

PROPOSAL 30

5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.

Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 17 and 19 as follows:

Mulchatna caribou herd implements a three-year moratorium in the following Units: 9B, 17, 19A, and 19B in conjunction with the three-year moratorium in Unit 18.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to the continued decline of the Mulchatna caribou herd, all efforts to rebuild the population is vital. Implementing a three-year moratorium on the herd in the following Units: 9B, 17, 19A, and 19B is necessary to ensure that there will be no hunting as "Every Caribou Counts." With active efforts on both state and federal management doing everything we can to ensure that rebuilding the caribou population is vital.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? After submitting a Federal Special Action Request (SAR) to close hunting on the Mulchatna caribou herd. Office of Subsistence management Wildlife Supervisor, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council Coordinator, and I met on 4/11/2024 at 10AM to discuss in depth the SAR. During our discussion it resulted in the following actions that needed to take place. Implement a moratorium on the full range of the Mulchatna caribou herd's migratory areas. This will provide clarity that there is no open hunting season on the full range of the Mulchatna caribou herd. That we civilians, managers, and both state and feds are working together to rebuild the caribou population. As the herd is still declining in numbers, we want to ensure that hunting remains closed until we meet or exceed the threshold.

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