

TROPHY TALK

Caribou Boundaries Changed



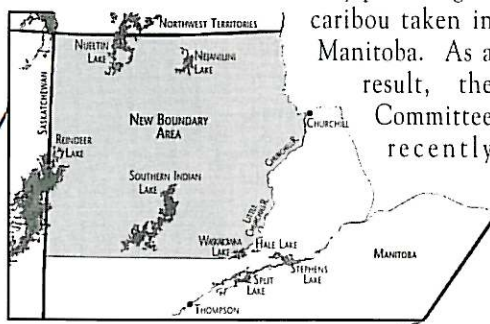
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THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB CURRENTLY RECOGNIZES 35 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME. THIS DOESN'T MEAN THERE ARE 35 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF BIG GAME SCATTERED OVER NORTH AMERICA. IN FACT, THE CLUB'S LIST CAN BE BOILED DOWN TO ONLY 17 DIFFERENT SPECIES.

There are two basic reasons such a significant difference exists between the number of categories and species. The first reason is that the Club has devised separate scoring systems for typical and non-typical specimens (e.g. whitetail deer) of a particular species. The other is to separate smaller subspecies from their larger cousins. For example, caribou are separated into five categories, including barren ground, woodland, mountain, Quebec-Labrador, and Central Canada barren ground.

The geographic boundaries used to separate subspecies were originally established on the advice of top big game experts and are reviewed from time to time as new information is brought to light. It was brought to the attention of the Club's Records Committee that there was a problem with the caribou boundary pertaining to

caribou taken in Manitoba. As a result, the Committee recently



reviewed the caribou distribution in Manitoba and decided a boundary change was necessary.

Effective immediately, the Club will accept caribou taken in northern Manitoba (Figure A) for entry in the Central Canada barren ground caribou category. The new boundary is described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the south limit of township 87 with

the provincial boundary between the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the boundary shall follow this township line east to the point of confluence with Waskaiowka Lake. From here it shall proceed in a northeasterly direction along the high water mark of the north shore of the aforementioned lake following the sinuosities of the shoreline to the point of intersection with the water connection to Hale Lake. From this point, the high water mark of the north shoreline shall be followed to the point of intersection with the Little Churchill River. Henceforth, it shall follow the high water mark of the north or westerly shore of the Little



JACK C. HINCHEY TOOK THIS CENTRAL CANADA BARREN GROUND CARIBOU NEAR NEJANILINI LAKE, MANITOBA. THE CARIBOU SCORED 359 3/8 B&C.

taken in Manitoba were incorrectly classified as barren ground caribou. These caribou are actually part of the Kaminuriak herd that travels between Northwest Territories and northern Manitoba.

The only caribou eligible for entry in the Central Canada barren ground caribou category prior to this change were those taken on Baffin Island and the mainland of Northwest Territories (excluding the Mackenzie Mountains west of the Mackenzie River).

As a result of this boundary change, the records office has accepted two Manitoba caribou in the Central Canada barren ground caribou category for the first time. Warren Johnson took the larger of the two, scoring 369-7/8 points, near Caribou Lake. The other, scoring 359-3/8 points, was taken by Jack D. Hinchey near Nejanilini Lake. Both specimens were taken during the 1992 caribou hunting season.

This boundary change is retroactive. If you, or anyone you know has taken a trophy from the above described area, please have them contact the records office for measuring instructions and a list of measurers in your area.

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Churchill River including expansions of the river into lakes to the point of confluence with the Churchill River. From here the boundary shall cross the mouth of the Little Churchill River and follow the high water mark on the south or easterly shore of the Churchill River to the community of Churchill located on Hudson Bay.

Caribou taken in Manitoba north of the above described boundaries are now classified as Central Canada barren ground caribou, with minimum scores of 330 for the awards book and 345 points for the all-time records book.

This boundary change was deemed necessary because caribou

FIGURE A