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State Closes Registration Muskox Hunt RX105 In Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains

Nome – Today, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) issued an emergency order announcement closing the State subsistence registration hunt RX105 for muskox in Unit 22(B), west of the Darby Mountains at 11:59 p.m. on March 08, 2012. *(Note this hunt area is defined as Unit 22(B) Remainder in regulation.)*

For regulatory year 2011-2012, the department set an overall 4% harvest rate for muskox within Unit 22(B) Remainder with a 1% harvest rate for cow muskox. The harvest rates allow a quota of 15 muskox (up to 4 cows) based on the 2010 population estimate of 364 muskox in the hunt area. The full harvest quota is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. This emergency order closes all muskox hunting by subsistence registration permit RX105 in Unit 22(B) Remainder.

The subsistence registration hunt for bull muskox by permit RX105 in Unit 22(B), east of the Darby Mountains is not affected by this announcement remains open at this time.

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

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