



Advisory Announcement

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Caribou Hunt Closure in a Portion of Units 24A and 25D

(Fairbanks) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces the closure of a caribou hunt in a portion of Units 24A and 25D on Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

This closure applies to the portion of Game Management Unit 24A south of an east-west line extending from the point at the south bank of the South Fork Koyukuk River at the Dalton Highway crossing near N67° 01.104', W150° 17.352', and that portion of Game Management Unit 25D drained by the west fork of the Dall River west of 150° W. long. The closed area encompasses the geographic area of the Hodzana Hills Caribou Herd (HHH). The HHH is a small, non-migratory herd of 400-600 animals with a harvestable surplus of approximately 20 animals per year depending on the most recent population count.

The decision to close the hunt early comes after authorization for winter snowmachine use was granted from November 1 – April 15 annually on RS 2477 trails and was made as a conservation measure to avoid a potential overharvest of the HHH due to increased accessibility during the winter.

Opportunity to hunt and harvest HHH caribou will continue to be available August 10 – October 31. The department is currently preparing an Agenda Change Request for the Alaska Board of Game to consider a proposal to change the current HHH caribou hunting season dates to August 10 – October 31.

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