

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-08-11

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
December 2, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
December 3, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
unless Superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the 2011-2012 Nelchina Caribou Tier I subsistence hunt within GMU 13 (RC566) for the remainder of the season.

This emergency order does not affect the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest caribou hunt (CC001), or federal subsistence hunting regulations.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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| (8) | | |
| Unit 13 | | |
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| 1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only) Oct. 21 – <u>Dec. 3</u> (Subsistence hunt only) | No open season |
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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The harvest objective for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2011-2012 season is 2,400. To date, a total of 2,357 caribou (650 cows, 1,705 bulls, 2 unk) have been reported taken during the state tier I (1,603), community subsistence harvest (82), drawing (311), and all federal subsistence hunting seasons (361). The total harvest is expected to reach the harvest quota by Saturday.

The state subsistence community harvest hunt in Unit 13 and federal subsistence hunts will remain open at this time, although additional harvest is expected to be negligible.

The majority of caribou have moved out of Unit 13 for the winter, except for small resident groups scattered across the unit. Large numbers of Nelchina caribou have moved into the Tetlin Flats in Unit 12 and the Taylor Highway area of Unit 20E. Some additional harvest of Nelchina caribou is expected under federal subsistence hunting regulations in those areas. All federal hunters are encouraged to take bulls only for the remainder of the season.

The final 2011 Nelchina caribou herd population estimate was 40,233, prior to harvest. If the total harvest quota for 2011-2012 is met, the herd is expected to return to the management objective of 35,000–40,000.

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