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Fall 2026 Updates for Katmai National Park and Preserve/ Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve/ Alagnak Wild River

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Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission

- Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission could not meet for its scheduled spring date in March. The fall meeting will be held on October 14, 2026 via video conference.

Caribou Subsistence Hunt for Kokhanok and Igiugig in Katmai Preserve Unit 9C

- The superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has issued a limited subsistence caribou hunt for federally qualified subsistence users in the communities of Kokhanok and Igiugig. Thirty-two caribou may be harvested in the 2026/2027 regulatory year, sixteen caribou per community. An Emergency Special Action opened the 2026 caribou subsistence hunt in Katmai National Preserve from August 12, 2026 to September 30, 2026. The season may be extended from November 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The superintendent will continue to monitor and assess population trends over time using minimum counts to make informed decisions on any future caribou subsistence hunts.

NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION, SUZANNE SANDERS AND LESLIE SKORA

Katmai Preserve ORV Access

- With the 2024 signing of the traditional use determination, ORV use in the Katmai Preserve for subsistence purposes by residents of Kokhanok and Igiugig is now legal. Currently, no restrictions have been put in place. Katmai staff will be monitoring for potential impacts and may impose limits on ORV type, size, and weight, as well as locations accessible.

Aerial Caribou Surveys in and Around Katmai National Preserve

- This year marked the beginning of a three-year NPS funded caribou monitoring project. Katmai staff worked with local ADF&G biologists to collar 20 caribou in and around Katmai National Preserve. The collars will be used to monitor habitat use, productivity, and to increase efficiency of surveys estimating abundance and composition. Katmai staff also conducted spring aerial surveys counting caribou when snowfall can be used to help locate groups. Staff counted 792 caribou during surveys conducted March 25th – 27th. This fall, Katmai staff plan to assist ADF&G with fall composition surveys of these caribou.