, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon at (907) 246-3340.

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