

Name: Andriolo, Ron

Community of Residence: Helena

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 1:02:32 AM

Comment:

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Name: B, Elise

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 4:12:23 AM

Comment:

We need more strict regulations on caribou harvest numbers and the subsistence practices of harvesting cow caribou.

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Name: B, Tom

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 3:57:01 AM

Comment:

Harvest numbers which are allowed and use of modern equipment to harvest animals from the villages is unsustainable. Over the last 50 years, more roads and more modern equipment have been utilized for hunting purposes throughout Alaska on the roadways, riverways, tundra and from access of the air (in name of subsistence). Subsistence hunting is and has been an important part of my family culture and history for generations; with that being said, we should look at our own failures in the way subsistence hunting has been viewed and practiced. Are we not to practice sustainable harvest in our own communities which preserves it for the next generation? It is unsustainable for the continuation of caribou harvest in the name of subsistence with the way current technology is being utilized.

No one should be allowed to harvest migrating caribou from a boat for instance while caribou are swimming in the name of subsistence. We harvest cows (in staggering numbers in many areas) and wonder why populations decline. Bull only harvest and lower quotas are one way we can be more sustainable. We know from a biological standpoint, that the harvest of female caribou directly negatively influence populations, yet this unsustainable practice is widely utilized. Caribou are a fragile species which only have one offspring per year, and in allowing cows to be harvested directly has lasting impacts on caribou herd size and sustainability.

As a native who has gotten education on wildlife biology and ecology as well as conservation models around the world, it could be well said that our worst enemy threatening sustainable subsistence is our own ability to blame others rather than looking at our own failures. We have to change the way we view subsistence, and subsist with a responsible practices which follow sustainable harvest conservation models. Subsistence as status quo is not and will never be sustainable in our villages with the current use of technology, increased access, and harvest expectations; we need to look this and take it into consideration while developing a solution. As roads, technology and access increases in areas of subsistence, so should our practices on limitation of harvest of animals to sustain populations.

It is way to easy to point the finger at the harvest from Alaska residents who visit villages of harvest of a hand full of bull caribou as being the culprit of declining caribou populations, but the sad reality is that this is not true from a scientific standpoint and omits our own failures in conservation as native people. We can and should do better in the village to be responsible with the harvest of caribou. Harvesting caribou from a modern boats while caribou are swimming and from vehicles while migrating as well as carves of cow caribou has large impacts on herd and herd movement.

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Name: Bickler, Brian

Community of Residence: Tigard, OR

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 12:56:26 AM

Comment:

As an avid hunter and as a person who spends a great deal of time in Alaska, I think the ban on non-resident hunting on Caribou would be a substantial economic loss to the state of Alaska, and the small businesses and communities surrounding the Caribou populations. I feel that the herd size naturally ebbs and flows, and preventing a small portion of the herd to be harvested by non-residents is not going to have a substantial population impact.

Respectfully,

Brian Bickler

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Name: Bihler, Benjamin

Community of Residence: Snohomish, Washington

Submission Time: 1/9/2024 5:05:53 AM

Comment:

I am against the closure of hunting Caribou in any units for nonresidents. We want the opportunity to hunt out of state. Thank you for your management opportunities for nonresident hunters

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Name: Birk, Robert

Community of Residence: Saranac, New York

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 1:23:47 AM

Comment:

I oppose the government making it illegal for non-residents from hunting Caribou in Alaska. Alaska is still part of the USA and some animals are not in every states like Caribou. It is unfair to keep someone from hunting an animal just because they dont live in Alaska. Also you are loosing money since a lot of non-residents bring in a lot of money to the state and area when they come hunting to Alaska.

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Name: Bodine, Russell

Community of Residence: Boerne texas

Submission Time: 1/6/2024 11:31:32 AM

Comment:

The closure to non residents would be the killing of a dream opportunity for myself as well as many others! I am currently in the planning stages of a hunt for 2025 and would be extremely disappointed to see it go away!

