

2018-2020

Caribou Hunting Permit Regulations for Unit 23

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



What You Need to Know

A new Federal regulation is in effect to track harvest of caribou in Unit 23 by a State Registration Permit. This regulation was initiated due to declines in the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds, and the need for better informed management to support both the health of the herd and to ensure continued subsistence opportunity. The permit requirement was adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board at their April 2018 meeting and went into effect on October 9, 2018. Reporting harvest of caribou will increase understanding of subsistence needs and provide data for more accurate management.

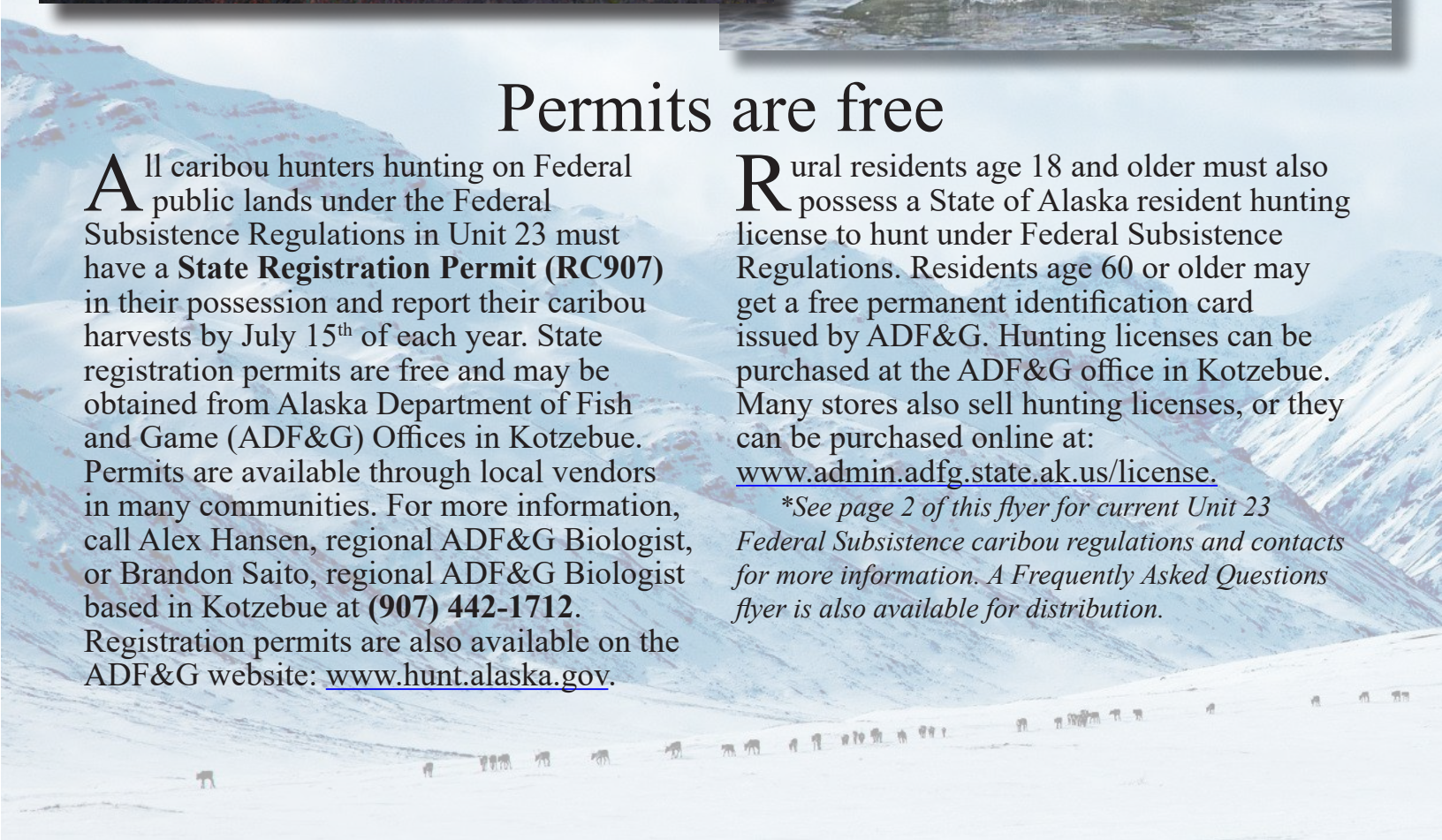


Permits are free

All caribou hunters hunting on Federal public lands under the Federal Subsistence Regulations in Unit 23 must have a **State Registration Permit (RC907)** in their possession and report their caribou harvests by July 15th of each year. State registration permits are free and may be obtained from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Offices in Kotzebue. 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 on the ADF&G website: www.hunt.alaska.gov.

Rural residents age 18 and older must also possess a State of Alaska resident hunting license to hunt under Federal Subsistence Regulations. Residents age 60 or older may get a free permanent identification card issued by ADF&G. Hunting licenses can be purchased at the ADF&G office in Kotzebue. Many stores also sell hunting licenses, or they can be purchased online at: www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license.

**See page 2 of this flyer for current Unit 23 Federal Subsistence caribou regulations and contacts for more information. A Frequently Asked Questions flyer is also available for distribution.*



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Harvest limits	Open season
<p>Caribou:</p> <p>Unit 23—that portion which includes all drainages north and west of, and including, the Singoalik River drainage—5 caribou per day by State registration permit as follows:</p> <p>Calves may not be taken.</p> <p>Bulls may be harvested</p> <p>Cows may be harvested. However, cows accompanied by calves may not be taken July 15-Oct. 14.....</p> <p>Unit 23, remainder—5 caribou per day by State registration permit, as follows:</p> <p>Calves may not be taken.</p> <p>Bulls may be harvested.....</p> <p>Cows may be harvested. However, cows accompanied by calves may not be taken July 31-Oct. 14.....</p> <p>Federal public lands within a 10-mile-wide corridor (5 miles on either side) along the Noatak River from the western boundary of Noatak National Preserve upstream to the confluence with the Cutler River; within the northern and southern boundaries of the Eli and Agashashok River drainages, respectively; and within the Squirrel River drainage are closed to caribou hunting except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</p>	<p>Jul. 1-Oct. 14. Feb. 1-Jun. 30.</p> <p>Jul. 15-Apr. 30.</p> <p>Jul. 1-Oct. 31. Feb. 1-Jun. 30</p> <p>Jul. 31-Mar. 31</p>

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