

*Note: The board amended the proposal to apply only to Unit 22A, and deferred it to the Interior & Eastern Arctic Region meeting scheduled for March 2020. This proposal is also scheduled for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting as Proposal 74.*

**PROPOSAL 31**

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

Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D as follows:

Establish a limited quota muskoxen season; Units 21D, 22A, 24D; up to 5 bulls; February 1 – April 30.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Muskoxen have occurred in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D for many years, but there is no open season in these units.

Muskoxen are frequently observed in the Nulato Hills during the winter and during spring bear hunting and have been observed near the villages of Galena, Ruby, Nulato, Kaltag, and Huslia. Dispersing muskoxen have had to be killed under defense of life and property (DLP) conditions and near Ruby, Galena, Nulato and the Kateel River during the fall moose season. Muskoxen in the Nulato Hills would provide an additional hunting opportunity that is not being utilized and could provide an additional source of meat for Alaskan hunters.

**PROPOSED BY:** Middle Yukon Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-108)

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