

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-01-24

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 5, 2024

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 5, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, at 11:59 p.m. on January 5, 2024 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The harvest quota of 12 antlered bulls is expected to be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

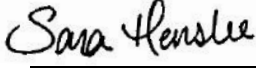
REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Sept. 1 - Sept. 7	
1 antlered bull by registration permit only	Jan. 1 – Jan 5	
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 Henslee
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in the combined Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(B) survey area increased at a rate of 5% annually between 2016 and 2022. The department set an annual harvest quota of 40 bulls for regulatory year 2023-2024 based on the results of the 2022 spring abundance survey. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(B) West which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. The fall season closed Sept. 9, 2023 with a reported harvest of 28 bull moose. The winter season, RM843, opened January 1, 2024 with a harvest quota of 12 antlered bulls. The harvest is expected to be met by the closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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