

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-02-12

Issued at Kotzebue, Alaska
January 12, 2012

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 12, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012

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 12, 2012. The harvest quota of 7 muskox has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

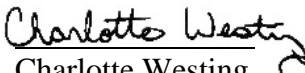
REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in Unit 23 Southwest: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	Jan. 1 – Jan. 12 (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:

For regulatory year 2011-2012, the department set an overall 4% harvest rate for muskox in Unit 23 Southwest with an up to 2% harvest rate for cow muskox. These harvest rates allow a quota of 7 muskox (including up to 3 cows) based on the 2011 population estimate of 175 muskox in this hunt area. Seven muskoxen have been harvested in Unit 23 Southwest and no further harvest is warranted.

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