

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-02-15

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
March 11, 2014

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
March 11, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2015

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska winter moose season in a portion of GMU 18. The resident moose season with a bag limit of two moose will open from March 16 – March 31 in the following areas:

Remainder of Unit 18

Please note that if a person has harvested one moose in the fall 2014 or winter 2015 season they are still able to harvest one moose in this extended season. Also note that this announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 18. All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 18

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 moose; of which only 1 may be an antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf; or	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30
2 antlerless moose	Oct. 1 – Nov. 30

2 moose

Dec . 1 – Mar. 31


NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull

Sept. 1–Sept. 30

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Phillip Perry
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in the Remainder of Unit 18 is estimated at over 12,000 moose. Winter harvests in the past 5 years have fluctuated between 150 and 200 moose. Extended periods of poor travel conditions have made it difficult for many hunters to hunt moose this winter. From hunter reports and observations from enforcement personnel we believe the harvest so far this winter has been a small fraction of the average. Allowing additional hunting opportunity through the end of March will provide additional opportunity and harvest data indicate the population can sustain additional harvest.

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