

**WAH AMENDMENTS**

- 1) **Season by EO**  
 "Closed; season to be announced by emergency order" for area south of Unalakleet River \_\_\_\_\_ Southern Norton Sound AC
  
- 2) **Nonresident season**  
 Close the non-resident season completely \_\_\_\_\_ Kotzebue Sound AC  
 Close non-subsistence hunter take \_\_\_\_\_ Noatak-Kivalina AC  
 Unit 22: nonresident season, no change \_\_\_\_\_ WACH Working Group  
 Unit 23: nonresidents, Sept 15 – Oct 10 \_\_\_\_\_ WACH Working Group
  
- 3) **Resident season**  
 Close non-subsistence hunter take \_\_\_\_\_ Noatak-Kivalina AC  
 Bag limit of 5 for the state daily \_\_\_\_\_ U Kobuk; L Kobuk AC
  
- 4) **Bull closure**  
 Bulls closed Oct 15 - Jan 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Kotzebue Sound AC  
 Bulls closed Oct 15 - Jan 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Noatak-Kivalina AC  
 Bulls closed Oct 10 – xx \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Seward Peninsula AC  
 Bulls closed Oct 7-Apr 15 \_\_\_\_\_ U Kobuk AC; L Kobuk AC  
 Bulls closed Oct 10 – Jan 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest Arctic RAC  
 Large bull antlers closed after Oct. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Koyukuk River AC  
 Large bull antler trophy destruction after Oct. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Koyukuk River AC  
 Antlerless bulls open after Oct. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Koyukuk River AC  
 Young bulls without shovels open after Oct. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Koyukuk River AC
  
- 5) **Cow closure**  
 Unit 23:  
 Cows closed Apr 1 – Jul 31 \_\_\_\_\_ WACH Working Group  
  
 Unit 26A:  
 Cows closed Apr 1 – Jul 31 \_\_\_\_\_ WACH Working Group  
  
 Cows closed Apr 1 – Jun 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest Arctic RAC  
 Cows w/cf closed Jul 1 – Oct 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest Arctic RAC  
 Cows closed Apr 15 – Jun 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Kotzebue Sound AC  
 Cows closed Apr 15 – Jun 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Noatak-Kivalina AC  
 Cows closed Apr 15 – Jun 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Seward Peninsula AC  
 Cows closed May 1 – Oct 7 \_\_\_\_\_ U Kobuk AC; L Kobuk AC  
 Cows closed Feb 15 – Oct 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Koyukuk River AC
  
- 6) **Camp spacing ACR**  
 ACR: Require spacing of non-subsistence user camps 3-5 miles apart so that caribou can cross the river in their migration \_\_\_\_\_ Noatak-Kivalina AC
  
- 7) **Caribou migration ACR**  
 ACR: Let 1,000 caribou pass the Noatak River before any non-subsistence hunters can come to the

Noatak River

Noatak-Kivalina AC

8) CUA ACR

ACR:Extend the boundaries of the Controlled Use area  
to Makpik Creek, extending the CUA approximately  
20 miles beyond the current boundary

Noatak-Kivalina AC

9) Bag Limit – Federal

Bag limit of 7 for the federal daily  
FSB Proposal of 5 caribou per day

U Kobuk; L Kobuk AC  
Northwest Arctic RAC

10) TCH AMENDMENTS (for residents)

North Slope AC

1) Jan 1 - Mar 15

5 caribou a day  
-no more than three of which can be cows  
-no calves.

2) Mar 16 - Jul 15

5 bulls a day  
-no cows  
-no calves

3) Jul 16 - Oct 15

5 caribou total per day  
-no more than three cows per day  
-no calves  
-No cows accompanied with calves may be taken

4) Oct 16 - Dec 31

3 caribou total per day  
-Cows only  
-No Bulls  
-No Calves

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Meeting Summary Notes

Unit 22 Southern Norton Sound

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 23, 2015)

Amend to close caribou season south of Golsolvia River; then defined as Unalakleet River to Area Biologist.

Also to have the option to reopen the southern area when caribou do migrate into the area again.

[Amend to "Closed; season to be announced by emergency order" for area south of Unalakleet River].

Unit 23 Kotzebue Sound

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 6, 2015)

Close the non-resident season completely

Close bull caribou take from October 15 - January 15 when they are in rut and poor shape

Increase dates of cow season closure (from May 16 to April 15), so cow season would be closed from April 15-June 30

Unit 23 Noatak-Kivalina AC

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 6, 2015)

Close non-subsistence hunter take

Close bulls October 15 - Jan 15

Close cows April 15-- June 30

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Feb 11, 2015)

- 1) ACR: Require spacing of non-subsistence user camps 3-5 miles apart so that caribou can cross the river in their migration.
- 2) ACR: Let 1,000 caribou pass the Noatak River before any non-subsistence hunters can come to the Noatak River.
- 3) ACR: Extend the boundaries of the Controlled Use area to Makpik Creek, extending the CUA approximately 20 miles beyond the current boundary

Unit 23 Northern Seward Peninsula

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 6, 2015)

Cow closing date of April 15 rather than May 1.

