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State Closes Registration Muskox Hunt RX099 for Bull Muskox in Unit 22D, Kuzitrin River Drainage.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will close the winter State Registration muskox hunt RX099 for bull muskox in the Kuzitrin River Drainage in Unit 22(D) at 11:59 p.m. January 20, 2011.

The Alaska Board of Game established a Tier I subsistence registration muskox hunt in the Kuzitrin River Drainage in Unit 22(D). The department set an overall 6% harvest rate for muskox in this area with a 2% harvest rate for cow muskox. The harvest rates allow a quota of 17 muskox (up to 6 cows) based on the 2010 population estimate of 285 muskox. The cow hunt portion of this hunt area was closed by emergency order on January 13, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. Fifteen muskox have been harvested and the harvest quota is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement. This emergency order closes all muskox hunting by registration permit RX099 in the Kuzitrin River drainage portion of Unit 22(D).

This emergency closure does not affect hunting by registration permit RX099 in Unit 22D Southwest 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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