

**PROPOSAL 4**

**5 AAC 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for muskoxen.**

Extend the hunting season for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island as follows.

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(1)		
Unit 18, Nelson Island		
1 muskox by registration Permit only	Feb. 1- <b><u>Mar. 31</u></b> [MAR. 25] (General hunt only)	Feb.1- <b><u>Mar. 31</u></b> [MAR. 25]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Extend the season for muskox on Nelson Island in order to increase hunter opportunity and simplify regulations to match proposed changes to Nunivak Island muskox hunts. A longer season would allow area hunters more flexibility to schedule hunts around challenging weather and snow conditions, which are typical of the hunt area. For this registration hunt the Department of Fish and Game (department) limits the number of permits available to ensure that we get the appropriate harvest. In 2018-2019, the department issued 50 permits and harvested approximately 45 muskox.

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