

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-08-17
Alaska

Issued at: Anchorage,
October 11, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 12, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the state registration permit hunt RM445 for moose in Unit 14(C). 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Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(12), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose: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)		
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Unit 14(C), the Eklutna Lake Management Area	Day after Labor Day- October 12 (General hunt only)	Day after Labor Day-Oct. 12
1 bull by registration permit, by bow and arrow only; up to 4 bulls may be taken		
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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:



Dave Battle
Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In 2011, the Eklutna Lake Management Area moose population was estimated at 80 individuals, including 18 bulls, 50 cows, and 12 calves. In 2013, a survey was flown of neighboring Thunderbird Creek and numbers were found to be consistent with previous years. Weather conditions the last several winters have precluded flying surveys, but harvest and roadkill numbers have remained relatively steady, indicating that the population is unlikely to have decreased substantially. To maintain appropriate bull:cow ratios and the overall population objective, the department has determined the harvest from the Eklutna Lake Management Area should not exceed four bulls. As of October 11, four bulls have been taken in this hunt; therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this population.

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