



# Caribou Hunting Regulations For Residents of Unit 23

## What You Need to Know

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Regulations for caribou harvest have changed because of a decline in our region’s caribou herd. Hunters need to be aware of the updated rules. Hunters age 18 and over need a hunting license. All caribou hunters need to obtain a state caribou registration permit and report their caribou harvests.

This is a summary of caribou hunting regulations for most of the Northwest Arctic (Game Management Unit 23). Some parts of Unit 23 (Point Hope area) 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)
<b>5 caribou per day</b>	
<b>Bulls open year-round</b>	
<b>Cows CLOSED April 1 - Aug. 31</b>	<b>Cows CLOSED April 1 - July 30; No taking of cows with calves July 31 - Oct. 14</b>

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).
- You must follow Federal regulations on Federal lands in the Noatak/Agashashok/Eli and Squirrel River areas (which are closed to non-federally qualified users for caribou hunting).
- 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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