PROPOSAL 94 – 5 AAC 92.072. Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions, and 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13 as follows:

Eliminate the CSH caribou permit hunt (CC001) for Unit 13. The other Tier I level hunts provides reasonable opportunity for all subsistence needs and general sport hunts for the Copper Basin Nelchina Caribou herd in Unit 13.

Keep the Tier I hunt (RC566) in effect; this will achieve all management objectives needed for the Copper Basin caribou hunting.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The harvestable surplus of Nelchina caribou far exceeds the ANS allowing Tier-I-plus level hunts. Thus the CSH hunt is unnecessary, adds confusion and unnecessary administration costs to the regulations, management, and enforcement of Unit 13 caribou hunts.

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