

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-05-23

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 8, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 8, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in hunt areas Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest.

The State resident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2023. The fall harvest quota of 27 bull moose is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The closure in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest is additive to the RM840 season closure announced for Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(D) Remainder. These closures do not affect the remaining registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains. Unless additional closures are announced by emergency order, the RM840 season in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains is from Sept. 1 through Sept. 14.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(D):

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		

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Unit 22(D), that portion within the Kougarok, Kuzitrin, and Pilgrim River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 8

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam’s Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel

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Sept. 1 – Sept. 8

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Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

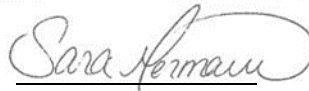
No open season.

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

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Sara Germain
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest. The management objective for the area is to maintain the fall post hunt composition at or above 30 bulls:100 cows. Fall moose composition surveys completed in fall 2023 resulted in 28 bulls:100 cows and indicate a slight decline in bulls since the last survey was completed in the area in 2019. For regulatory year 2023-2024, the department established a harvest quota of 27 bulls to maintain the bull:cow ratio at or above the management objective and prevent excessive bull harvest.

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