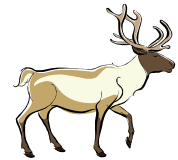




## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### *Copper Basin CARIBOU Community Subsistence Harvest Permit PROGRAM 2015-2016*




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## HUNT ADMINISTRATION

Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) Hunt administration will be in accordance with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's statutory and regulatory authority, including managing this common use resource for sustained yield while adhering to laws regarding the subsistence preference passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

### COPPER BASIN CARIBOU CSH PERMIT

According to regulations found at 5 AAC 92.072 *Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt Area* and at 5 AAC 92.052 *Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*, ADF&G may issue community-based subsistence harvest permits for big game species where the Alaska Board of Game has established a community harvest hunt area. The board established the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti-Kaah (Copper Center) Community Harvest Area for moose and caribou in 2009 (5 AAC 92.074(d) *Community Subsistence Harvest Areas*), hereafter referred to as the Copper Basin CSH area.

The CSH permit program allows communities or groups of 25 or more to apply annually for a CSH permit for an established CSH area. A group can choose to apply for a Copper Basin caribou CSH permit, a Copper Basin moose CSH permit, or both. These groups may select, from their group members, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the community or group.

The hunt conditions in this Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit program are made for the purposes of notifying the community/group of users of how to use caribou in a manner consistent with the customary and traditional use pattern described in the board's 2006 and 2011 findings *Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses* (2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG), as well as to ensure an orderly administration of the CSH permit program and hunt (CC001).

A community or group may possess only one (1) Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit at any given time and group members may subscribe to only one (1) Copper Basin Caribou CSH group per regulatory year. The Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit expires at the end of the regulatory year for which it was issued. Renewal of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit is the responsibility of the community or group coordinator.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### THE COMMUNITY OR GROUP COORDINATOR

In addition to permit hunt conditions and procedures found in 5 AAC 92.050 and 5 AAC 92.072, the community or group applying for a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit must designate a coordinator as part of the application process. The coordinator certifies that the information presented in a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit application is true and correct to the best of the coordinator's ability; monitors and reports on compliance with the conditions of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and serves as the primary point of contact, among other duties. ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin Community Caribou Harvest Permit to each coordinator.

For 2015–2016, the application period for group applications will be October 1 – December 15, 2014. Completed group applications must be received by the Glennallen ADF&G office no later than December 15, at which time the group will be assigned a group number for the upcoming season. Groups will not be formally approved until:

- 1) at least 25 eligible group members have applied (including the group coordinator), and
- 2) all caribou CSH permit reporting requirements from the previous regulatory year have been met (not applicable to first time CSH groups).

There is no limit to the number of communities or groups that may apply for a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit and there is no limit to the number of participants who may subscribe to a community or group, except that there must be 25 or more verified eligible members in each group.

## INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS

The application period for participant applications is November 1 – December 15, 2014. Applications must include a valid 2015-2016 group number, be complete, and be postmarked by December 15 and received by January 2. Participant paper applications must be mailed to the Anchorage address on the applications. Applications will not be accepted over the counter. **Applications can also be submitted online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov/> until 5 p.m. (AKST) December 15, 2014.** Incomplete applications will be void per 5 AAC 92.050 *Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures*.

Each household must submit one (1) completed participant application. CSH applicants must be Alaska residents at the time of application. All members of the household must be listed on the application and are subject to all CSH hunt eligibility requirements and conditions. The coordinator must ensure that group members understand the terms and conditions of the CSH permit hunt. A “household” means that group of people domiciled in the same residence per 5 AAC 92.990 (23) *Definitions*.

By submitting a completed participant application, all household members are certifying they have read, understand, and will comply with the hunt conditions as well as the applicable Board of Game findings (*Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses*).

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin CSH caribou harvest ticket/report to each household (the bag limit is 1 caribou / household). ADF&G will mail CSH harvest tickets to those eligible households who provided a hunting license on the participant application. Eligible participants who do not provide hunting license information on the application will be required to present a valid hunting license to department staff, in-person, at the ADF&G offices in Palmer or Glennallen in order to receive a harvest ticket.

Hunters must abide by all applicable state hunting regulations and statute requirements including licensing, hunter education, and reporting requirements. Similar to other state hunts, CSH harvest ticket numbers must appear on the back of the hunter’s license, CSH harvest tickets must be carried in the field while hunting, they must be validated immediately upon killing an animal and before leaving the kill site, and must remain in the hunter’s possession until the animal has been delivered to the location of processing for human consumption.

## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

All household members subscribing to the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must meet the following eligibility requirements. The requirements apply to the same regulatory year as the CSH participant application (2015-2016).

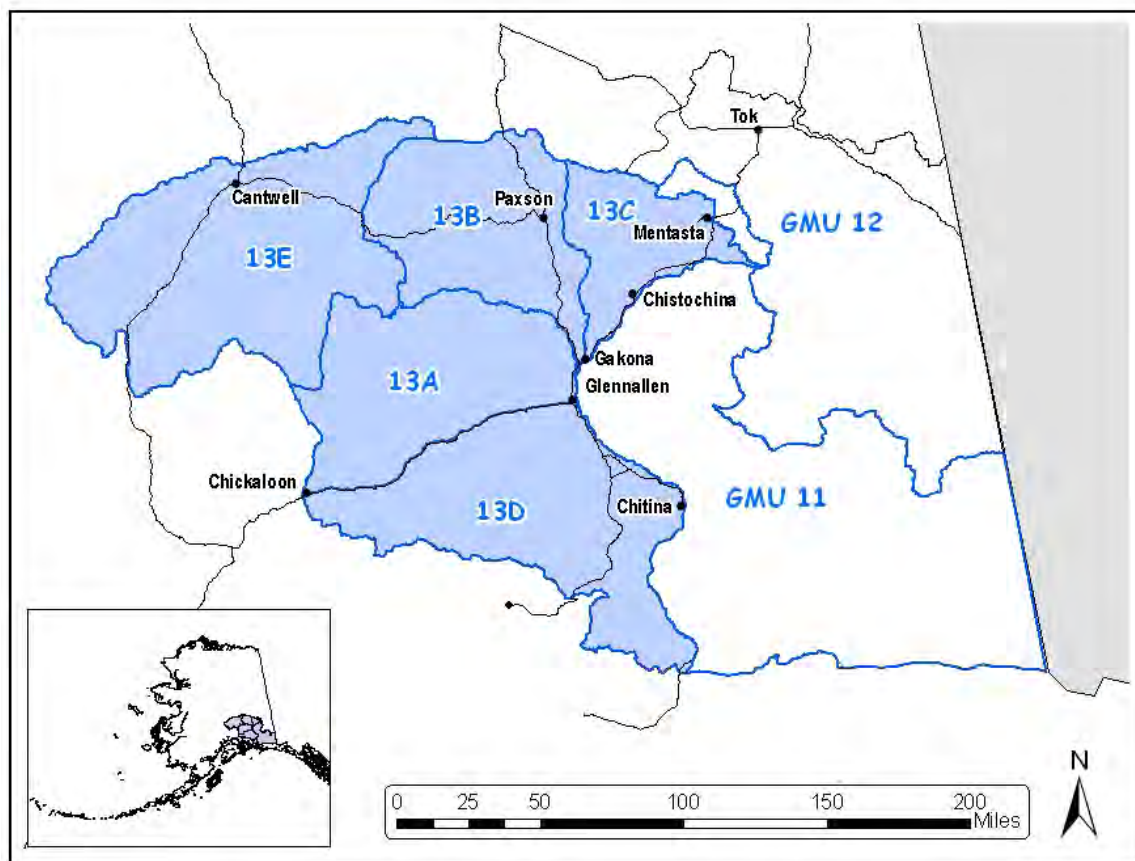
- No member of the household can apply for any drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration caribou hunts, hold general season caribou harvest tickets, or hold federal caribou permits outside of the CSH hunt area. After the CSH hunt has ended, if the household was unsuccessful in filling the CSH bag limit, household members may hunt in areas outside the CSH hunt area with general caribou

harvest tickets or other state caribou permits where the bag limit is greater than one caribou per household. In Unit 13, no more than one caribou may be retained per household using state harvest tickets or permits.

- No member of the household can apply for, or hold state or federal drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration moose permits outside the Copper Basin CSH hunt area.
- All household members agree to the hunt conditions herein.
- No member of the household can be on the Failure to Report (FTR) list.

## **COPPER BASIN CSH PERMIT HUNT AREA, AND AREA OPEN TO CARIBOU HUNTING**

The Copper Basin CSH permit hunt area includes all of Unit 11, Unit 13, and a portion of Unit 12 (southwest of the Tok River where it crosses the Glenn Highway Tok Cut-Off) per 5 AAC 92.074 (d). Due to conservation concerns for adjacent caribou herds, only Unit 13 is open to caribou hunting under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit.