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Name: BURTON, SEAN

Community of Residence: Riverton, Utah

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 9:24:24 PM

Comment:

Non-Resident hunters take out a very small amount of the total harvest while also bringing money into the communities. They are not the problem to the herds. A closure would seriously affect the communities that non-res hunters use to access these areas.

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Name: Buster, Rance

Community of Residence: Paris, Texas

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 12:21:47 AM

Comment:

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Name: Conn, John

Community of Residence: Dewey Oklahoma

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 1:08:47 AM

Comment:

Please keep the non resident hunting opportunity OPEN for caribou. The harvest of such a small number of bull caribou is not affecting the total population. However, the money brought to local communities and the state by these non resident hunters is significant. I am OPPOSED to closing or reducing this hunting opportunity for non residents.

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Name: Davenport, David

Community of Residence: Ventura, California

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 3:48:33 AM

Comment:

Don't! Just knock it off.

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Name: Davis, Dusty

Community of Residence: Wamsutter, Wyoming

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 12:21:13 AM

Comment:

Non-resident hunters have a minimal impact on the caribou population, primarily harvesting bulls, which are less critical to population growth compared to cows and calves.

Closing non-resident hunting could adversely affect local businesses and services that cater to these hunters, such as charter services.

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Name: Denittis, Andrew

Community of Residence: JBER, AK

Submission Time: 1/7/2024 1:08:18 AM

Comment:

Let's do things that are science based. What does removing non resident opportunities really do for the resource? How many bulls are killed per year by non residents vs the number of subsistence cows (what really matters) or bulls killed locally in these herds.

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Name: E, M

Community of Residence: US

Submission Time: 1/5/2024 6:40:30 AM

Comment:

It seems pretty naive to think that cutting out non-resident hunters, who kill adult bulls, would lessen the problem. Licensed hunters kill so few animals from the herd, it is negligible compared to 'subsistence' harvest. Find some reason in your decision, Commission, eliminate the cow and calf harvest at the heart of where it's coming from. Reducing nonresident harvest won't fix the problem. Thank you.

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Name: Edgar, Ty

Community of Residence: Moultrie, GA

Submission Time: 1/7/2024 11:21:21 PM

Comment:

I strongly oppose the non resident ban.

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Name: Farnsworth, Rusty

Community of Residence: Mountain Home Utah

Submission Time: 1/3/2024 5:34:19 AM

Comment:

Please do not close hunting of caribou for non residents. Many of us would like to shoot just one caribou in our lifetime. And support the locals in Alaska.

Thank u

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Name: Fisher, Avery

Community of Residence: Lafayette Indiana

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 8:24:05 PM

Comment:

I was lucky enough to be given a hunt for the western arctic caribou herd as a graduation gift from high school from my dad. Some of our fondest memories were fighting mosquitos glassing big velvet bulls. It would be a shame if I wasn't able to give my son the same option as a nonresident hunter when he graduates high school. Preserve the vision

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Name: Fountain, Collin

Community of Residence: Memphis TN

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 10:32:03 PM

Comment:

Non-resident hunters have a minimal impact on the population. The economic impact will hurt the local communities without non-resident hunters.

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Name: Friesen, Justin

Community of Residence: Calgary, Alberta

Submission Time: 1/6/2024 5:06:04 AM

Comment:

Non-resident hunters provide a sizeable income stream for the state of Alaska. My understanding is that caribou populations are stable enough to allow regulated hunting including a non resident tag option.

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Name: Galea, Gino

Community of Residence: Santa Rosa, California

Submission Time: 1/3/2024 5:12:45 AM

Comment:

There is nothing that will hurt the wildlife more in our western states than limiting/eliminating opportunities for non residents. I don't see really any good research or science to back up the complete exile of non-residents. The amazing attraction of Alaskas massive wilderness and opportunities draws so many hunters and so much support for conservation from the opportunities given to the people. Eliminating the opportunities means less interest in wildlife, less of an economy for wildlife, and an overall demise specifically for the caribou herd in Western Alaska. I strongly oppose the idea of eliminating opportunities for non-residents to hunt caribou in western Alaska.

