Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-04-22

Issued at Nome, Alaska

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 7, 2022

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains hunt area.

The State resident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 7, 2022 (Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below). Hunters should note that a season closure for federal public lands may be announced by federal managers.

The closure in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is additive to the RM840 season closures previously announced for Unit 22(C), Unit 22(D) in the Kuzitrin River drainage, and Unit 22(D) Southwest. This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit RM840 hunt area: Unit 22(D) Remainder.

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Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

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RESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull by registration
permit only; or

1 antlered bull by registration
permit only;

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 Germain
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

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. To provide both fall and winter moose hunting opportunities in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains fall and winter registration permit hunts with separate harvest quotas are administered annually. The allocation of the harvestable surplus between the fall and winter hunting seasons follows recommendations provided by representatives of the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee.

The moose population in the combined Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(B) survey area increased at a rate of 5% annually between 2016 and 2022. The department set an annual harvest quota of 40 bulls for regulatory year 2022-2023 based on the results of the 2022 spring abundance survey. The Department plans to administer registration permit hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2023 with a quota that will be dependent on the harvest during the fall RM840 season. The total reported harvest during the fall RM840 moose hunt is 26 bulls as of September 7, 2022. The total reported moose harvest has met the fall harvest quota and no further harvest is warranted. Harvest in excess of what has been allocated to the fall season would detract from the opportunity provided during the winter hunt.
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