

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R4-6-23

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska
November 9, 2023

Effective Date: 12:00 a.m.
December 1, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter antlered bull moose hunting season in Game Management Units 17B and 17C (RM585). The hunting season will open at 12:00 am on December 1, 2023. This season will close on December 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm, unless closed by subsequent Emergency Order. To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2023 Alaska state hunting license, and a state registration permit (RM585) available at the Dillingham Fish & Game office, and the villages of Koliganek, Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Manokotak. Hunters will be allowed to shoot one antlered bull if they have registration permit RM585 in their possession.

This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		
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Unit 17(B), that portion in the
Unit 17(B) nonresident closed

area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; however, during the period Sept. 1 – Sept. 15, spike-fork bulls and bulls with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side may be taken with a harvest ticket; or

Aug. 20 – Sept. 15
[DEC. 1 – DEC. 31]

1 antlered bull by registration permit only

Dec. 1 – Dec. 31

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Remainder of Unit 17(B)

1 bull by registration permit only; however, during the period Sept. 1 – Sept. 15, spike-fork bulls and bulls with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side may be taken with a harvest ticket; or

Aug. 20 – Sept. 15
[DEC. 1 – DEC. 31]

1 antlered bull moose by registration permit only;

Dec. 1 – Dec. 31

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Unit 17 (C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 antlered bull moose by registration permit only

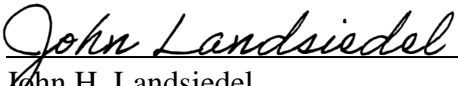
Dec. 1 – Dec. 31

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:


John H. Landsiedel
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The may be announced winter registration moose hunt RM585 in Game Management Unit 17B&C will open on December 1, 2023. Both 17B and 17C will open this December due to the most recent population survey resulting in 3,629 moose from February of 2023. Moose harvest objectives in both Units are currently under objective and can sustain more opportunity. Permittees must call and file a hunt report by phone (907-842-2334) within 3 days of killing a moose.

Registration moose hunt RM585 was designed to supplement fall moose hunting opportunity by providing a limited number of bull moose permits in years when the population allows. Resident fall moose hunters in Units 17B were successful during the fall under the general season and RM583 reporting 57 bulls harvested and 17C reported 160. An additional opportunity during the winter season for both 17B&C is warranted given the population increase over the last four years, but quotas are enacted to remain within harvest limits.

Registration permits will be available in person at the Dillingham ADF&G office starting November 15 and Nushagak River villages when ADF&G staff travel to each community. Successful hunters are required to report to Dillingham ADF&G office (907-842-2334) within **3 days of killing a moose**. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G, regardless of success, within 15 days of the close of the season.

As a reminder, those who were successful in harvesting one moose anywhere in the state are unable to participate in this hunt. It is important that any hunt permittees return their fall hunt reports to provide wildlife managers the information needed to understand harvest by mailing in their paper reports, completing them online at https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter_report_hunterid or in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

For questions or more information about moose hunting opportunities in Unit 17, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at (907) 843-2334.

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