

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** R3-5-25

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
June 16, 2025

**Effective Date:** 12:00 AM  
September 01, 2025

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2026  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency  
order

**EXPLANATION:**

This announcement lengthens the state resident muskox drawing hunt (DX112) season in the portion of Game Management Unit 26B east of the Dalton Highway. The bag limit is one bull.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.050(a)(3), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSK OXEN**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting muskoxen in Unit 26B east of the Dalton Highway:


Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 26(B), that portion east of the Dalton Highway		

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 bull by drawing permit only if the harvestable surplus is greater than 4 musk oxen; up to 5 musk oxen may be taken.	Sept 1– Oct 10 Mar 10–Mar 30	No open season.

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All other musk oxen 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 muskox population in 26B is stable with a harvestable surplus that allows for a drawing hunt, DX112, to occur. The season dates listed in the drawing hunt supplement were not consistent with what is listed in codified. The season in codified starts on 20 September, but the season on the draw supplement was listed as starting 1 September. This emergency order clarifies that for the 2025 season the hunt dates will remain as they were listed in the drawing supplement (Sept. 1–Oct. 10, 2025 and Mar. 10 –Mar. 30, 2026).