

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order R5-7-23

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
September 22, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
October 1, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order extends the state resident moose season in Unit 18 covered under that portion south of the Eek River drainage and north of and including the Carter Bay drainage, under the registration permit hunt RM617. The Season will open October 1, 2023 and close on October 15, 2023. The bag limit for the Quinhagak hunt area is one antlered moose.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.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)		
In Unit 18, that portion south of the Eek River drainage and north of and including the Carter Bay drainage		
1 antlered bull by registration permit only	<u>Sept. 1 – Oct. 15</u>	No open Season
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____



Keith Oster
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game (BOG) established a registration permit hunt in Unit 18, that portion south of the Eek River drainage and north of the Carter Bay drainage at the winter 2019 BOG meeting. This moose population occurs mainly in the Kanektok and Arolik River drainages and a survey was conducted in March 2023. A minimum of 275 moose were observed. The harvestable surplus for this hunt is about 25 bull moose. Local residents and tribal leaders report the village of Quinhagak was rationing gasoline and had run out by mid-September. This season extension provides additional opportunity for hunters to harvest a moose now that gasoline has been delivered. Hunters are reminded to report their harvest to the Bethel ADF&G office (907) 543-2839 or (907) 543-1678. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2023) are not eligible to participate in this hunt. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters that did not hunt need to report by November 1, 2023.

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