

40 to hunt musk ox

23 Alaskans, 15 other Americans, a Canadian and a Mexican were selected in a Fish and Game drawing Monday to hunt muskox this spring at Nunivak Island off Alaska's southwest coast.

Fairbanks Regional Game Supervisor Robert Hinman said there were 97 applications for the permits, and about half were from Alaska. Ten alternates were also chosen during the drawing.

Alaska's first muskox hunt was held last fall only after years of controversy which had blocked the hunts which were first proposed by the state in the 1960's.

State and federal biologists contend the herd at Nunivak is drastically overpopulated and that sport hunting is the best means for reducing it. Ten hunters participated in the fall season.

Hinman pointed out there would be some significant differences between fall and spring hunts.

"One of the major differences will be transportation," he said. "Snow machines will be the primary means of getting around and it will mean that hunters will be able to reach the entire island rather than just the coastal fringe."

He said that snow machines would not be allowed within a mile of any muskox until after the animal was downed by the hunter.

"Another difference will be weather, which will be cold and snowy, and quite possibly clear, unlike typical fall weather, which is stormy."

Six hunters will be assigned to each week during the season. "There's some flexibility here," Hinman said. "For instance if one hunter wants to trade times with another, we will probably be able to accommodate him."

Alaskans drawn for the hunt were: James L. Wood,

Anchorage; Elinor I. Jones, Anchorage; Ronald L. Rismom, Juneau; Ray Loesch, Iliamna; Don L. Johnson, Kenai; Virginia R. Wood, Anchorage; John J. Lee, Anchorage; Marilu E. Oney, Anchorage; Richard H. Leedy, Fairbanks; Karen J. Erickson, Fairbanks; Gene M. Effler, Anchorage; Donald R. Mower, Eagle River; Mitch T. Wagner, Anchorage; Terry D. Hill, North Pole; Joseph O. Fogleman, Anchorage; J. Anthony Oney, Anchorage; William R. Martin, Anchorage; Russell G. Davis, Kodiak; Marlie A. Johnson, Kenai; William E. Sims, Anchorage; Harmon R.

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Helmericks, Fairbanks; Sylvia M. Johnson, Kenai; Anthony K. Oney, Anchorage.
Others drawn include: Gary Boychuk, Saskatchewan, Canada; Robert E. Speegle, Garland, Texas; John L. Estes, Dallas, Texas; William G. Koller, York, Pennsylvania; Gail W. Holderman, Westerville, Ohio; Dale R. Leonard, Sedalia, Colorado; Dale E. Warren, Dubois, Wyoming; Cedric Wood, Weslaco, Texas; Lawrence B. Harbison, Fort Worth, Texas; Gerald Warnock, Portland, Oregon; Dante Marrocco, Palas Verdes, California; Jose A. Vallina, Chihuahua, Mexico; Donald K. Kremer, East Jordan, Michigan; William A. Bond, Vernon, Texas; William A. Nerud, Spokane, Washington; Glenn P. Fewel, White Swan, Washington; Douglas E. Miller, Englewood, Colorado.
Alternates are: Marion L. Connerley, Terre Haute, Indiana; Daniel M. Thimmes, Cerritos, California; John M. Oney, Anchorage; John H. Taucher, Clariton, Pennsylvania; James W. Helmericks, Fairbanks; Ralph E. Marshall, Anchorage; Donald A. Stone, Anchorage; Archie D. Thompson, Anchorage; Wilson W. Crook, Jr., Dallas, Texas; Ralph E. Anderson, Anchorage.

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