

PROPOSAL 5

5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.

Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one as follows:

Unit 9D. Nonresidents limited to one bull caribou by harvest ticket.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Abuse of the liberal bag limits on bull caribou for nonresident hunters in Unit 9D. The current bag limit is two bulls per regulatory year. This is one of, if not the only, unit in Alaska that still allows nonresidents to take two bulls. The area was just opened up eight years ago after a long closure due to low numbers. Then shortly after opening back up to allow nonresidents to take two bulls seems out of line with the situation and herd. Some guides on state land are taking many hunters and allowing them to take two bulls, which is an abuse of the limited resource. The herd is healthy and trophy quality is good and can withstand sustainable harvest of the mature bulls, but not at the current two bag limit.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Developed in coordination with Unit 9 game biologists in King Salmon along with other commercial use operators in the area.

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