

Proposal 1

Sheep/ Unit 23 and 26A

Open an Archery-only registration Hunt for sheep in Units 23 and 26A

Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral

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If adopted, this proposal would create an archery-only registration hunt for Dall sheep in Units 23 and 26A east and west of the Etivluk River to include the DeLong and Schwatka mountains within 23 and 26A.

- The bag limit would be one ram with full-curl horn or larger.
- The season dates would be August 10 – September 20, permits would only be available in person at license vendors in 23 and 26A.
- Harvest would have to be reported within 48 hours.

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- Sheep hunting in unit 23 and western 26A was closed in 2014 by emergency order.
- The Board of Game adopted a proposal in 2015 to continue that closure due to conservation concerns over low population numbers.
- The Delong and Baird sheep populations declined between 50 and 80% from 2011 to 2015.
- In addition to population declines, lamb survival was poor and recovering was predicted to be slow.

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Opportunity for all residents and nonresidents in Units 23 and 26A (that portion west of the Etivluk River drainage) is currently closed.

The map displays the geographical layout of Units 23 and 26A. Unit 23 is outlined in red and contains subunits D5384, R5387, and R5389. Unit 26A is outlined in black and contains subunits 26B, 24B, 24C, 24D, 21D, 21C, 20F, 25A, and 25D. The map also shows the Etivluk River drainage, which is the boundary for the closed hunting area. Other features include the Kotzebue Sound, the Arctic Circle, and various towns and villages such as Point Lay, Wainwright, and Deadhorse. A legend in the top left corner identifies Hunt Areas (red outline), Subunits (black outline), and National Parks & Preserves (green shading). A scale bar and north arrow are also present.

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# Proposal 1

## Sheep / Units 23 and 26A

- Bag Limit is one full-curl ram
- Aug 1-5 for youth hunts
- Aug 10-Sept 20 for general season

### Unit 26A, East Etivluk River

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents and Nonresidents - Harvest Ticket Required**

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**AREA DESCRIPTION:** Unit 26A, east of Etivluk River excluding Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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# Proposal 1

## Sheep / Units 23 and 26A

- Bag Limit is three sheep
- Season is Aug 1- April 30

### Units 26A and 26B, GAAR NP Private Lands

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents - Harvest Ticket Required Nonresidents - No Open Season**

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**AREA DESCRIPTION:** Units 26A and 26B, private lands within the Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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Unit 26A remainder

General Season

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• PROPOSAL 2

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Reduce the resident bag limit to 4 caribou annually, of which only 1 may be a cow in Units 21D remainder, 22, 23, 24B remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A

- Proposed by
  - Western Arctic Herd Working Group
- Department Recommendation
  - Support with Modifications
- AC Recommendations
  - Kotzebue Sound AC Support 8-0
  - North Slope AC Oppose 0-7

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Proposal 2

• Regulations

Caribou/Multi-Unit

<div>Unit 23 Remainder</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by registration permit only; however, calves may not be taken.</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: No Closed Season Cows: Sept 1 - Mar 31</div>	<div>Unit 23</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by registration permit only; however, calves may not be taken.</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: No Closed Season Cows: July15 - Apr 30</div>	<div>Unit 22A, 22B Remainder, 22D (Kuzitrin River Drainage, excluding Pilgrim River Drainage and Agiapuk River Drainage), 22E</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Twenty caribou total, up to five per day], by registration permit only</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: No Closed Season Cows: July 1 - Mar 31</div>	<div>Unit 22A Remainder, 22C, 22D Remainder, 22E Remainder</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Twenty caribou total, up to five per day], by registration permit only</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>May Be Announced</div>	<div>Unit 22B, 22D (Pilgrim River Drainage)</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Twenty caribou total, up to five per day], by registration permit only</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: Oct 1-Apr 30 Cows: Oct 1 - Mar 31</div>
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• Regulations	Caribou/Multi-Unit
<div>Unit 26A</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by registration permit; however, calves may not be taken.</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: Feb 1- Oct 14</div> <div>Cows: July15 - Apr 30</div>	<div>Unit 26A Remainder</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow</div> <div>[Jan1-Mar15:</div> <div>Five caribou per day, only three of which may be cows</div> <div>Mar 16-July 15: Five Bulls per day</div> <div>July 16- Oct 15: Five Caribou per day, only three of which may be cows; cows with calves may not be taken</div> <div>Oct 16- Dec 31: Three cows per day]</div>
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• Regulations	Caribou/Multi-Unit
<div>Unit 24B Remainder</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by harvest ticket; however, calves may not be taken.</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: Feb1-Oct 14</div> <div>Cows: July15 - Apr 30</div>	<div>Unit 21D Remainder, 24C, 24D</div> <div>Four caribou per year only one of which may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by harvest ticket; however, calves may not be taken.</div> <div>Resident Hunting Season</div> <div>Bulls: Feb1-Oct 14</div> <div>Cows: Sept1-Mar 31</div>
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• **Effects of the Proposal**

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Harvest in general, and cow harvest specifically, may be reduced
- High harvesters and the households they provide for will likely be impacted
- May place unnecessary restrictions on some communities that harvest from other herds

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• **Background**

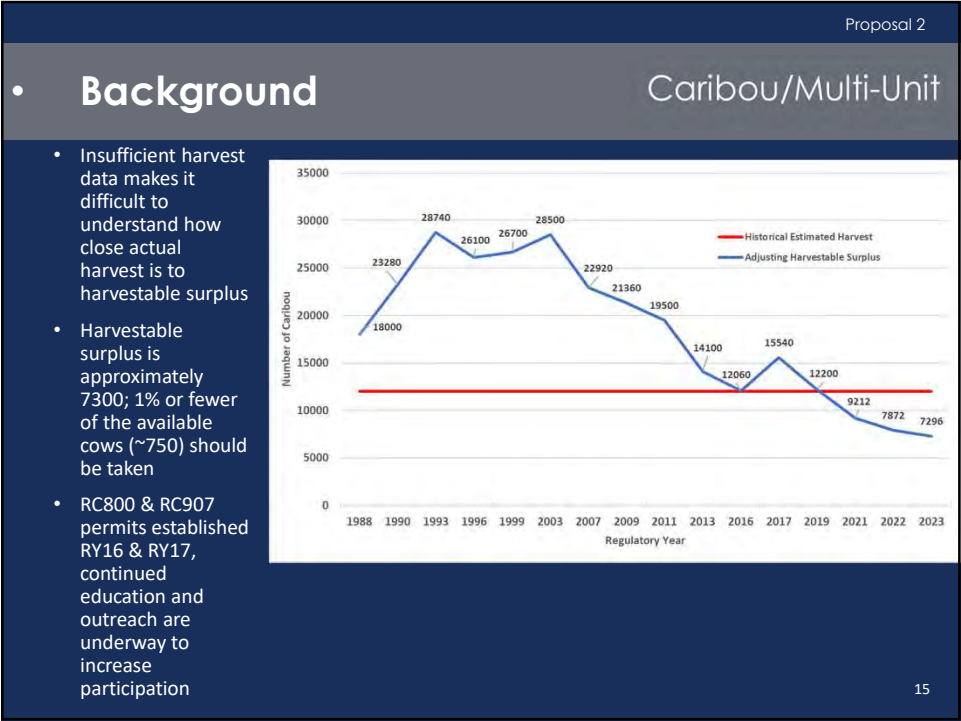
Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Harvestable surplus of cows is likely being exceeded
- Unit 23 bag limit has been 5 caribou per day for 30+ years
- Harvest up to 15 caribou per day has been allowed under federal regulations
- RY15 the board adopted an annual bag limit of 20 caribou in Unit 22

