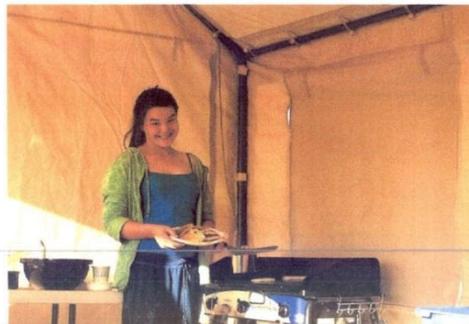


The Recent History of Unit 13 Hunts



December 2013
Unit 13 Meeting
Div. of Wildlife Conservation, ADFG



Unit 13 Hunt Structure before 2009

Caribou

- Most hunting under Tier II from 1991-2008
- ANS was “all harvestable”
- Registration hunt in 1996 and 1997 to reduce herd to objectives
 - 36,000 permits
 - 19,000 hunters

Moose

- Tier II from 1995-2008
- General season with antler restrictions
- Both Species: Federal seasons

Problems Identified

- Tier II criteria and scoring
 - “Virtually since its inception, the Tier II subsistence permit system has been plagued with public complaints about inequities, unfairness, and false applications” (BOG 2006).
- Shift in permits to older urban hunters and away from younger rural hunters (ADF&G 2009)
- Lack of any opportunity for many
- Hunts were not consistent with 8 criteria described by the Joint Boards
 - Many Unit 13 hunters are “not true subsistence users”

Attempted Solutions

- Tier II modifications
- Salvage requirements
- Trophy destruction
- Subsistence harvest area
- Non-subsistence area
- Community harvest

Current Unit 13 Hunt Structure

- Developed between 2006 and 2009
- Hunt structure was revised in Oct 2010 following a court ruling
- 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 Hunts
 - Caribou
 - Tier I Registration
 - Tier I Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH)
 - Draw
 - Moose
 - General (SF50, 4BT)
 - Tier I CSH (SF50, 4BT + 100 “any bulls”)
 - Resident Draw (“any bull” in small remote hunt areas)
 - Resident Draw (antlerless in one small hunt area)
 - Non-resident Draw (SF50, 4BT)

Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest

- Copper Basin caribou: 1/household
 - May not hold any other state caribou harvest ticket or permit
 - May not hunt moose outside of the Copper Basin CSH hunt area
- Copper Basin moose: 1 SF50/person, 100 “any bulls”
 - May not apply for other state moose or caribou permits outside of the CSH hunt area
 - May not hold general season harvest tickets
- Designated Hunter, salvage requirements, no trophy destruction
- Coordinators apply in October to December
- Group members apply in November/December

Hunt Modifications for 2014

- **No “any bull” drawing permits for residents**
- **New Allocation of Moose Bag Limit for CSH Hunters**
 - No more than 1 “any bull” for every 3 households (100 total)**
 - CSH locking tags issued to Group Coordinator**
 - Transferable
 - Must be in possession to harvest an “any bull”
 - Must be immediately affixed to the antler of a bull that does not meet the general season antler requirement
 - CSH hunters can hunt SF/50 moose without a CSH locking tag**
- **New Winter Registration Moose Hunt (Dec 1 - 31)**
 - For all Alaska residents, including CSH hunters**

Unit 13 Nelchina Caribou Hunt Results

Caribou Harvest 2011-2012

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Date of EO Closure</u>
Draw	1,127	319	28 Oct
Tier I	3,148	1,626	3 Dec
Federal	3,083	443	-
CSH	323	87	6 Dec
Reported Harvest		2,515	
Harvest Quota		2,400	

*Includes some hunts not listed above

Caribou Harvest 2012-2013

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Date of EO Closure</u>
Draw	3,001	1,023	-
Tier I	5,045	2,542	-
Federal	3,105	608	-
CSH	403	150	-
Reported Harvest		4,429*	
Harvest Quota		5,500	

*Includes some hunts not listed above

Caribou Harvest 2013-2014

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Date of EO Closure</u>
Draw	5,008	606	10 Oct
Tier I	6,878	1,563	10 Oct
Federal	N/A	172	<i>still open</i>
CSH	689	113	10 Oct
Preliminary Harvest (Nov 20)		2,489*	
Harvest Quota		2,500	

*Includes some hunts not listed above

Moose Hunt Results

Moose Harvest 2011-2012

GMU 13

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
General Season	-	724
Draw	289	65
CSH	753	86*
Federal	1,326	79
Reported Harvest		954

* CSH harvest includes 3 bulls harvested in GMU 11. Emergency Orders (EO) were issued in August that changed the “any-bull” bag limit to the general season bag limit in 3 of the 8 hunt areas.

Moose Harvest 2012-2013

GMU 13

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
General Season	-	507
Draw	219	46
CSH	961	98*
Federal	1,292	59
Reported Harvest		710

* CSH harvest includes 1 bull harvested in GMU 11. Emergency Orders (EO) were issued in August & September that changed the “any-bull” bag limit to the general season bag limit in each of the hunt areas

Moose Harvest 2013-2014

GMU 13

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
General Season	-	405
Draw	340	67
CSH	2,066	156*
Federal		50
Preliminary Harvest		678

* CSH harvest includes no bulls harvested in GMU 11. Emergency Order(EO) issued 16 August that changed the “any-bull” bag limit to the general season bag limit all of the hunt areas

CSH Hunt History

Copper Basin CSH Group History

Caribou Hunt (CC001)

	No. of Groups	No. of Communities Participating	No. of Households	No. of Individual Participants	Total No. Caribou Harvested
2009	1	28	477		127
2010	<i>no hunt held</i>				
2011	6	28	338	665	87
2012	17	30	402	828	150
2013	28	41	687	1424	113

Note: CM300 harvest tickets were issued 1 per individual participant; while CC001 harvest tickets were issued 1 per household. Prior to 2013, harvest tickets were picked up by participants at their local F&G office. Not all eligible participants picked up their tickets. In 2013, harvest tickets were mailed out.

Copper Basin CSH Group History

Moose Hunt (CM300)

	No. of Groups	No. of Communities Participating	No. of Households	No. of Individual Participants	Total No. Moose Harvested
2009	1	19	246	378	100 (70 any bulls)
2010	<i>no hunt held</i>				
2011	9	31	416	814	91 (64 any bulls)*
2012	19	29	460	969	101 (76 any bulls)*
2013	45	41	955	2066	162 (88 any bulls)*

Harvest includes moose taken during the federal season by CSH hunters.

*Emergency Orders were issued in 2011, 2012 and 2013 changing the bag limit from “any bull” to the general season antler restriction to keep from exceeding the limits of “any bulls” by subunit.

Copper Basin CSH Hunt Update

- Pending litigation (3 cases)
- Increasing number of CSH groups and participants
- An emergency petition to repeal the CSH hunt was received in August and denied
- Agenda Change Request to modify some Unit 13 Tier I hunts to better improve the CSH moose hunt
- Regulatory changes adopted in March 2013 have not been implemented yet

Questions?

