

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-03-12

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 29, 2012

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 29, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska subsistence hunting season for muskox by registration permit in Hunt RX099 in Unit 22(D) Southwest at 11:59 p.m. on January 29, 2012. In this hunt area, the harvest quota of 5 muskox (up to 3 cows) is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in the Unit 22(D):

| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam's Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel

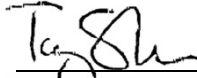
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| 1 muskox by registration permit only; or | Jan. 1-Jan. 29 (Subsistence hunt only) | No open season |
| 1 bull 4 years old or older by drawing permit only | Jan. 1 – Mar. 15 | Jan. 1 – Mar. 15 |

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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:

For regulatory year 2011-2012, the department set an overall 6% harvest rate for muskox in Unit 22(D) Southwest with a 2% harvest rate for cow muskox. The harvest rates allow a quota of 5 muskox (up to 3 cows) based on the 2010 population estimate of 160 muskox in this area. Due to a high level of hunter success in recent hunts, the harvest quota is expected to be reached by the closure date of this announcement and no further harvest is warranted. All muskox hunting by registration permit RX099 in Unit 22(D) Southwest is closed by this announcement.

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