

Proposal 71

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

Modify Musk Ox hunts DX001 and DX003 to resident only hunts as follows:

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

B- Musk Ox changed to R only for Nunivak and Nelson Island.

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

I would like to see Musk Ox go to resident only. Nonresidents coming to Alaska have ample opportunity elsewhere to hunt Musk ox in Canada and Greenland. There is a short supply of draw tags for musk ox within the state, and the resident pool of applicants far exceeds availability. There is minimal revenue to the state based on nonresidents applying a successfully drawing the tag. Residents are still required to hire a transporter. This gives money to the villages and gives residents opportunities. Last year, DX001 had a 60% NR draw rate. DX003 had a 35% draw rate. This is unacceptable and goes against ANILCA.

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

I developed this on my own based on field observations and ADFG reporting.

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