**Division of Wildlife Conservation Eddie Grasser, Director** Region V, Bethel Office 570 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue PO Box 1467 Bethel, AK 99559-1467



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 www.adfg.alaska.gov

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: May 21, 2020

**CONTACT:** Patrick Jones, Area Biologist tel: 907-543-2839, <u>Patrick.jones@alaska.gov</u>

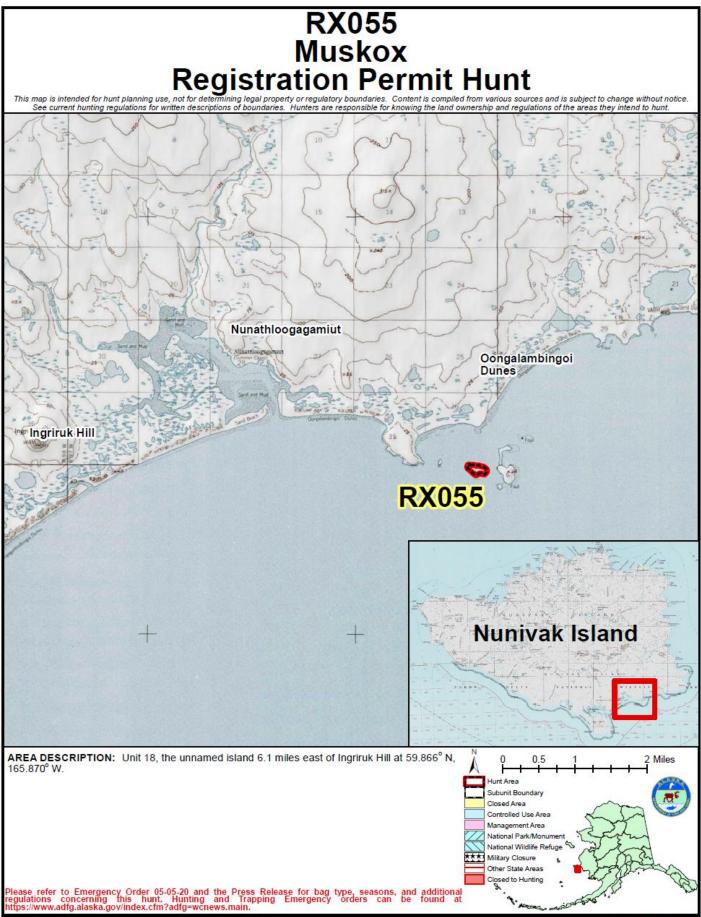
## Registration permit hunt for muskoxen stranded on unnamed islands south of Nunivak Island in Unit 18 opened by Emergency Order by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Muskoxen are occasionally stranded on islands with inadequate food and water resources for survival and the Alaska Board of Game has addressed this situation through regulation 5 AAC 92.046, which allows the Department to open a special season by emergency order, waive tag fees, and issue permits to take stranded muskoxen.

There is currently 2 muskox stranded on an unnamed island to the south of Nunivak Island, located 6.1 miles east of Ingriruk Hill and south of the Oongalambingoi dunes at 59.866° N, 165.870° W in GMU 18. There are no sources of fresh water, limited forage on this island and survival of these muskox is unlikely.

Harvesting stranded animals through a permit hunt is the most prudent course of action. Permits for these muskox will be issued to resident hunters by the Department in Bethel via Phone. Fees are waived for this hunt and one muskox may be harvested per person. The season for this permit hunt is May 21, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

###



l/dfg.alaska.local/GIS/Anchorage/GISStaff/wc/huntarea/arcmap/rx055.mxd 5/15 skt; 5/21/2020 jdr

Source map: USGS 1:633