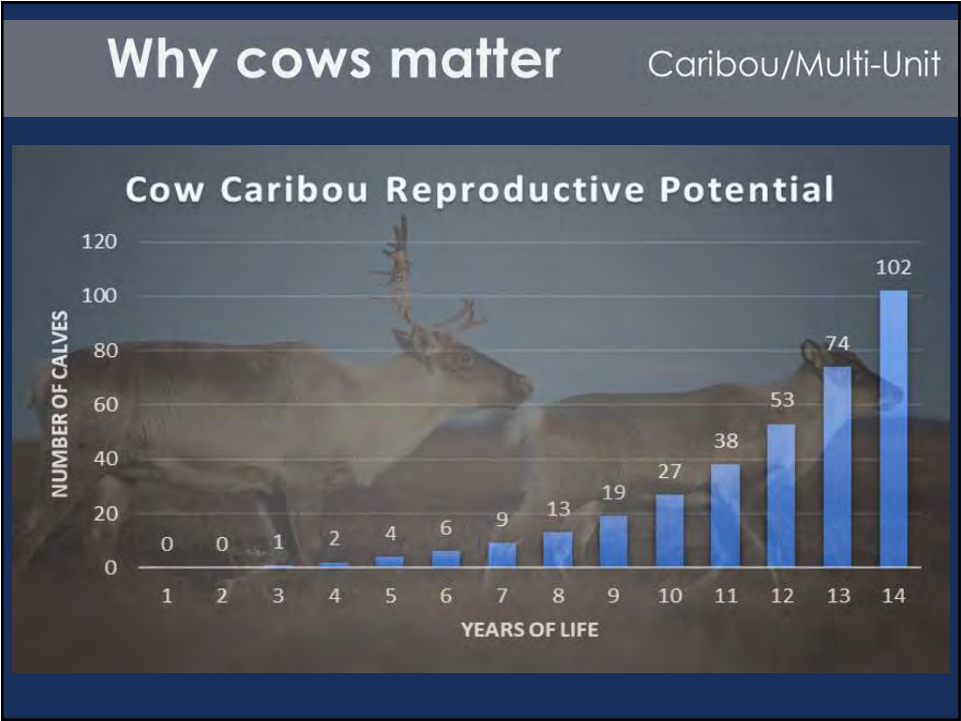
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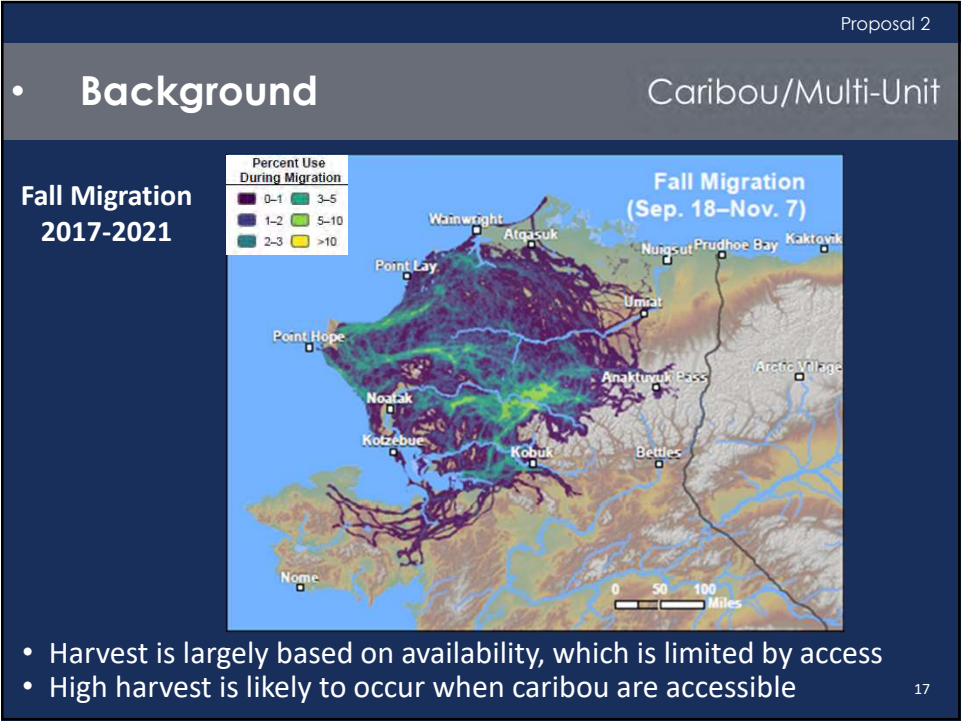




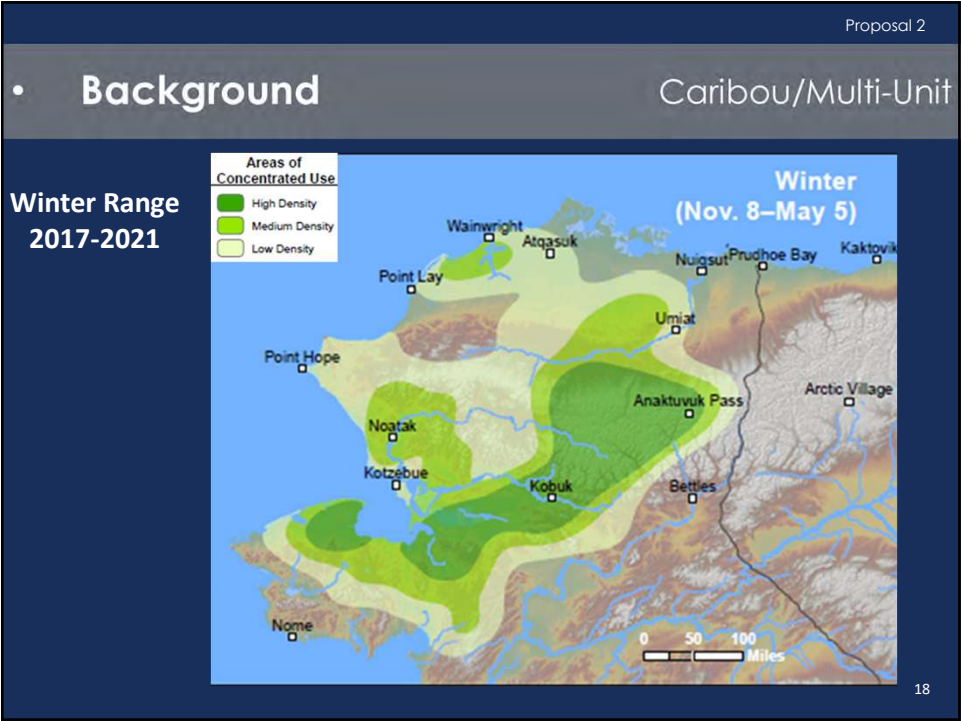
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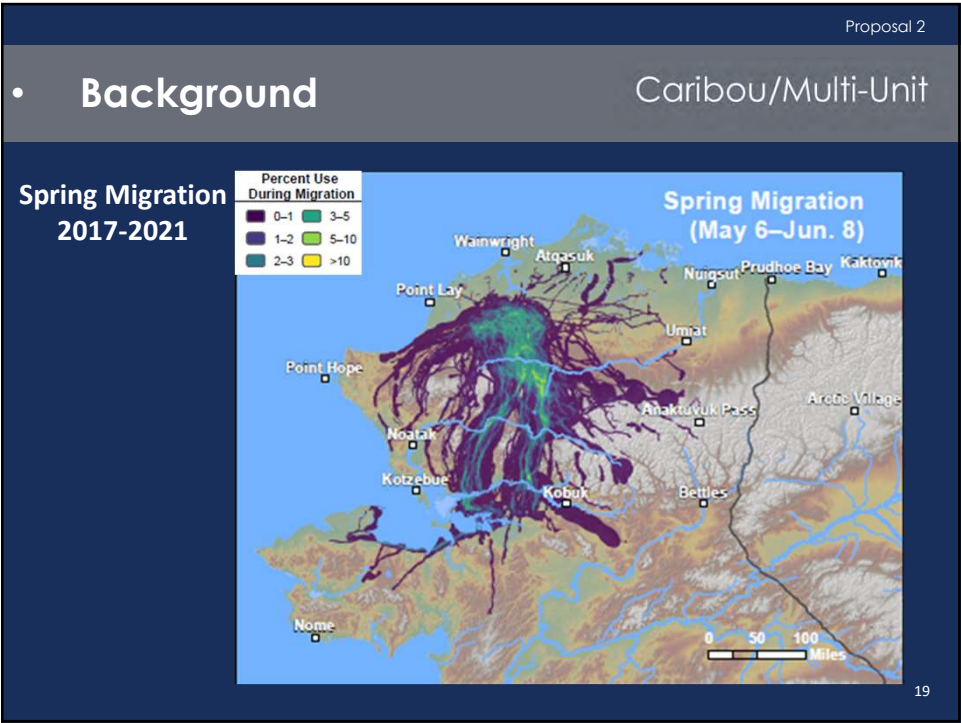




