

Proposal 41

5 AAC 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for musk oxen.

Extend the musk oxen hunting season in Units 22B, D, E, and 23 as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

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Unit 22B east of the Darby Mtns., including drainages of Kwiniuk, Tubutulik, Koyuk and Inglutalik rivers

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 105, August 1 – Mar **30** [15]

22B remainder

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 105, Jan 1 – Mar **30** [15]

22D that portion west of the Tusuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam's Creek and west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tusuk Channel

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 103, Jan 1 – Mar **30** [15]

22D Kuzitrin River drainage (includes Kougarok and Pilgrim rivers)

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 102, Jan 1 – Mar **30** [15]

22D remainder

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 102, August 1 – Mar **30** [15]

22E

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 104, August 1 – Mar **30** [15]

23 Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bull by permit, TX 106, August 1 – Mar **30** [15]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (SPRAC) requests the Board of Game to extend the musk oxen hunting season in Units 22B, D, E and 23, the portion of Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage, to March 30th. The SPRAC believes that changing weather patterns have recently made it more difficult for hunters to access muskoxen herds. This extension will provide resident hunters with more opportunities to harvest muskox if there is a delay in access due to weather. As this is a closely managed Tier II hunt, there are no conservation concerns

for this proposed season extension, and it would not interfere with calving. Furthermore, this proposal intends to align State and Federal regulations within those units.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

The Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in Game Management Unit 22. The Council provides a public forum for the expression of opinions and recommendations regarding matters related to the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region, and we speak on behalf of 19 communities within the region.

The proposal was developed at a Council meeting at the request of Council members who reside in the region.

PROPOSED BY: Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (OI-F26-046)
