

# HUNTING-TRAPPING

## Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-12-19

Issued at Douglas, Alaska  
October 2, 2019

Effective Date: October 3, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020 (unless  
superseded by a subsequent emergency  
order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident moose hunt for the Gustavus Forelands, moose hunt RM049.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 1(C):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	

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Unit 1(C), that portion west of  
Excursion Inlet, north of Icy  
Passage (Gustavus hunt area)

Sept. 15 – Oct. 3  
(General hunt only)

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1 moose by registration permit only  
with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch  
antlers or antlers with 3 or more  
brow tines on at least one side

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The remainder of Unit 1(C) moose seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang

Commissioner

By delegation to:

Roy Churchwell

Area Manager



JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the season ADF&G set a harvest quota for the Gustavus area registration moose hunt, RM049, of 11 bulls that meet the antler restrictions listed for this hunt. Current regulations require that a bull moose have antlers with either a spike (one point) or fork (two points) configuration on at least one side or be 50 inches or greater in width or have at least 3 brow tines on one side. To date only 5 of the 9 moose taken in this hunt have met legal antler requirements. During the 2018 season only 4 of the 7 moose taken in this hunt met the antler requirements. The Alaska Board of Game has instituted antler restrictions in many moose hunts around the state. The goals of antler restrictions are; 1) to ensure some breeding-age bulls remain in the population after the hunting season to participate in the rut, and 2) to extend hunting opportunity by requiring hunters to locate bulls meeting the antler requirements. Without the current antler restrictions, the small RM049 harvest quota would likely be met in just a few days greatly reducing hunting opportunity and satisfaction.

To prevent further take of sublegal animals we are instituting an Emergency Order closing the season at 11:59 pm October 3, 2019. The reason for this closure is the high proportion of bull moose taken by RM049 hunters that do not meet current legally harvestable antler configurations. In addition to potentially limiting the number of breeding-age bulls in the post-hunt population, additional take of sublegal bulls will also limit the recruitment of younger bulls into the larger legal antler configurations in future years.

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