

Kotzebue Area - Unit 23

Proposal 25

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

Restrict nonresident caribou hunting in GMU 23 as follows:

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

DC923 would stay 0 permits for Nonresidents. Nonresident caribou - no open season.

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

Allowing non-residents to hunt caribou in GMU23 under DC923 up to 50 permits. The western Arctic caribou herd has continued to decline to a critical preservative status and residents of GMU 23 have reduced their caribou harvest allotment by 99% in the last few years. We have now proposed a 4 bull and no cow harvest. Having non-residents still able to fly in to GMU23 to hunt caribou for sport, is no longer tenable to the Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee and residents of the GMU.

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

The Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee originated and supported this proposal unanimously.

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Proposal 26

5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures.

Allow the use of artificial lights and bait to hunt grizzly/brown bears in GMU 23 as follows:

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

The ability to use artificial lights and bait to hunt grizzly/brown bears in GMU23.

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

Brown/grizzly bears are increasingly coming into towns like Kotzebue and camps in GMU23 during the night and causing safety issues. Would like a way to shoot them at night without using DLP, so the hides do not need to be surrendered. This would encourage people to put down problem bears and address public safety. These bears lay up during the day and only come out at night.

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