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RC561 Nelchina Caribou Hunt to Close by Emergency Order

(Glennallen) – Nelchina caribou hunt RC561 will close by emergency order for the remainder of the August hunting season on Tuesday, August 17, at 11:59 p.m. The harvest quota of 350 caribou for RC561 has been reached.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's summer 2021 estimate for the Nelchina herd is approximately 38,400 caribou. To prevent overharvest, maintain adequate sex ratios within the herd, and maintain the herd within abundance objectives, the department determined a harvestable surplus of 1,600 caribou. Accounting for federal subsistence harvest, and based on Board of Game direction to distribute hunter opportunity and harvest, the department established the following state harvest quotas for existing Nelchina caribou hunts:

Hunt	Number of 2021 Permits	2021 Quota
YC495	200	100 (Expected Harvest)
DC475	50	25
DC485	2,000	225
RC561	2,919	350
RC562	4,181	350
CC001	903	200
		1,250

Nelchina caribou drawing permit hunt DC485 is scheduled to open August 20 – Sept. 20, and the second Tier I hunt, RC562, is scheduled to open Sept. 1 – Sept. 20. Both will be subject to early closure once quotas are reached. It is likely that no winter seasons will open.

Hunt updates and additional information will be available on the Nelchina hotline at (907) 267-2304.

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