

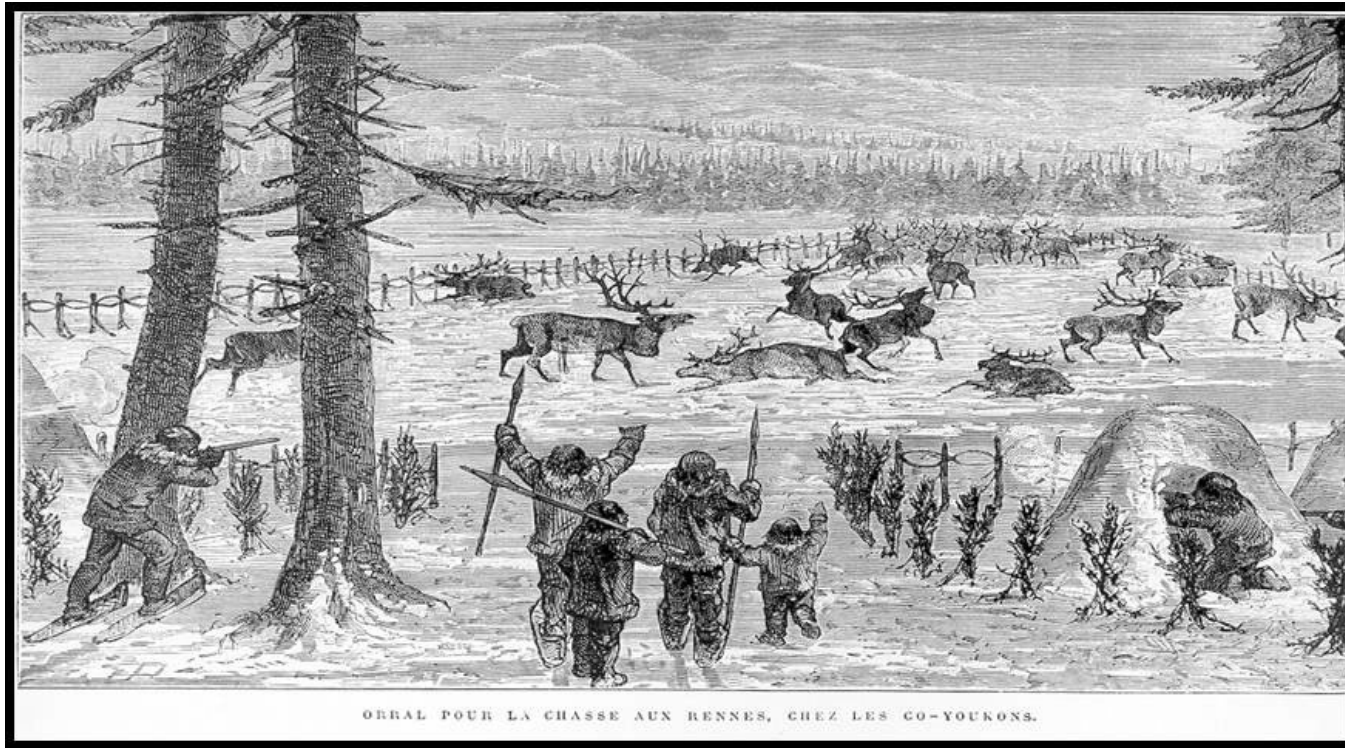
Nelchina Caribou Herd and the Tier II Process



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Alaska Board of Game
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Customary and Traditional Patterns of Harvest and Use



Positive C&T finding in 1983; reaffirmed in 1992 and 2006

Copper Basin Subsistence

- 1978** First state subsistence law directs Boards to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses **AS 16.05.258**
- 1985** First Tier II caribou hunt in GMU 13
- 1990** Change to registration hunt (result of the McDowell Case)
 - > 6,825 people obtained permits
 - > Allowable harvest reached in 3 days
- 1991** Tier II hunt implemented; conducted through 2010 (except 2009)
- 1993** BOG determined 100% of allowable harvest was the ANS and therefore a Tier II hunt was necessary

Pertinent Copper Basin Board Actions: 2006 - 2011

- 2006** Community-based harvest and use pattern
(2006-170-BOG)
- 2009** Revised ANS for Nelchina caribou of 600-1,000 animals
- 2011** Individual, household, or family use pattern
(2011-184-BOG)

Current Tier II regulations

Under AS 16.05.258, if the harvestable surplus of the game population is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses, subsistence users are distinguished through limitations based on 2 factors:

1. The customary and direct dependence on the game population for human consumption as a mainstay of livelihood; and
2. The ability of the subsistence user to obtain food if subsistence use is restricted or eliminated.