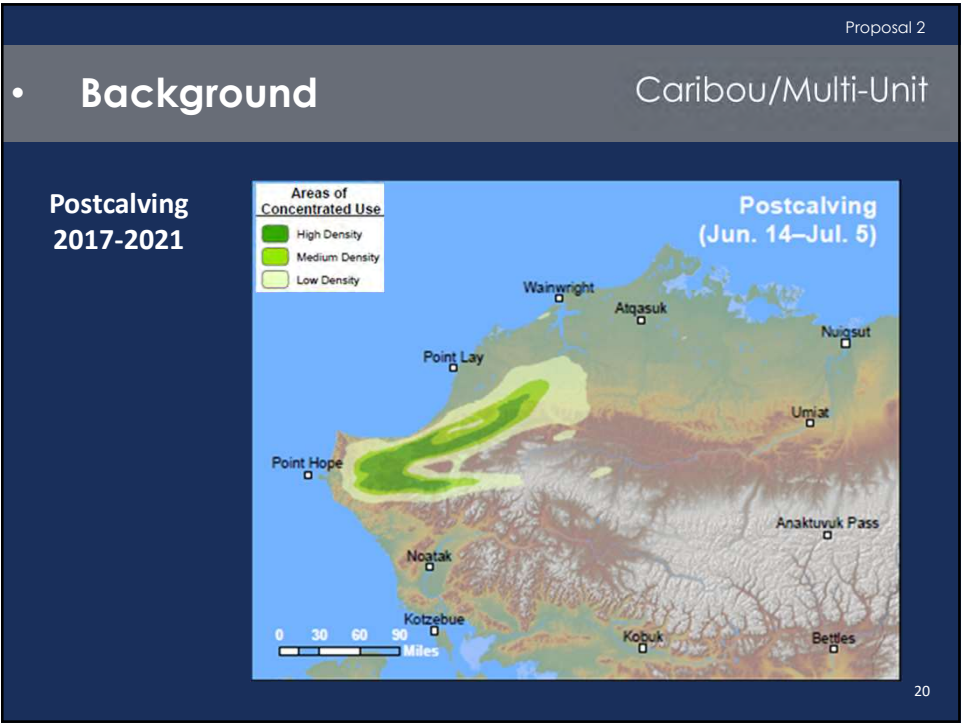
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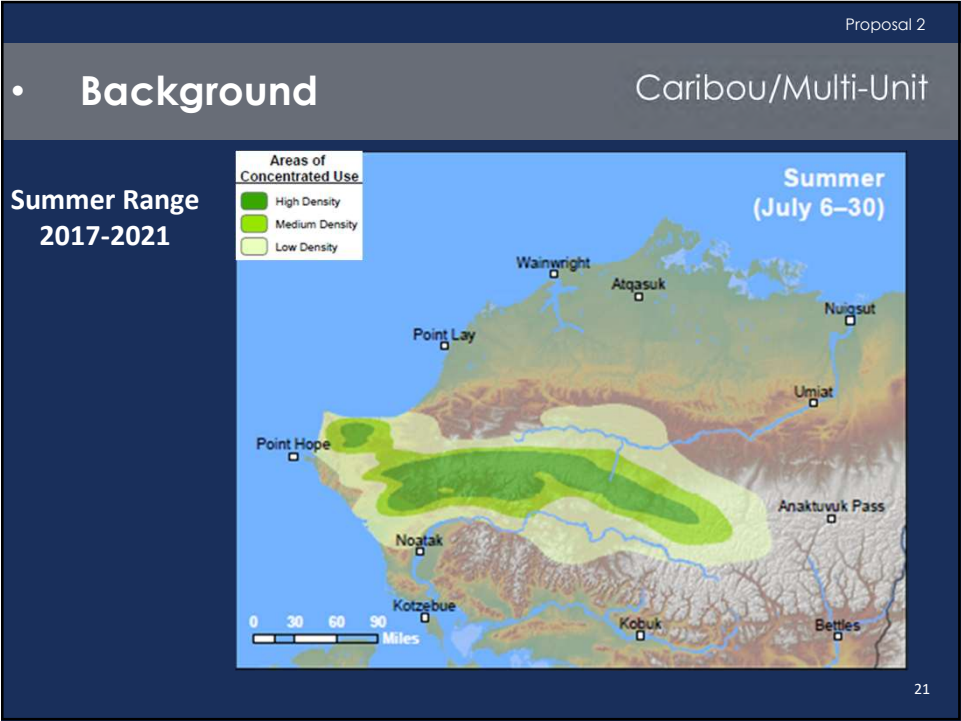
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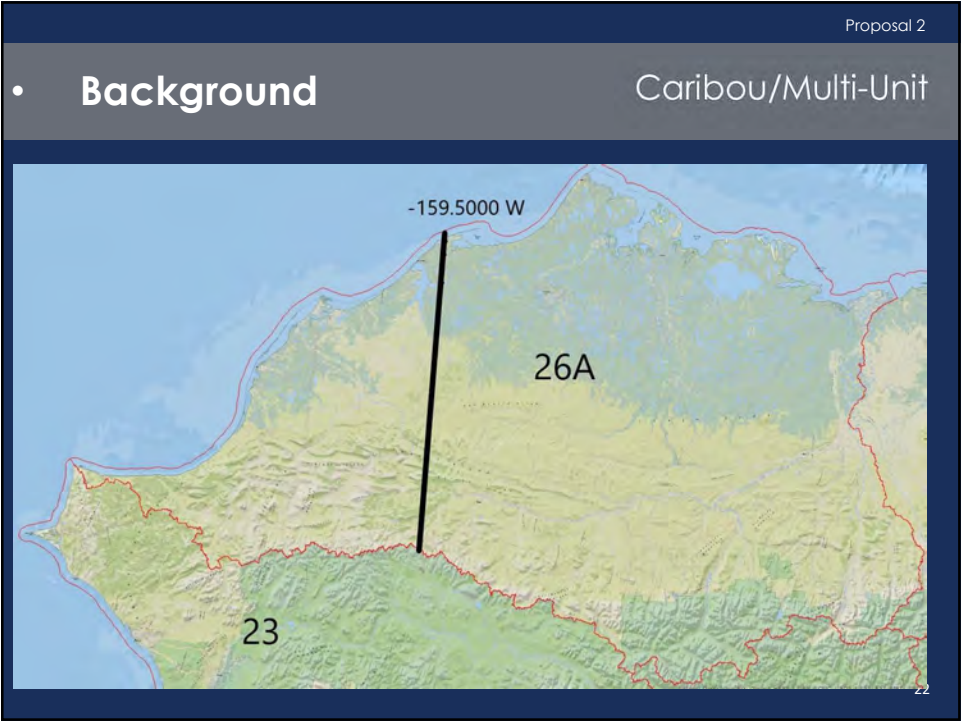
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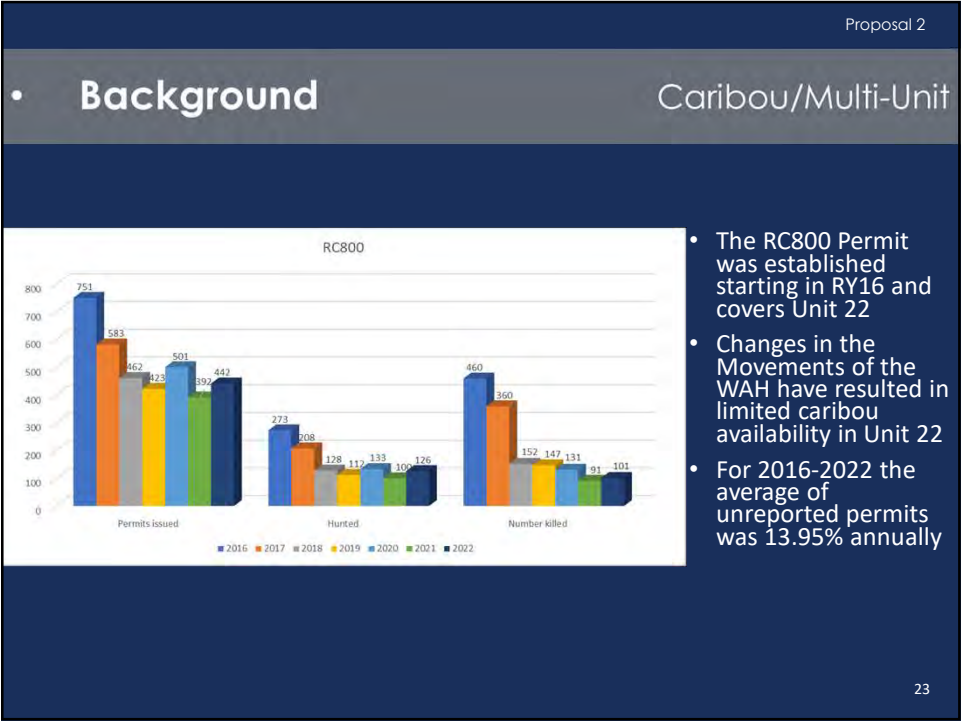
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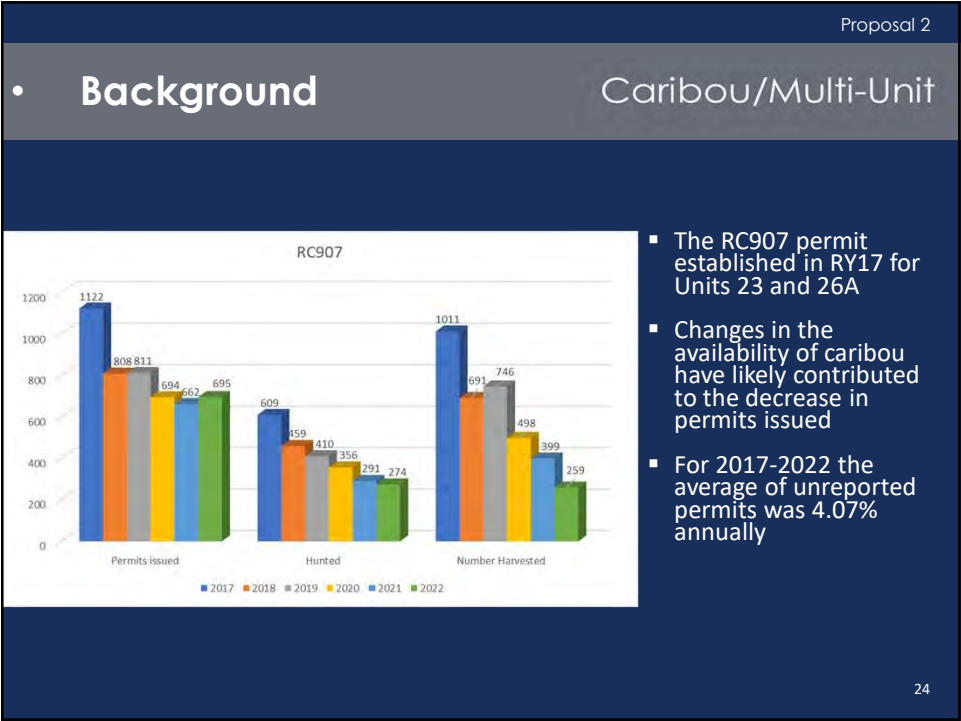
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Background

