



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Copper Basin MOOSE
Community Subsistence Harvest Permit
PROGRAM 2015-2016



HUNT ADMINISTRATION

Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) Hunt administration will be in accordance with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's statutory and regulatory authority, including managing this common use resource for sustained yield while adhering to laws regarding the subsistence preference passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

COPPER BASIN MOOSE CSH PERMIT

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*, ADF&G may issue community-based subsistence harvest permits for big game species where the Alaska Board of Game has established a community harvest hunt area. The board established the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti-Kaah (Copper Center) Community Harvest Area for moose and caribou in 2009 (5 AAC 92.074(d) *Community Subsistence Harvest Areas*), hereafter referred to as the Copper Basin CSH area.

The CSH permit program allows communities or groups of 25 or more to apply annually for a CSH permit for an established CSH area. A group can choose to apply for a Copper Basin moose CSH permit, a Copper Basin caribou CSH permit, or both. These groups may 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 community/group 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 and 2011 findings *Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses* (2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG), as well as to ensure an orderly administration of the CSH permit program and hunt (CM300 and CM301).

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 group 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 coordinator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

THE COMMUNITY OR GROUP COORDINATOR

In addition to permit hunt conditions and procedures found in 5 AAC 92.050 and 5 AAC 92.072, 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.

For 2015–2016, the application period for group applications will be October 1 – December 15, 2014. Completed group applications must be received by the Glennallen ADF&G office no later than December 15, at which time the group will be assigned a group number for the upcoming season. Groups will not be formally approved until:

- 1) at least 25 eligible group members have applied (including the group coordinator), and
- 2) all moose CSH permit reporting requirements from the previous regulatory year have been met (not applicable to first-time CSH groups).

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 participants who may subscribe to a community or group, except that there must be 25 or more verified eligible members in each group.

INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS

The application period for participant applications is November 1 – December 15, 2014. Applications must include a valid 2015-2016 group number, be complete, and be postmarked by December 15 and received by January 2. Participant applications must be mailed to the Anchorage address on the applications. Applications will not be accepted over the counter. **Applications can also be submitted online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov/> until 5 p.m. (AKST) December 15, 2014.** Incomplete applications will be void per 5 AAC 92.050 *Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*.

Each household must submit one (1) completed participant application. CSH applicants must be Alaskan residents at the time of application. All members of the household must be listed on the application and are subject to all CSH hunt eligibility requirements and conditions. The coordinator must ensure that group members understand the terms and conditions of the CSH permit hunt.

A “household” means that group of people domiciled in the same residence per 5 AAC 92.990 (23) *Definitions*.

By submitting a completed participant application, all household members are certifying they have read, understand, and will comply with the hunt conditions as well as the applicable Board of Game findings (*Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses*).

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin CSH moose harvest ticket/report to each household member listed on the application. Harvest tickets/reports will be mailed to eligible participants who provide hunting license on the participant application. Eligible participants who do not provide hunting license information on the application will be required to present a valid hunting license to department staff, in-person, at the ADF&G office in Palmer or Glennallen in order to receive a harvest ticket/report. Additionally, one any-bull locking tag will be issued for every three households within each group. Locking tags will be issued to the group coordinator for distribution, and may be transferred between group members without notifying ADF&G. Hunters will be required to have a CSH any-bull locking tag in their possession to harvest a moose that does not meet general season antler restrictions, and must affix the CSH any-bull locking tag to the main beam of one antler immediately upon the harvest of an any-bull moose. Hunters that do not have a CSH any-bull locking tag in their possession will only be allowed to harvest a bull moose that conforms to the general season antler restrictions for the CSH hunt area.

Hunters must abide by all applicable state hunting regulations and statute requirements including licensing, hunter education, and reporting requirements. Similar to other state hunts, CSH harvest ticket numbers must appear on the back of the hunter’s license, CSH harvest tickets must be carried in the field while hunting, they must be validated immediately upon killing an animal and before leaving the kill site, and must remain in the hunter’s possession until the animal has been delivered to the location of processing for human consumption.