Bull season closing on October 15 rather than October 1

The Northern Seward Peninsula committee discussed the caribou proposal at a as previous meeting and heard comments, including one from Stephen Ballot who said the proposed bag limit of five per day was good. They agreed on a closing date of April 15 rather than May 1 for cows. For the bull season closing, the group recommended October 15 rather than October 1. Everyone on the Buckland Advisory Committee agreed on no sports hunting.

SUPPORT WITH REVISED AMENDMENT (Feb 10, 2015)

Bull season closing on October 10 rather than October 15

Unit 23 Upper and Lower Kobuk AC

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 28, 2015)

**Amendments to resident caribou hunting seasons:**

- 1) Limit on caribou 7 for the federal and 5 for the state daily.
- 2) We want to close the bull season for both residents and nonresidents: October 7-April 15 close bull season
- 3) October 8-April 30 open cow season

Unit 24 Koyukuk River AC

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Jan 27, 2015)

Cow closing date of Feb 15 – Oct 1

Large bulls with antlers closed after Oct. 1 (or trophy value destruction)

Antlerless bulls open after Oct. 1

Young bulls without shovels open after Oct. 1

Unit 26 North Slope AC

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Feb 5, 2015)

- 5) Jan 1 - Mar 15  
5 caribou a day  
-no more than three of which can be cows  
-no calves.
- 6) Mar 16 - Jul 15  
5 bulls a day  
-no cows  
-no calves
- 7) Jul 16 - Oct 15  
5 caribou total per day  
-no more than three cows per day  
-no calves  
-No cows accompanied with calves may be taken
- 8) Oct 16 - Dec 31  
3 caribou total per day  
-Cows only  
-No Bulls  
-No Calves

WACH WG COMMENTS:

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Feb 4, 2015)

Unit 22: No change to nonresident seasons

Unit 23: cows closed: Apr 1 – Jul 31

Southern Unit 26A: cows closed: Apr 1 – Jul 31

Unit 22

**Do not change the season for nonresident caribou harvest.** The proposed change to August 1 - September 30 is not sensible for Unit 22, as caribou are typically not in the area during the proposed season. Offering a two-month season when caribou are usually absent may mislead nonresident hunters to plan hunts at a time when they might encounter reindeer, which are not legal game. Keeping the existing nonresident season will be less confusing to nonresidents attempting to hunt caribou in Unit 22. The Working Group supports the proposal in Unit 22 to eliminate calf harvest, eliminate nonresident harvest of cows, and limit nonresident harvest to one bull.

Unit 23

**Extend the cow closure period that prohibits the resident take of cows to April 1- July 31** (longer than the current closure dates of May 16 - June 30). This change will reduce harvest of pregnant and lactating cows, increasing calving rates and calf survival. Change the season date for nonresident hunting of caribou to September 15 - October 10. These dates will give the first caribou in the fall migration the chance to cross the major rivers in Unit 23 (e.g., Noatak River, Kobuk River) prior to the onset of intensive nonresident hunting activity. The amended start date also matches the September 15 date used in the National Park Service's Commercial Use Authorizations for the start of guide and transporter operations. The Working Group supports the proposal in Unit 23 to eliminate calf harvest, eliminate nonresident harvest of cows, and limit nonresident harvest to one bull.

Southern portion of Unit 26(A)

**Prohibit the resident take of cows from April 1 - July 31.** This change will reduce harvest of pregnant and lactating cows, increasing calving rates and calf survival.

**Northwest Arctic RAC (Mar 9, 2015)**

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT (Feb 4, 2015)

**No harvest of cows Apr 1-June 30;**

**No harvest of cows with calves Jul 1-Oct 10**

**No harvest of bulls in rut Oct 10-Jan 30**

**FSB Proposal to change federal subsistence harvest limit from 15 caribou per day to 5 caribou per day**

Notes from ADF&G Liaison Team

The NWA RAC just completed a draft letter to BOG re: their comments & recommendations on BOG Proposal 202 (i.e., **No harvest of cows Apr 1-June 30; no harvest of cows with calves Jul 1-Oct 10; and no harvest of bulls in rut Oct 10-Jan 30**) and development of a federal wildlife proposal to reduce the Unit 23 caribou **federal subsistence harvest limit from 15 caribou per day to 5 caribou per day**. Updated agenda attached (\*.docx).