

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-3-26

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
March 04, 2026

Effective Date: 12:00 AM
April 01, 2026

Expiration Date: June 30, 2026
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This announcement opens the state resident moose hunting season in the portion of Game Management Unit 26B excluding Canning River drainage. The bag limit is one bull.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(a)(24), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose in Unit 26B, excluding the Canning River drainage:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 26(B), excluding the Canning River drainage		

1 bull

April 1– April 14

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 26B remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Mark Nelson
Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in 26B has been steadily increasing since 2014. The 2024 population estimate was 390 moose and a harvestable surplus now exists and is sufficient to open a hunt. The hunt area is Unit 26B, excluding the Canning River drainage. The hunt area includes part of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA). Moose may be taken in the DHCMA by bow and arrow only, and bowhunter education certification is required. For resident hunters, 1 bull can be taken with a Harvest Ticket and a valid 2026 Alaska hunting license. The season dates will be April 1, 2026 to April 14, 2026. Hunters that have already harvested a moose during this regulatory year (after July 1, 2025) are not eligible to participate in this hunt.