

**U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE**  
**Office of Subsistence Management**  
Public Hearing

**Northwest Arctic Borough Chambers**  
Kotzebue, Alaska

May 28, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. WSA 15-03/04/05/06 and WSA 15-07**
  - a. Presentation on Special Action Requests**
  - b. Public Comments**
- 3. Closing Comments**
- 4. Adjourn**

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Public Hearing

Anaktuvuk Pass Community Center

Anaktuvuk Pass

June 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. WSA 15-03/04/05/06** (requests to change Federal subsistence caribou harvest regulations in Unit 23, 24, 26A and 26B)
  - a. Presentation on Special Action Requests**
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**U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE**  
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Public Hearing

Inupiat Heritage Center  
Barrow

June 4, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. WSA 15-03/04/05/06** (requests to change Federal subsistence caribou harvest regulations in Unit 23, 24, 26A and 26B)
  - a. Presentation on Special Action Requests**
  - b. Public Comments**
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**SPECIAL ACTION  
REQUEST**

**REQUESTER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER:**

North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

c/o Eva Patton Council Coordinator

Office of Subsistence Management  
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**SPECIES:** Caribou **UNIT(S):** 23\*

\*Note: It is the intention of the Council to only submit a regulatory change for that portion of Unit 23 that encompasses the federal lands utilized by Point Hope which is within the North Slope Regional Advisory Council region and had reached to the Council for representation. The Council will leave any regulatory change recommendations for the rest of Unit 23 up to the Council that serves the communities in the rest of the region. If no changes are made for the rest of Unit 23 then the harvest of 15 caribou per day year-round with the following restriction: cow caribou may not be taken from May 16- June 30.

**REGULATION AFFECTED:**

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**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE REGULATION CHANGED?**

Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written or what you want to happen.

**Existing Regulation:**

**Unit 23 – Caribou**

<i>15 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16</i>	<i>July 1 – June 30</i>
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**Proposed Regulation:**

**Unit 23 – Caribou**

<i>Unit 23 – That portion north of a line from the mouth of the Singoadik River east to the Boundary of the Noatak National Preserve, north to the Unit 26A boundary.</i>	<i>5 caribou per day as follows:</i>	
	<i>Up to 5 bulls per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 1 – Oct. 14 Feb. 1 – June 30</i>
	<i>Up to 5 cows per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 15 – Apr 30</i>

**WHY SHOULD THIS CHANGE HAPPEN?**

Currently the Teshekpuk and Western Arctic Caribou Herds population has experienced a population decline of approximately 50% in the last decade. These proposed regulation changes will support rebuilding the herd through conservation measures that reduce overall harvest pressure, expand protection for cows and calves and prevent harvest of bulls during the rut when they are not good to eat, and in this region take into account when Teshekpuk herd tends to move through the area.

This proposal will also align Federal regulations with amended language for State Proposal 202 submitted by ADF&G Record Copy (RC) 76, March 2015, which changes the State regulations for the Western Arctic /Teshekpuk caribou herds. The State regulation will go into effect on July 1, 2015.

Given the dramatic decline of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk Caribou herds conservation action is needed as soon as possible. Implementing this proposal as a special action for the 2015/2016 regulatory year will provide a full additional year of conservation measures for these caribou herds until such time that the regular Federal proposals submitted by the North Slope Council would be enacted in July of 2016, if adopted by the Board.

At the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting held in Barrow on March 17-19, 2015 the Council discussed at length the dramatic decline of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk Caribou herds and the need for conservation efforts to help the herds rebound. The Council has been very active in tracking the health of the caribou herds. In addition, through extensive outreach with communities in the North Slope region the Council has sought feedback on how to best support subsistence as well as make effective conservation measures to reduce

pressure on the herd. The Council discussed making some minor changes to the proposal dates and hunt of bull caribou that take into account local and traditional knowledge of when caribou are good to eat and when the Teshekpuk caribou herd moves into the area.

The Council feels strongly that to protect the viability of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds for future generations immediate actions to support the sustainability of the herd are needed. Thus the Council took action at its recent public meeting to support submitting this proposal as Special Action and requests they be implemented on July 1, 2015 at the same time as the State regulations from amended BOG proposal 202 take effect. This action would mostly align Federal and State regulations for caribou across the region in efforts to simplify the transition for subsistence hunters and it would also enact the conservation measure a year earlier on Federal lands than the current federal wildlife regulatory process. Given the dramatic decline of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk Caribou herds conservation action is needed as soon as possible.

#### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT SUBSISTENCE USES?**

Reduction of daily take will result in less opportunity to harvest caribou. Some reductions in the caribou harvest will allow for calves to remain longer with the cows and avoid harvest of bulls during the rut. This will likely affect subsistence by reducing total harvest, modifying the timing or accessibility of caribou and perhaps increasing the cost and time associated with the reduced daily bag limit. Although these conservation actions now may pose a hardship the goal is to sustain the caribou herds so that this critical resource will be available for the long term and future generations.

#### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT WILDLIFE POPULATIONS?**

It is intended these regulation changes will support conservation efforts to reverse the declining population trend of the Teshekpuk and Western Arctic Caribou Herds.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR SPECIAL ACTION:**

The Council stresses that with the dramatic decline of caribou we have to consider reducing harvest. The reality is if we do not take adequate steps for conservation now we are going to have further hardship for many more years. It is a hard decision to reduce harvest but this action now will help prevent further caribou decline and will be steps in rebuilding the herd so subsistence can be sustained for long-term into the future.

The Council realizes the hardship associated with declines to subsistence resources and the difficulties it imposes on families and communities. However, taking these conservation actions now will help protect the caribou herd from further decline and prevent potentially more severe circumstances for subsistence users if the herd were to crash.

**SPECIAL ACTION  
REQUEST**

**REQUESTER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER:**

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**SPECIES:** Caribou     **UNIT(S):** 24B and 24A

\*Note: It is the intention of the Council to only submit a regulatory change for that portion of Unit 24 that encompasses the federal lands utilized by Anaktuvuk Pass which is within the North Slope Regional Advisory Council region. The proposed region would also affect Coldfoot and Wiseman. The Council will leave any regulatory change recommendations for the rest of Unit 24 up to the Council that serves the communities in the rest of the region.

**REGULATION AFFECTED:**

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**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE REGULATION CHANGED?**

Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written or what you want to happen.

**Existing Regulation:**

**Unit 24 – Caribou**

<i>Unit 24—that portion south of the south bank of the Kanuti River, upstream from and including that portion of the Kanuti-Kilolitna River drainage, bounded by the southeast bank of the Kodosin-Nolitna Creek, then downstream along the east bank of the Kanuti-Kilolitna River to its confluence with the Kanuti River—1 caribou</i>	<i>Aug. 10 - Mar. 31.</i>
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**Unit 24 remainder – Caribou**

<i>Unit 24, remainder - 5 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30</i>	<i>July 1 – June 30</i>
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**Proposed Regulation:**

**Unit 24B remainder and Unit 24A – Caribou**

<i>Unit 24B –that portion of Unit 24B north of the south bank of the Kanuti River downstream from the Kanuti–Kilolitna river drainage.</i>	<i>5 caribou per day as follows:</i>	
	<i>Up to 5 bulls per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 1 – Oct. 14 Feb. 1 – June 30</i>
	<i>Up to 5 cows per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 15 – Apr 30</i>

**WHY SHOULD THIS CHANGE HAPPEN?**

Currently the Teshekpuk and Western Arctic Caribou Herds population has experienced a population decline of approximately 50% in the last decade. These proposed regulation changes will support rebuilding the herd through conservation measures that reduce overall harvest pressure, expand protection for cows and calves and prevent harvest of bulls during the rut when they are not good to eat, and in this region take into account when Teshekpuk herd tends to move through the area.

This proposal will also align Federal regulations with amended language for State Proposal 202 submitted by ADF&G Record Copy (RC) 76, March 2015, which changes the State regulations for the Western Arctic /Teshekpuk caribou herds. The State regulation will go into effect on July 1, 2015.

Given the dramatic decline of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk Caribou herds conservation action is needed as soon as possible. Implementing this proposal as a special action for the 2015/2016 regulatory year will provide a full additional year of conservation measures for these caribou herds until such time that the regular Federal proposals submitted by the North Slope Council would be enacted in July of 2016, if adopted by the Board.

