

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-03-23

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 2, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 2, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident and nonresident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22(C) hunt area.

The State resident and nonresident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(C) will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 2, 2023. The fall harvest quota of 25 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

This closure does not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas: Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22(D) Remainder, Unit 22(D) Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22(D) Southwest.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(C):

| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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| (20) | | |
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| Unit 22(C) | | |

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or **Sept. 1 – Sept. 2**

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

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration permit **Sept. 1 – Sept. 2**

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

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Sara Germain
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(C) which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. The moose population in the combined Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(B) survey area increased at a rate of 5% annually between 2016 and 2022. Additionally, bull:cow ratios obtained from composition surveys in Unit 22(C) completed in 2018 and 2021 were estimated to be 31B:100C during both years.

For regulatory year 2023-2024, the Department established a harvest quota of 25 bulls in Unit 22(C) in response to the observed population increase and bull:cow ratios consistently above the management objective of 20B:100C. The fall harvest quota of 25 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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