

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-09-14

Issued at Palmer, Alaska
December 29, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
January 1, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2015
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game Management Unit 17(A) from January 1–31. The bag limit for the winter season in Unit 17(A) hunt is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (bull permit) and/or one cow with a RM576 registration permit (cow permit). The cow season will be closed by emergency order when the harvest quota of 10 cow moose has been reached, and the bull season will be closed by emergency order when a harvest quota of 15 bull moose has been reached. Hunters who have already taken a moose in the fall are only allowed to harvest one additional moose (either sex). Permits will be available only at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office. This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory

year, only as follows

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration

Aug. 25 –Sept. 20
(Subsistence Hunt only)

permit only, or

Up to 2 moose by
registration permit;
during the period
Dec. 1–Jan. 31, a season of up
to 31 days may be announced
by emergency order

Jan. 1–Jan. 31
(Subsistence Hunt only)

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By delegation to: Lem Butler
Fish and Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17(A) with a bag limit of up to two moose. Because the weather conditions in December were not conducive to travel by snow machines, the hunt opening was delayed until January 1, 2015. Aerial surveys indicated that there were at least 1,166 moose in Unit 17(A) with a bull ratio of 66 bulls:100 cows when the population was last surveyed in March 2011. High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate that the population can sustain a harvest of 10 cow moose annually. The department will issue Emergency Orders to close the seasons when the harvest quotas of 10 cow and 15 bull moose have been reached.

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