

Proposal 17

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

Close caribou hunting to non-residents in units 22, 23, 26A as follows:

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

Non-resident hunting of caribou in units 22, 23, 26A

Closure to non-resident hunting in units 22, 23, 26A

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

Justification: We must minimize stress of the WACH wherever possible. If subsistence users are taking their second reduction in 3 years, non-resident hunting needs to be closed. The SRC believes it is important to do whatever we can to keep food on the tables of local families of the 40 communities that rely on this herd. The KOVA SRC has submitted a proposal to reduce subsistence harvest in units 22, 23, 26ASW to 4 bull caribou (from 15 caribou, 1 of which may be a cow).

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

This proposal was written by the Kobuk Valley National Park Subsistence Resource Commission at their March 12-13 meeting in consultation with local ADFG caribou biologist.

The SRC is a nine-member Federal Advisory Council created in ANILCA 808. The SRC has three seats assigned by the Governor of Alaska.

The proposal will be presented to the Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission and the Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Council. The proposal will also be shared with the Kotzebue AC on March 23, 2026, and other local ACs, and any other RACs or groups who are interested.

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