

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** R3-5-23

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
September 20, 2023

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
December 15, 2023

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2023  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This announcement opens the state resident registration permit hunt, RX110, for any muskox in the portion of Game Management Unit 26B east of the Dalton Highway Corridor.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.050(a)(3), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSK OXEN**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting musk oxen in Unit 26B:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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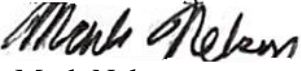
Unit 26(B), that portion east of the Dalton  
Highway Corridor Management Area

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
1 muskox by Tier I permit only	15 December 2023– 30 March 2024	No open season.

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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 26B remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:   
Mark Nelson  
Wildlife Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Board of Game established a registration permit hunt (RX110) in a portion of Unit 26B as a subsistence only hunt. The muskox population in 26B has grown and has remained above 300 muskox since 2018. The current population level is sufficient to allow a hunting season to be reinstated for the first time since 2004. Registration permit, RX110, is in the portion of Unit 26B east of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area and the season dates will be 15 December 2023 to 30 March 2024.

RX110 is a subsistence only hunt which further restricts hunters by limiting transportation, requires trophy destruction, and limits permits to one per household. Hunters are prohibited from the use of aircraft for transporting muskox hunters, muskox, or muskox hunting gear. Trophy destruction is required if the horns are transported out of Unit 26. Trophy destruction involves cutting through both horns within 2 inches of the eye at the kill site and hunters must submit the distal (end portion) of the horn to ADF&G in Fairbanks within 3 days of leaving Unit 26.

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