

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order** 05-05-20

**Issued at** Bethel, Alaska  
May 21, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
May 21, 2020

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2020

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order opens hunting for muskoxen from May 21, 2020 to June 30, 2020 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. The hunt is open to residents by registration permit only and one muskox per hunter may be taken. All other muskox seasons and bag limits in GMU18 are not affected by this Emergency Order.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 92.046, PERMITS FOR TAKING INCIDENTAL OR STRANDED MUSKOXEN**, are being implemented in a portion of Unit 18. Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (1), HUNTING SEASON AND BAGLIMITS FOR MUSKOXEN, ARE SUPERSEDED AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(2) Unit 18, Island located at 59.866° N, 165.870° W		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b> 1 muskox by registration permit only	May 21-June 30	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		No open season
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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_



Keith Oster  
Assistant Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

In 5 AAC 92.046, the Board of Game has authorized the Commissioner to open a season for muskoxen if they are stranded on an island and the Commissioner determines that there are inadequate food and water resources for survival, and after all reasonable effort has been made to remove them by non-lethal means.

Reports of 2 muskox stranded on an unnamed island located to the south of Nunivak Island, approximately 15 acres in size located less than a mile south of Nunivak Island, were received on May 18, 2020. There are no sources of fresh water and forage is limited on the island. Long term survival of these muskox is unlikely. Non-lethal removal is impractical due to cost. Muskox on Nunivak were above their population objective at the time of the last population survey in June 2019 and harvesting any stranded animals through a permit hunt is the most prudent course of action due to current COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Permits for Unit 18 islands located to the south of Nunivak Island will be issued to resident hunters in the Bethel ADF&G office via phone. Tag fees are waived for this hunt and one muskox may be harvested per person.

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