

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

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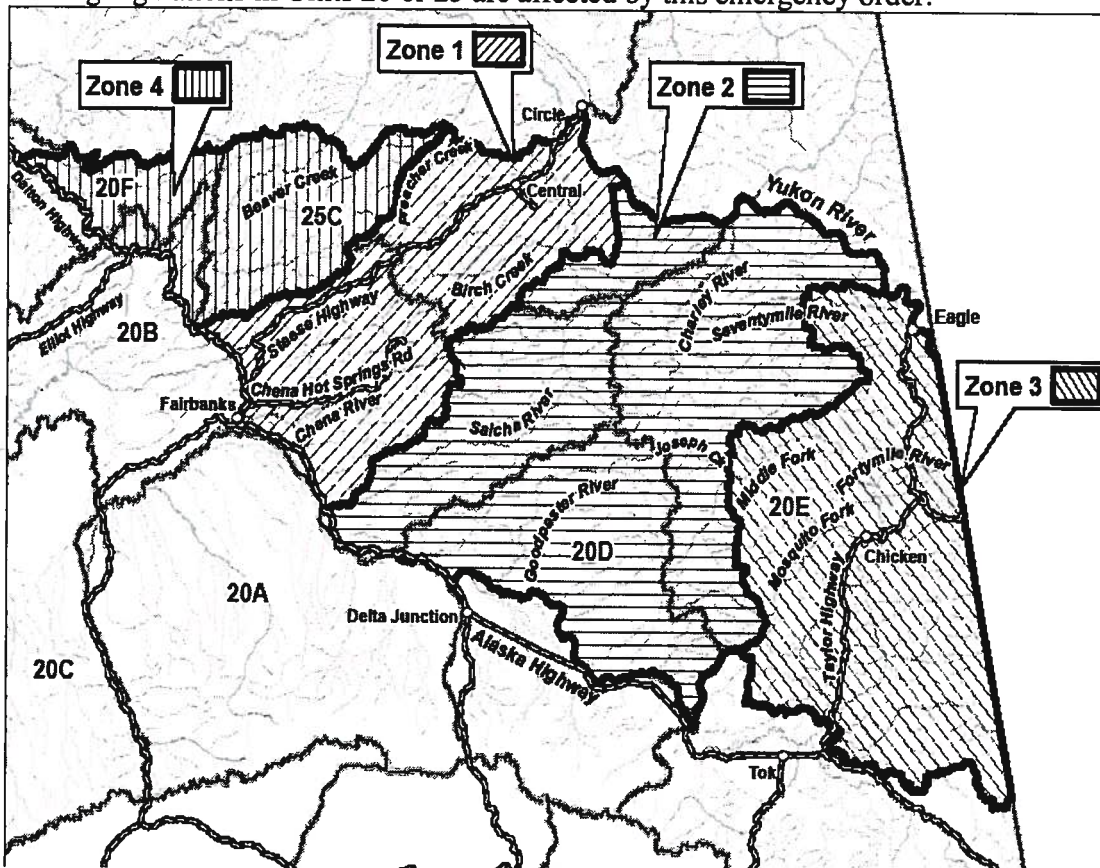
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unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 3 in eastern Game Management Unit 20E. Zone 3 is accessible from the Taylor Highway.

Zone 1 in portions of Units 20B and 25C was closed by emergency order on August 29, 2012. Zones 2 and 4 remain open in portions of Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 25C. No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 or 25 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 20(B), that portion within the Chatanika River drainage north of the Steese Highway and east of the Elliott Highway, and that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by limited registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31

Aug. 29
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway within the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage.

Units and Bag Limits

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by limited registration permit
only, during a season that may be
announced by emergency order within
a portion of the area during Dec. 1–
Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Units 20(B) and 20(F), those
portions north and west of the
Steese Highway, north and east of
the Elliott Highway to its
intersection with the Dalton
Highway, then east of the Dalton
Highway and south of the Yukon
River, excluding the Chatanika
River drainage.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by limited registration permit
only, during a season that may be
announced by emergency order within
a portion of the area during Dec. 1–
Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Unit 20(D), that portion north of
the south bank of the Tanana
River.

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Units and Bag Limits**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or
 1 caribou by registration permit only;
 or
 1 caribou by limited registration permit
 only, during a season that may be
 announced by emergency order within
 a portion of the area during Dec. 1–
 Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Remainder of Unit 20(B)

1 bull

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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 of the
 Fortymile River drainage upstream
 from, but not including the Champion
 Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the
 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, all drainages flowing into the
 Yukon River downstream from the
 confluence of the Seventymile River
 and Yukon River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
 1 caribou by registration permit only;
 or

**Resident
 Open Season
 (Subsistence and
 General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
 Dec. 1–Mar. 31
 (General Hunt Only)
 (Season to be announced
 by emergency order)

**Nonresident
 Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
 (General hunt only)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
 Dec. 1–Mar. 31

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by limited registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or

Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

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 limited registration 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)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29–Sept. 2

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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 25(C), that portion east of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then east of the east bank of American Creek, excluding that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and excluding that portion within the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by limited registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 29
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

Remainder of Unit 25(C)**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by limited registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced
by emergency order)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not 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 2012 quota in Zone 3, which is accessible from the Taylor Highway in Unit 20E is 340 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zone 3, and we expect the harvest quota 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 unless harvest is lower than anticipated.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist

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