

# Emergency Order

**Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-04-20

Issued at Palmer, Alaska  
July 17, 2020

**Effective Date:** 11:59 pm.  
July 17, 2020

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2021  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

**EXPLANATION:**

Caribou registration permit hunt RC503 for the Mulchatna caribou herd in portions of Game Management Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19A and 19B will open this year at 12:00 a.m. August 1, 2020 and will close on September 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Permits will be available online (<https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/ePermit>), in person at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Homer, King Salmon, McGrath, Palmer, Soldotna, and at license vendors within the hunt area beginning Monday, July 20, 2020. Hunters are encouraged to go online to get permits to reduce personal contact in offices. The bag limit is one bull caribou across the entire hunt area with a 5-day reporting requirement. The federal bag limit is also one bull under the RC503 permit. No winter season will be announced.

In addition, the state-administered RC501 hunt for Nushagak Peninsula caribou will not open this year due to reduced herd size. This does not affect the federal subsistence hunt for Nushagak Peninsula caribou. Federal managers will announce 2020 federal subsistence hunting regulations for Nushagak Peninsula caribou after consultation with the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Planning Committee.

All other caribou hunting regulations for Units 9, 17, 18 and 19 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 9(A) and that portion of  
Unit 9(C) within the Alagnak

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River drainage

July 17, 2020

RESIDENT HUNTERS:  
**1 bull** by registration permit  
only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 9(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:  
**1 bull** by registration permit  
only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 9(C), that portion north of  
the north bank of the Naknek  
River and south of the Alagnak  
River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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**1 bull** by registration permit  
only;

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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Unit 17(A), all drainages that terminate  
East of Right Hand Point  
Remainder of Unit 17(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:  
2 caribou may be taken during  
the season to be announced by  
emergency order by registration  
permit by registration permit  
only

**No open season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Remainder of Unit 17(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Unit 17(B), that portion in the Unit 17(B) Nonresident Closed Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Remainder of Unit 17(B), and that portion of 17(C) east of the east banks of the Wood River, Lake Aleknagik, Agulowak River, Lake Nerka, and the Agulupak River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Remainder of Unit 17(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 caribou may be taken during the season to be announced by emergency order by registration permit by registration permit only

**No open season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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Unit 18

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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Unit 19(A), that portion with the Lime Village Management Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Units 19(A) and 19(B) within the Nonresident Closed Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

Remainder of Unit 19(A) and 19(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

**1 bull** by registration permit only

**Aug. 1–Sept. 20**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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:



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Todd A. Rinaldi  
Regional Management Coordinator

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The RC503 permit area covers the range the Mulchatna caribou herd in portions of Units 9, 17, 18 and 19. The population of Mulchatna caribou herd has been estimated at approximately 13,500 animals for the past two years and remains below the population objective of 30,000–80,000 caribou and continued management action must take place for the conservation of the herd. In August 2019, the department took conservation measures by reducing the bag limit from 2 caribou to 1 caribou (EO 04-06-19) and later closing the hunt entirely on January 31, 2020 after stakeholder consultation.

This year (RY2020) a limited number of bull caribou are available for harvest. The bag limit for caribou has been reduced to one bull caribou with season dates of August 1–September 20 only. RC503 hunt permit reports are due within 5 days of a successful harvest or 15 days after close of season for unsuccessful hunts or those that did not hunt.

State caribou hunting opportunities on the Nushagak Peninsula (RC501) are closed this year due to a reduction needed to manage the population. Federal hunting opportunity on the Nushagak Peninsula remains.

State caribou hunting opportunities under general harvest for caribou remain in Units 9D, 10, 19C and 19D.

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