Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission March 14-15, 2024

Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office Agency Report

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I. General Updates

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to work collaboratively with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to monitor subsistence resource populations among BLM and State lands within Game Management Unit 13.
- The BLM Glennallen Field Office (BLM-GFO) continues to work with Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC)'s Community Harvest System.

Subsistence Permitting Updates

• The BLM Glennallen Field Office issued permits in-person only this year. As always, permittees must demonstrate Alaska residency, proof of rural residency, and an Alaska resident hunting license. We issued permits for moose and caribou from the Glennallen Field Office and from Delta Junction, in July, to qualified rural residents. Caribou permits were never used since the hunt closed.

Wildlife Updates

- The BLM and ADF&G continue a multi-year cooperative agreement. The objective is to actively cooperate and monitor subsistence resource populations among BLM and State of Alaska lands within GMU13.
- The federal caribou hunt in Game Management Unit 13 (FC1302) was closed for the 2023/24 season by action of the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) on a series of Wildlife Special Actions which cited conservation concerns for Nelchina caribou herd. Permits issued prior to the season opener, and prior to the official closure, were rendered invalid: we informed all permit holders of the closure and forwarded the FSB news releases to local media in the Copper Basin and in Delta Junction.
- Thank you to federal subsistence hunters for your participation in the federal subsistence hunts in the Glennallen Field Office area, and for your patience with the rapidly changing circumstances this fall.
- Wildlife Proposal WP24-09, submitted by the BLM Glennallen Field Office, is under consideration by the RACs and FSB and would expand the BLM's delegated authority for in-season management of the caribou hunt.

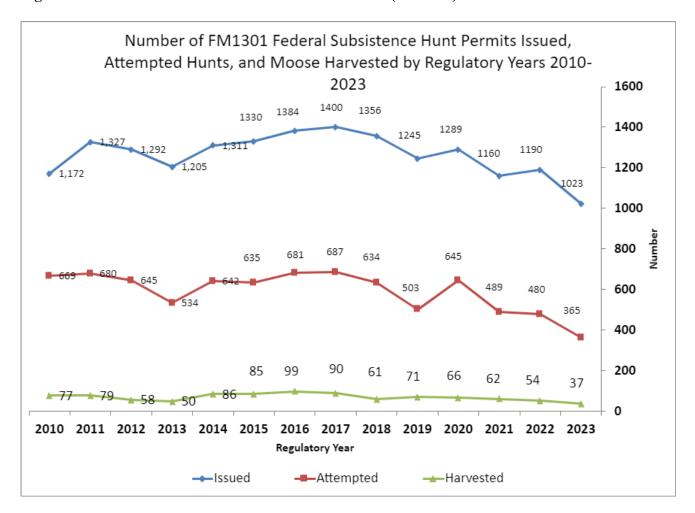
FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MOOSE HARVEST GMU 13

Table 1. FM1301 harvest for the 2023 moose season in GMU13

Time Frame	Permits Issued	Permits Attempted	Bulls Harvested	Hunter Success Rate
2023*	1,023	365	37	10%
5 Year Average**	1,290	591	69	11.9%

^{*} Prepared 1 19, 2024

Figure 1. Federal Subsistence Moose Harvest Pattern (FM1301) from 2010 to 2023



^{**2018-2022}

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE CARIBOU HARVEST GMU 13

Table 2. FC1302 caribou harvest in GMU13. Closed for 2023/24 season.

	Permits Issued	Permits Attempted	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Total Harvest	Success Rate
2023/24	N/A*					
2022/23	2,676	1,015	115	51	166	16.4%
5 Year Average**	2,813	1,097	154	78	233	20.5%

^{*}some permits were issued prior to the closure but they are invalid since there was no hunt event.

**2018-2022

Figure 2. Federal Subsistence Caribou Harvest Pattern (FC1302) from 2010 to 2022

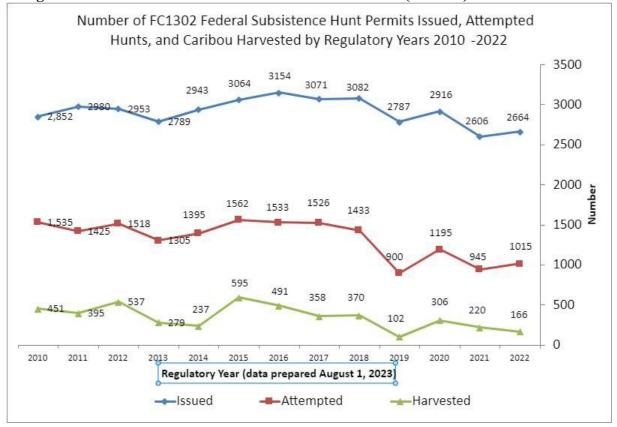


Table 3. FC1302 caribou harvest in GMU13 2010-2023 with +/- population objective and Emergency Orders (Federal hunt data from the Federal Subsistence database; general population estimate and E.O. history provided by ADF&G personal communication 7/31/23)

		D		Takal				Above/Below/	
5 4		Permits		Total	5 11		6 0/	Within Population	
Reg Year	Hunt	Issued	Hunted	Harvest	Bull	Cow	Success %	Objective	State Emergency Orders
2023	FC1302	CLOSED			1			Below	Closed all hunts
									Bull only; Closed hunts when
									quotas were met; closed all
2022	FC1302	2,676	1,015	166	115	51	16.4	Below	winter seasons
									closed hunts when quotas were
2021	FC1302	2,606	945	220	149	71	23.3	Within	met; closed all winter seasons
2020	FC1302	2,915	1,194	306	194	112	25.6	Within	EO to extend fall seasons; closed winter seasons when
									quotas met
2019	FC1302	2,785	898	102	81	21	11.4	Above	EO to extend fall seasons
2018	FC1302	3,082	1,433	370	235	135	25.8	Below	Bull only; Closed hunts when quotas were met
2017	FC1302	3,071	1,526	358	210	148	23.5	Above	EO to extend fall seasons
									EO to extend fall seasons; extra permit issued per household for
2016	FC1302	3,151	1,530	491	299	192	32.1	Above	winter season
2015	FC1302	3,061	1,560	595	448	147	38.1	Above	
2014	FC1302	2,943	1,395	237	178	59	17	no estimate	
2013	FC1302	2,781	1,303	279	211	68	21.4	Within	Bull only; Winter seasons closed by EO
2012	FC1302	2,953	1,518	537	334	203	35.4	Above	
2011	FC1302	2,980	1,425	395	282	113	27.7	Above	Winter seasons closed early by EO
2010	FC1302	2,852	1,535	451	322	129	29.4	Above	Winter season closed early by EO