## **OPEN SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**

The Copper Basin Caribou CSH season is: August 10 – September 20, and October 21 – March 31. The bag limit is one (1) caribou per household. For conservation reasons, the season and bag limit may be modified by ADF&G emergency order. Up to 300 caribou can be taken under the Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit program (applies to all groups collectively).

## **DESIGNATED HUNTERS**

The CSH program allows a community or group to designate members (from within the group) who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group. To take a caribou on behalf of another household (beneficiary), a hunter must carry both the beneficiary's and their own CSH caribou harvest ticket in the field while hunting. The harvested caribou must be delivered to the beneficiary. The beneficiary is responsible for all reporting requirements.

## **HUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Customary and traditional uses of Nelchina caribou are thoroughly described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG. The Board of Game found that the subsistence pattern in the Copper Basin is characterized by thorough use of most of the harvested animal. Therefore, all participants in the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must salvage for human consumption:

1. All edible meat from the forequarters, hindquarters, ribs, neck, and backbone, as well as the heart, liver, kidneys, and fat; and
2. Prior to October 1, meat of the forequarters, hindquarters, and ribs must remain naturally attached to the bones until delivered to the place where it is processed for human consumption.

The board also found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by meaningful communal sharing. At least one communal sharing event featuring caribou harvested under the terms of a Copper Basin CSH hunt must be held. A complete description of the event (date, location, number of participants, amount of meat shared, and so forth) must be included in the final hunt report, to be submitted by the group / community coordinator.

## **CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE PATTERN**

The edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt must be used for human consumption and may not be sold or offered for sale. In order to comply with 5 AAC 92.072 (c) (1) (F), the department must ensure that the applicable customary and traditional use patterns described in board findings are observed by subscribers, including meat sharing. Subscribers need not have already established the pattern of community use summarized below; however, by applying, subscribers will be certifying that they have read, understood, and will voluntarily attempt to participate in and establish the pattern of subsistence use described in the Unit 13 board findings summarized below:

1. Participation in the consistent pattern of noncommercial taking, use, and reliance on Nelchina caribou, Copper Basin moose and other local wild foods. The existing pattern of use has been established over many generations and is focused on the total aggregate of fish, wildlife, and plant resources in the Copper Basin CSH area.
2. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that follows a seasonal use pattern of year-round harvest effort in the area, with harvests of moose and caribou by community members in both the fall and winter hunts, when legally permissible.
3. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources in the Copper Basin CSH area that includes methods and means of harvest characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and cost, especially taking advantage of the maximum opportunity to harvest, as efficiently as possible, a variety of usable species in the Copper Basin CSH area.
4. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources that occurs in the Copper Basin CSH area due to close ties to the area and a familiarity with the terrain and associated history of the Copper Basin CSH area.

5. Use of means of processing and preserving wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that have traditionally been used by past generations, including use of all of the parts required to be removed from the field under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit.
6. Participation in the pattern of taking or use of wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area that includes the handing down of knowledge of hunting skills, values, and lore about the Copper Basin CSH area from generation to generation. The board considered it critical to the perpetuation of the customary and traditional use pattern to provide opportunities for the young and old to participate in subsistence activities; the board also found it extremely important to stress the need to pass on skills and knowledge associated with use of all parts of the harvested animal.
7. Participation in the pattern of taking wild resources from the Copper Basin CSH area in which the harvest is shared throughout the community, including customary trade, barter, and gift-giving.  
  
In order to observe this pattern, a portion of the edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt should be primarily shared, in a meaningful way, with other members of the community or group. Hunters should also demonstrate a pattern of meaningful communal sharing that provides first for the needs of the community or group elders and disabled, as identified by the community or group. In addition, hunters who have harvested their first caribou should give a portion to other members of the community or group.
8. Participation in the pattern that includes taking, use, and reliance for subsistence purposes not only on Nelchina caribou and moose, but also on a wide variety of wild resources in the Copper Basin area.

## **REPORTING**

### **HARVEST TICKET REPORTS**

Successful harvest ticket holders must report online, in person, or by phone (822-3461) within 5 days of kill or return from the field. Harvest ticket holders that did not hunt, or were unsuccessful, must mail, deliver, or call in Copper Basin CSH harvest reports to ADF&G within 15 days of the close of the season. Reports must be complete in order to meet reporting requirements.

