

Note: Proposal 140 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Statewide Regulations Meeting in March 2016.

PROPOSAL 140 - 5 AAC 85.025(17) Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Change the hunting seasons and bag limits in Unit 22 as follows:

5 AAC 85.025(a)(17):

Unit 22(A), that portion north of the Golsovia River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
5 caribou per day, **up to 20 caribou total**, as follows:

up to 5 <u>caribou</u> [BULLS] per day; however, calves may not be taken;	[JULY 1 - OCT. 14 FEB. 1 - JUNE 30] <u>July 1 - June 30</u>
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[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, [SEPT. 1 - MAR. 31]
CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30

Unit 22(B), that portion west of Golovnin Bay, and west of a line along the west bank of the Fish and Niukluk Rivers to the mouth of the Libby River, and excluding all portions of the Niukluk River drainage upstream from and including the Libby River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
5 caribou per day, **up to 20 caribou total**, as follows:

up to 5 <u>caribou</u> [BULLS] per day; however, calves may not be taken;	[JULY 1 - OCT. 14 FEB. 1 - JUNE 30] <u>July 1 - June 30</u>
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[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, [SEPT. 1 - MAR. 31]

CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN]

[UP TO 5 CARIBOU PER DAY;
HOWEVER, CALVES MAY NOT
BE TAKEN; DURING
THE PERIOD MAY 1 - SEPT. 30,
A SEASON MAY BE ANNOUNCED BY
EMERGENCY ORDER; HOWEVER,
COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE
TAKEN APRIL 1 - AUG 31;
BULL CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN
OCT. 15 - JAN 31]

[(SEASON TO BE
ANNOUNCED BY
EMERGENCY ORDER)]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken;
during
the period Aug. 1 - Sept. 30,
a season may be announced by
emergency order

(Season to be
announced by
emergency order)

Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, **up to 20**
caribou total, as follows:

up to 5 **caribou** [BULLS] per day;
however, calves may not be taken;

[JULY 1 - OCT. 14
FEB. 1 - JUNE 30]
July 1 - June 30

[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, [SEPT. 1 - MAR. 31]
CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30

Unit 22(D), that portion in the
Pilgrim River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, **up to 20**
caribou total, as follows:

up to 5 **caribou** [BULLS] per day;

[JULY 1 - OCT. 14

however, calves may not be taken;

FEB. 1 - JUNE 30]
Oct. 1 - Apr. 30

[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN] [OCT. 1 - MAR. 31]

[UP TO 5 CARIBOU PER DAY; HOWEVER, CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN; DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1 - SEPT. 30, A SEASON MAY BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN APRIL 1 - AUG. 31]

[(SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER)]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken ; during the period Aug. 1 - Sept. 30, a season may be announced by emergency order

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

Unit 22(D), that portion in the Kuzitrin River drainage (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage) and the Agiapuk River drainage, including the tributaries

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, **up to 20 caribou total**, as follows:

up to 5 **caribou** [BULLS] per day; however, calves may not be taken;

[JULY 1 - OCT. 14
FEB. 1 - JUNE 30]
July 1 - June 30

[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN] [SEPT. 1 - MAR. 31]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30

Unit 22(E), that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
5 caribou per day, **up to 20 caribou total**, as follows:

up to 5 **caribou** [BULLS] per day; however, calves may not be taken;

[JULY 1 - OCT. 14
FEB. 1 - JUNE 30]
July 1 - June 30

[UP TO 5 COWS PER DAY; HOWEVER, CALVES MAY NOT BE TAKEN] [SEPT. 1 - MAR. 31]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30

Remainder of Unit 22

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
5 caribou per day, **up to 20 caribou total**, as follows:

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

up to 5 caribou [BULLS] per day; however, calves may not be taken; COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN APR. 1 - AUG. 31; BULL CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN OCT. 15 - JAN. 31]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bull; however, calves may not be taken; during the period Aug. 1 - Sept. 30

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

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WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY? We would like to see each resident hunter issued 20 either-sex caribou harvest tags, with a daily limit of five caribou, and the resident hunting seasons in Unit 22 revert to those similar to the 2014 standard seasons.

Regulations enacted in 2015 encourage the harvest of breeding female caribou in a time of declining population levels. The unanticipated result of the separation of the bull and cow season has resulted in numerous violations by hunters who mistakenly shot the wrong sex caribou. Some animals were wasted when the hunter realized their mistake and did not want to take responsibility. The current harvest is estimated using community survey methods which are believed to yield poorer quality harvest estimates.

The board will note there are several subunits with discretionary seasons. The reindeer herds in these areas present special management issues which require coordination with wildlife managers and reindeer owners. On the years when the caribou do not migrate to the subunits, there is not action needed.

This would address the confusion and waste issue and the concerns mentioned in proposal 85 on page 71 of the board's proposal book.

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