

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order 05-08-11**

**Issued at Nome, Alaska**  
September 5, 2011

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
September 6, 2011

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2012

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the fall portion of the State of Alaska hunting season for bull moose by registration permit in Hunt RM840 in western Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The fall season in this portion of the unit closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 6, 2011. The fall harvest quota of 15 bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted. Moose hunting in Unit 22(B) is managed by permit hunts with separate fall and winter harvest quotas. The State season in Hunt RM849 will reopen January 1, 2012 with a minimum winter harvest quota of 8 antlered bulls. Hunters are reminded to get a new hunting license if they plan to hunt with a new permit in the winter 2012 season.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	<b>Sept. 1 - Sept. 6</b>	
1 antlered bull by registration permit only;	<b>Jan. 1 - Jan. 31</b>	

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

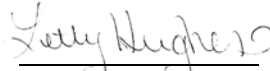
No open season.

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

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Letty Hughes  
Assistant Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The moose population in western Unit 22B has declined by 64% since 1987, and recruitment rates have been below 10% for over 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B) and the department set a fall 2011 harvest quota of 15 bulls. Current reported harvest from western Unit 22(B) is 11 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach the 15 bull quota by the season closing date announced in this emergency order; no further fall harvest is warranted.

A winter registration permit hunt for moose in western Unit 22(B) will be opened January 1 through January 31 with a minimum quota of 8 antlered bulls.

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