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Household harvest data from 1998-2013 suggest:
- Hunters who harvest >25 caribou account for ~19% of the harvest
- Roughly 75% of harvesters took <5 per year

Household Harvest

Caribou Harvested per Household	Percent of Total Harvest	Percent of Households
No Caribou	0%	48%
1-5	24%	30%
6-10	28%	13%
11-15	17%	5%
16-20	12%	2%
21 or more	19%	2%

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Background

Caribou/Multi-Unit

PERSON 1 (in household 1) got 34 CARIBOU for 21 HOUSEHOLDS

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• Department Position

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- *Support with Modifications*
- The Department supports the proposal in Units 22 and 23
- The Department believes a modified solution is needed for Unit 26A, some communities within 26A harvest primarily from the TCH and CAH with little to no harvest from the WAH
- The Department requests the decision on Region 3 units (21D Remainder, 24B Remainder, 24C and 24D) be deferred until that meeting
- Cow harvests have likely exceeded surplus in 2023
- The proxy hunting system will continue to allow users to harvest for qualified beneficiaries.
- Refined harvest information is necessary to provide a better understanding of harvest

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- **Proposed by**
  - Western Arctic Herd Working Group
- **Department Recommendation**
  - Support with Modifications
- **AC Recommendations**
  - Kotzebue Sound AC Support 8-0
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PROPOSAL 3

Caribou/Multi-Unit

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Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D remainder, 22, 23, 24B remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A

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Proposed by

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Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group, Vern Cleveland, Chair

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Department Recommendation

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Neutral

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AC Recommendations

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North Slope 7-0 Support

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Current Regulations

Caribou/Multi-Unit

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Unit 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D

Unit 26A

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No Open Season [One bull].

No Open Season [One bull].

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Nonresident Hunting Season

Nonresident Hunting Season

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*Bulls: No season [Aug 1- Sept 30]*

*Bulls: No season [July 15 - Sept 30]*

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*Cows: No season*

*Cows: No season*

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Proposal 3

• **Effects of the Proposal**

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Nearly all nonresident harvest from the WAH occurs in Units 23 and 26A, with limited harvest in Unit 22 and little to no harvest in RIII Units
- Hunters visiting these units would be reduced by 240-500 annually

**Nonresident Harvest Across WAH Range**

Regulatory Year	Caribou Harvested
2013	221
2014	237
2015	209
2016	198
2017	201
2018	298
2019	377
2020	382
2021	382
2022	175

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Proposal 3

• **Background**

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Unit 23 nonresident bag limit has been 1bull, Aug 1- Sep 30 since RY 15
- RY17 the nonresident locking tag price was increased from \$350 to \$650
- Annual nonresident harvest in all Units has averaged ~263 bulls, 5 cows, 268 caribou overall (2013-2022)
- The closure of federal lands under WSA21-01 has resulted in limited access for nonresidents in Units 23 and a portion of 26A

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Proposal 3

• **Background**

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- User conflict issues have been identified since at least the 1980's
- BOG established Noatak CUA in 1988
- Various adjustments have been made through the years

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Proposal 3

• **Background**

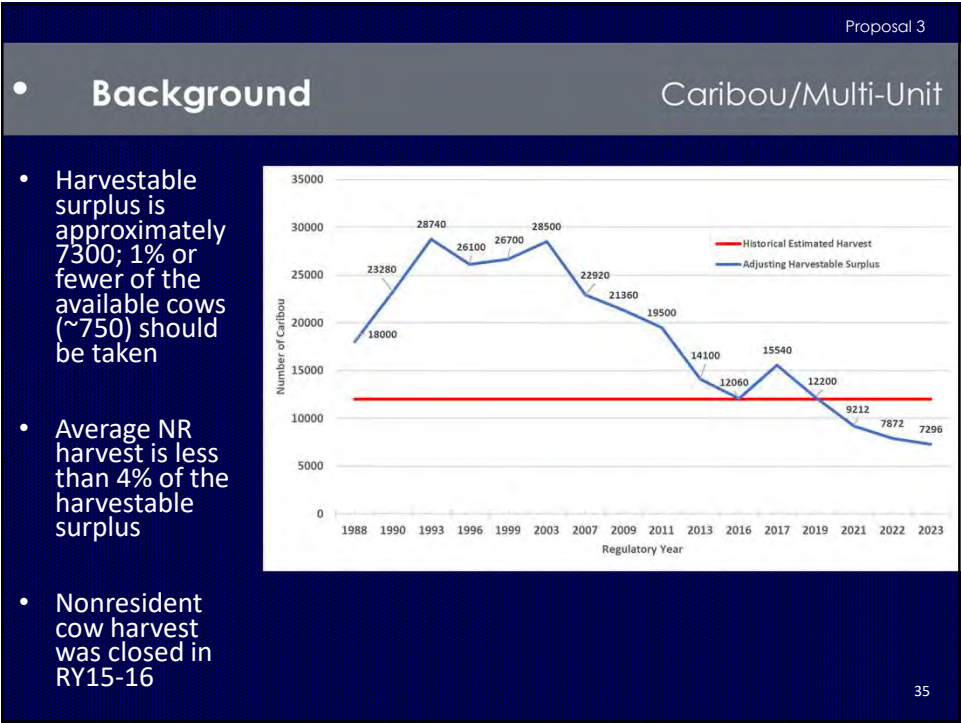
Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Unit 23 Federal land closure to NFQU's in 2016
- 2017 targeted closure (previous map)
- WSA 21-01a closure (map) 2022 & 2023 NR seasons

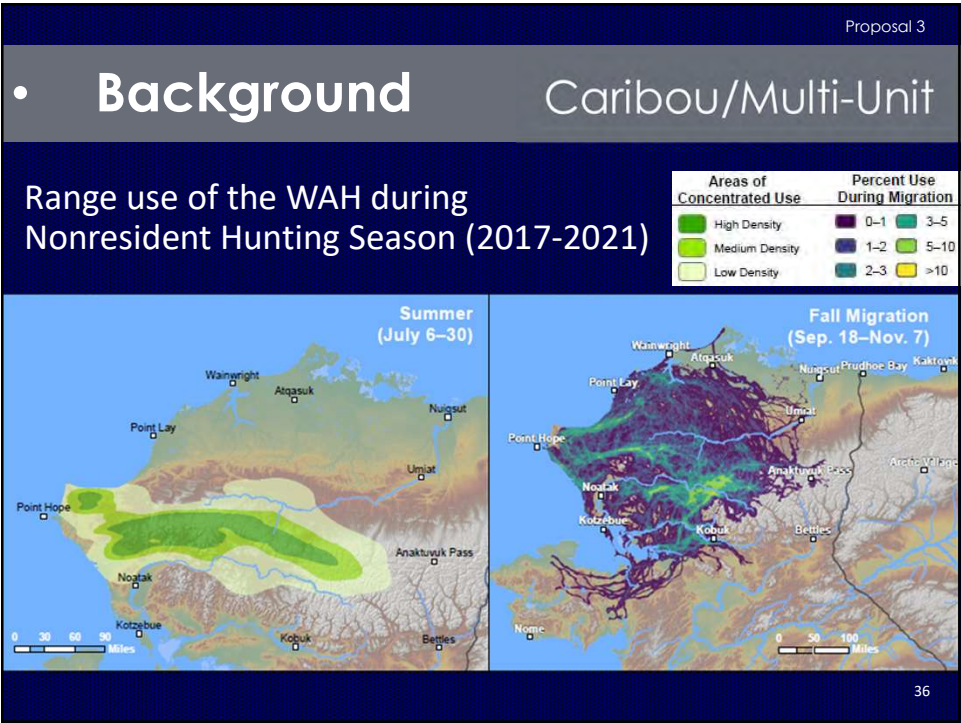
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• Background

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Harvest by nonresidents is estimated to represent ~3% of overall Harvest
- Local residents have expressed concern that nonresidents and associated aircraft traffic are responsible for the WAH population decline and limiting the availability of caribou for local hunters

Total WAH Harvest

Category	Percentage
Resident Harvest	97%
Nonresident Harvest	3%

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• Background

Caribou/Multi-Unit

- Harvest by nonresidents in Units 23 and 26A has averaged 97.91% bulls since 2012
- Bull:cow ratios have remained above the WAHWG goal of 30:100

Fall Bull:Cow Ratio 1995-2023

Regulatory Year	Bulls:100 Cows
1995	58
1996	51
1997	49
1998	54
1999	49
2000	38
2001	48
2002	42
2003	45
2004	49
2005	42
2006	39
2007	41
2008	54
2009	47
2010	50

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Proposal 3

- **Department Position** Caribou/Multi-Unit
  - *Neutral*
    - Little to no biological significance
    - Allocative issue
    - Deferment to Region III meeting may be warranted to address Region III units

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Proposal 3

- **PROPOSAL 3** Caribou/Multi-Unit
  - Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D remainder, 22, 23, 24B remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A
    - **Proposed by**
      - Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group, Vern Cleveland, Chair
    - **Department Recommendation**
      - Neutral
    - **AC Recommendations**
      - North Slope 7-0 Support

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# Proposal 4: Modify Caribou Seasons Bag Limits

Align caribou harvest and seasons with 26A remainder to reduce cow harvest in southern GMU26A and GMU 23 north of and including Singoalik River Drainage as follows:

- Five caribou per day 3 of which may be cows, cows with calves may not be taken; July 16-Oct 15.
- Three cows per day, cows with calves may not be taken; Oct. 16-Dec 31.
- Three caribou per day cows only, no calves may be taken Jan 1- March 15.

