Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 04-02-22**

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Alaska

**Effective Date:**
Thursday, July 14, 2022

**Expiration Date:**
11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2022

**Expiration Date:**
June 30, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order establishes the bag limit for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 as one bull to allow for growth of the herd. This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulation 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Therefore, the provisions of 5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Unit 13

1 bull per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 400 caribou may be taken; or

1 bull every regulatory

| Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only) | Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only) | Aug. 10–Aug. 31 | No open season | No open season |
### JUSTIFICATION:

To achieve the population objective of 35,000-40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually based on the status of the herd. The harvest quota for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2022-2023 season is 1,000 bull caribou. The department believes that harvest of approximately 615 bull caribou from the state seasons and additional federal harvest can be taken sustainably while allowing for herd growth and providing for subsistence opportunity.

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