

# 2021 Hunter Liaison Report

(August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021)



(The pictures above are mine)

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*Due to my hours getting cut in half compared to the first two years I was only able to work 200 hours. I picked the middle time frame of the hunting season, that way I can get some Sheep, Caribou, Bear, and Moose hunters.*

Hello Everyone,

My name is Amanda Pope and I currently reside in Circle, Alaska. I have two children and a husband who I share a lot of my time with within the wonderful lands of Alaska. We try to live a subsistence way of life by fishing, hunting, and trapping in a remote location.

When there is a meeting of the local Tribal Council or Corporation, I give an update about the lands around Circle and what is happening regarding regulations that affects us. I also give an update on the Hunter Liaison position and what I have learned from the current season of working, including my goals for next year. Earlier this year, I recently got appointed by my Tribal Council to represent them as a fish and game commissioner for the Yukon Flats Advisory Committee. I have been enjoying this role because it puts me in a position that is close to the land, animals, and people. The commissioner position (volunteered position) and the Hunter Liaison Program goes hand in hand in my opinion because they are similar, and both work together to help my community and the communities of the Yukon Flats.

While working the position as a Hunter Liaison, I've passed information on to people of how my family prevents meat spoilage. I try to catch people before they head into the field so I can give them tips on transporting the harvested animal out while float hunting, or instance. I help educate and remind hunters of my traditional ways from my culture and explain how everything is used from the animal. I give tips to people who hasn't experienced Alaska's diverse climate by explaining ways to keep them safe and warm from my experiences in the bush.

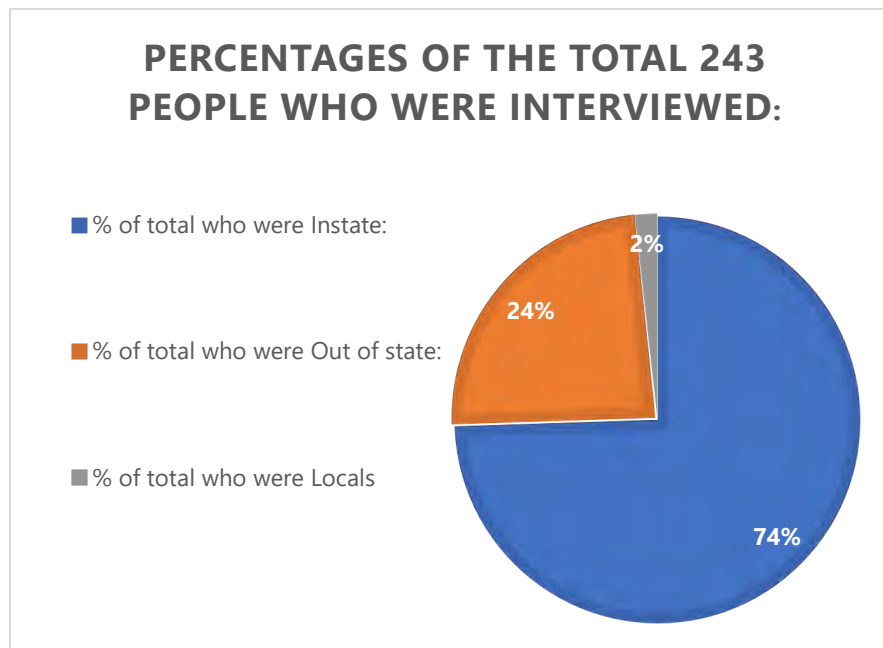
I have enjoyed working as the Hunter Liaison in Circle for C.A.T.G. for the past three years including this year. I have learned a lot about the hunting regulations in Alaska and have been sharing what I learned. I had passed Federal Subsistence and State regs. out to people if they need it, and I have gotten a lot of positive feedback about the program from hunters as they come through Circle. I have had a few people decline and some who were worried about the program's "sole purpose." I assured them that the program is to build the relationship between people who live in Circle and the people who come into the area.

I tell people that it's my job to have that initial contact and help things go smoothly by educating folks on both sides of the isle. From locals and non-locals, I have had people thank me for doing this job and just to be there for everyone. They tell me it's good to have someone to ask questions to. Despite the very few people who decline it makes me proud to represent my community and the Yukon Flats by just being there for everyone with as much information to pass out as I can.

Thank you for giving me the chance to work alongside you and hope my report finds you well.

