



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME COPPER BASIN MOOSE COMMUNITY SUBSISTENCE HARVEST PERMIT PROGRAM, 2011–2012

HUNT ADMINISTRATION

As required by a July 2010 Alaska Superior Court decision (3KN-09-178CD), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will administer and manage community subsistence harvest (CSH) programs. Hunt administration will be in accordance with the department's statutory and regulatory authority, including managing this common use resource for sustained yield according to laws regarding the subsistence preference passed by the Alaska State Legislature. Participation in the Copper Basin CSH program does not affect federal subsistence hunting opportunity.

COPPER BASIN MOOSE CSH PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

According to regulations found at 5 AAC 92.072 *Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt Area* and at 5 AAC 92.052 *Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*, the ADF&G commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may issue community-based or group subsistence harvest permits and harvest reports for big game species where the Alaska Board of Game has established a community harvest hunt area. The CSH permit program allows a community or group of 25 or more to select, from their group members, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the community or group.

The hunt conditions in this Copper Basin Moose CSH permit program are made for the purposes of notifying the group/pool of users of how to use the moose in a manner consistent with the customary and traditional use pattern described in the board's 2006 finding *Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses* (2006-170-BOG), as well as to ensure an orderly administration of the CSH permit program and hunt.

A community or group may possess only one (1) Copper Basin Moose CSH permit at any given time and group members may subscribe to only one (1) Copper Basin Moose CSH permit per regulatory year. The Copper Basin Moose CSH permit expires at the end of the regulatory year for which it was issued. Renewal of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit is the responsibility of the community or group.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

For future hunts, it is the department's intent that applications for a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit will be available from ADF&G by March 15 of the calendar year of the hunt. For 2011–2012, applications must be postmarked or received in person by 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2011.

After the 2011–2012 year, applications must be returned to ADF&G and postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on May 1 of the calendar year of the hunt. If May 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the application is due no later than 5:00 PM on the next business day.

Incomplete applications will be void. Send completed applications to your local ADF&G office, or to the Anchorage ADF&G office (see "For More Information," below).

There is no limit to the number of communities or groups that may apply for a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit and there is no limit to the number of hunters who may participate in a community or group, except that there must be 25 or more verified members.

THE COMMUNITY OR GROUP COORDINATOR

In addition to permit hunt conditions and procedures found in 5 AAC 92.050, the community or group applying for a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit must designate a coordinator as part of the application process. The coordinator certifies that the information presented in a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit application is true and correct to the best of the coordinator's ability; monitors and reports on compliance with the conditions of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit; and serves as the primary point of contact, among other duties.

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin Community Moose Harvest Permit to each coordinator.

HUNTER REGISTRATION

In the application materials, each Copper Basin Moose CSH permit coordinator must provide a list of group members who will be hunting under the terms and conditions of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit hunt, the names of their household members, as well as other required information. Group coordinators can add additional participants by contacting ADF&G.

According to 5 AAC 92.990 (23) *Definitions*, a "household" means that group of people domiciled in the same residence.

COPPER BASIN CSH MOOSE HARVEST TICKETS AND REPORT CARDS

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket/report card to each person on the community or group's list. In addition to licensing and hunter education requirements, each hunter must have (1) Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket in the hunter's actual possession for each moose that hunter takes or attempts to take under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt. By subscribing to a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt, a hunter certifies that he or she will comply with all applicable conditions.

Except for the 2011–2012 year (because of the timing of hunt development), hunters and their household members who subscribe to a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt will not be eligible to receive a Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket/report card if they have:

1. Registered or applied for any other state caribou drawing, CSH, or registration permit hunt outside of GMU 13; or
2. Applied for any state moose drawing, CSH, or registration permit hunt statewide, or if they have obtained a general season moose harvest ticket.

However, even in the 2011-2012 year, hunters and their household members who subscribe to a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt will not be eligible to receive a Copper Basin moose harvest ticket/report if they have failed to comply with ADF&G reporting requirements in the previous year.

