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### Tier II Caribou Hunt TC505 Reopens in Game Management Units 9C and 9E

(KING SALMON) – Tier II hunt TC505 for the Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (NAP) in Game Management Units 9C and 9E will reopen by emergency order (04-09-16) at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, and close on September 30, 2016.

ADF&G issued 200 Tier II caribou permits for this hunt, and as of Tuesday, September 20, only 23 caribou have been reported harvested. Hunters are concerned about low harvest and lost opportunity due to the herd not being in the accessible hunt areas. In particular, hunters in northern Unit 9E have noted seasonal movements of caribou into the area have not yet occurred. This season extension is intended to benefit residents should caribou make a tardy arrival onto traditional hunting grounds before the onset of the rut.

Hunters with a TC505 permit may also hunt for NAP caribou during the late season, which is Nov. 15 through Feb. 28 for Unit 9C, and Nov. 1 through Apr. 30 for Unit 9E. All other caribou hunting seasons in Unit 9 are unaffected by this emergency order.

Hunters are reminded to submit their permit reports for this hunt to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

For additional information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon at (907) 246-3340.

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