



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Copper Basin CARIBOU

Community Subsistence Harvest Permit

PROGRAM 2013-2014



HUNT ADMINISTRATION

Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) Hunt administration will be in accordance with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's statutory and regulatory authority, including managing this common use resource for sustained yield while adhering to laws regarding the subsistence preference passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

COPPER BASIN CARIBOU CSH PERMIT

According to regulations found at 5 AAC 92.072 *Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt Area* and at 5 AAC 92.052 *Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*, ADF&G may issue community-based subsistence harvest permits for big game species where the Alaska Board of Game has established a community harvest hunt area. The board established the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti-Kaah (Copper Center) Community Harvest Area for moose and caribou in 2009 (5 AAC 92.074(d) *Community Subsistence Harvest Areas*), hereafter referred to as the Copper Basin CSH area.

The CSH permit program allows communities or groups of 25 or more to apply annually for a CSH permit for an established CSH area. A group can choose to apply for a Copper Basin caribou CSH permit, a Copper Basin moose CSH permit, or both. These groups may select, from their group members, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the community or group.

The hunt conditions in this Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit program are made for the purposes of notifying the community/group of users of how to use caribou in a manner consistent with the customary and traditional use pattern described in the board's 2006 and 2011 findings *Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses* (2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG), as well as to ensure an orderly administration of the CSH permit program and hunt (CC001).

A community or group may possess only one (1) Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit at any given time and group members may subscribe to only one (1) Copper Basin Caribou CSH group per regulatory year. The Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit expires at the end of the regulatory year for which it was issued. Renewal of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit is the responsibility of the community or group coordinator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

THE COMMUNITY OR GROUP COORDINATOR

In addition to permit hunt conditions and procedures found in 5 AAC 92.050 and 5 AAC 92.072, the community or group applying for a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit must designate a coordinator as part of the application process. The coordinator certifies that the information presented in a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit application is true and correct to the best of the coordinator's ability; monitors and reports on compliance with the conditions of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and serves as the primary point of contact, among other duties. ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin Community Caribou Harvest Permit to each coordinator.

For 2013–2014, the group application period will be November 1 – December 17, 2012. Group applications must be postmarked by December 17 and received by January 2. Groups will not be formally approved until:

- 1) at least 25 eligible group members have applied (including the group coordinator), and
- 2) all caribou CSH permit reporting requirements from the previous regulatory year have been met (not applicable to first time CSH groups).

Once group applications have been submitted, individual/household participant applications will be accepted through May 31, 2013 by 5 p.m. (AST). Participant applications must be submitted to a group coordinator for approval. Group coordinators must then submit approved participant applications to ADF&G; applications must be postmarked by May 15 and received by May 31. Incomplete applications will be void per 5 AAC 92.050 *Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*. Send completed applications to the Glennallen ADF&G office at P.O. Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, or deliver to your local ADF&G office (see “For More Information,” below).

There is no limit to the number of communities or groups that may apply for a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit and there is no limit to the number of participants who may subscribe to a community or group, except that there must be 25 or more verified eligible members in each group.

INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS

Each household must submit one (1) completed participant application to a group coordinator for approval. All members of the household age 10 and up must be listed on the application and are subject to all CSH hunt eligibility requirements and conditions. The coordinator must ensure that group members understand the terms and conditions of the CSH permit hunt. Group coordinators may submit approved participant applications to ADF&G through May 31.

A “household” means that group of people domiciled in the same residence per 5 AAC 92.990 (23) *Definitions*.

By submitting a completed participant application, all household members are certifying they have read, understand, and will comply with the hunt conditions as well as the applicable Board of Game findings (*Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses*).

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin CSH caribou harvest ticket/report to each household (the bag limit is 1 caribou / household).

Hunters must abide by all applicable state hunting regulations and statute requirements including licensing, hunter education, and reporting requirements. Similar to other state hunts, CSH harvest ticket numbers must appear on the back of the hunter’s license, CSH harvest tickets must be carried in the field while hunting, they must be validated immediately upon killing an animal and before leaving the kill site, and must remain in the hunter’s possession until the animal has been delivered to the location of processing for human consumption.

