

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-02-17

Issued at Bethel, Alaska
May 5, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
May 6, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order opens hunting for muskoxen from May 6, 2017 to June 30, 2017 on Triangle Island, a small island approximately 3 miles north of Nunivak Island in GMU 18. The hunt is open to residents by special permit only and one or muskox per hunter may be taken. All other muskox seasons and bag limits in GMU18 are not affected by this Emergency Order.

REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 92.046, PERMITS FOR TAKING INCIDENTAL OR STRANDED MUSKOXEN**, are being implemented in a portion of Unit 18. Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (1), HUNTING SEASON AND BAGLIMITS FOR MUSKOXEN, ARE SUPERSEDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(2)
Unit 18, Triangle Island

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 muskox by permit only

May 6-June 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Patrick Jones
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In 5 AAC 92.046, the Board of Game has authorized the Commissioner to open a season for muskoxen if they are stranded on an island and the Commissioner determines that there are inadequate food and water resources for survival, and after all reasonable effort has been made to remove them by non-lethal means.

Reports of 1 muskox stranded on Triangle Island, a small island approximately 10 acres in size located 3 miles north of Nunivak Island, were received on May 4, 2017. There are no sources of fresh water and forage is limited on the island. Long term survival of this muskox is unlikely. Non-lethal removal is impractical due to cost. Harvesting any stranded animals through a permit hunt is the most prudent course of action.

Permits for Unit 18 Triangle Island will be issued to resident hunters in the Bethel ADF&G office and by a Department Designee in the village of Mekoryuk. Tag fees are waived for this hunt and one muskox may be harvested per person.

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Unit 18:

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