A person subscribing to a Copper Basin CSH hunt can hunt for moose only in the Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area, and for caribou only in GMU 13 (see "Hunt Area," below).

Hunters must comply with all state hunting regulations and statutes, including, but not limited to, recording their Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket numbers on the back of the hunting license, carrying the Copper Basin CSH moose harvest tickets in the field, and validating the Copper Basin CSH moose harvest tickets immediately upon killing a moose and before leaving the kill site. The Copper

Basin CSH moose harvest tickets must be in the hunter's actual possession until the moose has been delivered to the location of processing for human consumption.

Copper Basin CSH moose harvest tickets come with harvest reports attached to them. The report portion need not be carried in the field, but must be mailed or delivered to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit, or within 15 days of the close of the season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not take a moose.

COPPER BASIN CSH PERMIT HUNT AREA, AND AREA OPEN TO MOOSE HUNTING

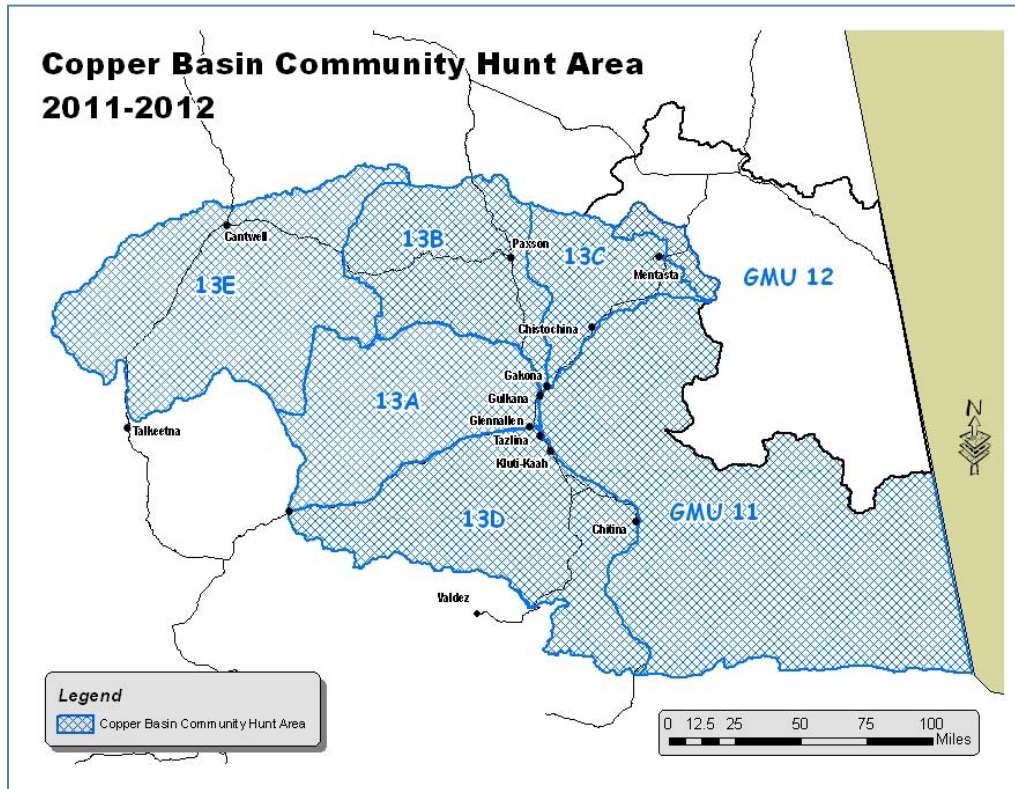
The Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area includes all of GMUs 11 and 13 and a portion of GMU 12 (see below). In 2006-170-BOG, the board has found that "subsistence uses involve an intimate and exclusive relationship between the user and a very particular set of places generally in close proximity to the hunter's residence." The board findings furthermore say that the pattern of use by Copper Basin community residents "differs markedly from the use patterns found in Alaska's urban areas."

The Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area is described in 5 AAC 92.074 (d): The Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah [Copper Basin] Community Harvest Area includes all of:

1. That area draining into the Copper River from the north side of Mile Glacier, and east of the easternmost bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier north to the Slana River, then along the east bank of the Slana River to Suslota Creek, then south of the south bank of Suslota Creek to Noyes Mountain; and
2. That portion including all drainages into the west bank of the Little Tok River, from its headwaters in Bear Valley at the intersection of the unit boundaries of GMUs 12 and 13 to its junction with the Tok River, and all drainages into the south bank of the Tok River from its junction with the Little Tok River to the Tok Glacier, and that area westerly of the easternmost bank of the Copper River and drained by all tributaries into the west bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier, north to the confluence with the Slana River, then along the east bank of the Slana River to Suslota Creek, and that area of the Slana River drainage north of the south bank of Suslota Creek; and
3. The drainages into the Delta River upstream from Falls Creek and Black Rapids Glacier; and
4. The drainages into the Nenana River upstream from the southeast corner of Denali National Park at Windy; and
5. The drainages into the Susitna River upstream from its junction with the Chulitna River; and
6. The drainages into the east bank of the Chulitna River upstream to its confluence with Tokositna River; and
7. The drainages of the Chulitna River (south of Denali National Park) upstream from its confluence with the Tokositna River; and
8. The drainages into the north bank of the Tokositna River upstream to the base of the Tokositna Glacier; and
9. The drainages into the Tokositna Glacier; and
10. The drainages into the east bank of the Susitna River between its confluences with the Talkeetna and Chulitna rivers; and
11. The drainages into the north and east bank of the Talkeetna River, including the Talkeetna River, to its confluence with Clear Creek, the eastside drainages of a line going up the south bank of

Clear Creek to the first unnamed creek on the south, then up that unnamed creek to lake 4408, along the northeast shore of lake 4408, then southeast in a straight line to the northernmost fork of the Chickaloon River; and

12. The drainages into the east bank of the Chickaloon River below the line from lake 4408; and
13. The drainages of the Matanuska River above its confluence with the Chickaloon River.



OPEN SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

The open season for the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt is August 10–September 20.

The board has established that up to 70 bull moose that do not meet moose antler restrictions (“any bulls”) can be taken under the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt. There is no limit to the number of moose meeting general season antler restrictions (see below) that can be taken under the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt.

Unless modified by ADF&G administrative authority, the bag limit is one (1) bull moose per Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket/report.

When a certain number of bulls (as set by ADF&G) in any antler configuration are taken under a Copper Basin CSH moose hunt from individual areas, the antler restriction will revert to the general season antler restriction for that area for the remainder of the season. The general season antler restrictions are as follows:

Area	Season Dates	Antler Restrictions
Unit 11	August 10–September 20	Spike/fork, or 5' antlers, or 3 or more brow tines.
Unit 13	August 10–September 20	Spike/fork, or 5' antlers, or 4 or more

		brow tines.
Portion of Unit 12	August 24–August 28 and September 8–September 17	Spike/fork, or 5Ø antlers, or 4 or more brow tines.

DESIGNATED HUNTERS

The CSH permit program allows a community or group of 25 or more to designate, from within the group members as named in the application, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group. Interested hunters should pick up a designated hunter form from ADF&G.

The beneficiary is responsible for all harvest and permit reporting as required on a Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket/report form.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USES OF COPPER BASIN CSH MOOSE

In 2006-170-BOG, the board found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by thorough use of most of the harvested animal. Therefore, the permittee must salvage for human consumption and use, from moose taken under a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit hunt:

1. All edible meat from the frontquarters, hindquarters, ribs, neck, and backbone, as well as the head, heart, liver, kidneys, stomach, and hide; and
2. Meat of the head, frontquarters, hindquarters, and ribs must remain naturally attached to the bones until delivered to the place where it is processed for human consumption.

