

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-04-12

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February 9, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
February 11, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012

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. 11-Feb. 29 in the following area:

Remainder of Unit 18

Please note that if a person has harvested a moose in the fall 2011 or winter 2012 season they are not eligible to harvest a moose in this extended season. This announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 18.


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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(16)		
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Remainder of Unit 18		
1 antlered bull	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 20–Jan 10	Sept. 1–Sept. 30
1 moose	Feb. 11 -Feb. 29	

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

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Phillip Perry
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game authorized the Department of Fish and Game to extend the moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18 at the November 2011 meeting held in Barrow. The new authorization extends the hunting season until the end of February and changes the bag limit from one antlered moose to one moose.

The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is at least 4000 moose. Winter harvests during the past 5 years fluctuated between 30 and 65 moose. The harvest during the 2010 fall season was approximately 130 moose. The reported winter season harvest during the 2010-2011 regulatory year was 65 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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Unit 18:

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