Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-05-21

Effective Date: 12:01 am
July 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 30, 2022
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State and Federal 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 not be offered this year.

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 2021 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Unit 9(A) and that portion of Unit 9(C) within the Alagnak River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 2 caribou by registration permit only

No open season
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season.

Unit 9(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season
2 caribou by registration permit only

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: No open season
2 caribou by registration permit only;

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: No open season
2 caribou may be taken during the season to be announced by emergency order by registration permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season

Remainder of Unit 17(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season
by registration permit only 2 caribou
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open season

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 caribou by registration permit only

No open season

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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:

2 caribou by registration permit only

No open season

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

Remainder of Unit 17(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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

No open season

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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Unit 18

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 caribou by registration permit only

No open season
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

2 caribou by registration permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

2 caribou by registration permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season

2 caribou by registration permit only

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:

Bryan Reiley, PhD
Area Wildlife Biologist
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 is currently estimated at approximately 12,850 animals and remains below the population objective of 30,000–80,000 caribou. Continued management action must take place for the conservation of the herd. Since August 2019, the department and USFWS have taken conservation measures by reducing the bag limits, shortening seasons, and closing seasons after stakeholder consultation. This year (RY2021) no caribou are available for harvest.

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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