

### Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) Hunt



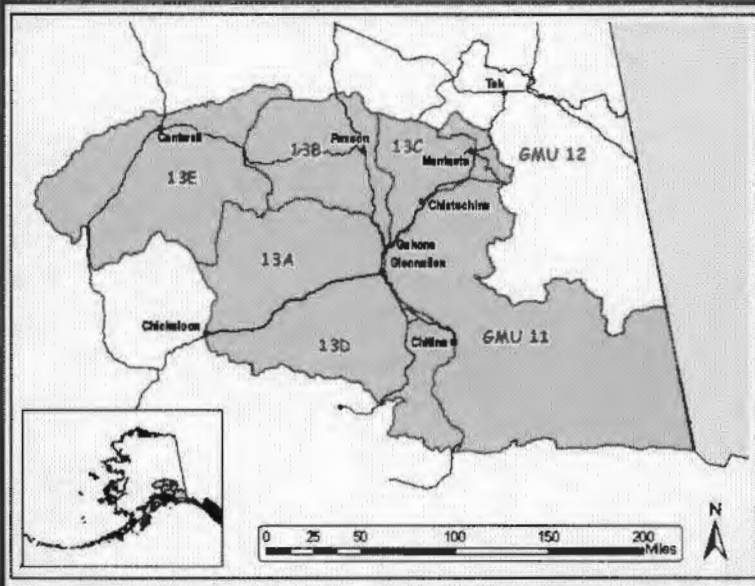
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### Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Permit Area



**Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH)  
Caribou - GMU 13  
2011-12**

- **6 CSH Caribou Groups/Communities** (application deadline: May 16)
- **359 households** (open application period)
- **86 caribou harvested** (70 bulls, 16 cows; does not include federal harvest)
- **4 caribou harvested by designated hunters** (preliminary)
- **EO closure issued December 6, 2011**
- **Final Group Reports due April 15, 2012**

**Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH)  
Caribou - GMU 13  
2011-12**

	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Preliminary Harvest</u>	<u>Date of EO Closure</u>
Draw	1130	318	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tier I	3151	1613	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Federal	N/A	401	Still Open
CSH	359	86	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Total Reported Harvest</b>		<b>2418</b>	

**Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH)  
Moose – GMU 11, 13, and portion of 12  
2011-12**

- 9 CSH Moose Groups/Communities (application deadline: May 16)
- 411 households (open application period)
- 829 individuals participated
- 86 bulls harvested (59 "any bulls")
- 8 bulls harvested by designated hunters (5 "any bulls")
- Final Group reports due April 15, 2012

**Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH)  
Moose – GMU 11, 13, and portion of 12  
2011-12**

	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Preliminary Harvest</u>
General Season	-	528
Draw	289	61
CSH	-	86*
<b>Total Reported Harvest</b>		<b>675</b>

\* 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 CSH hunt areas; All seasons remained open

## 2012-13 New Application Deadlines

Group application due Dec. 31, 2011

Individual application due July 1, 2012

### 2012-13 Preliminary Number of Groups:

Caribou (19)

Moose (22)

## Copper Basin CSH Hunt Guidance

### • How many Drawing Permits are issued?

- Board deliberations (March 2011 BOG, prop 50)
- 16% of harvestable surplus above the ANS (based on 2010 reported harvest)

### • How to administer Hunt Closures

- Board direction (March 2011 BOG)
  - "2 pools of hunters"
  - "open [the caribou season for] Draw [permit hunts] on Aug 20 if sufficient animals remain and close at department's discretion" – presumes biological basis for closure
  - Draw hunts close prior to subsistence hunts – implies allocation
- Question remains "when do we close the Draw Hunt (i.e. how much earlier) when the harvest is approaching harvest quota"

## Copper Basin CSH Hunt Guidance

### Allocate 16% of allowable harvest above ANS to Draw Permits:

Preliminary Harvest Quota for the herd is determined in November

Draw Quota = Preliminary Harvest Quota - 1,000 (ANS) X 16%

Draw Permits = Draw Quota / Draw Permit Hunter Success Rate

### Closure Options:

Draw Hunts close earlier than other hunts based on Board Guidance

Or

Close all State Hunts (at the same time) when the In-season Harvest Quota will be reached

### Request contingency plan to ensure adequate herd management:

Bag limit for all State Hunts may be increased by emergency order if the In-season

Harvest Quota will not be reached for any of the following reasons

- Insufficient number of permits issued
- Insufficient hunter success
- Herd is predicted to move out of the hunt area before the quota will be met