

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-03-19

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
July 31, 2019

Effective Date: 12:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 1, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2020 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 (i.e., RC561, RC562, CC001, YC495, and DC485) from one bull to one either sex caribou. This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulation in Unit 13.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a)(8)(B), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
(8) (B)		
Unit 13		
1 caribou per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 400 caribou may be taken; or	Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

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1 caribou every regulatory year by youth hunt drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued	Aug. 1–Aug. 5	No open season
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1 caribou every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued	Aug. 20–Sept. 20 Oct. 21–March 31	No open season
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All other caribou hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Heidi Hatcher
Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

To maintain the population objective of 35,000–40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually. Information collected from collared caribou during the winter and spring indicate that the herd experienced high survival and high recruitment rates through the winter of 2018/2019. When the herd returned to the Nelchina Basin, calf productivity was high, which impacted overall herd size. The July 2019 post-calving survey of the herd is being finalized, but a minimum of 51,000 caribou have been identified, of which approximately 17,000 are calves and 34,000 are adults, which allows for a harvestable surplus that will accommodate harvest of both bulls and cows.

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