

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-05-11

**Issued at** Bethel, Alaska  
February 1, 2011

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
February 2, 2011

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2011

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska winter moose season in a portion of GMU 18. The resident moose season with a bag limit of one moose will open from Feb. 2-Feb. 28 in the following area:

Remainder of Unit 18

Please note that if a person has harvested a moose in the fall 2010 or winter 2011 season they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season. Also note that this announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 18. All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.


### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(16)		
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Remainder of Unit 18		
1 antlered bull	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 20–Jan 10	Sept. 1–Sept. 30
<b>1 moose</b>	<b>Feb. 2 -Feb. 28</b>	

All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Phillip Perry  
Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game has authorized the Department of Fish and Game to extend the moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18 from February 2 to February 28. Residents from the affected area requested that the season be extended this year due to poor traveling conditions during the December 20 to January 10 season.

The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at 4000 moose. Winter harvests in the past 5 years have fluctuated between 30 and 65 moose. The harvest during the fall 2010 season was about 130 moose, with harvest reporting still in progress from the December 20 to Jan 10 winter season. During the 2009-2010 regulatory year, the reported winter season harvest was 65 moose. Because of poor travel conditions during December 2010 and early January 2011, we anticipate the winter harvest to date is less than 50 moose. Allowing additional hunting opportunity through the end of February will accommodate periods of inclement weather and high fuel prices at a time when the moose population and harvest data indicate the population can sustain additional harvest.

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