

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order** 05-05-22

**Issued at** Nome, Alaska  
September 29, 2022

**Effective Date:** 12:00 a.m.  
September 30, 2022

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2023

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains hunt area.

The State resident fall hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains will open at 12:00 a.m. on September 30, 2022 and close at 11:59 p.m. on October 9, 2022 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The quota announced for this season is 3 bull moose. A total of 3 permits each will be available at vendors in Golovin and White Mountain.

Hunters should note that this emergency order applies to state-managed lands only; federal lands remain closed to the hunting of moose in Unit 22(B) remainder.

This emergency order opening does not affect any of the other registration permit RM840 hunt areas; Unit 22(D) in the Kuzitrin River drainage and Unit 22(D) Southwest, Unit 22(C), and Unit 22(D) Remainder remain closed.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>		

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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or Sept. 1 - Sept. 7  
**Sept. 30 - Oct. 9**

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; Jan. 1 - Jan. 31

**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 moose registration permit hunt in Unit 22(B) West which is administered with a quota to prevent overharvest. To provide both fall and winter moose hunting opportunities in Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains fall and winter registration permit hunts with separate harvest quotas are administered annually. The allocation of the harvestable surplus between the fall and winter hunting seasons follows recommendations provided by representatives of the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee.

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 2022-2023 based on the results of the 2022 spring abundance survey. The Department plans to administer registration permit hunt RM843 beginning January 1, 2023 with a quota that will be dependent on the harvest during the fall RM840 season. The total reported harvest during the fall RM840 moose hunt was 29 bulls as of September 27.

The Department has received a formal request from communities within Unit 22(B) West to provide additional opportunity to harvest bull moose in response to damage and losses

sustained within the area during Typhoon Merbok. The Department is able to utilize existing harvestable surplus to provide the additional opportunity announced in this emergency order.

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