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Teshekpuk Caribou herds and the need for conservation efforts to help the herds rebound. The Council has been very active in tracking the health of the caribou herds. In addition, through extensive outreach with communities in the North Slope region the Council has sought feedback on how to best support subsistence as well as make effective conservation measures to reduce pressure on the herd. The Council discussed making some minor changes to the proposal dates and hunt of bull caribou that take into account local and traditional knowledge of when caribou are good to eat and when the Teshekpuk caribou herd moves into the area.

The Council feels strongly that to protect the viability of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds for future generations immediate actions to support the sustainability of the herd are needed. Thus the Council took action at its recent public meeting to support submitting this proposal as Special Action and requests they be implemented on July 1, 2015 at the same time as the State regulations from amended BOG proposal 202 take effect. This action would mostly align Federal and State regulations for caribou across the region in efforts to simplify the transition for subsistence hunters and it would also enact the conservation measure a year earlier on Federal lands than the current federal wildlife regulatory process. Given the dramatic decline of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk Caribou herds conservation action is needed as soon as possible.

#### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT SUBSISTENCE USES?**

Reduction of daily take will result in less opportunity to harvest caribou. Some reductions in the caribou harvest will allow for calves to remain longer with the cows and avoid harvest of bulls during the rut. This will likely affect subsistence by reducing total harvest, modifying the timing or accessibility of caribou and perhaps increasing the cost and time associated with the reduced daily bag limit. Although these conservation actions now may pose a hardship the goal is to sustain the caribou herds so that this critical resource will be available for the long term and future generations.

#### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT WILDLIFE POPULATIONS?**

It is intended these regulation changes will support conservation efforts to reverse the declining population trend of the Teshekpuk and Western Arctic Caribou Herds.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR SPECIAL ACTION:**

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SPECIES: Caribou UNIT(S): 26A

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**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE REGULATION CHANGED?**

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**Existing Regulation:**

**Unit 26A – Caribou**

Unit 26A—10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30	<i>Jul. 1 – Jun. 30</i>
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**Proposed Regulation:**

**Unit 26A – Caribou**

<i>Up to 5 caribou per day; however no more than 3 cows per day; calves may not be taken</i>	<i>Jan. 1 – Mar. 15</i>
<i>Up to 5 bulls per day; however cows may not be taken; calves may not be taken</i>	<i>Mar. 16 – Jul.15</i>
<i>Up to 5 caribou per day; however no more than 3 cows per day; cows accompanied by calves and calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 16 – Oct. 15</i>
<i>Up to 3 cows per day; however calves may not be taken; no bulls may be taken</i>	<i>Oct 16. – Dec. 5</i>

## **WHY SHOULD THIS CHANGE HAPPEN?**

Currently the Teshekpuk and Western Arctic Caribou Herds population has experienced a population decline of approximately 50% in the last decade. These proposed regulation changes will support rebuilding the herd through conservation measures that reduce overall harvest pressure, expand protection for cows and calves and prevent harvest of bulls during the rut when they are not good to eat, and in this region take into account when Teshekpuk herd tends to move through the area.

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### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT SUBSISTENCE USES?**

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### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT WILDLIFE POPULATIONS?**

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**SPECIES:** Caribou **UNIT(S):** 26B

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**Existing Regulation:**

**Unit 26B – Caribou**

<i>Unit 26B—10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may be taken only from Oct. 1-Apr. 30</i>	<i>July 1 – June 30</i>
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**Proposed Regulation:**

**Unit 26B – Caribou**

<i>Unit 26B that portion south of 69°30' N. Lat. and west of the Dalton Highway.</i>	<i>5 caribou per day as follows:</i>	
	<i>Up to 5 bulls per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>Dec. 10 – Oct. 14 (no bulls Oct.15 – Dec. 9)</i>
	<i>Up to 5 cows per day; however calves may not be taken</i>	<i>July 15 – Apr 30 (no cows May 1 – Jul. 14)</i>

*Note: The State regulations as modified under RC76 allow for the take of 5 bulls or cows from May 16<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1 to October 10<sup>th</sup>. However, cows may be taken only from July 1 to October 10<sup>th</sup> and no bulls may be taken from Oct 10<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**WHY SHOULD THIS CHANGE HAPPEN?**

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#### **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT WILDLIFE POPULATIONS?**

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