



Federal Subsistence Board

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Federal Subsistence Caribou Hunt Opening in Katmai Preserve

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Emergency Special Action No: 9C-Caribou-01-25

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. September 14th, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. September 30th, 2025

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action will open the Katmai National Preserve for federally qualified subsistence users in the communities of Kokhanok and Igiugig to hunt caribou. Katmai National Park will be issuing 16 caribou permits, divided equally between Kokhanok and Igiugig. Season will start September 14th and will end September 30th. The in-season manager may announce an extension of the season between November 1st and March 31st.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.26(n)(9) and 43 CFR 51.26(n)(9) are amended to read:

Unit 09 – Caribou

Unit 9C, that portion within Katmai National Preserve—I caribou by Federal registration permit. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of Igiugig and Kokhanok hunting under these regulations.

Season open Sep. 14-Sep. 30.

Season may be announced between ~~Aug. 1-Sep. 30~~ or Nov. 1-Mar. 31.

JUSTIFICATION: This hunt is being announced to allow federally qualified subsistence users of the communities of Kokhanok and Igiugig opportunity to harvest caribou within the Katmai National Preserve during the fall hunting season. The Federal Subsistence Board granted a delegation of authority to the superintendent of Katmai's National Park and Preserve. Under the scope of delegated authority, the superintendent may set harvest limits, announce and open/close a season between August 1 to September 30 and November 1 to March 31, determine the number of permits issued, set sex restrictions, and set permit conditions. This emergency special action will allow for the continued subsistence uses of wildlife while conserving the caribou population. During our spring aerial surveys collecting minimum counts, we observed 821 caribou along the Kukaklek Shelf. Caribou abundance, estimated during spring survey flights, has more than doubled since the Katmai National Park and Preserve began monitoring in 2021. This, in concert with observed impacts on the land, and observations made by the two communities, demonstrates caribou abundance is high, and a fall hunt is warranted. Traditional harvest practices by the communities included both cows and bulls. The park and preserve recommends the harvest of bulls to the communities, but at this time does not limit it as such.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

/s/ Mark Sturm

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Katmai National Park & Preserve

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National Preserve 09/12/2025

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