

Proposal 54

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

Extend the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Moratorium for an additional Three (3) years as follows:

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

Putting in place an additional three (3) year moratorium that aligns with the Board of Game meeting every three (3) years to decide if the MCH has a high enough population to open the season again to be able hunt for caribou in Unit 18. Fish and Game is trying to have a target area of at least 30,000 Caribou before they decide to open the season back up for hunting Caribou in Unit 18.

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

Extending the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Moratorium for an additional Three (3) years.

With the most recent three (3) year moratorium that the Board of Game approved back in 2024, the MCH numbers have increased to about 16,000 Caribou. Prior to the Moratorium, Fish and

Game would issue emergency closures of the MCH. With this Moratorium that has been in place, there has also been a predator control in place at the same time during the calving months. With these new born calves being able to survive the first 30 days, it has helped increase the MCH population increase by about 4000 Caribou in 2.5 years

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

The BAC has developed this proposal for the MCH to encourage an additional three (3) year moratorium.

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