Copper Basin CSH harvest reports must be mailed, delivered, or called in to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit, or within 15 days of the close of the final season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not take an animal. This hunt may close early; it is the hunter’s responsibility to check for Emergency Closures. Hunters may also report online.

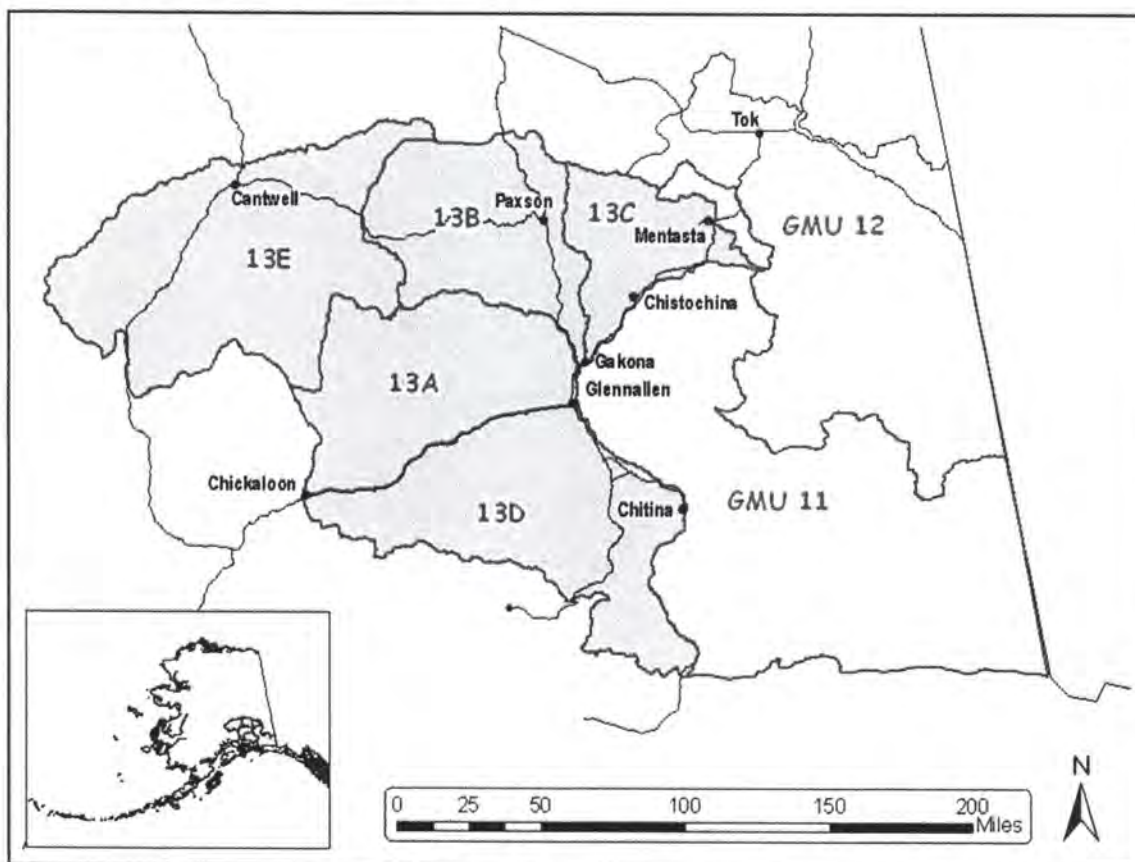
PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

All household members subscribing to the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must meet the following eligibility requirements. The requirements apply to the same regulatory year as the CSH participant application (2013-2014).

- No member of the household can apply for any drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration caribou hunts, or hold general season caribou harvest tickets. After the CSH hunt has ended, if the household was unsuccessful in filling the CSH bag limit, household members may hunt in areas outside the CSH hunt area with general caribou harvest tickets or other state caribou permits where the bag limit is greater than one caribou per household. No more than one caribou may be retained per household using state harvest tickets or permits.
- No member of the household can apply for drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration moose hunts outside the Copper Basin CSH hunt area.
- All household members agree to the hunt conditions herein.
- No member of the household can be on the Failure to Report (FTR) list.