In 2006-170-BOG, the board found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by meaningful communal sharing. Therefore, the written report must contain a complete description (date, location, number of participants, amount of meat shared, and so forth) of at least one communal sharing event featuring moose harvested under the terms of a Copper Basin CSH hunt recorded in the written report.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR OBSERVATION OF THE CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE PATTERN

The edible products of moose taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt must be used for human consumption and may not be sold or offered for sale. In order to comply with 5 AAC 92.072 (c) (1) (F), the department must ensure that the applicable customary and traditional use patterns described in 2006-170-BOG are observed by subscribers, including meat sharing. Subscribers need not have already established the pattern of community use summarized below; however, subscribers will be required to certify that they have read, understood, and will voluntarily attempt to participate in and establish the pattern of subsistence use described in 2006-170-BOG. Key aspects of the 2006-170-BOG pattern are summarized below:

1. Participation in the consistent pattern of noncommercial taking, use, and reliance on Nelchina caribou, moose and other local wild foods. The existing pattern of use has been established over many generations and is focused on the total aggregate of fish, wildlife, and plant resources in the Copper Basin CSH area.
2. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that follows a seasonal use pattern of year-round harvest effort in the area, with harvests of moose and caribou by community members in both the fall and winter hunts, when legally permissible.
3. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources in the Copper Basin CSH area that includes methods and means of harvest characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and

cost, especially taking advantage of the maximum opportunity to harvest, as efficiently as possible, a variety of usable species in the Copper Basin CSH area.

4. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources that occurs in the Copper Basin CSH area due to close ties to the area and a familiarity with the terrain and associated history of the Copper Basin CSH area.
5. Use of means of processing and preserving wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that have traditionally been used by past generations, including use of all of the parts required to be removed from the field under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit.
6. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that includes the handing down of knowledge of hunting skills, values, and lore about the Copper Basin CSH area from generation to generation. The board considered it critical to the perpetuation of the customary and traditional use pattern to provide opportunities for the young and old to participate in subsistence activities; the board also found it extremely important to stress the need to pass on skills and knowledge associated with use of all parts of the harvested animal.
7. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area in which the harvest is shared throughout the community, including customary trade, barter, and gift-giving.

In order to observe this pattern, a portion of the edible products of moose taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt should be primarily shared, in a meaningful way, with community or group members as named on the Copper Basin Moose CSH permit application. Hunters should also demonstrate a pattern of meaningful communal sharing that provides first for the needs of the community or group elders and disabled, as identified by the community or group. In addition, hunters who have harvested their first moose should give a portion to other members of the community or group.

8. Participation in the pattern that includes taking, use, and reliance for subsistence purposes not only on Nelchina caribou and moose, but also on a wide variety of wild resources in the Copper Basin area.

REPORTING

Successful hunters must validate Copper Basin CSH moose harvest tickets immediately upon killing game and prior to leaving the kill site. All hunters must comply with reporting requirements. Copper Basin CSH moose harvest tickets come with harvest report cards attached to them. The report portion need not be carried in the field, but hunters must mail or deliver Copper Basin CSH moose harvest reports to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit, or within 15 days of the close of the season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not take a moose.

Failure to report through the harvest ticket/report vehicle may jeopardize sustained yield management of the Copper Basin CSH area moose population; therefore, failure to report according to this schedule shall result in citation and/or placement of individual hunters and/or harvest ticket/report holders on the state "failure to report" (FTR) list.

All moose taken by Copper Basin Moose CSH hunters within the CSH permit area will count against any established harvest quota for the population and area for which a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt has been authorized, regardless of whether taken under federal or state regulations.

In order for the department to ensure that permittees have complied with all regulations addressing the terms and conditions of their Copper Basin Moose CSH permit, as well as the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG, and in order to gather additional data on subsistence uses, the

community or group coordinator must submit an annual written report, which summarizes the group's member households' required reporting information. The report must be postmarked by April 30, or before a subsequent Copper Basin Moose CSH permit application can be accepted; however, additional supplemental reports can be submitted after April 30 and prior to applying for future community subsistence harvest hunts. If no report is received, the group will be ineligible to participate in future community subsistence harvest hunts.