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Name: Glenn, Robert

Community of Residence: Windsor, CO

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 12:50:02 AM

Comment:

I oppose the non-resident hunting bans you are considering and hope you will consider the following:

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Name: gottfredson, steve

Community of Residence: Salt Lake City, UT

Submission Time: 1/11/2024 1:44:02 AM

Comment:

I am opposed to closing this area to caribou hunting by non residents. The ability to hunt this area can be done sustainably.

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Name: Goudeau, John

Community of Residence: Poncha Springs, CO

Submission Time: 1/12/2024 2:50:03 AM

Comment:

I hope to hunt this place once for caribou in my lifetime and support your local economy the entire way along.

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Name: Haggerty, Matt

Community of Residence: Montana

Submission Time: 1/6/2024 10:31:32 PM

Comment:

I just do t feel eliminating the opportunities for a non resident is the answer.

Some food for thought is think of one herd or unit where making this change has improved or fixed the issues faced. I cannot personally name one instance where this has brought a herd back.

No change!

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Name: Hansen, Matt

Community of Residence: Sunnyvale, Texas

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 1:02:28 AM

Comment:

This proposal is short-sighted and fails to account for many significant factors affecting the population at issue. Non-resident hunting, and the attendant regulated harvest of bulls (both in terms of number and season), has little effect on the overall population. And, in fact, is a very important tool in managing and conserving herds to objective. The loss of revenue would significantly affect the State's ability to effectively manage and grow populations and negatively affect local economies, negatively affecting the very communities this proposal seeks to support. Subsistence harvest tactics and numbers are much more detrimental to overall herd numbers. Certainly, populations must be managed in a way to benefit indigenous and resident communities, and doing so must be a priority, but this proposal does not accomplish that. It is a knee-jerk and short-sighted reaction that will negatively affect game populations and communities. It is a disingenuous value driven effort focused on achieving disparate policy objectives, not effective data-driven game management. The State of Alaska is duty bound to manage resources, including game populations, for the betterment of the people, not advance policy objectives that are detrimental to game populations and the people.

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Name: Hanson, Bradford

Community of Residence: Susanville

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 4:19:57 AM

Comment:

I just don't think limiting nonresident opportunities will help cure the caribou population

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Name: Hatter, Scott

Community of Residence: Boise, ID

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 1:35:12 AM

Comment:

I grew up in Alaska and now have relocated, but I care deeply about preserving opportunities for sportsmen. This would be a tragic mistake and represents a dangerous trend away from biology based management.

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Name: Hoidal, Matt

Community of Residence: Sherwood, Oregon

Submission Time: 1/12/2024 4:45:24 AM

Comment:

Non resident hunters have ZERO effect on caribou herd populations (confirmed by numerous wildlife biologists). Please reconsider closure as it will not achieve the stated goal of increasing caribou herd numbers. The only closure that can increase herd numbers is the closure of cow hunting.

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Name: Hood, James

Community of Residence: Tetonia

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 2:06:01 AM

Comment:

Hello, and thank you for taking my comment. I'm Dave Hood, from Idaho.

I've never hunted in Alaska, but I've always dreamed of it.

Idaho recently cut out of state tags significantly, and I think it was a mistake. I don't see any reduction in pressure, revenue is down, and many people who couldn't get tags just moved here.

Wyoming has recently corralled all general non resident tags into three compact zones. I doubt that will generate much revenue, and it means that I'll likely never hunt the elk that I see from my backyard, one mile away in Idaho.

I hope to see all states learn that restricting hunting in these ways may placate some people, but harms the hunting public, and therefore the wildlife we all want to protect.

Thanks for your time

James Hood

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Name: James, Sara

Community of Residence: Dallas, Tx

Submission Time: 1/9/2024 6:13:14 PM

Comment:

N/a

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Proposal 3: Oppose

Proposal 38: Oppose

Name: Jones, Richard

Community of Residence: Duson,LA

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 12:27:46 AM

Comment:

There is insufficient scientific evidence directly linking non-resident hunting to the decline in the caribou population.

