

Proposal 176 – 5 AAC 85.050 Seasons and bag limits for musk oxen. and 5 AAC 92.008 Harvest guideline levels. Add drawing permits to the hunt structure for musk ox on Nelson Island and create harvest guideline levels for management of the Nelson Island muskox population.

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<u>Units and Bag Limits</u>	<u>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</u>	<u>Nonresident Open Season</u>
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Unit 18, Nelson Island		
1 musk ox by registration permit only;	Feb. 1 - Mar. 25 (General hunt only)	Feb. 1 - Mar. 25
<u>or</u>		
<u>1 musk ox by drawing permit only; up to 6 permits may be issued</u>	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 (General hunt only)	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30

5 AAC 92.008 Harvest guideline levels.

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(4) musk oxen: the harvest of musk oxen in Unit 18 Nelson Island shall be managed by a combination of registration and drawing permit hunts based on the harvestable portion of the population, as follows:

- (i) **if the harvestable portion is 40 or less musk oxen, only registration permits may be issued; permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis;**
- (ii) **if the harvestable portion is greater than 40 and but less than 61 musk oxen; 40 registration permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis; the remaining available permits shall be allocated 80% to on-line registration permits and 20% to drawing permits; up to 4 drawing permits may be issued; the total number of permits issued may be based on hunter success rates to achieve harvest quotas;**
- (iii) **if the harvestable portion is greater than 60 and but less than 71 musk oxen; 40 registration permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis; the remaining available permits shall be allocated to on-line registration permits and**

5 drawing permits; the total number of permits issued may be based on hunter success rates to achieve harvest quotas;

- (iv) **if the harvestable portion is greater than 70 musk oxen; 40 registration permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis; the remaining available permits shall be allocated to on-line registration permits and 6 drawing permits; the total number of permits issued may be based on hunter success rates to achieve harvest quotas;**