Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-06-21

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska

August 16, 2021

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.

June 30, 2022 unless superseded by subsequent

emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state Tier I Nelchina caribou registration hunt RC561 within Game Management Unit 13 for the remainder of the August season because the quota of 350 caribou has been reached. This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulations 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Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025** (a) (8), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
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Unit 13		
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 17 (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	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 L. Hatcher

Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

To maintain the population objective of 35,000–40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually. The harvest quota for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2021–2022 season is 1,600 caribou. The department believes that harvest of approximately 1,250 caribou from the state season and additional federal harvest can be taken sustainably while allowing for modest growth and providing for subsistence opportunity. The 2021–2022 quota for the Tier I Registration Caribou hunt RC561 is 350 caribou, which has been reached.

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