

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R4-1-26

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska  
March 4, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
March 4, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2026  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the State of Alaska winter antlered and antlerless moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 17A (RM575 & RM576). The hunting season extension will be open at 12:00 on March 4, 2026. This season will close on March 31, 2026 at 11:59 pm, unless closed by subsequent Emergency Order. To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2026 Alaska state hunting license, and a state registration permit(s) (RM585 and/or RM576) available at the Dillingham Fish & Game office, and the village of Togiak. Hunters are allowed a two moose bag limit but only one of which may be an antlered bull (RM575) or an antlerless moose (RM576). As a reminder, if a hunter has harvested one antlered bull anywhere in the State since July 1, 2025, they may only hunt under RM576.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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

Up to two moose per regulatory  
year, only as follows:

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

- 1 moose by registration permit only; or Aug. 25 – Sept. 25 (Subsistence hunt only)
- 1 antlered bull by registration permit only; or Jan. 1 – Last day of Feb. **Mar. 4 – Mar. 31** (Subsistence hunt only)
- 1 antlerless moose by registration permit only; Jan. 1 – Last day of Feb. **Mar. 4 – Mar. 31** (Subsistence hunt only)

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

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



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Todd A. Rinaldi  
Regional Management Coordinator

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The 17A winter moose hunts are an important subsistence opportunity within Unit 17. In 2022, the Alaska Board of Game authorized set season dates of January 1 through the last day of February. This was adopted to increase the harvest of a moose population currently over objective, to capitalize on a broad range of dates and the increased likelihood of adequate travel conditions. The most recent population estimate from 17A was in October of 2022 resulting in 1,976 ± 217. Moose harvest over the last 5 years has averaged 124 moose annually across both the fall and winter seasons. The last 5 years average winter harvest has been 70 moose. Current reported harvest totals for 17A from the fall hunts total 76 harvested moose, and the winter hunt under permits RM575 and RM576 currently totals 20 moose.

The extension of the 17A winter moose hunts is designed to supplement fall moose hunting opportunity and liberalizing antlerless harvest to slow population growth for a population above management objective.

Registration permits will continue to be available in person at the Dillingham ADF&G office and the Togiak Traditional Council office. Successful hunters are required to report online or to the

Dillingham ADF&G office (907-842-2334) within 5 days of killing a moose. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G, regardless of success, within 15 days of the close of the season.

As a reminder, those who were successful in harvesting one antlered bull moose anywhere in the state since July 1, 2025 are unable to participate in hunt RM575. It is important that any hunt permittees return their winter hunt reports to provide wildlife managers the information needed to understand harvest rates by mailing in their paper reports, completing them online at [https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter\\_report\\_hunterid](https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter_report_hunterid) or in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

For questions or more information about moose hunting opportunities in Unit 17, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at (907) 843-2334.

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