

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 03-04-16

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
August 19, 2016

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
August 21, 2016

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska fall hunting season for Macomb caribou by Registration Permit Hunt RC835 in Unit 12, west of the Glenn Highway (Tok Cutoff) and south of the Alaska Highway, excluding the Tok River drainage, and in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River and east of the east bank of Jarvis Creek.

**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(7)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou in portions of Game Management Units 12 and 20D:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 12, that portion west of the Glenn Highway (Tok Cutoff) and south of the Alaska Highway, excluding the Tok River drainage		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Aug. 21	No open season.
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<b>Units and Bag Limits</b> (15)	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 20(D), that portion south of the  
Tanana River

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Aug 21

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

No open season.

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 12 and 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to: Robert Schmidt  
Robert Schmidt  
Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Macomb caribou herd management objective is 600 to 800 animals. Department biologists estimate approximately 700 to 800 caribou are currently in the hunt area. The department determined earlier this summer that a conservative harvest quota of 40 bulls, down from 70 bulls last hunting season, could be allowed and still enable the herd to grow. The harvest quota is expected to be reached by the date and time of the closure. Additional harvest would jeopardize achieving the herd management objective.

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