Failure to report may jeopardize sustained yield management of the Nelchina caribou herd and the future of the CSH hunt; therefore, failure to report according to this schedule may result in citation and/or placement of harvest ticket holders on the state Failure to Report (FTR) list.

### **WRITTEN GROUP REPORTS**

To better address the subsistence needs of Copper Basin Caribou CSH participants, the board requested that all caribou harvested by CSH participants within the CSH area be accounted for, regardless of whether taken under federal or state regulations. All caribou taken by Copper Basin Caribou CSH participants within the CSH area will count against the up to 300 caribou allowed for the CSH hunt.

In order for the department to ensure that permittees have complied with all regulations addressing the terms and conditions of their Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit, as well as the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG, and in order to gather additional data on subsistence uses, the community or group coordinator must submit an annual written report, which summarizes the group's member households' required reporting information as well as a description of the communal pattern observed by participants. The report must be postmarked by May 30, 2016. If written reports are incomplete or found insufficient, group participants may not be eligible to participate in future CSH hunts.

The written report must include, at a minimum:

1. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers for those individuals whose bag limits were filled under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and
2. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers of the beneficiaries whose bag limits were filled by a designated hunter under the terms of a Copper Basin Caribou CSH permit; and
3. The number of caribou taken in federal subsistence hunts by those hunters also participating in the Copper Basin Caribou CSH hunt; and
4. A specific description of how the community or group observed the customary and traditional use pattern described in 2006-170-BOG and 2011-184-BOG. The department will provide a reporting form to assist with this section of the report; however, a summary narrative is also required that includes a description of at least one meaningful communal sharing event.

Some information in these reports may be subject to state confidentiality laws.

Deliver or mail written reports to:

ADF&G Copper Basin CSH  
Division of Subsistence  
333 Raspberry Rd.  
Anchorage, AK 99518-1565

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov) for more information, or contact Glennallen ADF&G 822-3461.

Send completed GROUP applications to:

ADF&G  
P.O. Box 47  
Glennallen, AK 99588

Send completed INDIVIDUAL applications to:

ADF&G  
CSH Permit Applications  
P.O. Box 228080  
Anchorage, AK 99522-8080

**OR**

**Apply online at: <http://hunt.alaska.gov/>**

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# 2015 Copper Basin Community Harvest Participant Application



*Applications will not be accepted over the counter.*

**Apply online by December 15 at 5 p.m.:**

<http://hunt.alaska.gov>

Paper application deadline: Postmarked by December 15, 2014

Received by January 2, 2015

Mail to: ADF&G CSH Permit Applications, P.O. Box 228080  
Anchorage, AK 99522-8080

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	<b>Group Number</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Caribou	<b>2015-</b>	<input type="text"/>	-	<input type="text"/>

If you have questions about the application contact the Glennallen office at (907)822-3461  
You must be an Alaska resident at the time of application.

By affixing my signature below, I agree that I have read and understood the customary and traditional use patterns for uses of Nelchina caribou, moose, and other wild resources described in 2006-170-BOG, summarized in the Community Hunt conditions, and furthermore, that I agree, to the best of my ability, to observe the customary and traditional use patterns found therein.

**USE BLACK BALLPOINT PEN ONLY. You MUST PRINT NEATLY within the boxes and use ALL CAPITALS.** Due to the use of scanning technology, failure to do so could lead to your application being rejected.

## HOUSEHOLD MAILING ADDRESS

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CITY															STATE		ZIP CODE					

HOME PHONE NUMBER

All contact information provided is subject to public disclosure-do NOT submit unlisted phone numbers.

## Head of Household

FIRST NAME										MI	LAST NAME										SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.)			MM	DATE OF BIRTH DD		YYYY	
ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE (DL) NUMBER or STATE ID										AK HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER																		
EMAIL ADDRESS																												

I hereby certify that I am the applicant and all of the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand some of this information is subject to public disclosure.



Signature (REQUIRED)

Date

## Household members

FIRST NAME										MI	LAST NAME										SUFFIX: (JR., SR., ETC.)			MM	DATE OF BIRTH DD		YYYY	
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Providing false information on this application is subject to a maximum penalty of either a \$10,000 fine or 1 year imprisonment, or both, per 5 AAC 92.020, 5 AAC 92.062, AS 16.05.420, AS 16.05.925 and AS 11.56.210. If requested by ADF&G or Alaska Wildlife Troopers to provide additional information to support answers on your application, you must comply or you will be cited.