COPPER BASIN CSH PERMIT HUNT AREA, AND AREA OPEN TO CARIBOU HUNTING

The Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area includes all of Unit 11, Unit 13, and a portion of Unit 12 (southwest of the Tok River where it crosses the Glenn Highway Tok Cut-Off) per 5 AAC 92.074 (d). Due to conservation concerns for adjacent caribou herds, only Unit 13 is open to caribou hunting under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit.



OPEN SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

The Copper Basin Caribou CSH season is: August 10 – September 20, and October 21 – March 31. The bag limit is one (1) caribou per household. For conservation reasons, the season and bag limit may be

modified by ADF&G emergency order. Up to 300 caribou can be taken under the Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit program (applies to all groups collectively).

DESIGNATED HUNTERS

The CSH program allows a community or group to designate members (from within the group) who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group. To take a caribou on behalf of another household (beneficiary), a hunter must carry both the beneficiary's and their own CSH caribou harvest ticket in the field while hunting. The harvested caribou must be delivered to the beneficiary. The beneficiary is responsible for all reporting requirements.

HUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Customary and traditional uses of Nelchina caribou are thoroughly described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG. The Board of Game found that the subsistence pattern in the Copper Basin is characterized by thorough use of most of the harvested animal. Therefore, all participants in the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must salvage for human consumption:

1. All edible meat from the forequarters, hindquarters, ribs, neck, and backbone, as well as the heart, liver, kidneys, and fat; and
2. Prior to October 1, meat of the forequarters, hindquarters, and ribs must remain naturally attached to the bones until delivered to the place where it is processed for human consumption.

The board also found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by meaningful communal sharing. At least one communal sharing event featuring caribou harvested under the terms of a Copper Basin CSH hunt must be held. A complete description of the event (date, location, number of participants, amount of meat shared, and so forth) must be included in the final hunt report, to be submitted by the group / community coordinator.

CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE PATTERN

The edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must be used for human consumption and may not be sold or offered for sale. In order to comply with 5 AAC 92.072 (c) (1) (F), the department must ensure that the applicable customary and traditional use patterns described in board findings are observed by subscribers, including meat sharing. Subscribers need not have already established the pattern of community use summarized below; however, by applying, subscribers will be certifying that they have read, understood, and will voluntarily attempt to participate in and establish the pattern of subsistence use described in the Unit 13 board findings summarized below:

1. Participation in the consistent pattern of noncommercial taking, use, and reliance on Nelchina caribou, Copper Basin moose and other local wild foods. The existing pattern of use has been established over many generations and is focused on the total aggregate of fish, wildlife, and plant resources in the Copper Basin CSH area.
2. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that follows a seasonal use pattern of year-round harvest effort in the area, with harvests of moose and caribou by community members in both the fall and winter hunts, when legally permissible.
3. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources in the Copper Basin CSH area that includes methods and means of harvest characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and cost, especially taking advantage of the maximum opportunity to harvest, as efficiently as possible, a variety of usable species in the Copper Basin CSH area.

4. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources that occurs in the Copper Basin CSH area due to close ties to the area and a familiarity with the terrain and associated history of the Copper Basin CSH area.
5. Use of means of processing and preserving wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that have traditionally been used by past generations, including use of all of the parts required to be removed from the field under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit.
6. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that includes the handing down of knowledge of hunting skills, values, and lore about the Copper Basin CSH area from generation to generation. The board considered it critical to the perpetuation of the customary and traditional use pattern to provide opportunities for the young and old to participate in subsistence activities; the board also found it extremely important to stress the need to pass on skills and knowledge associated with use of all parts of the harvested animal.
7. Participation in the pattern of taking wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area in which the harvest is shared throughout the community, including customary trade, barter, and gift-giving.

