

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order** 05-09-18

**Issued at** Nome, Alaska  
September 21, 2018

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
September 22, 2018

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2019

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the State resident fall season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM841 in Unit 22(A) Central until September 30, 2018. The hunt area covered by this extension includes Unit 22(A) that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages. The current reported harvest of 24 antlered bulls is below the established fall harvest quota of 34 antlered bulls. An extension of the season will allow additional hunting opportunity to reach the quota. The fall season may be closed by a subsequent emergency order when the harvest quota is reached.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River Drainages	Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 <b>Sept. 22 – Sept. 30</b>	No open season

registration permit only or

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Dec. 1 – Dec. 31

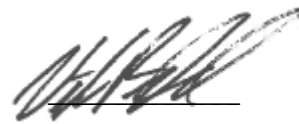
No open season

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Bill Dunker  
Area Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Moose seasons in the central portion of Unit 22(A) were closed in 2005 because of a declining trend in the area's moose populations since 1989. A spring moose abundance survey completed in March 2008 estimated 339 observable moose in the area, and in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted regulations to create a registration moose hunt with a harvest quota to prevent over harvest. The 2017 spring moose abundance survey estimated 840 observable moose. The estimate suggests a 10% annual rate of increase between 2008 and 2017.

The department set a harvest quota of 34 antlered bull moose in this portion of Unit 22(A) for regulatory year 2018-2019. The reported fall harvest from state and federal hunts is 24 antlered bulls. Due to local harvest needs the fall season is being extended until September 30, 2018 to allow additional opportunity to reach the fall harvest quota of 34 antlered bulls.

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