



Caribou Hunting Regulations For Residents of Unit 23

What You Need to Know

Regulations for caribou harvest have recently changed because of a decline in our region’s caribou herd. Hunters need to be aware of the following rules that took effect July 1, 2015.

This is a summary of caribou hunting regulations for most of Northwest Alaska (Game Management Unit 23). Some parts of Unit 23 have slightly different regulations. Call us or look in the full regulation booklets for details.

State Resident Hunting Regulations (All Alaska Residents)	Federal Subsistence Hunting Regulations (Permanent Residents of Unit 23)
5 caribou per day No harvest of calves (any caribou under 12 months old)	
Bulls CLOSED Oct. 15 - Jan. 31	
Cows CLOSED April 1 - Aug. 31	Cows CLOSED April 1 - June 30; No taking of cows with calves July 1 - Oct. 10

Please Note: Hunting regulations vary somewhat depending on the land ownership status.

- You must follow State regulations on State, private, and Native-owned lands.
- You must follow Federal regulations on Cape Krusenstern National Monument and Kobuk Valley National Park (where only residents of the NANA Region may hunt).
- Both sets of regulations apply on other Federal public lands.

Have Questions? Yes, this is complicated. Please feel free to contact us for more information:

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