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State Closes Registration Muskox Hunt RX106 in Unit 23 Southwest

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The State of Alaska subsistence hunting season for muskox RX106 in Unit 23 Southwest will close January 12, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. The harvest quota of 7 muskox has been reached and no further harvest is warranted. The hunt area affected by this announcement is: Unit 23 Southwest, that portion west of and including the Buckland River drainage.

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.

Seasons and harvest quotas in this hunt area are managed cooperatively with the National Park Service and a similar season closure for federal permits will be announced by federal managers.

The Tier II muskox hunt TX107 in Unit 23 is not affected by this emergency order and remains open.

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