

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-07-13

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
October 09, 2013

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 10, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2014 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all 2013-2014 Nelchina caribou state hunts within Game Management Unit 13 (CC001, RC566, DC480, DC481, DC482 and DC483) for the remainder of the season.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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)		
Unit 13		
1 bull per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 300 caribou may be taken; or	Aug. 11– Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 bull every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 11– Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

1 bull every regulatory
year by drawing permit; up to
5,000 permits may be issued

Aug. 20–**Sept. 20**

No open season

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

To maintain the population objective of 35,000-40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually. The harvest objective for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2013-2014 season is 2,500 caribou (2,200 bulls and 300 cows). It is anticipated that caribou harvested prior to September 20 under state permit hunts in combination with caribou taken under federal subsistence permits will be sufficient to achieve this year's quota. To date, a total of 2,291 caribou (2,072 bulls and 219 cows) have been reported taken in the following hunts: Tier I (1,537), community subsistence harvest (112), drawing (589), and federal subsistence (53). The federal harvest has averaged 400 caribou annually over the past five years. Because the federal subsistence season will remain open, the federal harvest is expected to increase this winter.

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