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## 2023 Fall Federal Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Season Opening

This special action is valid for federal public lands occurring in portions of Units 17A and 17C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay – residents of Unit 9B, 9C, 9E, 17 and Lime Village and Stony River

The Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, will open caribou hunting (limited to a total harvest of 70 caribou) on the Nushagak Peninsula. Hunters must obtain an FC1702 permit. Hunt opens at 12:00 am August 1, 2023 and closes 11:59 pm March 31, 2024 in the following Units:

Those portions of Units 17A and 17C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay. Hunters should review the FC1702 permit conditions before heading afield, as some portions of the units remain closed to caribou hunting.

The harvest limit is one caribou with a firm quota of 70 total caribou available for harvest. Successful hunters are required to report their harvest within 5 days. Hunters that are unsuccessful or did not hunt must return their Harvest Report within 15 days after the close of season. Only federal lands within the hunt area will only be open and only federally qualified rural residents of Unit 9B, 9C, 9E, 17, Lime Village and Stony River are eligible for this hunt. Permits will be distributed by the tribal councils of the 6 eligible communities. Hunters should review the land status of their intended hunt area prior to heading afield.

State of Alaska Caribou Registration Permit RC501 (portions of Unit 17A /17C north of the FC1702 hunt area) is **closed at this time**.

### **Justification:**

The 2023 population estimate of the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd is 511 which is up from the 2022 population estimate of 442 animals. Under the management plan for this herd, a limited harvest is available. The Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Planning Committee met July 25, 2023 and a consensus was reached for allowing a harvest of 70 caribou total with 110 permits total distributed among the Village Councils in Manokotak, Dillingham, Aleknagik, Clark's Point, Togiak and Twin Hills.

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