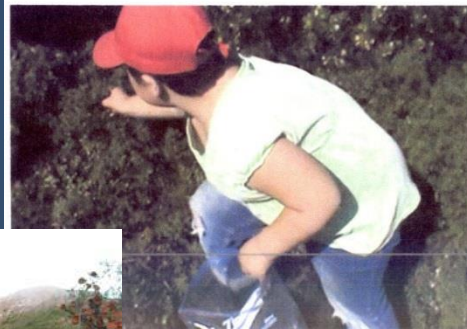


Unit 13 Moose and Caribou Update



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Current Unit 13 Hunt Structure

- Developed between 2006 and 2009; Revised in 2010
- 2009 & 2011-2014 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 (antlerless in one small hunt area)
 - Non-resident Draw (SF50, 4BT)
 - Fall Resident Draw (“any bull” moose) – Discontinued
Replaced with Winter Registration Hunt in 2014

2014 CSH Work Session

- Focused on 3 Issues
 - Increasing participation in the CSH program
 - Moose harvest in heavily hunted areas affect CSH opportunity in the remaining hunt areas
 - Reduced caribou hunting opportunity

Issue I – Increased CSH Participation

Regulatory Year	CSH Caribou		
	Groups	Households	Participants
2009	1	477	N/A
2010	-	-	-
2011	6	322	636
2012	17	402	824
2013	28	687	1,424
2014	25	569	1,121

Issue I – Increased CSH Participation

Regulatory Year	CSH Moose		
	Groups	Households	Participants
2009	1	246	378
2010	-	-	-
2011	9	407	753
2012	19	459	961
2013	45	955	2,066
2014	43	893	1,771

Issue I – Increased CSH Participation

Regulatory Year	CSH Moose Hunters		General Season Moose Hunters		All Other State Hunters Combined		Total State Moose Hunters
	Hunters	%	Hunters	%	Hunters	%	
2009	293	8%	3,371	89%	144	4%	3,808
2010	-	0%	4,172	94%	258	6%	4,430
2011	311	7%	3,805	89%	153	4%	4,269
2012	358	7%	4,464	90%	122	2%	4,944
2013	842	16%	4,134	80%	188	4%	5,164

Issue II

CSH Any-bull Hunting Opportunity

Unit	2012		2013	
	Quota	Harvest	Quota	Harvest
13A	12	15*	16	42*
13B	17	23*	26	23*
13C	10	14*	16	1*
13D	8	8*	11	7*
13E	13	16*	21	12*
11Z	10	0*	10	0*
Total	70	76	100	85

* Emergency order issued to change the bag limit

Issue III

CSH Caribou Hunting Opportunity

- Issue: CSH season closes the same time as other caribou seasons when herd quota is met
- Proposal:
 - Manage CSH hunt as a separate quota:
 - 300 caribou allocation is not exceeded
 - Overall herd quota is not exceeded

Recent Board of Game Actions Implemented in 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
 - 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

Recent Department Actions Implemented in 2014

- No “any bull” opportunity offered in Unit 13A West
- Reduced the allocation to 90 moose to compensate
- 24 hour of kill reporting requirement

Issue II

CSH Any-bull Hunting Opportunity

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	Quota	Harvest	Quota	Harvest	Quota	Harvest
13A	12	15*	16	42*	6	8*
13B	17	23*	26	23*	26	25*
13C	10	14*	16	1*	16	9
13D	8	8*	11	7*	11	13*
13E	13	16*	21	12*	21	21*
11Z	10	0*	10	0*	10	0
Total	70	76	100	85	90	76

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Winter Hunt

- 1,600 hunters signed up
- Quotas
 - 22 bulls in Unit 13C
 - 15 bulls in a portion of Unit 13B
- Closed after a 24-hour opener
- 4 moose harvested
 - Poor conditions
 - Reduced interest in hunt due to short hunting period

Caribou Harvest 2014-2015

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Date of EO Closure</u>
Draw	1,000	288	--
Tier I	5,596	2,172	--
CSH	569	139	--
Preliminary Harvest		2,599	
State Harvest Quota		3,000	

Moose Harvest 2014-2015

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	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
General Season	3,053	629
Draw	125	21
CSH	1,771	150
Federal		77
Winter Registration	386	4
Preliminary Harvest	881	

2014 Summary

- Outlook for moose and caribou is good
- Continues to be a lot of interest in Unit 13 hunts
- CSH season was easier to manage in 2014 due to recent actions taken by Board and Department
- Need to reevaluate the winter hunt

Questions?