Current Tier II regulations

Factor A is up to **85** points (for all Tier II hunts).

The applicant's "customary and direct dependence on the game population for human consumption as a mainstay of livelihood."

- 1) Number of years applicant has eaten from or hunted the Tier II population (*up to 50 pts*);
- 2) Number of years a member of the applicant's household has eaten from or hunted the Tier II population (*up to 10 pts*); and
- 3) Number of days the applicant has hunted or fished in the Tier II hunt area (*up to 25 pts*).

Current Tier II regulations

Factor B is up to **55** points.

The “ability of a subsistence user to obtain food if subsistence use [of the Tier II population] is restricted.”

- 1) The availability of food for purchase in the community where most of the applicant’s food is purchased (25 pts); and
- 2) The cost of gasoline where most of the applicant’s gasoline is purchased (30 pts).

Current Tier II regulations

Alaska Subsistence Permit Supplement is produced annually

- Tier II hunts
- Tier II application
- Tier II instructions

Tier II Permit Process

- Applications accepted Nov. 1st
- Application period is 6 weeks
- Permit recipients announced 3rd Friday of February



2023-2024 Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement

See pages 1-3 for Tier II and page 4 for Tier I Nelchina caribou and Unit 13 Community Subsistence Harvest information.

Under state law, all Alaska residents are eligible for subsistence hunting of game populations where subsistence use occurs. If the harvestable portion of a game population is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for all subsistence uses, the Board of Game shall distinguish among subsistence users, through limitations based on:

- The customary and direct dependence on the game population by the subsistence user for human consumption as a mainstay of livelihood, and
- The ability of the subsistence user to obtain food if subsistence use is restricted or eliminated.

Permit Hunt Conditions

- Hunters must have in their possession a valid hunting license, necessary permits, and if needed, big game locking tags. Alaska residents 17 years of age and younger are not required to have a hunting license. Additional conditions may be listed under the description of each hunt.
- Properly completed permit hunt reports must be returned by the date specified on the permit, even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. If you did not return last year's Drawing, Registration (including Tier I Nelchina caribou, Targeted, or Tier I report, even if the postal service took your report, you will be ineligible for all Drawing, Registration (including Tier I Nelchina), Targeted, and Tier II permits for the next regulatory year.
- Permits are not transferable to another person, with the following exception:
 - Deployed military personnel who are unable to use their Tier II permit may be eligible to transfer their permit to a substitute hunter who is a resident of Alaska. Transfer forms are available at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?app=home_license_transfer_permit. Additional information is available by contacting the Permit Hunt Administrator, Community of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 S Margaret Dr., Palmer, AK 99645. Phone: (907) 746-6396; email: dfp.dwg.huntpermit@alaska.gov

Instructions for Applying for Tier II Permit Hunts

- (Complete instructions on the Tier II application.)
- Only Alaska residents may apply for Tier II hunts; you must be a resident at the time of application.
 - Applicants must be 10 years of age or older at the time of application.
 - A hunter may apply for more than one hunt, but must complete a separate application for each hunt.
 - You must list other members of your household who are also submitting Tier II applications.
 - No individual may hold more than one Tier II permit for a species.
 - Only one Tier II permit may be issued to a household for moose or muskox. Up to three Tier II permits may be issued to a household for caribou.
- Questions 1-11:**
- Driver's license or state ID number
 - First name, middle initial, and last name
 - Complete mailing address, city, state, and zip code
 - Date of birth
 - Phone number
 - Community of principal residence
- 12:** Total years of Alaska residency.
- 13:** Enter the hunt number which you are applying for. These are found in the first column on pages 2 and 3. Example: TM655
- 14:** If you are applying for more than one Tier II hunt for a species, enter the choice number in the box indicating if this hunt is your first, second, etc. choice.
- Scored Questions 15-19:** See the explanation of scored questions in the Point Scoring section to the right. If a question is blank, you will receive the minimum score for that question.
- Review and sign your application.** Any application which is illegible, has incorrect hunt numbers, or is missing required information (including signature) will not be considered. In addition, applications containing false information will be reported to Alaska Wildlife Troopers for investigation.

