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State Closes Registration Muskox Hunt RX104 in Remainder of Unit 22D

NOME – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order closure of the State Registration muskox hunt RX104 in the Remainder of Unit 22(D) at 11:59 p.m. on October 11, 2011. This announcement closes all registration permit muskox hunting in the Remainder of Unit 22(D) which excludes Unit 22(D) in the Kuzitrin River drainage and excludes Unit 22(D) Southwest.

The Alaska Board of Game established a Tier I subsistence registration muskox hunt in the Remainder of Unit 22(D). The department set an overall 4% harvest rate for muskox in this area with a 2% harvest rate for cow muskox. The harvest rates allow a quota of 16 muskox (up to 10 cows) based on the 2010 population estimate of 481 muskox in the hunt area. The harvest quota of 16 muskox has been reached. No further harvest of bull or cow muskox by registration permit is warranted. Hunters should note that seasons and harvest quotas in this hunt area are managed cooperatively with federal managers and a similar season closure for federal permits may be announced by federal managers.

This emergency closure does not affect hunting by registration permit RX104 in Unit 22(E) where the season for muskox remains open.

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

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