

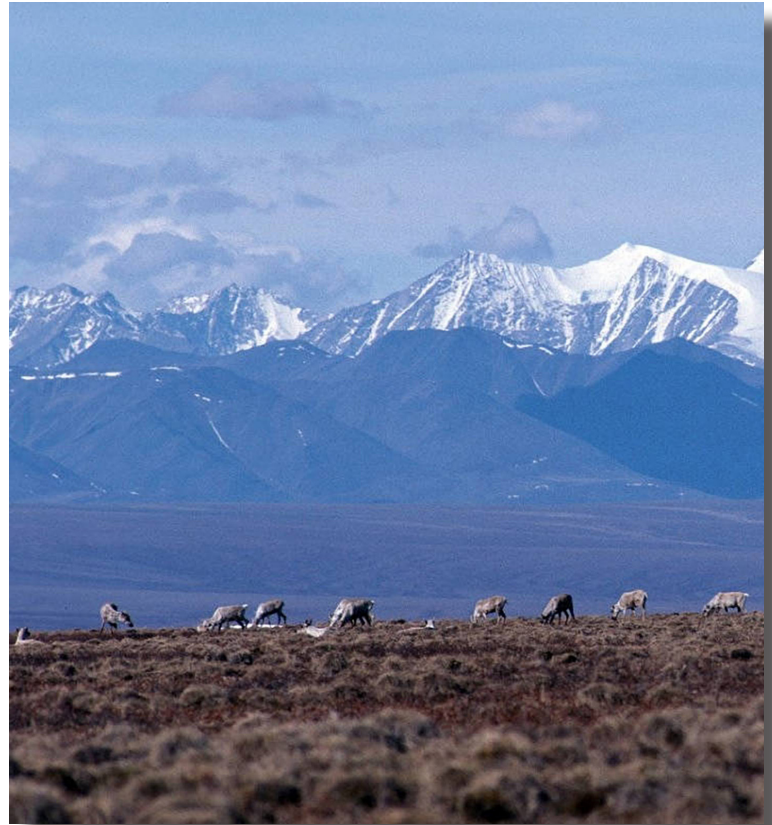
Federal Designated Hunter Permits: An option for hunters who provide caribou for their community

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



For individuals hunting for caribou under Federal subsistence regulations in Unit 26A, the daily harvest limit for caribou is five animals per day.* For hunters who need to provide more caribou for their communities, a Federal Designated Hunter Permit allows individuals to harvest caribou for any number of recipients, so long as the hunter has no more than two harvest limits in possession (currently 10 caribou) at any one time. This is specific to the Federal Subsistence program and differs from proxy hunting under State regulations.**

Any Federally qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (designated hunter) to hunt caribou on his or her behalf. All residents of Unit 26, as well as residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope, are Federally qualified to subsistence hunt for caribou in Unit 26A. A recipient of a Federal Designated Hunter Permit may share caribou with anyone they choose; however, an individual may not transport more than 5 caribou per regulatory year from Unit 26 except to the community of Anaktuvuk Pass.



Federal Designated Hunter Permits for Unit 26A are available from the Bureau of Land Management. Please contact staff at the BLM Arctic District Office: Heather Savage, Wildlife Biologist: 907-474-2314 or Roy Nageak, Natural Resource Program Coordinator: 907-474-2200.

More information on the Designated Hunter Permit can be found on page 17 in the Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations Handbook, which is available online: <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/wildlife>. For further questions on regulations, please contact Eva Patton at the Office of Subsistence Management at 907-786-3358.

This information is current for the 2020-2021 Federal subsistence hunting season. Please contact your local Federal land manager or the Office of Subsistence Management regarding current regulations for following years.

*This limit was implemented by the Federal Subsistence Board in 2015 to conserve the Western Arctic Caribou Herd.

** In order to hunt caribou under Federal subsistence regulations in Unit 26A, qualified hunters must have a State hunting license and a State caribou registration permit (RC907). This requirement went into effect October 9, 2018 to improve management of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd.