

PROPOSAL 125 – 5 AAC 85.025. Seasons and bag limits for caribou. Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9 as follows:

Unit 9 caribou season date: **September 1 to October 10** [AUGUST 10 to SEPTEMBER 20]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Open season dates for TC505 For Ugashik Village and Pilot Point permit holders. Change the current open season of August 10 through September 20 to September 1 through October 10 on the Ugashik River and Dego Creek drainage only.

Due to migration patterns there are not any caribou available for harvest in this area until early September, negating harvest opportunities the first twenty plus days of the season and very limited numbers of caribou the first three weeks of September which is also our moose season, forcing us to pick one or the other. Even though the season reopens for an extended time during the winter migration patterns again dictate our harvest opportunities to the last days of march until season closure on April 30, when weather and breakup conditions make hunting dangerous or impossible.

Shifting the season dates would increase our chances of a successful and safer hunt, it would also relieve hunting pressure on the pregnant cows in the spring.

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