

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R4-2-26

Issued at King Salmon, Alaska
July 17, 2026

Effective Date: 12:00 a.m.
August 1, 2026

Expiration Date: March 31, 2027
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska *may be announced* registration caribou hunting season on Unimak Island in Game Management Unit 10 (RC205).

The hunting season will open at 12:00 am on August 1, 2026. This season will close on September 30, 2026, at 11:59 pm, or until closed by emergency order. If the quota is not met, the hunting season will reopen at 12:00 am on November 15, 2026, and close on December 31, 2026 at 11:59 pm for nonresidents and March 31, 2027 at 11:59 pm for residents, or until closed by emergency order. To participate, hunters must possess a valid 2026 Alaska state hunting license, and a state registration permit (RC205) available at the King Salmon Fish & Game office and online. Hunters will be allowed to take 3 caribou but must be in possession of an RC205 registration permit for each caribou. *The RC205 permit is not valid on Adak Island.*

This emergency order does not affect any other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 10.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(5), Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		
(5)		
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Unit 10, Unimak Island only		
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If the harvestable portion is 100 or greater, but less than 200 caribou:		

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
3 caribou

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30
Nov. 15 – Mar. 31

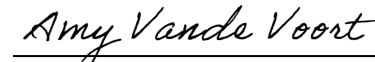
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
3 caribou
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Aug. 1 – Sept. 30
Nov. 15 – Dec. 31

All other caribou regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Amy Vande Voort
King Salmon Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The *may be announced* caribou registration hunt RC205 in Game Management Unit 10 on Unimak Island will open on August 1, 2026 with a bag limit of 3 caribou. Information collected from a population survey in June 2025 identified at least 704 caribou, demonstrating continued growth and a sustainable harvest opportunity. Caribou population objectives for Unimak Island are 800–1,000 caribou. Unimak Island has a cyclic caribou population and harvest is important to stabilize the herd before a significant decline occurs. Harvest quotas are set to prevent overharvest if there is high demand for the permits. Permittees must call and file a hunt report by phone (907-246-3340) or online (<https://hunt.alaska.gov>) within 2 days of harvesting a caribou.

Registration permits will be available in person at the King Salmon ADF&G office starting July 17. Online registration will begin July 17. Those who wish to harvest three caribou must have 3 RC205 registration permits in their possession. Successful hunters are required to report to King Salmon ADF&G office (907-246-3340) **within 2 days of harvesting a caribou**. All permit reports must be returned to ADF&G, regardless of success, within 15 days of the close of the season.

It is important that all hunt permittees return their fall hunt reports to provide wildlife managers the information needed to understand harvest by mailing in their paper reports, completing them online: https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter_report_hunterid or in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

For questions or more information about caribou hunting opportunities in Unit 10, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon at (907) 246-3340.