Proxy Hunting in Tier II Hunts

- You may proxy hunt for caribou, moose, and muskox in Tier II hunts.
- Antlerhorn destruction is required for both the hunter's animal and the beneficiary's animal, and must occur at the kill site unless antlerhorns must be submitted to ADF&G for measuring, in which case antlerhorn destruction will be completed after measuring by ADF&G.
- For all other proxy regulations, see the current Alaska Hunting Regulations.

Basic Hunter Education Requirements

- Requirements for hunters before hunting in **Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20:** If you were born after January 1, 1986 and are 18 years old or older, you must have successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course before you hunt in the units listed above.
- If you are under 18 years of age, you must have either successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course before you hunt in the units listed above or be under the direct immediate supervision of a licensed hunter who:
 - (a) is 18 years of age or older and has successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course, OR
 - (b) was born on or before January 1, 1986.
- Hunters aged 10-17 who have successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course, or hunters under the age of 10, are allowed to hunt on behalf of an adult permit holder under the direct and immediate supervision of that adult. The adult permit holder must be a licensed hunter, 18 or older, and is responsible for ensuring all legal requirements are met.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it true that only Alaska residents can apply for Tier II subsistence permits? Yes. You must be a resident at the time of application. A resident is a person who is physically present in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely and make a home here, and has maintained that person's domicile (home) in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application. Members of the military services and their dependents who have been stationed in the state for the preceding 12 consecutive months are also residents for Tier II purposes.
2. How are Tier II permits awarded? Each application is scored on 5 questions. Permits for a specific hunt are issued starting at the highest overall score and working downward until all permits are issued. If there are Tier II permits remaining, but a pool of applicants with the same score is too large to award all permits, a random drawing will be held to award the remaining permits.
3. How many Tier II permits may an individual be awarded? Only one Tier II permit per species may be awarded to an individual. Therefore, it is important that those applying for more than one hunt for the same species identify whether a hunt is for an individual or a household. If more individuals in a household are eligible for permits based on their score than can be allowed, the highest scoring individual(s) in the household will be awarded permit(s). When more than one household member applies for Tier II hunts, household permits must be listed on each application.
4. Can I have both a Drawing permit and a Tier II permit for the same species? Yes. A person can be selected for a Drawing permit and also be awarded a Tier II permit for the same species. However an individual's top hunt does not increase their overall score. If an individual is selected for a Drawing permit, the other permit automatically becomes invalid; however, you must still submit both reports. The Drawing and Tier II permits are separate processes and your application for receiving a permit in one system does not affect your opportunity to apply for or receive a permit in the other.
5. For Tier II, how does my score and my choice order affect if I get a permit or not? Each hunt is scored independently. If you qualify for more than one permit for a given species, you will receive the permit and your scores are the same, a permit will be awarded by random draw process.
6. If I qualify for a permit for one species, does that affect my opportunity to receive a permit for another species? No. Each hunt is scored independently. Your potential to qualify for a permit is dependent upon your score in relation to the scores of other applicants for the same hunt.

Appeals Process

Applicants may appeal a Tier II permit allocation decision or score to the Permit Hunt Administrator within 20 days of the public release of the list of names of those awarded Tier II permits. An appeal must be in writing or by telephone. If appeal is submitted in writing, it must be emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to the Permit Hunt Administrator (contact information below) within the 20-day appeal period. If appeal is provided by telephone (number below), it must also be made within the 20-day appeal period. Telephone appeals will be recorded. The department will provide a decision on the appeal by first class mail within 7 days of appeal receipt. A person aggrieved by a decision under this appeal system may appeal to the ADF&G Commissioner within 7 days of the mailing of a decision by the Permit Hunt Administrator. The Department of Fish and Game may change a Tier II permit allocation decision or score in case of an ADF&G scoring error or based on evidence that information on an application is false. Under 5-A.A.C. 20.09, applicants that are incomplete or contain false statements are void. Therefore, appeals asking to insert missing information or a signature, or asking to change answers to questions will be denied. Submit appeal to: Permit Hunt Administrator, ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 S Margaret Dr., Palmer, AK 99645, or call (907) 746-6396 to appeal over the phone.

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2023-2024 Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement

This Subsistence Supplement is available online at: <http://hunt.alaska.gov>

Apply Online by 5 p.m. (AKST) December 15!

