

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-02-22

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
July 14, 2022

Effective Date:
Thursday, July 14, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2023 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the bag limit for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 as one bull to allow for growth of the herd. This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulation in Unit 13.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
(8)		
(B)		
Unit 13		
1 bull 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 bull every regulatory	Aug. 10–Aug. 31	No open season

year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or

(Subsistence Hunt only)
Oct. 21–March 31
(Subsistence Hunt only)

1 bull every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or

Sept. 01–Sept. 20
(Subsistence Hunt only)
Oct. 21–March 31
(Subsistence Hunt only)

No open season

1 bull every regulatory year by youth hunt drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued; or

Aug. 1–Aug. 5

No open season

1 **bull** every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued; or
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Aug. 20–Sept. 20
Oct. 21–March 31

No open season

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 achieve the population objective of 35,000-40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually based on the status of the herd. The harvest quota for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2022-2023 season is 1,000 bull caribou. The department believes that harvest of approximately 615 bull caribou from the state seasons and additional federal harvest can be taken sustainably while allowing for herd growth and providing for subsistence opportunity.

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