

**Findings for the Alaska Board of Game**  
**2022-XXX-BOG**  
**Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game**  
**provided during the Central & Southwest Region Regulations Meeting**  
**Month XX, XXXX**

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions for allocating Nelchina caribou harvests, in addition to Board of Game Findings 2019-223-BOG and 2015-209-BOG, and allocate harvest of Nelchina caribou as follows:

After assessing late-summer census and survey data, prior to the August 10 hunt opening, the department will do the following, in this order:

1. determine the harvestable surplus of the Nelchina herd for the fall hunting season;
2. subtract the estimated federal harvest, based on the 10-year average, from the harvestable surplus;
3. subtract the average Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt harvest, based on all years of the hunt being open, from the harvestable surplus;
4. divide the remaining harvestable surplus between the two Tier I Nelchina caribou registration hunts and the combined drawing hunts;
  - a. within the drawing hunts, subtract the expected harvest of the youth drawing hunt and nonresident drawing hunt (based on history of permit success), and allocate the remaining portion of the harvestable surplus to the resident drawing hunt.

At the close of all the Nelchina caribou fall hunting seasons, after fall harvest has been accounted for, the remaining harvestable surplus has been assessed, and herd status has been assessed, the department will determine if the winter portion of the hunts will be held and will hold them only if there are no concerns about what impacts additional harvest may have on the health of the Nelchina herd. If winter hunts are held, quotas for winter hunts may be adjusted up or down, compared to fall quotas, based on the remaining harvestable surplus and fall herd data.

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 Jerry Burnett, Chairman  
 Alaska Board of Game