



Federal Subsistence Board

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2026 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Season Management

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Temporary Special Action No: 17-C-01-26

Issued at: Dillingham, Alaska, August 1, 2026

Effective Date: 12:00 am August 1, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 pm March 31, 2027

EXPLANATION: The Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, set a harvest quota of 150 caribou and the harvest limit at 2 caribou for the 2026/27 season on the Nushagak Peninsula. Hunters must obtain an FC1702 permit for each caribou. The hunt opens August 1, 2026 and closes March 31, 2027 only in the following area:

Units 17A and 17C, that portion of 17A east of the Ungalikthluk River and South of Buchia Ridge, and within the lower Kuluklak River drainage south of Buchia Ridge and within the Kanik River drainage downstream of the Tithe Creek, that portion of 17C south of the Igushik River and south of and including the Tuklung river drainage.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.26(n)(17) and 43 CFR 51.26(n)(17) are amended to read:

Units 17A and 17C—Caribou

Unit 17—Units 17A and 17C, that portion of 17A east of the Ungalikthluk River and South of Buchia Ridge, and within the lower Kuluklak River drainage south of Buchia Ridge and within the Kanik River drainage downstream of the Tithe Creek, that portion of 17C south of the Igushik River and south of and including the Tuklung River drainage—~~up to 5~~ 2 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC0102)

Aug. 1—Mar. 31

The harvest quota is 150 caribou.

Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by Federal qualified subsistence users unless the population estimate exceeds 900 caribou.

JUSTIFICATION: The 2026 population estimate of the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd is approximately 568 which is down from the 2025 population estimate of 659 animals. Under the

management plan for this herd, a limited harvest is available. The Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Planning Committee met July 17, 2026 reaching a consensus allowing for a harvest of 150 caribou total with permits going to each Village Council in Manokotak, Dillingham, Aleknagik, Clark's Point, Togiak and Twin Hills. A harvest objective of 150 animals is set to bring the herd closer to the optimum population objective of 400 caribou.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to: Stan Culling
Togiak NWR Manager
Togiak National Wildlife Refuge
August 1, 2026

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