

Proposal 105, addendum to department comments:

Based on further analysis of the Central Arctic caribou harvest data, the department is suggesting the following seasons and bag limits as a starting point for the board to consider:

5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou

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Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 26(B), that
portion north of
69° 30' N. lat.
and west of the
east bank of the
Kuparuk River to
a point at 70°
10' N. lat., 149°
04' W. long.,
then west
approximately 22
miles to 70° 10'
N. lat. and 149°
56' W. long.,
then following
the east bank of
the Kalubik River
to the Arctic
Ocean

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day; however,
cow caribou may not
be taken May 16 -
June 30

July 1 - June 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull

[5 CARIBOU]

Aug. 1 – Sept. 15

[JULY 1 – APR. 30]

[UNIT 26(B), THAT
PORTION SOUTH OF
69° 30' N. LAT.
AND WEST OF THE
DALTON HIGHWAY]

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW
CARIBOU MAY BE
TAKEN ONLY FROM
JULY 1 - OCT. 10]

[JULY 1 - OCT. 10]

[JULY 1 - OCT. 10]

[MAY 16 - JUNE 30]

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JULY 1 - MAY 15]

[JULY 1 - JULY 30]

[JULY 1 - JUNE 30]

Remainder of Unit 26(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS

2 caribou; however

cow caribou may only

be taken Nov. 1 – Apr. 30

Aug 1 – Apr 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS

1 bull

[5 CARIBOU;]

[JULY 1 - APR. 30]

Aug. 1 – Sept. 15

[JULY 1 - APR. 30]

The seasons and bag limits listed above form one scenario that is likely to decrease harvest to our recommended allowable harvest of 680 caribou of which no more than 75 can be females. Previously, the department submitted written comments recommending shorter seasons for nonresident hunters and a smaller bag limit for cows for residents in the northwest portion of Unit 26B. This revised recommendation was developed based on further analysis of harvest data and provides sustainable harvest opportunity.