

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-07-11

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
October 25, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 28, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
unless Superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the 2011-2012 Nelchina Caribou drawing hunts within GMU 13 (DC480, DC481, DC482, and DC483) for the remainder of the season.

This emergency order does not affect the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest caribou hunt (CC001), the Tier I (RC566) hunt, or federal subsistence hunting regulations in GMU 13.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(8)		
Unit 13		
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1 bull every regulatory Year by drawing permit; up to 3,000 permits may be issued	Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 Oct. 21 – <u>Oct. 28</u>	No open season
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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The harvest objective for the Nelchina caribou herd for the 2011-2012 season is 2,400. To date, a total of 2,099 caribou have been reported taken during the state tier I (1500), community subsistence harvest (70), drawing (270), and federal subsistence hunting seasons (259). Over the past 10 years, the federal subsistence winter season harvest has averaged 233 caribou, although the federal winter harvest is highly variable depending on caribou availability. At least 70 additional caribou will be available for harvest by State subsistence hunters.

The health of Nelchina Herd appears to be good, with exceptional calf productivity and early survival this spring (63 calves / 100 cows). Calf recruitment will be somewhat lower than expected this year, with a total of 45 calves / 100 cows estimated in the population during the early October composition survey. The final 2011 population estimate is 40,233. If the total harvest quota for 2011-2012 is met, the herd is expected to return to the management objective of 35,000–40,000.

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