

# Federal Wildlife Proposal

**Proponent:**

Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Council

**Issue:**

Establish a muskox hunt around Selawik in Unit 23, remainder.

**Existing Federal Regulation:**

**Unit 23– Musk ox**

*Unit 23 remainder.*

*No Open Season*

**Proposed Federal Regulation:**

**Unit 23– Musk ox**

*Unit 23 remainder — 1 bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Aug. 1-Mar. 15.*

**Why Should this regulation be changed?**

With the loss of caribou and salmon along with the high cost of food in the region, users have needed to depend on other species to meet their subsistence needs. Residents of Selawik have noticed an increase of musk ox near their community and do not have an opportunity to hunt near the community. There are open muskox seasons north and south of Selawik, but users are limited from utilizing those hunts due to their distance and cost of fuel. Establishing a muskox hunt in Unit 23, remainder increases subsistence opportunity.