

## **Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission**

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Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office

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### **I. General**

- Jacob Masterfield is our acting Field Manager and now also assists with managing resources staff. The BLM Glennallen Field Office (GFO) wildlife biologist position and our State Office Subsistence lead positions both remain vacant.
- The BLM continues to work collaboratively with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to monitor moose and caribou within Game Management Unit 13. The BLM-GFO submitted internal funding requests for 2026 to support ADF&G's winter aerial checks for Nelchina caribou and Unit 13 moose counts. We also requested funding to support local ADF&G Division of Subsistence Community Harvest Assessment surveys. These surveys provide data on subsistence use in Alaska to multiple agencies and entities and are used for ANILCA Section 804 analyses. We are waiting to hear about funding decisions on those proposals.
- Wildlife Proposal WP26-27, submitted by the BLM, requests additional flexibility for GFO's delegated authority for in-season management of the federal subsistence caribou hunt in Unit 13, when the herd recovers enough to support hunting. The FC1302 caribou hunt is now a "May Be Announced" hunt by federal regulation and is closed for conservation.
- The BLM Glennallen Field Office continues to work with Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC)'s Community Harvest System, and we receive regular updates from AITRC on permits and harvests.

### **II. Subsistence Permitting**

- The BLM Glennallen Field Office issued FM1301 moose and designated hunter permits for GMU13 from the Glennallen Field Office and for 3 days in Delta Junction.
- Hunters must get permits in person, demonstrate Alaska and rural residency, and have a current Alaska resident hunting license. The BLM-GFO issues the most Federal subsistence permits of any Federal agency in Alaska (typically 65%, but down to 24% with the caribou hunt closed). We issued slightly fewer U13 moose permits than normal, with the caribou hunt closed (783 compared to average about 1,100). We still serve about 1,000 federal subsistence hunters and their families and communities.
- Thank you to the Office of Subsistence Management staff that helped us issue permits this year.

### **III. Wildlife Updates**

Alaska Department of Fish and Game caribou surveys indicate better calf recruitment resulting in a slight upswing in population overall.

- FSB action on WSA 24-06 closed BLM-administered federal public lands to State moose hunters in Unit 13B for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MOOSE HARVEST GMU 13

**Table 1. FM1301 harvest for the 2024 moose season in GMU13**

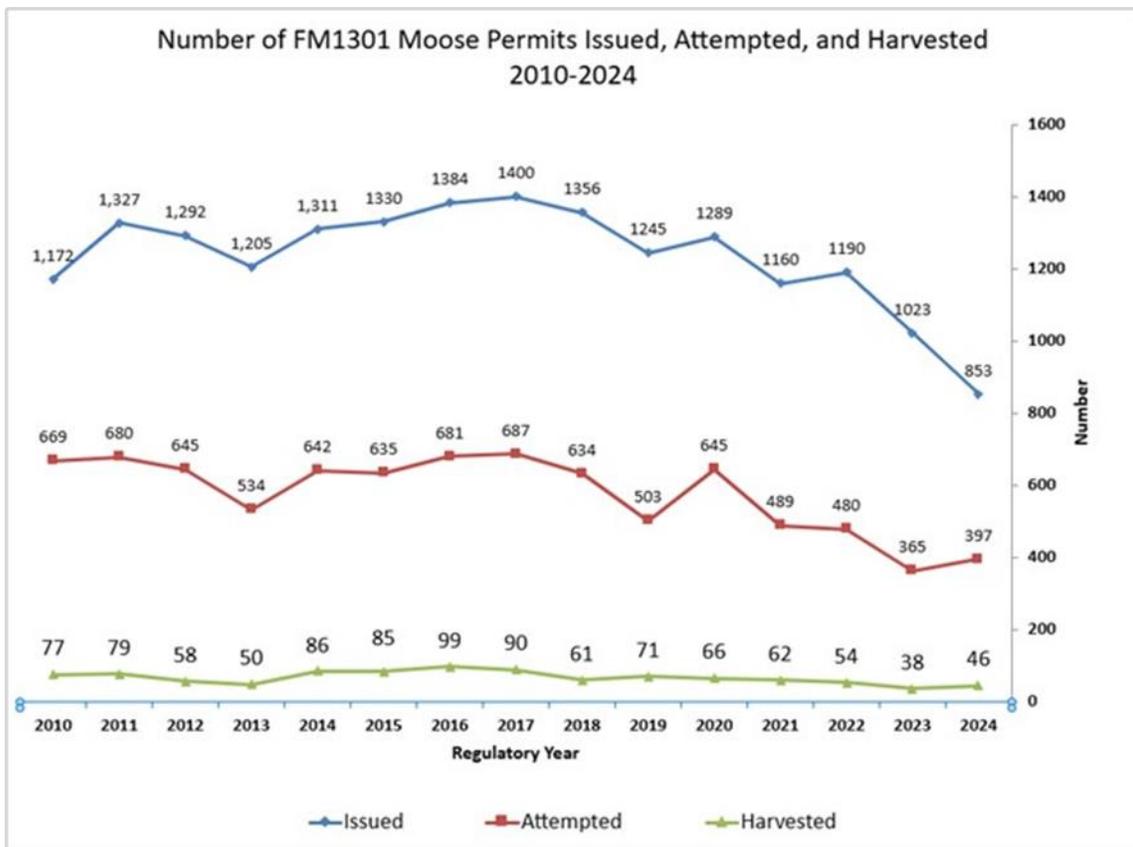
Time Frame	Permits Issued	Permits Attempted	Bulls Harvested	Hunter Success Rate
2025	783	pending	36	pending
5 Year Average*	1,103	475	53	11.1

\*2020-2024

Subunit: Moose harvest 2025 2: 13Z/unspecified

- 13A: 0
- 13B: 25
- 13C: 1
- 13D: 5
- 13E: 3

**Figure 1. Federal Subsistence Moose Harvest Pattern (FM1301) from 2010 to 2024**



## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE CARIBOU HARVEST GMU 13

**Table 2. FC1302 caribou harvest in GMU13. Closed.**

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

\*2018-2022

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

