

PROPOSAL 102 – 5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met as follows:

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(a)(8) Unit 13

Resident and **Nonresident** hunters: August 20 – September 20 and October 21 – March 31

One caribou every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued. **Up to ten percent of drawing permits may be issued to nonresident hunters when the herd is within or above the population objective.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide for a nonresident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 13 as follows:

Nonresident caribou hunting opportunity has been absent in the Nelchina herd even though the management objectives have been exceeded for several years and the ANS is being met by several fold.

I would like the board to allocate ten percent of the current drawing tags to nonresident hunters when the Nelchina Herd is within population objectives. This would have been around 2.5% of the total opportunity this last year (2016-17).

If the Unit 13 moose drawing hunts are any indication, 90% or more of these tags will go to hunters that accompany resident Alaskans or hunt on their own. Many of them are military, stationed here but not yet residents, others that have moved to Alaska in the last 12 months, and family and friends of resident hunters. Guided hunters are also a small portion, around five percent in the moose drawings.

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