

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-01-15

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 15, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 16, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2015

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, at 11:59 p.m. on January 16, 2015 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section*). The harvest quota of 11 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration
permit only; or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 8

1 antlered bull by
registration permit only

Jan. 1 - Jan. 16

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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

Sam Cotten
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:



William R Dunker
Wildlife Biologist I

JUSTIFICATION:

The western Unit 22(B) moose population has remained stable at a low density ($\leq 0.25/\text{mi}^2$) with recruitment rates at or below 10% since 1999. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B) and the department set an annual harvest quota of 31 bulls based on results from the 2013 stratified moose population survey. The fall season closed Sept. 8, 2014 with a reported harvest of 20 bull moose. The winter season, hunt RM843, opened January 1, 2015 with a harvest quota of 11 antlered bulls which is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

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