

PROPOSAL 31

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

Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19 as follows.

Units 9B, 19A, 19B, 17A, 17B, 17C: Change the Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunt) from 19: (August 10- September 30) change to (No open season). 17: (August 1- March 31) change to (No open season).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? For the security and protection that "Every Caribou Counts" on the Mulchatna caribou herd. The following changes need to be addressed to ensure hunting on the full range of the caribou migratory range continues to be closed until the population numbers have met or exceeded the 30,000 threshold to harvest.

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. Change state regulations to open season to No open Season. 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 & 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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