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## **Public Hearing announced for Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA19-07 regarding the Mulchatna Caribou Herd**

A public hearing will be held on **October 1, 2019, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center** in Bethel to receive testimony on a temporary special action request submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).

Temporary Special Action Request WSA19-07, submitted by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge and Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, requests that the Board reduce the harvest limit from two caribou by State registration permit to one caribou by State registration permit throughout the range of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH), including all or portions of Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19A, and 19B.

The summer 2019 population estimate of the MCH was approximately 13,500 caribou, which is approximately half of the estimated herd size from the previous five years. This population estimate is well below the State's minimum population objective of 30,000 caribou.

The public is encouraged to participate in this hearing by calling the telephone number below. When prompted, enter the passcode. Comments will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Public hearing location, time, and date:

### **Bethel**

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway  
Teleconference: Toll Free: (888) 566-1030  
Passcode: 3344290

The Board is committed to providing access to this public hearing for all participants. Please direct requests for sign language, interpreting services, or other accommodations to the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail [subsistence@fws.gov](mailto:subsistence@fws.gov) at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

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