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## Advisory Announcement

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## Changes to fall Fortymile Caribou Hunt

(Fairbanks) – The fall Fortymile caribou state hunting season and the Federal subsistence season for Fortymile caribou will be administered under the joint State/Federal RC860 registration permit.

The state hunting season for Fortymile caribou will open one day earlier this year on August 11 in all Zones, and the bag limit for residents will be 1 caribou (either-sex), changed from 1 bull during last fall's hunt. The nonresident bag limit will remain 1 bull.

The Bureau of Land Management has changed the bag limit for the federal Fortymile caribou hunt from one bull to one caribou, which now matches the state hunt. The federal Fortymile hunt will open the day before the state hunt on August 10, for federally qualified subsistence hunters on Federal public lands only, in subunits 20E, 20F, and 25C.

The **HUNT CONDITIONS 3) and 4)** found on **ALL RC860** permits are hereby modified (as described below) by this Press Release. These modifications are effective immediately upon publication of this Press Release and will be in effect for the duration of the RC860 season unless changed by Emergency Order.

**Modification of HUNT CONDITION 3):** There will be **NO** closed area in Zone 3.

**Reason:** The Taylor Highway closed area (Zone 3) is intended to address safety concerns and wounding loss during periods of heavy roadside harvest. There are few caribou currently accessible from the Taylor Highway and heavy roadside harvest is not anticipated at this time.

**Modification of HUNT CONDITION 4):** Evidence of sex **IS NOT** required for Alaska resident hunters. Evidence of sex **IS** required to be attached to the hind quarter for nonresident hunters, because they are restricted to harvesting bulls only. Bag limit will remain as 1 caribou for Alaska resident hunters and 1 bull caribou for nonresident hunters.

**Reason:** State and Federal resident bag limits have been aligned to 1 caribou of either sex.

The annual Fortymile quota for the 2019-2020 seasons will be 2,180 caribou, with 1,635 allocated to the fall hunt and 545 to the winter hunt. The fall quota of 1,635 is divided as follows: Zones 1 and 4 combined is 860, Zone 2 is 200 and Zone 3 is 575.

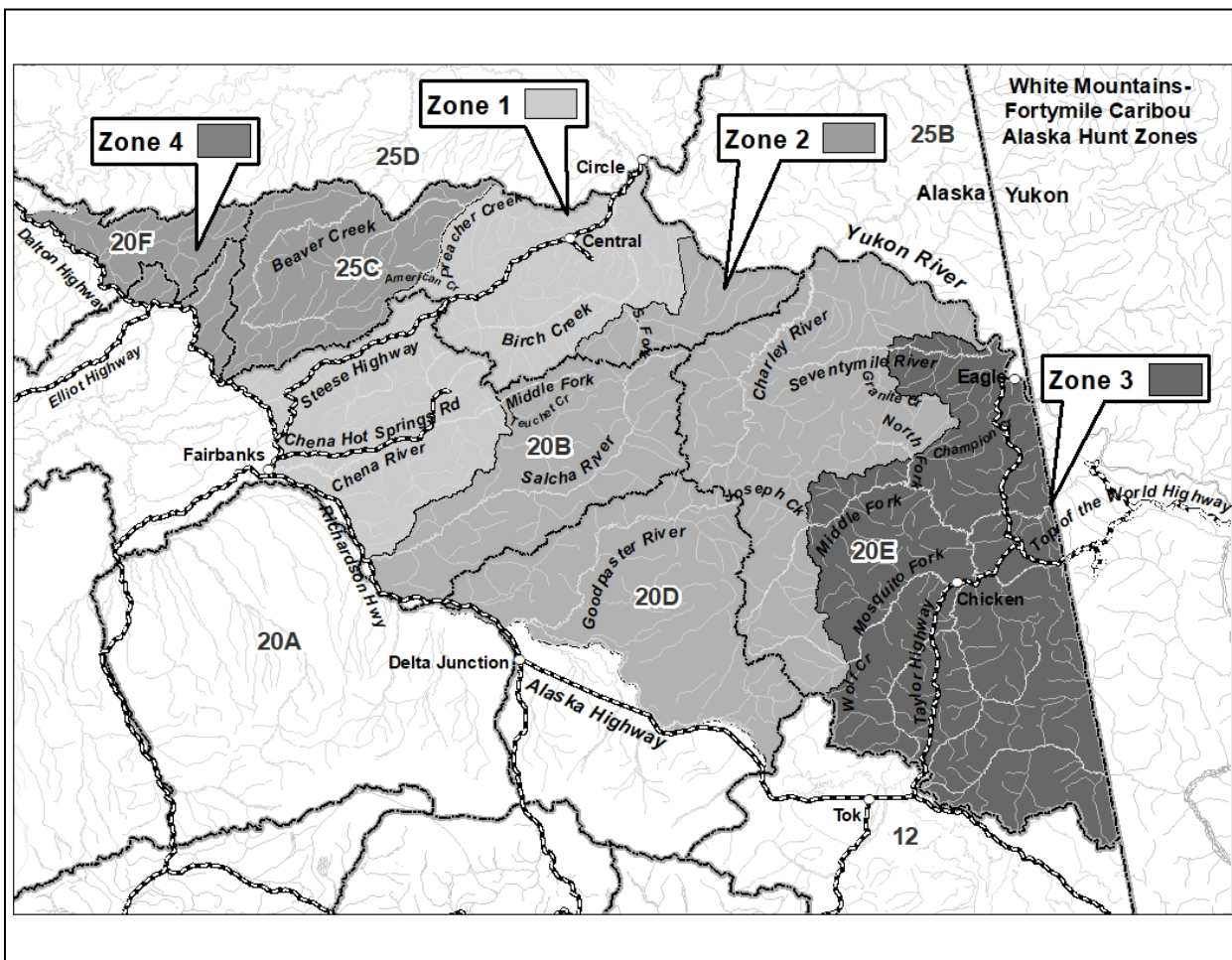


Hunters are asked to know the off-highway vehicle (OHV) regulations for the lands they hunt on. Please note that vehicles larger than four-wheelers are not allowed on most BLM lands in the Steese Highway region. Maps of Federal Public Lands and OHV rules in Steese and Taylor highway areas can be found here: [www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs](http://www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs) or by searching "blm maps".

Caribou movements during fall are unpredictable, and seasons may be closed in portions of the hunt area to keep the harvest within the quota. Hunters are advised to call the Fortymile Caribou Hotline at (907)-267-2310 before departing for the field to obtain the most current information on status of the hunt. Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call (800)-478-1456.

Successful hunters must report within three days of the kill on the internet at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or in person or by phone to the ADF&G office in Tok (883-2971). Hunters who report by phone must also mail their permit reports or drop them off to the Tok ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Tok office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> by October 15.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports or to mail them by delivery confirmation receipt. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.



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