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Proposal Submitted by: North Slope Advisory Committee

North Slope Advisory Committee: 7-0 Support

## Unit 26A Caribou Hunt Areas & Unit 23 Point Hope



Current RC907 Unit 26A and 23 Resident Caribou Hunting Regulations			
GMU	Bag Limit		Season
Unit 23, that portion north of and including the Singoalik River drainage:	Five caribou per day	Bulls	No closed season
		Cows	July 15-April 30
26A The Colville River drainage upstream from the Anaktuvuk River and drainages of the Chukchi Sea south and West of, and including the Utukok River drainage	Five caribou per day by permit	Bulls	July 1-Oct 14 Feb 1-June 30
		Cows	July 15-April 30
26A Remainder	Five bulls per day	Bulls	July 1-July 15 March 16-June 30
26A Remainder	Five caribou per day, 3 of which can be cows, calves may not be taken	Cows	July 16-Oct 15
26A Remainder	Three cows per day	Cows	Oct 16-Dec 31

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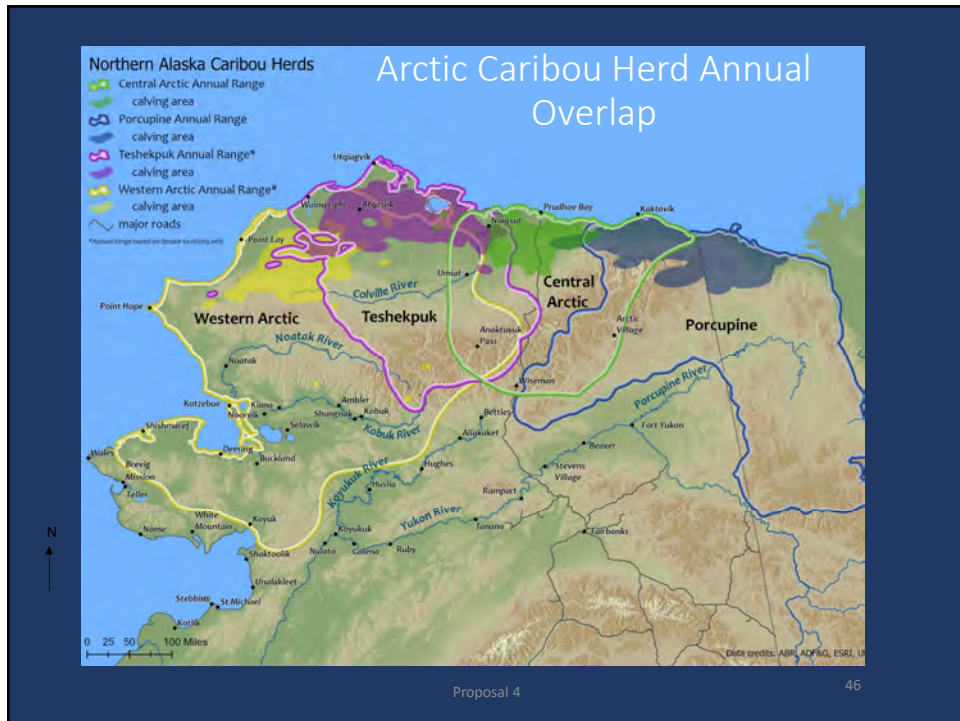
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Proposed Unit 26A and Unit 23 Regulatory Change			
GMU	Bag Limit		Season
Unit 23, that portion north of and including the Singoalik River drainage:	Five caribou per day, <u>only three maybe cows, cows with calves may not be taken.</u>	Bulls	[no closed season] <u>July 16-Oct 15</u>
		Cows	<u>July 16-Oct 15</u>
	[Five caribou per day], <u>Three cows per day, cows with calves may not be taken</u>	Cows	<u>Oct 16-Dec 31</u>
	[FIVE] <u>Three</u> caribou per day <u>Cows only, no calves may be taken</u>	Cows	<u>Jan 1-Mar 15</u>
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## Proposal 4: ADF&G Comments




Photo Credit: Ronnie Bucat

- ADF&G supports efforts to reduce the harvest of cows in areas where the Western Arctic Herd is distributed.
- Prohibiting the harvest of any bulls during the Oct 16-Dec 31 may cause a loss of opportunity for residents who may want to harvest young bulls.
- This would require residents to take cows during a time, when we are trying to reduce cow harvest.
- Communities with high numbers of Teshekpuk and Central Arctic Caribou are encouraged to continue harvesting under the current regulations.

Proposal 4

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Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Proposal Submitted by: North Slope Advisory Committee

North Slope Advisory Committee: 7-0 Support

Proposal 4

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Proposal 5

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PROPOSAL 5

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

• Reduce the resident bag limit to 5 caribou annually, of which only 1 may be a cow and establish a nonresident registration permit with an annual quota of 400 bulls for Units 23 & 26A.

• Proposed by  
Public

• Department Recommendation  
Neutral

• AC Recommendations  
None

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Proposal 5

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Current Regulations

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

• Unit 23

• Resident Hunting Season

• 5 Caribou annually only one may be a cow [Five caribou per day], by registration permit only (RC907); however, calves may not be taken.

• Bulls: no closed season

• Cows: July 15 – Apr 30

• (Sept 1 – Mar 31 in 23 Remainder)

• Nonresident Hunting Season

• Registration permit [One Bull] Aug 1 – Sept 30

• Unit 26A

• Resident Hunting Season

• 5 Caribou annually only one may be a cow [ Five caribou per day], by registration permit only (RC907); however, calves may not be taken.

