

# Unit 23 2018–2020 Federal Subsistence Caribou Registration Permit Frequently Asked Questions

## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



### **Q. Do I need a State Hunting License to hunt under Federal Subsistence Regulations on Federal lands?**

A. Yes. A State hunting license has always been required to hunt under the Federal Subsistence Regulations. Rural residents age 18 and older must possess a State of Alaska issued resident hunting and trapping license to hunt or trap under Federal Subsistence Regulations. Residents age 60 or older may get a free permanent identification card issued by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G). Resident low income state hunting licenses can be obtained for \$5. More information is available at your local ADF&G office or online at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.lowincome](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.lowincome).

Hunting licenses can be purchased at the ADF&G office in Kotzebue. Many stores sell hunting licenses, or they can be purchased via the web at [www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license](http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license).

### **Q. How do I get a State Caribou Registration Permit?**

A. State registration permits are free and may be obtained from the ADF&G Office in Kotzebue (for Unit 23). Permits are available through local vendors in many communities. For more information, call Alex Hansen, Regional ADF&G Biologist, or Brandon Saito, Regional ADF&G Biologist based in Kotzebue at (907) 442-1712.

Registration permits are also available at the ADF&G website online: [www.hunt.alaska.gov](http://www.hunt.alaska.gov).

### **Q. The State permit only lists state hunting regulations. Can I hunt under the Federal Subsistence Regulation season and harvest limits when hunting on Federal lands?**

A. Yes. Federal Subsistence Regulations apply when hunting on Federal public lands. A State Registration permit is now required when hunting caribou under both State and Federal regulations in Units 22, 23, and 26A. Federally qualified subsistence users may hunt caribou under either Federal or State regulations on Federal lands – if you are a federally qualified subsistence user, you may hunt under the Federal caribou regulations in Unit 22, 23, and 26A even though they are not listed on the State Registration permit. Be advised that the Federal and State caribou regulations do differ on seasons and dates. The Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations Handbook is available at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/wildlife>, or you may contact the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 to request a hard copy.



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**Q. I am a provider for others in my community. Can I increase the daily caribou harvest limit to hunt for others under the Federal Subsistence Designated Hunter permit with this new State Registration permit?**

A. Yes. If you are a Federally qualified subsistence user (recipient), you may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (designated hunter) to hunt caribou on your behalf even under this new permit system. Designated hunters may hunt for any number of recipients, but may have no more than two harvest limits in possession at any one time when out hunting. The designated hunter must get a Federal designated hunter permit when hunting over their own daily caribou harvest limit for others and return a completed harvest report. Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager. More information on the Designated Hunter permit can be found on page 17 of the Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations Handbook at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/wildlife>.

**Q. Who are the Federal land managers in Unit 23?**

A. Western Arctic National Parklands Contact Maija Lukin, Superintendent, at (907) 442-3890.

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Contact Greg Dudgeon, Superintendent or Marcy Okada, Subsistence Coordinator, at (907) 455-0639 or toll-free (844) 677-4337.

Selawik National Wildlife Refuge Contact Susan Georgette, Refuge Manager, at (907) 442-3799.

Bureau of Land Management Contact Bonnie Million, Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, at (907) 267-1285.

**Q. Does this new State Registration permit apply in other units?**

A. Yes. A State Registration permit is now required when hunting caribou under both State and Federal regulations in Units 22, 23, and 26A. The intent is to better understand harvest across the range of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds. An informational flyer specific to caribou harvest regulations and local contacts for obtaining permits is available for each unit.

**Q. Who do I contact at the Federal Subsistence Program to get more information?**

A. Contact Office of Subsistence Management Wildlife Biologist Lisa Maas at (907) 786-3357 or toll-free (800) 478-1456, or by email at [lisa\\_maas@fws.gov](mailto:lisa_maas@fws.gov).

