

Proposal 134

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

Establish a resident only draw hunt for the fall RC 860 hunt whenever the herd population estimates are at or below roughly 28,000 as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Establish a draw hunt for the fall RC 860 hunt whenever the herd population estimates are at or below roughly 28,000. This hunt would be resident only hunt and only available in zones one and four proposal. The up to number for the draw should be proportional to what the quota for that zone would have been. switching to a draw hunt when herd numbers are low allows fir a predictable harvest in a bull only hunt and prevents the possibility of over harvest that are a registration hunt could allow.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The current 40 mile herd manager has been extremely conservative over the past few years, even when there is a harvestable surplus of animals available, and as such as restricted hunting opportunity even to the point of not allowing a fall hunt. Finding an alternate means for opportunity needs to be explored so that hunters can still participate while allowing room for herd growth.

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

As a member of the Fairbanks AC, we have discussed this topic multiple times, but I chose to make this proposal on my own.

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