

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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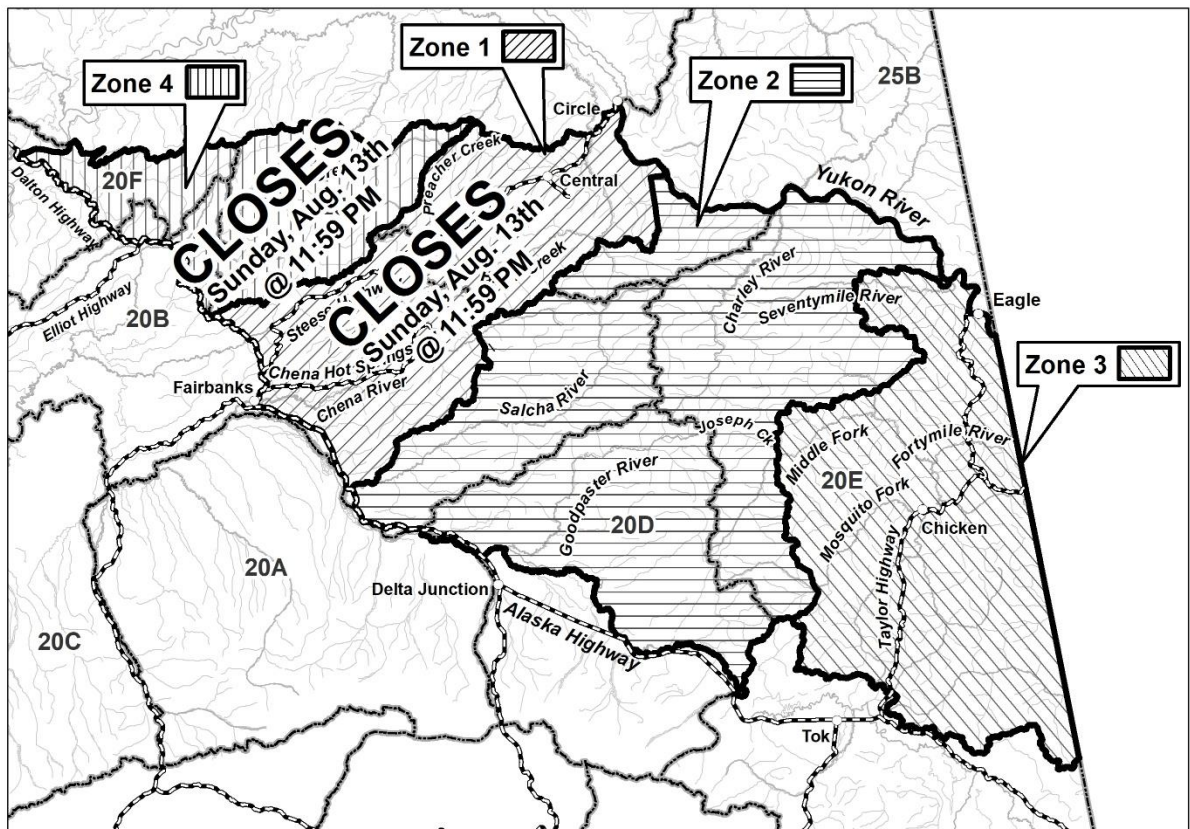
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
August 4, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024
unless superseded by subsequent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 Zones 1 and 4 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20F, and 25C.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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
(15)		
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Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions south of the Yukon River, and north and east of a line formed by the Richardson Highway from the Unit 20(D) boundary to its intersection with the Steese Highway, north along the Steese Highway to its intersection with the Elliot Highway, then northwest along the Elliot Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then north along the Dalton Highway to the Yukon River, 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 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only,	Aug. 10–Aug. 13	
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Aug. 13
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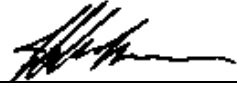
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Unit 25(C), excluding that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and excluding that portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only,	Aug. 10–Aug. 13	
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
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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. 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 2023 combined quota for Zones 1 and 4 is 360 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zones 1 and 4, and we expect the harvest quota for these zones 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 Zones 1 and 4 of the RC860 hunt area.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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Area Biologist

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