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Special permit hunt RX055 for muskoxen in Unit 18 on Paamiut Island southeast of Nunivak Island 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 are currently at least 5 muskoxen stranded on an island locally known Paamiut Island to the south of Nunivak Island, located at 59° 53' 07.59 N, 165° 42' 28.40 in GMU 18. There are no sources of fresh water, limited forage on this island and survival of these muskoxen is unlikely.

Harvesting stranded animals through a permit hunt is the most prudent course of action. Permits for these muskoxen will be issued to resident hunters by the Department at hunt.alaska.gov. Resident locking-tag fees are waived for this hunt and one muskox may be harvested per person. The season for this permit hunt is July 22, 2026, to December 1, 2026. Permit RX055 will be available online at hunt.alaska.gov beginning at 9am July 22, 2026.

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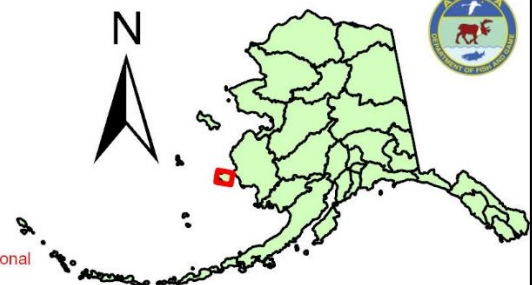
RX055 Muskox Registration Permit Hunt

This map is intended for hunt planning use, not for determining legal property or regulatory boundaries. Content is compiled from various sources and is subject to change without notice. See current hunting regulations for written descriptions of boundaries. Hunters are responsible for knowing the land ownership and regulations of the areas they intend to hunt.



AREA DESCRIPTION: Unit 18, The island locally known Paamiut Island to the south of Nunivak Island, located at 59° 53'07.59 N, 165° 42'28.40

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Please refer to Emergency Order R5-04-26 and the Press Release for tag type, seasons and additional regulations concerning this hunt. Hunting and trapping Emergency orders can be found at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wcnews.main>

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