

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-07-12

Issued at Nome, Alaska
March 08, 2012

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
March 08, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska subsistence hunting season for muskox by registration permit RX105 in Unit 22(B), west of the Darby Mountains at 11:59 p.m. on March 08, 2012. (*Note this hunt area is defined as Unit 22(B) Remainder in regulation.*) In this hunt area, the harvest quota of 15 muskox (up to 4 cows) is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. This emergency closure does not affect subsistence hunting for bull muskox by registration permit RX105 in Unit 22(B), east of the Darby Mountains.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in Unit 22.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(B) East, that portion east of the Darby Mountains, including the drainages of the Kwiniuk, Tubutulik, Koyuk and Enlglutalik rivers		
1 bull by registration permit only	Jan. 1-Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season

Unit 22(B) Remainder

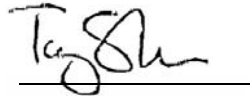
1 muskox by registration permit only Jan. 1-**Mar. 08** No open season
(Subsistence hunt only)

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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tony Gorn
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

For regulatory year 2011-2012, the department set an overall 4% harvest rate for muskox within Unit 22(B) Remainder with a 1% harvest rate for cow muskox. The harvest rates allow a quota of 15 muskox (up to 4 cows) based on the 2010 population estimate of 364 muskox in the hunt area. The full harvest quota is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. All muskox hunting by registration permit RX105 will be closed in Unit 22(B) Remainder. The subsistence registration hunt for bull muskox by permit RX105 in Unit 22(B), east of the Darby Mountains is not affected by this announcement and remains open at this time.

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