**Total # of People Interviewed: 243 people from August 11<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

- 181 Instate Alaskan hunters (not including locals), with 1 person declining to be interviewed.
- 58 Non-Resident hunters, with no one declining.
- 4 locals hunters, with 7 people who declined to be interviewed.



**Below are the Number of Hunters from each group**

**Total # of Instate hunters:**

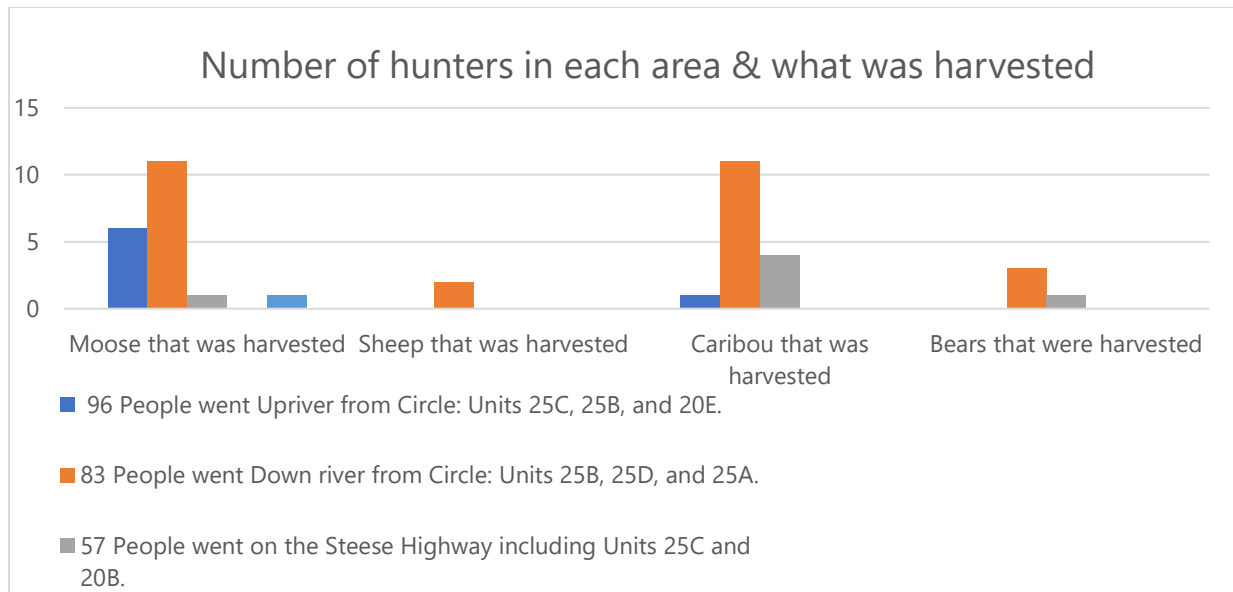
- 178 Instate Alaskan hunters (not including locals).
- 1 person who declined to be interviewed and did hunt.

**Total # of Out of State hunters:**

- 55 non-resident hunters.
- Zero declined to answer questions.

**Total # of Local hunters:**

- 4 locals who got interviewed.
- 7 locals who declined.



South of Circle & Upriver from Circle are units: 25C, 25B, and 20E.

Total # of people who hunted these areas: **96 People who went to this area.**

Harvested animals from these units in this area: **6 Moose & 1 Caribou.**

North of Circle & Downriver from Circle are units: 25D, 25B, and 25A.

Total # of people who hunted these areas: **83 People who went to this area.**

Harvested animals from these units in this area: **11 Moose, 11 Caribou, 2 Sheep, & 3 Grizzly Bears.**

Southeast along the Steese Highway are units: 25C and 20B.

Total # of hunters interviewed these areas: **57 People who went to this area.**

Harvested animals from these units in this area: **1 Moose, 4 Caribou, & 1 Black Bear/ Plus 4 Moose that was harvested by people that I know of who wasn't interviewed.**

Downriver from the Birch Creek Bridge (along the Steese Highway) is the unit: 25D.

Total # of hunters interviewed who used this area: **4 People who went to this area.**

Harvested animals from this unit in this area: **1 Moose**

Upriver from the Bridge along the Steese Highway is the unit: 25C.

Total # of hunters interviewed who used this area: **3 People who went to this area.**

Harvested animals from this unit in the area: **0 animals.**