



Federal Subsistence Board

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Kuskokwim River Zone 2 Federal Antlerless Moose Draw Hunt

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Emergency Special Action No: 18-MO-01-26

Issued at: Bethel, AK August 24, 2026

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Expiration Date: October 15, 2026

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action announces the fall hunt on federal public lands in Unit 18 of the Kuskokwim River Zone 2 for qualifying residents. Up to 20 antlerless moose permits will be issued to federally qualified subsistence users by random drawing.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(n)(18) and 43 CFR 51.27(n)(18) are amended to read:

Unit 18 – Moose

Unit 18, that portion east of a line running from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60°59.41' Latitude; W162°22.14" Longitude), continuing upriver along a line 1/2 mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank east of the Unit 18 border and then north of and including the Eek River drainage¹ - 1 antlered bull by State registration permit during the fall season

Sep. 1-Oct. 15.

OR

*1 antlerless moose by Federal **drawing** permit. **Up to 20 drawing permits will be issued** during a ~~may be announced~~ fall season.*

*~~May be announced~~
~~between~~*

Sept. 1 - Oct. 15

OR

Unit 18 – Moose

1 moose by Federal permit during a may-be-announced winter season

*May be announced
between Dec. 1-
Jan. 31*

Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Atmautlauk, Bethel, Eek, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Quinhagak, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Federal Subsistence board approved this hunt via adoption of WP26-43 at their April 2026 regulatory meeting. However, delay in publication of the final rule created extenuating circumstances, necessitating special action to implement this antlerless moose hunt for the 2026 fall season. WP26-43 also requested delegating authority to determine the permit allocation system (to limit the number of permits), set season dates and permit conditions to manage the hunt in response to current population metrics for effective hunt administration. The Board already approved this delegated authority and issued a delegation of authority letter to the Yukon Delta NWR manager.

This antlerless fall hunt increases subsistence opportunity and there are no conservation concerns as the Zone 2 moose population continues to grow and is closely managed through limited permits: We anticipate near 15 moose to be harvested from this hunt.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

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