



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-01-26

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. August 12, 2026
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. September 30, 2026

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 a total of 32 caribou. Season will start August 12 and will end September 30. 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—2 caribou by Federal registration permit. **32 permits will be issued for regulatory year 2026/2027, 1 caribou per permit.** Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of Igiugig and Kokhanok hunting under these regulations.*

***Aug 12-Sep. 30.** Season may be announced 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 has 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 population.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

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