In order to observe this pattern, a portion of the edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt should be primarily shared, in a meaningful way, with other members of the community or group. Hunters should also demonstrate a pattern of meaningful communal sharing that provides first for the needs of the community or group elders and disabled, as identified by the community or group. In addition, hunters who have harvested their first caribou should give a portion to other members of the community or group.

8. Participation in the pattern that includes taking, use, and reliance for subsistence purposes not only on Nelchina caribou and moose, but also on a wide variety of wild resources in the Copper Basin area.

REPORTING

Harvest ticket holders must mail, deliver, or call in Copper Basin CSH harvest reports to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit, or within 15 days of the close of the season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not take an animal. If the season is closed early by emergency order, unsuccessful (and did not hunt) reports must be returned within 15 days of the closure. Hunters may also report online.

Failure to report may jeopardize sustained yield management of the Nelchina caribou herd and the future of the CSH hunt; therefore, failure to report according to this schedule may result in citation and/or placement of harvest ticket holders on the state Failure to Report (FTR) list.

To better address the subsistence needs of Copper Basin Caribou CSH participants, the board requested that all caribou harvested by CSH participants within the CSH area be accounted for, regardless of whether taken under federal or state regulations. All caribou taken by Copper Basin Caribou CSH participants within the CSH area will count against the up to 300 caribou allowed for the CSH hunt.

In order for the department to ensure that permittees have complied with all regulations addressing the terms and conditions of their Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit, as well as the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG, and in order to gather additional data on subsistence uses, the community or group coordinator must submit an annual written report, which summarizes the group's member households' required reporting information as well as a description of the communal pattern observed by participants. The report must be postmarked by April 30. Additional supplemental reports can be submitted after April 30, prior to the deadline for participant applications (May 31). However, subsequent Copper Basin Caribou CSH group applications will not be approved until all reporting requirements are met. If no report or an incomplete report is received, the group will be ineligible to participate in subsequent Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunts. Group coordinators are

encouraged to submit a complete written report as soon as possible to ensure adequate notice for subsequent group approval.

The written report must include, at a minimum:

1. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers for those individuals whose bag limits were filled under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and
2. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers of the beneficiaries whose bag limits were filled by a designated hunter under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and
3. The number of caribou taken in federal subsistence hunts by those hunters also participating in the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt; and
4. A specific description of how the community or group observed the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG. The department will provide a reporting form to assist with this section of the report; however, a summary narrative is also required that includes a description of at least one meaningful communal sharing event.

Some information in these reports may be subject to state confidentiality laws.

Deliver or mail reports to: ADF&G Copper Basin CSH
 P.O. Box 47
 Glennallen, AK 99588

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.adfg.alaska.gov for more information, or contact Glennallen ADF&G 822-3461.

Send completed applications to:

ADF&G
P.O. Box 47
Glennallen, AK 99588

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2013 - 2014 Copper Basin Community Harvest Participant Application

USE BLACK BALLPOINT PEN ONLY. You MUST PRINT NEATLY within the boxes and use ALL CAPITALS. Due to the use of scanning technology, failure to do so could lead to your application being rejected.

You must contact your Group Coordinator to get your Group Number and Program Type

Group Number
 2013- -
 Community Harvest Program Type
 Moose OR Caribou

Fish and Game staff do not have a way to look up Group Numbers.

If you are applying for both moose and caribou hunts you must fill out separate applications.

HOUSEHOLD MAILING ADDRESS

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:
 HOME PHONE NUMBER: () -
 All contact information provided is subject to public disclosure-do NOT submit unlisted phone numbers.

Head of Household

FIRST NAME: MI: LAST NAME: SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.):
 DATE OF BIRTH: MM: DD: YYYY:

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID:

I hereby certify that I am the applicant and all of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand some of this information is subject to public disclosure.



Signature (REQUIRED) _____ Date _____

Other Household Members Over The Age Of 10

FIRST NAME: MI: LAST NAME: MM:
 DATE OF BIRTH: DD: YYYY:

ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID:



SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FIRST NAME: MI: LAST NAME: MM:
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