MOOSE HUNTING TO OPEN IN UNIT 5A, EAST OF THE DANGEROUS RIVER TO RURAL RESIDENTS OF UNIT 5A

SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD
Under authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

Special Action No: 12-MO-02-18  Issued at: Yakutat, Alaska, August 17, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, September 16.
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2018 or when the 2018-2020 Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations are published in the Federal Register, whichever occurs first.

EXPLANATION:
This emergency special action will open the hunting season for moose in Unit 5A east of the Dangerous River from Sept. 16 – Nov. 15, 2018, by joint State/Federal registration permit. Additionally, those Federal public lands in Unit 5A east of the Dangerous River will be closed to the taking of moose from Sept. 16 – Sept. 30 to all but Federally Qualified users.

REGULATION:
Due to administrative delays in the Federal Rule Making Process, the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) approved temporary delegated authority to some Federal land managers to enact temporary changes to Federal Subsistence Regulations adopted by the FSB at its April 2018 regulatory meeting. This delegation of authority is established pursuant to 36 CFR 242.10(d)(6) and 50 CFR 100.10(d)(6).

The regulatory language as adopted by the Board is as follows:

Unit 5—Moose
Unit 5A—except Nunatak Bench, west of the Dangerous River—1 bull by joint State/Federal registration permit only. From Oct. 8 – Oct. 21, Federal public lands will be closed to taking of moose, except by residents of Unit 5A hunting under these regulations.

Unit 5A, except Nunatak Bench, east of the Dangerous River—1 bull by joint State/Federal registration permit only. From Sept. 16 – Sept. 30, Federal public lands are closed to taking of moose, except by residents of Unit 5A hunting under these regulations.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to /s/Lee Benson/

Lee Benson
District Ranger
Yakutat
August 17, 2018

JUSTIFICATION:
The Federal Subsistence Board adopted these regulations based on the recommendation of the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council that these actions will provide additional opportunities for residents of Unit 5A to harvest moose.

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