• Bulls: July 1 – Oct 14, Feb 1 – June 30

• Cows: July 15 – Apr 30

• Nonresident Hunting Season

• Registration permit [One Bull] July 15 – Sept 30

• Unit 26 Remainder

• Resident Hunting Season (RC907 permit)

• 5 Caribou annually only one may be a cow [ Jan1- Mar 15: Five caribou per day (three of which may be cows)

• Mar 16 - July 15: Five bulls per day

• July 16 - October 15: Five caribou per day (three of which may be cows; cows with calves may not be taken)

• Oct 16 – Dec 31: Three cows per day]

• Nonresident Hunting Season

• Registration permit [One Bull] July 15 – Sept 30

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Proposal 5

- **Effects of the Proposal** Caribou/Units 23 & 26A
  - Harvest in general, and cow harvest specifically, may be reduced
  - Resident high harvesters and the households they provide for may be impacted
  - Nonresident harvest is unlikely to be affected by the proposal

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Proposal 5

- **Background** Caribou/Units 23 & 26A
  - Unit 23 bag limit has been 5 caribou per day for 30+ years
  - Harvest up to 15 caribou per day has been allowed under federal regulations
  - Nonresident harvest has been limited to bulls only since RY15-16, and access has been restricted by federal land closures

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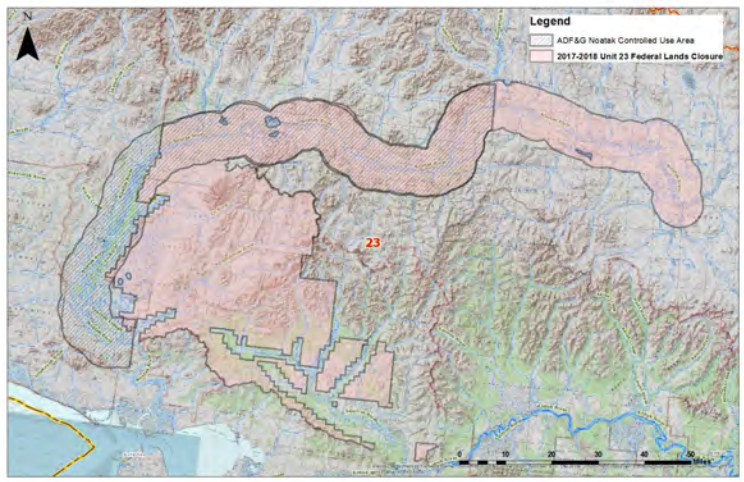
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Proposal 5

• Background

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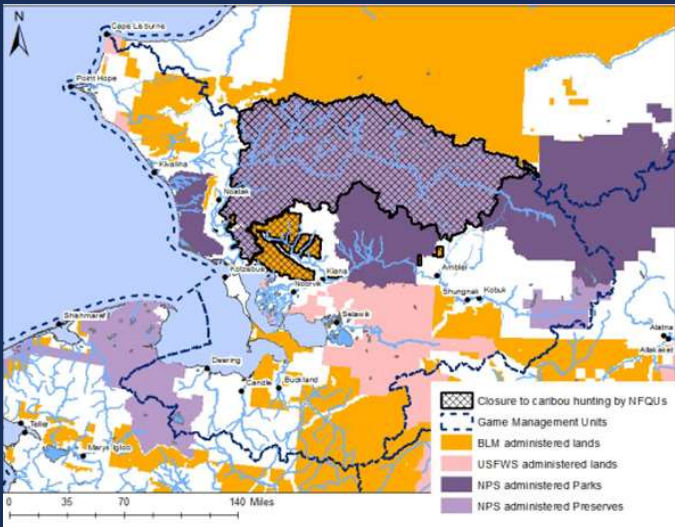
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Proposal 5

• Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

- Unit 23 Federal land closure to NFQU's in 2016
- 2017 targeted closure (previous map)
- WSA 21-01a closure (map) 2022 & 2023 NR seasons



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Proposal 5

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# Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

- Harvestable surplus is approximately 7300; 1% or fewer of the available cows (~750) should be taken
- Insufficient harvest data makes it difficult to understand how close actual harvest is to harvestable surplus
- Resident harvest is based on access to caribou, actual resident harvest is unknown
- RC907 permit establishment and continued education and outreach ongoing to improve understanding of harvest

Regulatory Year	Adjusting Harvestable Surplus	Historical Estimated Harvest
1988	18000	12000
1990	23280	12000
1993	28740	12000
1996	26100	12000
1999	26700	12000
2003	28500	12000
2007	22920	12000
2009	21360	12000
2011	19500	12000
2013	14100	12000
2016	12060	12000
2017	15540	12000
2019	12200	12000
2021	9212	12000
2022	7872	12000
2023	7296	12000

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# Why cows matter

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

## Cow Caribou Reproductive Potential

Years of Life	Number of Calves
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	2
5	4
6	6
7	9
8	13
9	19
10	27
11	38
12	53
13	74
14	102

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Proposal 5

• Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

Fall Migration  
2017-2021

Percent Use  
During Migration

0-1

3-5

1-2

5-10

2-3

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Fall Migration  
(Sep. 18–Nov. 7)

Wainwright, Atkasuk, Nuiqsut, Prudhoe Bay, Kaktovik, Umiat, Anaktuvuk Pass, Arctic Village, Bettles, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Point Hope, Point Lay, Nome

0 50 100 Miles

- Harvest is largely based on availability, which is limited by access
- High harvest is likely to occur when caribou are accessible

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• Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

Winter Range  
2017-2021

Areas of  
Concentrated Use

High Density

Medium Density

Low Density

Winter  
(Nov. 8–May 5)

