



Federal Subsistence Board

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2026 Federal caribou hunt for Unit 9E

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Temporary Special Action No: 9E-Caribou-01-26

Issued at: King Salmon, AK, 6/26/2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Aug. 10th, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Apr. 30th, 2027

EXPLANATION: This Temporary Special Action will open a federal subsistence caribou hunt for game management unit (GMU) 9E. The announced season will be open from Aug. 10th – Oct. 10th, 2026 and Nov. 1st – Apr. 30th, 2027. Residents of GMU 9C, 9E, Nelson Lagoon, and Sand Point with a valid State Tier II (TC 505) permit or a valid federal permit may harvest **1 bull caribou** on Federal lands within unit 9E.

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

Unit 09 – Caribou

Unit 9E – 1 bull by Federal registration permit (FC0915) or State permit.

Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of Unit 9C, 9E, Nelson Lagoon, and Sand Point.

Season open Aug. 10th – Oct. 10th, 2026 and Nov. 1st – Apr. 30th, 2027

JUSTIFICATION: To allow federally qualified subsistence users of 9C, 9E, Nelson Lagoon, and Sand Point an opportunity to harvest 1 bull caribou from the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd (NAP), as they have traditionally. Recent data shows the population trend for the NAP has been stable to slightly increasing, while still below management objections. Keeping this hunt closed to everyone but local federally qualified subsistence users allows the NAP to continue to grow.

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