

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-02-11

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 12, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 13, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2011

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska subsistence registration hunting season for cow muskox by registration permit RX099 in the Kuzitrin River drainage portion of Unit 22(D) at 11:59 p.m. on January 13, 2011. In this hunt area, the harvest quota of 6 cow muskox has been reached and no further cow harvest is warranted. This emergency closure does not affect hunting for bull muskox in the Kuzitrin River drainage or hunting by registration permit RX099 in Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(D) Southwest where the season for bull muskox remains open.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in Unit 22(D) Kuzitrin River drainage:

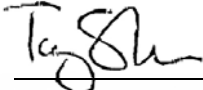
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(D) that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage, including the Pilgrim River and Kougarok River drainages.		
1 cow by registration permit only; or	Jan. 1 – Jan. 13 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season
1 bull by registration permit only	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.

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

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tony Gorn
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

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. Six cow muskox have been harvested and no further cow harvest is warranted at this time. The registration hunt for bull muskox in the Kuzitrin River drainage portion of Unit 22(D) and hunting by registration permit RX099 in Unit 22(C) and Unit 22(D) Southwest remain open at this time.

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