

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Emergency Petition: Unit 24 Moose Season Extension
September 27, 2004

This summary of actions is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the board's actions.

The Board of Game considered an emergency petition submitted by Ron Sam of Allakaket, requesting an extension of the moose season in a portion of Unit 24, the Kanuti Controlled Use Area. The board found that the petition does not meet the emergency petition criteria found in regulation under 5 AAC 96.625. The board agreed that there is no unforeseen or unexpected situation that either threatens a resource, or an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable harvest would be precluded.

During its deliberations, the board noted that the fire season was unusual this year and that there had been many smoke alerts, low water levels, and individuals who were on fire suppression crews. The department expressed concern that if the board takes action, it focuses the extra hunting time on taking bulls, rather than cows. Board members discussed whether this situation meets the emergency petition criteria, and found that because there are two additional opportunities this winter (a December state season and a March federal season) there is still a chance for people to take moose. In addition, the board stated that the extension of the hunting season by the Federal Subsistence Board on federal lands also provided some additional opportunity.