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Name: Keyes, Charles

Community of Residence: Colville, WA

Submission Time: 1/12/2024 4:30:51 PM

Comment:

I'm all for preserving species so that future generations have opportunity. That being said, I'm not supportive of ending the season completely just because I live in a different state. I've always dreamed of an Alaska caribou hunt. Living in another state in this day and age trying to raise a family though I have yet to get the opportunity. When time finally does come will I still have the opportunity? Not if you close the season completely. There has to get another way. Please extensively research and implement all other options to try and retain a season so that Non-residents still have opportunity.

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Name: Litz, Aaron

Community of Residence: Carson City, NV

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 12:12:40 AM

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Name: Monseu, Nathan

Community of Residence: Newtown, PA

Submission Time: 1/11/2024 4:13:03 PM

Comment:

Aside from eliminating the opportunity for non-residents to harvest an animal, please consider reducing the bag limits for residents. State revenue will be lost if non residents are no longer able to travel to the state and pursue Caribou.

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Name: Moody, Luke

Community of Residence: Coalgate Oklahoma

Submission Time: 1/9/2024 2:37:04 PM

Comment:

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Proposal 3: Oppose

Name: Mortenson, Tony

Community of Residence: Endicott, Ny

Submission Time: 1/6/2024 12:04:09 AM

Comment:

Hello,

I understand the right of a state to regulate their own land and resources. If restricting out of state hunters from the wild resources of Alaska is what is needed for the good of the locals and, more importantly, the resource itself, then I support it. However, I do not expect any federal resources (ie. tax dollars) to go to the “subsistence” hunters. If you remove federal benefits, such as non native US citizens sharing in Alaskas resources, you must remove resources flowing to Alaska from non natives. This is only common sense. Alaska is the last frontier and a dream destination for many of us hunters and should not be taken away unless absolutely necessary. A lotto for all taxpaying citizens may be what is needed.

Thank you

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Name: O'Connell, Daniel

Community of Residence: Wasilla, AK

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 1:04:00 AM

Comment:

Dear Sirs,

The Western Arctic Caribou Herd has a positive intensive management finding with a population objective of at least 200,000 caribou and a harvest objective of 12,000-20,000. Annual Non-Resident harvest has averaged just 251 caribou.

Non-Resident hunters are permitted to harvest ONE caribou per season with 100% of harvest being reported. Non-Resident hunters pay \$650.00 for their single Bull caribou harvest tag, in tandem to their \$160.00 for an out of state license. Many of which are purchasing additional game tags without harvesting.

These Non-Resident hunters also support the Alaskan and U.S. economy through lodging, food, airlines, fuel and tourism. With additional commerce to Taxidermy, Game meat processing, transporter fees, air fare, car rentals, sporting goods and firearms industries, all supporting the economy across multiple Alaskan towns. Each of these individual hunters contribute between \$15,000-\$20,000 each hunt season.

Hunting on Public Lands is an American tradition and privilege. To experience Alaska is the adventure of a lifetime for most. With this being said, priceless memories for many families and citizens of this great country are now in jeopardy of being abolished.

These 251 caribou taken by out of state hunters represent less than 1% of caribou taken, while bringing in over 5 million dollars to the economy...

We are not the problem!

Please consider the repercussions to the State of Alaska, its citizens, its economy, and the small businesses that depend on Non-Resident hunters for their livelihood.

It is our duty to ensure responsible game management for all to share and enjoy.

Thank you for your time,

Danny O'Connell

Arrowhead Outfitters, LLC

Wasilla, AK

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Name: Rasmussen, Dusty

Community of Residence: Pickrell Nebraska

Submission Time: 1/7/2024 8:08:56 PM

Comment:

I have a dream to hunt caribou in your great state in the next 5-15 years. I would ask that non resident hunting stay open in all units. Even if you make it a once in lifetime for nonresident would still allow people like me and so many others to live a dream and enjoy a trip of a lifetime at least once. Thank you!

