

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order 05-01-26**

**Issued at Nome, Alaska**  
January 30, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
February 1, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2026  
unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency Order

### **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, until 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2026 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The RM843 season will remain open until February 28, 2026 or until the remaining quota is met. Permits for RM843 will continue to be available in person only at vendors in White Mountain and Golovin.

### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                    | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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| (20)   |   |                                    |
| ...  |   |                                    |
| Remainder of Unit 22(B)                        |   |                                    |
| <b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>                       |   |                                    |
| 1 bull by registration<br>permit only; or      | Sept. 1 - Sept. 14  |                                    |
| 1 antlered bull by<br>registration permit only | Jan. 1 – <b>Feb. 28</b>   |                                    |

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: Sara Henslee  
Sara Henslee  
Area Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The department set an annual harvest quota of 40 bulls for regulatory year 2025-2026 based on the results of the 2022 spring abundance survey. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(B) West which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. Current harvest indicates the quota will not be met by the regular season closing date of January 31.

Given that the current reported harvest is below what sustainable for the area, and that 9 of 16 antlered bulls have been harvested, additional harvest can be sustained. If the quota is met before the season date announced in this emergency order, additional emergency orders will be announced to close the season and prevent overharvest.

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