

**PROPOSAL 6**

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

Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D as follows:

Unit 9D, nonresident season: Sept. 1-30 by harvest ticket.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Abuse of the liberal seasons on bull caribou for nonresident hunters in Unit 9D. The current season for nonresidents is August 1-September 30. August is a difficult time to keep meat and keep the bugs and heat from spoiling it. Also, hides and antlers in velvet are not prime at this time and also hard to keep from spoiling in these warmer conditions. Additionally, this long season in combination with the limit of two bulls is not sustainable long term. The area was closed for many years and just opened up eight years ago. Then shortly after opening back up, they developed this long season that seems out of line with the situation and herd. The herd is currently healthy and can withstand sustainable harvest of the mature bulls, but not at the current rate.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?**

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