

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order R5-05-26

Issued at Nome, Alaska August 27, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 am August 29, 2026

Expiration Date: June 30, 2027

EXPLANATION

This Emergency Order closes the state resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22D Remainder hunt area. The state resident hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22D Remainder closes at 11:59 p.m. on August 28, 2026. The harvest quota of 17 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt areas including Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22C, Unit 22D Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22D Southwest. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season in Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22C, and Units 22D Kuzitrin and Southwest is open from September 1–14, 2026.

All other moose hunting regulations remain unchanged in Unit 22.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22D:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 22(D)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10 – <u>Aug. 28</u>	
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS

No open season.

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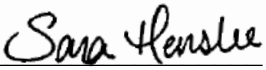
All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION

The Alaska Board of Game (BOG) established a registration permit moose hunt in Unit 22D Remainder during the 2020 Western and Arctic Board of Game meeting in Nome. Moose composition surveys last completed in the fall of 2022 resulted in bull: cow ratios below management objectives. With the adoption of a registration permit hunt in the area, the department established a quota of the 22D Remainder hunt area of 17 bulls for the 2026–27 regulatory year to prevent excessive bull harvest and allow for the bull: cow ratio to increase.

The harvest quota is expected to be met by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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By delegation to: 
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