

# **News Release**

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## New muskox management regulations come into force

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 31, 2015) –** The Government of Nunavut today announced new muskox management regulations that come into effect on September 1, 2015. The regulations update the boundaries of the management zones for muskox, and the total allowable harvests (TAH) for each zone.

"Together with our co-management partners and stakeholders in the affected communities, we have been able to develop a muskox management system that has the full support of all parties," said Minister of Environment Johnny Mike. "This regime reflects current harvesting practices in Nunavut and updates older regulations that had not changed since division from the Northwest Territories."

The new regulations implement several decisions of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning population boundaries, total allowable harvests and non-quota limitations.

Eight of the thirteen management zones have a yearly TAH, varying from 15 (Devon Group/MX-04) to 400 (Victoria Island Group/MX-07) muskox. There is no total allowable harvest established for the others. Complete details on muskox management zones and TAHs are available at gov.nu.ca/environment.

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# **Backgrounder**

### **Total allowable harvest**

Muskox management zone	Abbreviation	Total allowable harvest (per year)
Ellesmere Group	MX-01	No total allowable
		harvest established
Axel Heiberg Group	MX-02	No total allowable
		harvest established
Ringnes Group	MX-03	No total allowable
		harvest established
Devon Group	MX-04	15
Bathurst Group	MX-05	30
Prince of Wales /	MX-06	No total allowable
Somerset Group		harvest established
Victoria Island Group	MX-07	400
Boothia Peninsula	MX-08	66
Group		
West of Kugluktuk	MX-09	20
Group		
Northeast Mainland	MX-10	190
Group		
Central Kitikmeot Group	MX-11	225
NWT/Kitikmeot/Kivalliq	MX-12	No total allowable
Group		harvest established
Southern Mainland	MX-13	182
Kivalliq Group		

# **Muskox management zones**