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Name: Rich, Kyle

Community of Residence: Cardwell Montana

Submission Time: 1/7/2024 4:23:19 AM

Comment:

In my opinion, this proposal will only make matters worse. The first thing that comes to my mind, is when something of value becomes scarce, in this case Caribou hunting. The areas still available to the nonresident to hunt Caribou become overhunted. which in turn puts hunting at risk. Not just for us but also for our future children/grandchildren.

I hope this comment means something.

Sincerely Kyle Rich

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Name: Rychlick, Vaughn

Community of Residence: Tujunga California

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 10:55:29 PM

Comment:

Caribou hunts should be open to non residence of Alaska

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Name: Schad, Brandon

Community of Residence: Owatonna, MN

Submission Time: 1/9/2024 7:39:58 PM

Comment:

Hello-i have concerns about these proposals-please see attached pdf comments.

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Hello-

I am a Nonresident hunter, as well as a professional wildlife biologist, and I am writing to express my concerns about these proposals.

- From a biological perspective, nonresident harvest (consisting mostly of bulls) is very limited in number and has little to no impact on overall herd population dynamics.
- Caribou herds fluctuate naturally, and significantly, unrelated to hunting harvest
- These plans do not address subsistence harvest, which is many times greater than nonresident harvest in numbers, and also includes adult females, whose mortality is very important to population dynamics.
- There are significant economic impacts to rural Alaska communities as a result of this ban
- Excluding nonresidents may result in a lack of “buy in” from nonresidents for important land use or conservation issues. For example, if nonresidents cannot enjoy an area, what motivation do they have to champion conservation related to issues like the Pebble Mine proposal or Ambler Road?
- This proposal is not supported by sound science. Wildlife management decisions should be supported by sound science first. Making decisions based on popular opinion or feelings will not help the resource and alienates stakeholders.
- Wildlife belongs to the state of Alaska and it’s residents. While there are guidelines in place that put priority to subsistence users, as is right in my opinion, it should be left up to wildlife professionals to make these decisions based on science-not a board of people making decisions based on opinion.

Respectfully,

Brandon Schad

Name: Schramski, Benett

Community of Residence: Cumberland WI

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 5:14:00 AM

Comment:

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Proposal 37: Oppose Proposal 38: Oppose Proposal 39: Support Proposal 40: Support Proposal
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Name: Schroeder, Zach

Community of Residence: Rapid city, SD

Submission Time: 1/2/2024 4:24:16 PM

Comment:

As a non resident of Alaska my opinion is to reject the Western Arctic/Western Region - January 26 - 29, 2024 bill that will ban non residents from hunting caribou in Alaska in the western units. I believe a better option would be to put a limit on the number of tags residents can get and not allow them to chase caribou down on snow machines. Non residents bring so much economic benefit to the rural communities of Alaska and always having the opportunity for non residents to try and get atleast 1 caribou in our lives. For some, this is a lifetime dream hunt.

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Name: Seelman, Samuel

Community of Residence: Oregon WI

Submission Time: 1/9/2024 11:51:28 PM

Comment:

I think that things like locking non residents out of states will serve no use. The amount of tags that out of state hunters get are minuscule compared to residents and the harvest numbers of non residents is a drop in the bucket. The caribou population fluctuates like all big game species and it is more than likely the end of a nature cycle. Also, I as a non resident want to put my money towards hunting caribou someday and I want to do it in the US and that is in the great state of alaska. I am opposed to closing non resident quotas. It is already getting worse and worse in the lower 48. Alaska is the last state that has still been generous with non residents and I don't want to see that go!

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Name: Shafer, Frederick

Community of Residence: Reno

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 2:12:20 AM

Comment:

DONT BAN NON RES HUNTING

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Name: Sheffert, Shannon

Community of Residence: Stillwater, OK 74074

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 3:25:58 AM

Comment:

Please allow a continued harvest of caribou in NW alaska by Non residents. The number of bulls killed by non residents are minimal and the amount of money spent by non resident hunters is very big. The outfitters and associated support will take a big hit in their income.