The online application period begins November 1 and ends December 15, 2022 at 5 p.m. (AKST). Results will be announced by the third Friday of February.

Tier II & Community Subsistence Harvest Hunts: Apply online ONLY

Tier II: Apply online OR by mail to the address shown on the application form.

- If you apply by mail, it is your responsibility to make certain the envelope gets postmarked between November 1 and November 30 and received by December 15. Applications will not be accepted over the counter.

- Postmark: Some post offices routinely pouch mail and send it to a larger distribution center where it is postmarked 24-48 hours later. We suggest you hand-carry your envelope into the post office, ask that it be postmarked, and then look at the postmark to verify it. Also note that a postmark means a U.S. Postal Service postmark. Postage meter dates do not count. If applying by mail, MAIL TO:

ADF&G Tier II Permit Applications
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518

Point Scoring

Each Tier II application is scored based on the applicant's answers to questions 15-19. Up to 140 points are possible. Answers may be subject to verification.

15. Up to 50 points are awarded for the number of years you have hunted or eaten meat from the game population in the hunt area, or would have hunted this population, but did not because the hunt was canceled or you were unsuccessful in obtaining a Drawing or Tier II permit for this population. One point is awarded for each year.
16. Up to 10 points are awarded for the number of years any one member of the household has hunted or eaten meat from this game population, or would have hunted this population, but did not because the hunt was canceled or the household member was unsuccessful in obtaining a Drawing or Tier II permit for this population. One-fifth of a point is awarded for each year.
17. Up to 25 points are awarded for the number of days you spent hunting and/or fishing during the last regulatory year in the Tier II hunt area for which you are applying. The maximum number of points will be awarded to applicants who hunted and fished in the area for 70 days or more during the last regulatory year.
18. Up to 25 points are awarded based on the cost of food in the community where you purchased most of your store-bought food during the past year. Points are calculated by the department using the cost-of-food index for the community nearest the applicant's residence.
19. Up to 30 points are awarded based on the cost of automotive fuel in the community where you purchased most of your automotive fuel during the past year. Points are calculated by the department using the cost of automotive fuel for the community nearest the applicant's residence.

2022 Tier II Permit Statistics

Hunt Number	Applications Received	Permits Available	% Awarded
TC505	310	600	100
TM659	287	250	87
TM549	17	4	24
TM655	157	100	64
TM567	186	80	43
TM649	85	80	94
TM680	241	200	83
TM694	5	7	100
TM940	44	75	100
TX090	46	8	17
TX095	88	5	6
TX096	99	5	5
TX102	87	8	9
TX103	37	2	5
TX104	35	4	11
TX105	77	8	10
TX109	30	3	10
TX107	53	3	6

The table to the left shows application information for Tier II hunts held last regulatory year. The column titled % Awarded gives the percentage of applicants receiving a permit.



Current Tier II regulations

Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Application

- Completed by the applicant
- General demographic data
- Area (GMU, hunt) specific questions

2023 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Application

PAPER APPLICATION DEADLINE November 30, 2022

Mail to: **ADF&G Tier II Permit Applications**
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518

Applications will not be accepted over the counter.
Apply online by December 15 at 5 p.m. (AKST): <http://hunt.alaska.gov>

Department Use Only:

see back for instructions

1. STATE ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSE/D NUMBER: OR I DON'T HAVE A STATE ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSE/D NUMBER

2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM-DD-YYYY):

3. 10-DIGIT PHONE NUMBER:

4. FULL LEGAL FIRST NAME:

5. MI:

6. FULL LEGAL LAST NAME:

SUFFIX (JR, SR, ETC.):

7. MAILING ADDRESS:

8. CITY:

9. STATE:

10. ZIP CODE:

11. COMMUNITY OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE (See Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement):

All contact information provided is subject to public disclosure - do NOT submit unlisted phone numbers.

Use black ballpoint pen only. PRINT IN CAPITAL OR BLOCK LETTERS and STAY INSIDE THE BOX. Due to the use of scanning technology, failure to do so could lead to your application being rejected.

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12. Residency: How long have YOU lived in Alaska? (Enter Years)

13. What Tier II hunt are you applying for? One hunt choice per application. (Enter hunt number listed in the Subsistence Permit Hunt supplement)

14. If you are applying for more than 1 hunt for this species, is this hunt your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. choice? (Enter 1, 2, 3 etc. Write in single number)

Questions 15-19 are SCORED - If a box is not filled in, you will receive the minimum score.

