

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 03-05-15**

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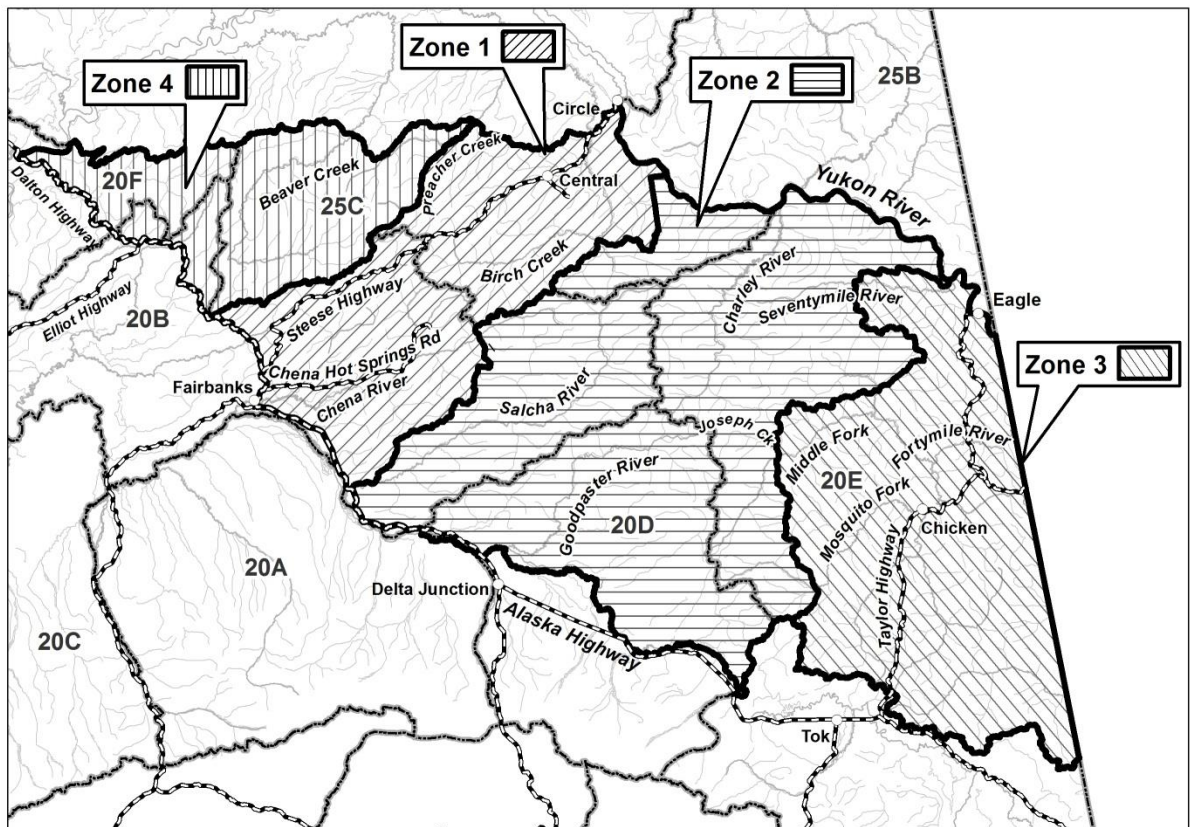
**Effective Date:** 11:59 P.M.  
September 15, 2015

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2016  
unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 3 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Unit 20E.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 are affected by this emergency order.



**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(15)		
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Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, and the drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile and Yukon Rivers.		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 10–Sept. 30	
1 caribou by registration permit only	Dec. 1–Mar. 31	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 30–Sept. 15	
1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Dec. 1–Mar. 31	

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
1 caribou by registration permit only, during a season for up to three days that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during the period Oct. 20–Nov. 30; or	(Season to be announced by emergency order)	
1 caribou by targeted permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31	(Season to be announced by emergency order)	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>		
1 bull per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 10–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 30–Sept. 15
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No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 are affected by this emergency order.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the RC860 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The fall 2015 quota in Zone 3 is 340 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zone 3 and we expect the harvest quota for Zone 3 to be reached by the date and time of closure. No further fall harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in Zone 3 of the RC860 hunt area.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Jeffrey A. Gross  
Area Biologist

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