

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-08-19

**Issued at** Nome, Alaska  
October 8, 2019

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
October 9, 2019

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2020

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order extends the general season State resident fall season for bull moose in Unit 22(A) north of and including the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainage beginning October 09, 2019 at 12:01am through October 15, 2019 at 11:59pm. The combined estimated and reported harvest is below what is believed to be sustainable. This extension is expected to increase opportunity for hunters but not increase the harvest beyond what is sustainable for the area.

### **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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):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>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>		

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Unit 22(A), that portion north of  
and including the Tagoomenik  
and Shaktoolik River  
drainages

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30  
**Oct. 9 – Oct. 15**

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 antlered bull with 50-inch antlers  
or antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on one side

Sept. 1- Sept. 20

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

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Sara Germain  
Assistant Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Moose surveys completed in the central portion of Unit 22(A) are used to provide insight into the status of moose in the northern portion of Unit 22(A). These two areas are adjacent to one another and have similar habitat. Moose seasons in the northern portion of Unit 22(A) were shortened in 2003 in response to declines in abundance observed within the central portion of Unit 22(A).

In the spring of 2017 the department completed a moose abundance survey in the central portion of Unit 22A which estimated 840 observable moose. The estimate suggests a 10% annual rate of increase between 2008 and 2017. Comprehensive composition surveys have not been completed in the northern portion of Unit 22(A), however composition surveys conducted in 2016 in the central portion of Unit 22(A) found that the bull:cow ratio was above our management objective of 30 bulls to 100cows. This information suggests that moose abundance in the northern portion of Unit 22(A) has also increased and that the Unit 22A management objectives are being met.

The combined estimates of resident harvest and reported non-resident harvest are less than half of the total estimated harvestable surplus in the area. Based on hunter behavior and historical levels of harvest the department does not believe that the additional opportunity provided by this season extension is likely to result in a conservation concern.

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