

# HUNTING-TRAPPING

## Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-14-15

Issued at Juneau, Alaska  
October 12, 2015

Effective Date: October 14, 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016  
(unless superseded by a subsequent  
emergency order).

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident moose hunting seasons in the portion of Game Management Unit 5A west of the Dangerous River. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

### REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 5(A):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 5(A), except Nunatak Bench; that portion west of the Dangerous River	No Open Season	No Open Season
One bull by registration permit only		

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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 5A are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Stephanie Sell  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game set a harvest objective of 25 bull moose for the area west of the Dangerous River for the 2015 hunting season. As of Monday morning, October 12, 2015, 21 bulls have been harvested. We suspect more moose are down in the field and we expect the harvest will meet or exceed the harvest objective. An aerial survey in December 2013 resulted in a 12 bulls per 100 cow moose ratio which is below the 25:100 management objective for the Yakutat area. While the December 2013 bull:cow ratio is considered a minimum ratio due to survey timing it is important, if possible, not to exceed the harvest objective of 25 bull moose west of the Dangerous River to ensure adequate bull to cow ratios for this portion of the Yakutat forelands.

Because the harvest objective of 25 bull moose is expected to be reached during the federal subsistence moose season the State of Alaska moose hunting season will not open in 2015 in the area west of the Dangerous River to Yakutat Bay on the Yakutat Forelands. An Emergency Order (01-14-15) has been issued that closes the state moose hunting season in this area on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 11:59 pm. The United States Forest Service will issue a news release closing the federal moose hunting season in this area, effective October 13, 2015 @ 11:59 pm.

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