

**NEWS For Immediate Release NEWS****Special permit hunt for muskoxen in Unit 18  
on Triangle Island and the Abaramiut Islands  
opened by emergency order by the  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game**

Muskoxen are occasionally stranded on islands with inadequate food and water resources for survival and the Alaska Board of Game has addressed this situation through regulation 5 AAC 92.046, which allows the Department to open a special season by emergency order, waive tag fees, and issue permits to take stranded muskoxen.

There are currently 3 muskox stranded on Triangle Island, a small island approximately 10 acres in size located 3 miles north of Nunivak Island. Also, there are 4 muskox stranded on the Abaramiut Islands, a group of small islands approximately 15 miles west of the village of Mekoryuk. There are no obvious sources of fresh water or forage on these islands and survival of these muskoxen is unlikely.

Harvesting stranded animals is deemed the most prudent course of action through a permit hunt during the current regulatory year. Permits for Unit 18 Triangle Island and the Abaramiut Islands will be issued to resident hunters in the Bethel ADF&G office and by a Department Designee in the village of Mekoryuk. Tag fees are waived for this hunt and one muskox may be harvested per person. The season for this permit hunt is July 18 to August 31, 2009.

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