Thanks

Shannon

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Name: Smith, Jonathan

Community of Residence: Holmes beach ,fl

Submission Time: 1/12/2024 9:18:26 AM

Comment:

I find it strange that none resident hunters only shoot male caribou yet they are the reason the population is dropping. Yet the subsistence hunters shoot 90% female caribou.

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Name: Turner, Timothy

Community of Residence: Greeley

Submission Time: 1/13/2024 6:43:11 AM

Comment:

If these pass I will it be not coming to Alaska to spend my money on rentals, hotels, food, and services! I will have to take my money to Canada?

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Name: Tuttle, Jason

Community of Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Submission Time: 1/4/2024 2:58:47 PM

Comment:

Sounds like those who are taking cows and calves to support their family and traditional rights need to do more on helping the herds and reducing the numbers of allowed daily harvest of animals. Does 1 person really need 5 caribou daily to eat? I highly doubt it.

These animals belong to all tax paying citizens and I for one can say that with everything else I harvest through out the season of gathering and harvesting, one caribou fed me for the winter.

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Name: Tuttle, Phil

Community of Residence: Parowan Utah

Submission Time: 1/3/2024 6:05:11 PM

Comment:

Please don't close non-resident caribou hunting. Decrease tags for both residents and non-residents alike. I have been saving money for years to be able to come up and I'm almost in a position financially where I can make it happen. Don't take away my dreams.

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Name: Vance, Steven

Community of Residence: Winchester California

Submission Time: 1/12/2024 11:57:13 PM

Comment:

Don't restrict hunting

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Name: Wilkes, Seth

Community of Residence: Minnesota

Submission Time: 1/6/2024 9:30:11 PM

Comment:

Hello, I am a resident of central Minnesota and am planing to make my first hunting trip to Alaska in 2 years. I am so grateful for the opportunities that are currently available to none residents. I DO NOT think units should be completely removed as an option for nine residents. By removing all these units as an option, you will concentrate none residents in other areas and

also create a sense of scarcity which may result in aggressive harvest in the other units available and you could have hunters choosing to take less mature animals which is not an ideal strategy as any biologist will tell you. Surely there are other options available to control the non-resident participation without completely shutting it down. So again. Please DO NOT CLOSE these units to nine residents.

Thanks you,

Seth

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Name: Wright, Caleb

Community of Residence: Lapeer, MI

Submission Time: 1/8/2024 5:00:59 PM

Comment:

Limited Impact of Non-Resident Hunting: Non-resident hunters have a minimal impact on the caribou population, primarily harvesting bulls, which are less critical to population growth compared to cows and calves.

Natural Population Fluctuations: The Western Arctic Herd has historically undergone significant population fluctuations, suggesting that the current decline might be part of a natural cycle.

Economic Considerations: Closing non-resident hunting could adversely affect local businesses and services that cater to these hunters, such as charter services.

Conservation through Hunting: Regulated hunting, including by non-residents, can be a tool for effective wildlife management and conservation.

Subsistence Hunting Impact: The proposals do not address the more significant impact of subsistence hunting, which accounts for a much larger annual harvest.

Precedent for Wildlife Management: The closure could set a concerning precedent for wildlife management, potentially leading to more extensive restrictions without clear scientific backing.

Lack of Scientific Evidence: There is insufficient scientific evidence directly linking non-resident hunting to the decline in the caribou population.

Cultural and Recreational Loss: The closure would deny non-residents the cultural and recreational experience of hunting in this unique region.

Potential for Better Management Practices: Instead of outright closure, improved management practices and regulations could be a more effective approach to ensuring the herd's sustainability.

Need for Comprehensive Approach: Addressing caribou population decline requires a comprehensive strategy that considers all factors, including climate change and habitat loss, not just hunting regulations.

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