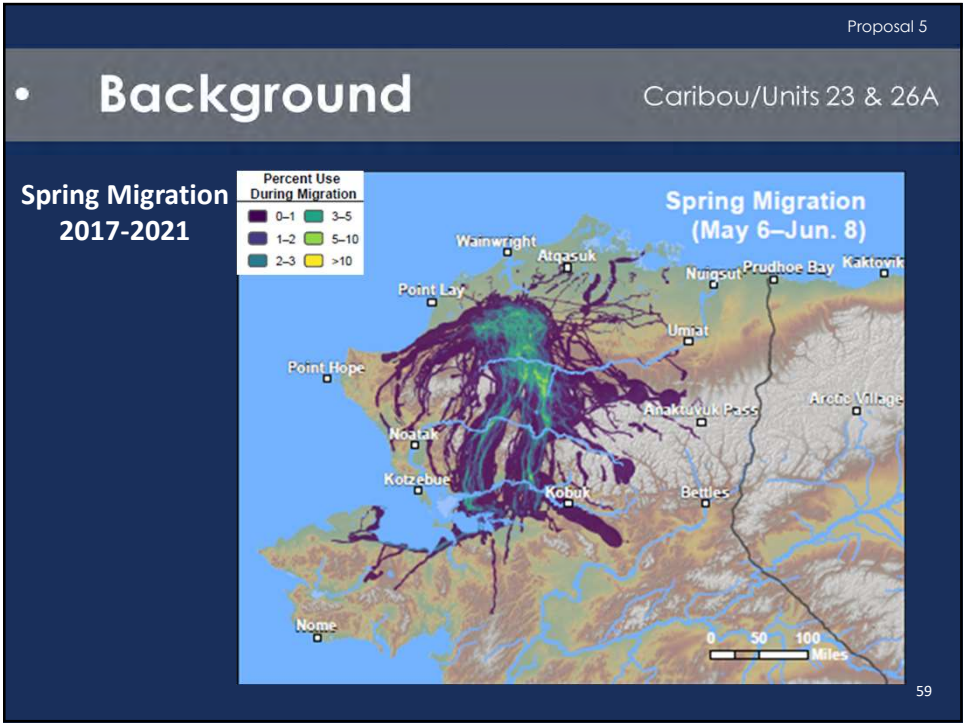
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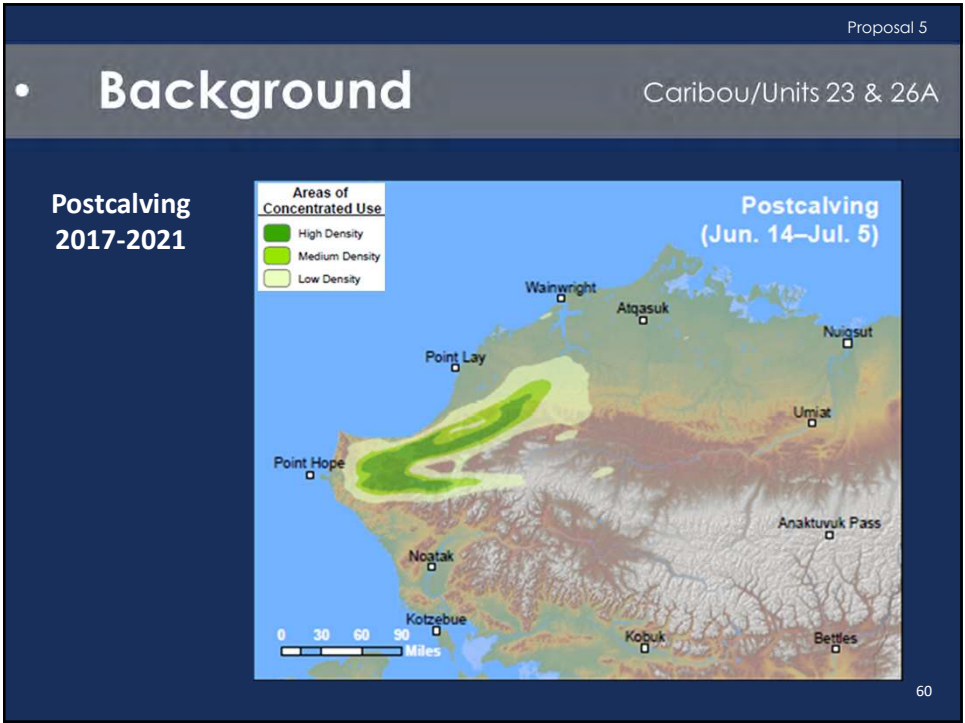
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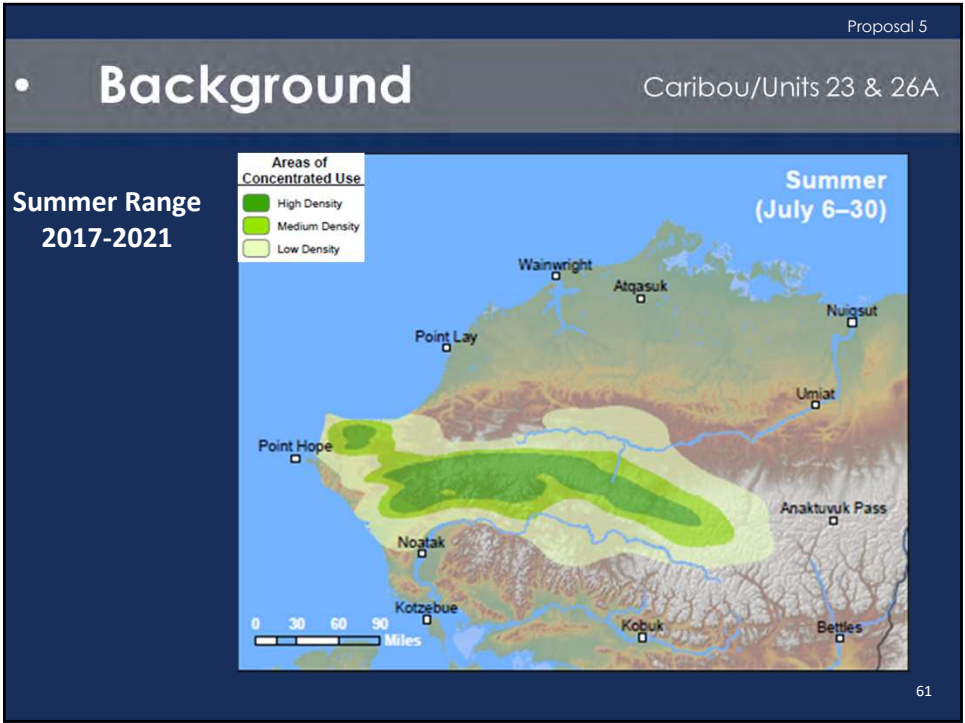




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Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

RC907

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Permits issued	1122	808	811	694	667	695
Hunted	609	459	410	356	291	274
Number Harvested	1011	691	746	498	399	259

- RC907 permits were first established for RY17 and covers Units 23 and 26A
- Changes in the availability of caribou have likely contributed to the decrease in permits issued
- For 2017-2022 the average of unreported permits was 4.07% annually

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Proposal 5

• Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

RC907 data from 2017-2018 suggests:

- Most hunters harvest between 1-5 caribou
- A small portion of hunters harvest more

RY17 & RY18 RC907 Harvest

Caribou Harvested per Permit Holder	RY17	RY18
1-5	223	170
6-10	25	35
11-15	10	3
16-20	6	0
21-25	2	0
26-30	1	0

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Proposal 5

Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

- Total nonresident harvest for Units 23 & 26A fell below the proposed quota every year since 2012
- The highest harvest was 374 caribou in 2020

Nonresident Hunters and Harvest Units 23 and 26A from 2013-2022

Regulatory Year	Nonresident hunters Unit 23	Nonresident caribou harvest Unit 23	Nonresident hunters Unit 26A	Nonresident caribou harvest Unit 26A
2013	223	150	90	60
2014	221	139	108	82
2015	190	117	105	82
2016	135	85	129	100
2017	203	121	103	72
2018	287	221	113	71
2019	385	299	93	74
2020	374	319	62	55
2021	414	301	84	65
2022	82	54	121	102

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Proposal 3

Background

Caribou/Units 23 & 26A

- Harvest by nonresidents in GMU 23 and 26A has averaged 97.91% bulls since 2012
- Bull:cow ratios have remained above the WAHWG goal of 30:100

Fall Bull:Cow Ratio 1995-2023

Regulatory Year	Bulls:100 Cows
1995	58
1996	51
1997	49
1998	54
1999	49
2000	38
2001	48
2002	42
2003	45
2004	49
2005	42
2006	39
2007	41
2008	54
2009	47
2010	50

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Proposal 5

- **Department Position** Caribou/Units 23 & 26A
  - *Neutral*
    - Cow harvest may exceed surplus if reductions are not taken
    - The proxy hunting system will continue to allow users to harvest for qualified beneficiaries.
    - Refined harvest information is necessary to provide a better understanding of harvest
    - Nonresident registration permit and quota will not likely have an affect on harvest level

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Proposal 5

- **PROPOSAL 5** Caribou/Units 23 & 26A
  - Reduce the resident bag limit to 5 caribou annually, of which only 1 may be a cow and establish a nonresident registration permit with an annual quota of 400 bulls for Units 23 & 26A.
  - **Proposed by**  
Public
  - **Department Recommendation**  
Neutral
  - **AC Recommendations**  
None

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Proposal 190

Brown Bear

Reauthorize the current resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Region 5

Department Proposal

Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 190

Brown Bear

If adopted, this proposal waives the brown bear tag fee for brown bears in:

- Unit 18
- Unit 22
- Unit 23
- Unit 26A

Tag Fee exemptions encourage:

- Incremental increase in harvest
- Opportunistic harvest by residents
- Harvest by a wide range of users

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**Proposal 190**

Brown Bear

**Reauthorize Brown Bear tag fee exemptions in Region 5**

Department Proposal

Recommendation: Support

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