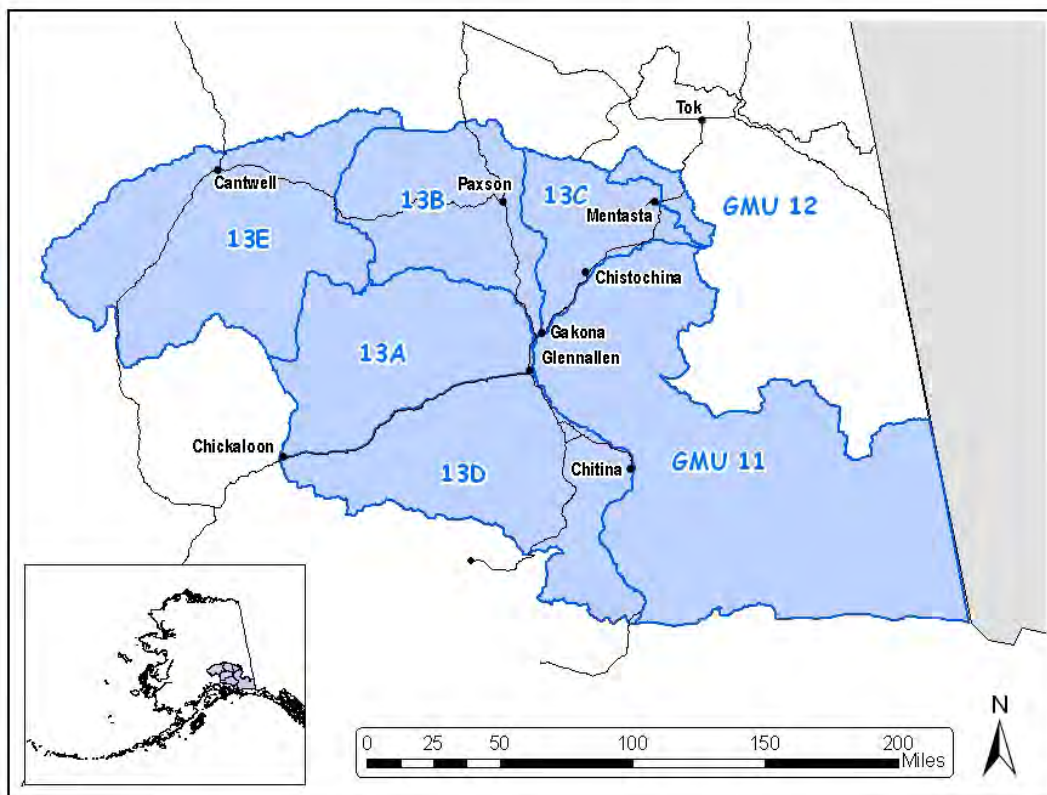
PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

All household members subscribing to the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt must meet the following eligibility requirements. The requirements apply to the same regulatory year as the CSH participant application (2015-2016).

- No member of the household can apply for any state drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration moose hunts, hold general season moose harvest tickets, or hold federal moose permits outside of the CSH hunt area. After the CSH hunt has ended, unsuccessful individual household members may hold state harvest tickets or permits for areas where the bag limit is greater than one moose per person.
- No member of the household can apply for or hold any state or federal drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration caribou permits outside the Copper Basin CSH hunt area.
- All household members agree to the hunt conditions herein.
- No member of the household can be on the Failure to Report (FTR) list.

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

The Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area includes all of Unit 11, Unit 13, and a portion of Unit 12 (southwest of the Tok River where it crosses the Glenn Highway Tok Cut-Off) per 5 AAC 92.074 (d).



OPEN SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

The Copper Basin moose CSH hunting season dates and bag limits are specific to game management units within the CSH area. The bag limit for the fall season is one (1) bull moose per person in Unit 11 and 13 and one (1) bull moose with spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines in the open portion of Unit 12, unless modified by ADF&G emergency order.

Up to 100 bull moose that do not meet general season antler restrictions ("any-bulls") can be taken during the fall season. However, for each group, one any-bull locking tag will be issued for every three households. Locking tags will be issued to group coordinators for distribution. Limits may be set on how many "any-bulls" may be harvested from specific geographic areas within the CSH hunt area for conservation reasons.

If the number of "any-bulls" reported taken for any one geographic area reaches or exceeds established conservation limits (announced prior to hunting season), the area will remain open to CSH hunters, although the bag limit will change by emergency order to reflect the general season antler restriction for the area.

The CSH moose hunt also includes winter season for Unit 13 in addition to the fall season. The winter quota of bulls will be managed separately from the fall season.

The Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt season dates and general season antler restrictions are listed below:

Area	CSH Season Dates	General Season Antler Restrictions
Unit 11	August 10–September 20	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 3 or more brow tines.
Unit 13	August 10–September 20 December 1 – December 31	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines. (no general season)
Portion of Unit 12	August 24–August 28 and September 8–September 17	Spike/fork, or 50" antlers, or 4 or more brow tines.

DESIGNATED HUNTERS

The CSH program allows a community or group to designate members (from within the group) who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group. To take a moose on behalf of another CSH harvest ticket holder (beneficiary), a hunter must carry both the beneficiary's and their own CSH moose harvest ticket in the field while hunting. The harvested moose must be delivered to the beneficiary. The beneficiary is responsible for all reporting requirements.

HUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Customary and traditional uses of Copper Basin moose are thoroughly described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG. The Board of Game found that the subsistence pattern in the Copper Basin is characterized by thorough use of most of the harvested animal. Therefore, all participants in the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt must salvage* for human consumption:

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

**These salvage requirements apply to all bulls harvested under a CSH Moose permit, regardless of potential changes in bag limit in-season.*

The board also found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by meaningful communal sharing. At least one communal sharing event featuring moose harvested under the terms of a Copper Basin CSH hunt must be held. A complete description of the event (date, location, number of participants, amount of meat shared, and so forth) must be included in the final hunt report, to be submitted by the group / community coordinator.

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 board findings are observed by subscribers, including meat sharing. Subscribers need not have already established the pattern of community use summarized below; however, by applying, subscribers will be certifying that they have read, understood, and will voluntarily attempt to participate in and establish the pattern of subsistence use described in the Unit 13 board findings summarized below:

1. Participation in the consistent pattern of noncommercial taking, use, and reliance on Nelchina caribou, Copper Basin 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 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 other members of the community or group. 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

HARVEST TICKET REPORTS

Successful harvest ticket holders must report online, in person, or by phone (822-3461) within 24 hours of kill or return from the field. Harvest ticket holders that did not hunt, or were unsuccessful, must mail, deliver, or call in Copper Basin CSH harvest reports to ADF&G within 15 days of the close of the season. Reports must be complete in order to meet reporting requirements.

Failure to report may jeopardize sustained yield management of Copper Basin moose and the future of the CSH hunt; therefore, failure to report according to this schedule may result in citation and/or placement of harvest ticket holders on the state Failure to Report (FTR) list.

WRITTEN GROUP REPORTS

To better address the subsistence needs of Copper Basin Moose CSH participants, the board requested that all moose harvested by CSH participants within the CSH area be accounted for, regardless of whether taken under federal or state regulations. All moose taken by Copper Basin Moose CSH participants within the CSH area will count against the 100 any-bull moose allowed for the CSH hunt.

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 2011-184-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 as well as a description of the communal pattern observed by participants. The report must be postmarked by February 27, 2015. If written reports are incomplete or found insufficient, group participants may not be eligible to participate in future CSH 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 participating in the 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 and 2011-184-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.

Deliver or mail written reports to:

ADF&G Copper Basin CSH
Division of Subsistence
333 Raspberry Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99518-1565

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.adfg.alaska.gov for more information, or contact Glennallen ADF&G 822-3461.

Send completed GROUP applications to:

ADF&G
P.O. Box 47
Glennallen, AK 99588

Send completed INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD applications to:

ADF&G
CSH Permit Applications
P.O. Box 228080
Anchorage, AK 99522-8080

OR

Apply online at: <http://hunt.alaska.gov/>

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The department's ADA Coordinator can be reached via phone at the following numbers: (VOICE) 907-465-6077; (Statewide Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) 1-800-478-3648; (Juneau TDD) 907-465-3646; (FAX) 907-465-6078; For information on alternative formats and questions on this publication, please contact the ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK, 99811-5526 or (907) 465-4176.



2015-2016 Copper Basin Community Harvest Group Application

Group Applications are due by December 15, 2014 to:
ADFG Glennallen
P.O. Box 47
Glennallen, AK 99588

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

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

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID

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			<small>CELL PHONE NUMBER</small>			
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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

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

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID

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			<small>CELL PHONE NUMBER</small>			
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EMAIL ADDRESS

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Community Harvest Program Type			
<input type="checkbox"/> Moose OR <input type="checkbox"/> Caribou			

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

2015 Copper Basin Community Harvest Participant Application

**Applications will not be accepted over the counter.
Apply online by December 15 at 5 p.m.:**

<http://hunt.alaska.gov>



Paper application deadline: Postmarked by December 15, 2014
Received by January 2, 2015
Mail to: ADF&G CSH Permit Applications, P.O. Box 228080
Anchorage, AK 99522-8080

Department Use Only:

	Group Number		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Caribou	2015-	<input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	- <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

If you have questions about the application contact the Glennallen office at (907)822-3461
You must be an Alaska resident at the time of application.

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, summarized in the Community Hunt conditions, and furthermore, that I agree, to the best of my ability, to observe the customary and traditional use patterns found therein.

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HOUSEHOLD MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE			

HOME PHONE NUMBER							
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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	DATE OF BIRTH YYYY
ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID				AK HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER		
EMAIL ADDRESS						

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

Household members

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

