

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-02-16

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March 11, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
March 12, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the State of Alaska winter moose season until March 31 in the Remainder of Unit 18 for the resident moose season with a bag limit of two moose.

If a person has already taken one moose during the fall 2015 or winter 2016 season, they are still able to harvest one additional moose during this extended season. Also note 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(16) ...		
Remainder of Unit 18		
2 moose of which only 1 may be an antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf; or	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	
2 antlerless moose	Oct. 1 – Nov. 30	
2 moose	Dec. 1 – Mar. 31	

1 antlered bull

Sept. 1–Sept. 30

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phillip Perry
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 is estimated at over 12,000 moose. Winter harvests from the past 5 years fluctuated between 150 and 200 moose. Extended periods of poor travel conditions have made it difficult to hunt moose this winter. Hunter reports and observations from enforcement personnel suggest harvest this winter is below average. Extending the hunting season until March 31, 2016 provides additional opportunity during a time population levels and harvest data support additional sustainable harvest.

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Emmonak

Goodnews Bay

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Kalskag, Upper

Kasigluk

Kipnuk

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