The written report must include, at a minimum:

1. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers for those individuals whose bag limits were filled under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit; and
2. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers of the beneficiaries whose bag limits were filled by a designated hunter under the terms of a Copper Basin Moose CSH permit; and
3. The number of moose taken in federal subsistence hunts by those hunters also subscribing to a Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt; and
4. A specific description of how the community or group observed the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG. The department will provide a reporting form to assist with this section of the report; however, a summary narrative is also required that includes a description of at least one meaningful communal sharing event.

Some information in these reports may be subject to state confidentiality laws.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Send completed applications to your local ADF&G office. There is a complete listing of office addresses at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.main>.

You can also mail your application to the Anchorage ADF&G office at:

ADF&G Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518

You can access information about hunting in the area at the ADF&G website: www.adfg.alaska.gov.

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COPPER BASIN MOOSE CSH HUNT CONDITIONS CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Based upon the Joint Boards subsistence procedures found in 5 AAC 99.010, the Board of Game has identified particular characteristics of customary and traditional use patterns of Nelchina caribou and moose, and has recognized these uses were established by Ahtna Athabascan communities within the Copper River basin, and were later adopted by other Alaska residents. The board has published these characteristics in 2006-170-BOG. In order to comply with 5 AAC 92.072 (c)(1)(F), the department is including this certification statement.

By affixing my signature below, I agree that I have read and understood the customary and traditional use patterns for uses of Nelchina caribou, moose, and other wild resources described in 2006-170-BOG, and furthermore, that I agree, to the best of my ability, to observe the customary and traditional use patterns found therein.

_____ Date _____

Signature of head of household

Printed name

Providing false information on this application is subject to a maximum penalty of either a \$10,000 fine or 1 year imprisonment, or both, per 5 AAC 92.020, 5 AAC 92.062, AS 16.05.420, AS 16.05.925, and AS 11.56.210. If requested by ADF&G or Alaska Wildlife Troopers to provide additional information to support answers on your application, you must comply or you will be cited.



2011 - 2012 Copper Basin Community Harvest Group Application

USE BLACK BALLPOINT PEN ONLY. You MUST PRINT NEATLY within the boxes and use ALL CAPITALS. Due to the use of scanning technology, failure to do so could lead to your application being rejected.

Group Name

Group Mailing Address

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Group Coordinator

FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.) MM DD YYYY

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID HOME PHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER

All contact information provided is subject to public disclosure. DO NOT SUBMIT Unlisted Phone Numbers.

EMAIL ADDRESS

GROUP COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE DATE

Secondary Group Contact

FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.) MM DD YYYY

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID HOME PHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER

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- To ADF&G Staff: 1) Have Group Coordinator complete the form above 2) Group Name, Mailing Address, and Group Coordinator sections must be completed and signed before proceeding 3) Group Coordinator must specify whether this application is for the Moose or Caribou program. If necessary they can fill out an additional application and apply for both programs. 4) A Group Number can be retrieved from: WinfoNet > Traditional Use Permits > Copper Basin Community Harvest 5) Photocopy this form and provide copy to Group Coordinator

Group Number 2011- - Community Harvest Program Type Moose OR Caribou



2011 - 2012 Copper Basin Community Harvest Participant Application

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You must contact your Group Coordinator to get your Group Number and Program Type

Group Number
 2011- -

Community Harvest Program Type
 Moose **OR** Caribou

Fish and Game staff do not have a way to look up Group Numbers

If you are applying for both moose and caribou hunts you must fill out separate applications

HOUSEHOLD MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE NUMBER () -

All contact information provided is subject to public disclosure-do NOT submit unlisted phone numbers.

Head of Household

FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.) MM DD YYYY

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID

I hereby certify that I am the applicant and all of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand some of this information is subject to public disclosure.



Signature (REQUIRED) Date

Other Household Members Over The Age Of 10

FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME MM DD YYYY

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID



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Additional Household Members Over The Age Of 10

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