

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 04-01-12

Issued at King Salmon, Alaska  
January 18, 2012

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
January 20, 2012

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2012  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens a caribou registration permit hunt (RC 504) in the portion of Game Management Unit 9C north of the Alaska Peninsula Highway (the road between King Salmon and Naknek), west of the main stem of King Salmon Creek and Katmai National Park and south of the Alagnak River Drainage. Permits will be available at the King Salmon ADF&G office and will be valid for one caribou. Any resident hunter who has not killed a caribou during the current regulatory year and possesses a 2012 hunting license is eligible to participate in this hunt. This emergency order does not alter any other caribou hunting regulations in Game Management Unit 9.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.025(3), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou (a)**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 9(C), that portion north of  
the Naknek River and south of  
the Alagnak River Drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by Tier II permit only; provided that the harvestable surplus, in combination with the Remainder of Unit 9(C) and Unit 9(E), is 1,200 caribou or less, up to 1,500 permits may be issued; or

Aug. 10-Sept. 20  
(Subsistence hunt only)  
Nov. 15-Feb. 28  
(Subsistence hunt only)

if the department determines that Mulchatna Herd caribou have largely replaced Northern Peninsula Herd caribou, **1 caribou** may be taken by registration permit only during a winter season between Jan. 20 and Mar. 31 to be announced by emergency order

**Jan. 20-Mar. 15**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

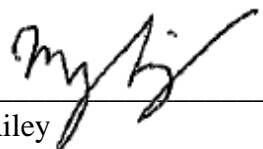
No open season.

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 9 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Cambell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
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Meghan Riley  
Acting Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game authorized a winter caribou hunting season in this portion of Game Management Unit 9C when the Mulchatna Herd caribou have largely replaced the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd caribou in this hunt area. Currently there are caribou from the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) in the hunt area opened by this Emergency Order. Caribou from the Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAPCH) are south of the Naknek River and will not be affected by this hunt. Historical movements of the

NAPCH typically take the herd south, away from the hunt area after January 20<sup>th</sup>. Given the current distribution of caribou in Game Management Unit 9, it is unlikely that caribou from the NAPCH will be harvested during this hunt.

This hunt is intended to provide additional opportunity for hunters to take a MCH caribou in Game Management Unit 9C without jeopardizing the NAPCH. The bag limit of one caribou further reduces the risk of harvesting NAPCH caribou if the herd movements change. If caribou from the NAPCH approach the Naknek River, an immediate closure will be announced.

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