

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-01-11

Issued at Kotzebue, Alaska
January 2, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 2, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2011

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska subsistence hunting season for bull and cow muskox by registration permit in Hunt RX106 in Unit 23 Southwest at 11:59 p.m. on January 2, 2011. The harvest quota of 8 muskox has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.


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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in Unit 23 Southwest:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(2)		
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Unit 23 Southwest, that portion on the Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage		
1 musk ox per regulatory year by registration permit only	Aug. 1 – Aug. 10 Jan. 1 – Jan. 2 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 23 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Charlotte Westing
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Board of Game approved a $\leq 8\%$ harvest rate for muskox in Unit 23 Southwest. Based on the 2010 population estimate and the bull:cow ratio (mature bulls to 100 >3 year old cows) within the hunt area, a quota of 8 animals has been established for the 2010-2011 regulatory year. The hunt is managed with a split quota to ensure harvest opportunity for bulls in the fall season (half the quota) and any muskox (including up to 4 cows) in the winter season (remainder of quota). Since the harvest quota has been reached, no further harvest is warranted.

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