15. How many years have YOU hunted or eaten meat from the Tier II population you are applying for in Question 13? Include years you would have hunted this population, but did not because the hunt was canceled or you were unsuccessful in obtaining a Drawing or Tier II permit for this population. (Enter Years)

16. What is the maximum number of years any one living MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD, including yourself (see definition on back) has hunted or eaten meat from the Tier II population you are applying for in Question 13? Include the years the household member would have hunted this population, but did not because the hunt was canceled or the household member was unsuccessful in obtaining a Drawing or Tier II permit for this population. Enter information for this household member below: (Enter Years)

17. Within this Tier II hunt area, how many days did you, the applicant, spend hunting and fishing during the past regulatory year (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)? (Do not include time spent commercial fishing or guiding.) Please check the appropriate box. 0 days 1-6 days 7-27 days 28-48 days 49-69 days 70 days or more

18. Over the past year, in what community did you buy most of your FOOD? (ENTER COMMUNITY NAME FROM LIST IN THE ALASKA SUBSISTENCE PERMIT HUNT SUPPLEMENT)

19. Over the past year, in what community did you buy most of your GASOLINE (automotive fuel)? (ENTER COMMUNITY NAME FROM LIST IN THE ALASKA SUBSISTENCE PERMIT HUNT SUPPLEMENT)

I hereby certify that I am the applicant and all of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand some of this information is subject to public disclosure.

Signature (REQUIRED) _____ Date _____

Read the certification statement carefully. We must reject applications without a signature.

See back of form to complete application. **➔**

You MUST enter the names of additional household members who are also submitting Tier II applications on the back.

Remember...

- Sign the application
- Do not send money
- Use only one hunt number per application
- Enter or check all required information
- Tier II Subsistence hunts are open to Alaska Residents only
- Applicants may be awarded a maximum of one permit per species; each household may be awarded a maximum of three Tier II Caribou permits, one Tier II Moose permit, and one Tier II muskox permit
- Applications must be postmarked between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30, and received by Dec. 15, 2022

Providing false information on this application is a crime and is subject to a maximum penalty of either a \$10,000 fine or 1 year imprisonment, or both, per 5 AAC 52.020, 5 AAC 52.052, AS 16.05.420, AS 16.05.525 and AS 11.56.210. You may be asked to provide additional information to support this application by Alaska Wildlife Troopers or Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



Current Tier II regulations

Outreach material available to explain various hunt structures, including Tier II

Know the regulations before you go

You are personally responsible for following all the regulations affecting your hunt. Hunts may close early by emergency order. It is your responsibility to check with ADF&G for hunt closure information prior to hunting. Hunt information can be found online at:
<http://hunt.alaska.gov>



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Tier I Hunt (VARIES)

Tier I is a type of hunt where the Board of Game has identified a game population that has been customarily and traditionally used for subsistence and where it is anticipated that a reasonable opportunity can be provided to all residents who desire to engage in that subsistence use. Each Tier I hunt is unique and may be managed as a general season hunt, a registration hunt, or a community subsistence harvest hunt. The following Tier I hunt is highlighted as an example, and selected because of its complexity.

> Tier I (RC561 and RC562)

This hunt is a Unit 13 Nelchina caribou subsistence hunt and is limited to Alaska residents only. An application is required for each household during November and December for hunts occurring the following fall. This hunt is limited to one permit per household; see the current *Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement* for more details.

Tier II Hunts (T)

Tier II hunts are open to Alaska residents only, and are issued when there is not enough game to satisfy all subsistence needs. Applicants must answer questions concerning their dependence on the game for their livelihood and availability of alternative resources. Applications are scored based on responses to the questionnaire and permits are issued to those with the highest scores. The *Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement* is available which lists hunt opportunities, area boundaries, specimen requirements, and reporting requirements.

How to apply: Apply for Tier II hunts in the fall prior to the planned hunt. Online applications are accepted in November and December, with a December deadline. Paper applications are accepted if postmarked between November 1 and November 30. See the current *Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement* for details.

Community Subsistence Harvest Hunts (C)

In some areas, the Board of Game establishes community subsistence harvest hunts to accommodate traditional subsistence hunting practices and create group bag limits rather than individual bag limits. See current *Alaska Hunting Regulations* for application dates. The Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunts for caribou and moose have additional restrictions which are outlined in the *Alaska Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement* and the community specific application packets.

Questions?

