

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-11-15

Issued at: Anchorage, Alaska
October 27, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 28, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency
order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state registration permit hunt RM435 for moose in Unit 14C, in the upper Ship Creek drainage. All other moose hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(12), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(12) ...		
Unit 14(C), that portion of the Ship Creek drainage upstream of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Management Area (RM435) ...		
	Oct. 25-Oct. 28 (General hunt only)	Oct. 25-Oct. 28
1 bull by registration permit only		

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Cory Stantorf
Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Ship Creek drainage moose population is estimated at 199 individuals, based on an aerial survey conducted in November 2013. In order to maintain the appropriate bull:cow ratio and the overall population objective for this area, the department has determined the harvest from this area should not exceed 15 bulls. Six bulls were harvested in the fall drawing permit hunts (DM446 and DM447) and an additional eight bulls were reported harvested as of October 27, 2015 and additional hunters are still in the field; therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this hunt.

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