

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-02-17

Issued at Cordova, Alaska
September 15, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 pm
September 16, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state registration permit hunt RM164 for antlered moose in Game Management Unit 6(B). All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 6 are unaffected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(4), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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<u>Unit 6 (B)</u> 1 moose per regulatory year, only as follows: 1 antlered moose by registration permit only; up to 22 antlered moose may be taken;	Sept. 1—Sept. 16	No open season

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 6 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner


Charlotte Westing

By delegation to: Charlotte Westing
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The 2014 moose population point estimate for Unit 6B, east of the Copper River Delta and including the Martin River Valley, is 227 moose (90% CI 177-278). There has not been adequate snow to conduct a population estimate since that time. However, composition survey completed last fall resulted in 245 moose observed in selected areas and 48 Bulls per 100 Cows. The Department set a maximum allowable harvest of 22 bulls. The current harvest is 22 bulls and hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent overharvest, RM164 will be closed on 16 September 2017 at 11:59 pm.

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