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Advisory Announcement

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Winter Fortymile Caribou Season in Zones 1 and 4 Delayed

(Tok, Alaska) – The State of Alaska winter registration hunt (RC867) for Fortymile caribou in Zone 1, accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road, and in Zone 4 (White Mountains) will not open as scheduled on October 27, 2023. A season opening may be announced at a later date in these zones.

Caribou are abundant near the Steese highway in Zones 1 and 4, and we expect the harvest quota to be exceeded in less than a day if opened as scheduled on October 27, 2023, in Zones 1 and 4. As a conservation measure, the RC867 hunt in Zones 1 and 4 will only open if caribou numbers near the Steese highway decrease enough to avoid overharvest of the herd. A season opening may be announced in these Zones if this occurs. The state caribou hunting season (RC867) will open in Zones 2 and 3 on October 27, 2023 as scheduled.

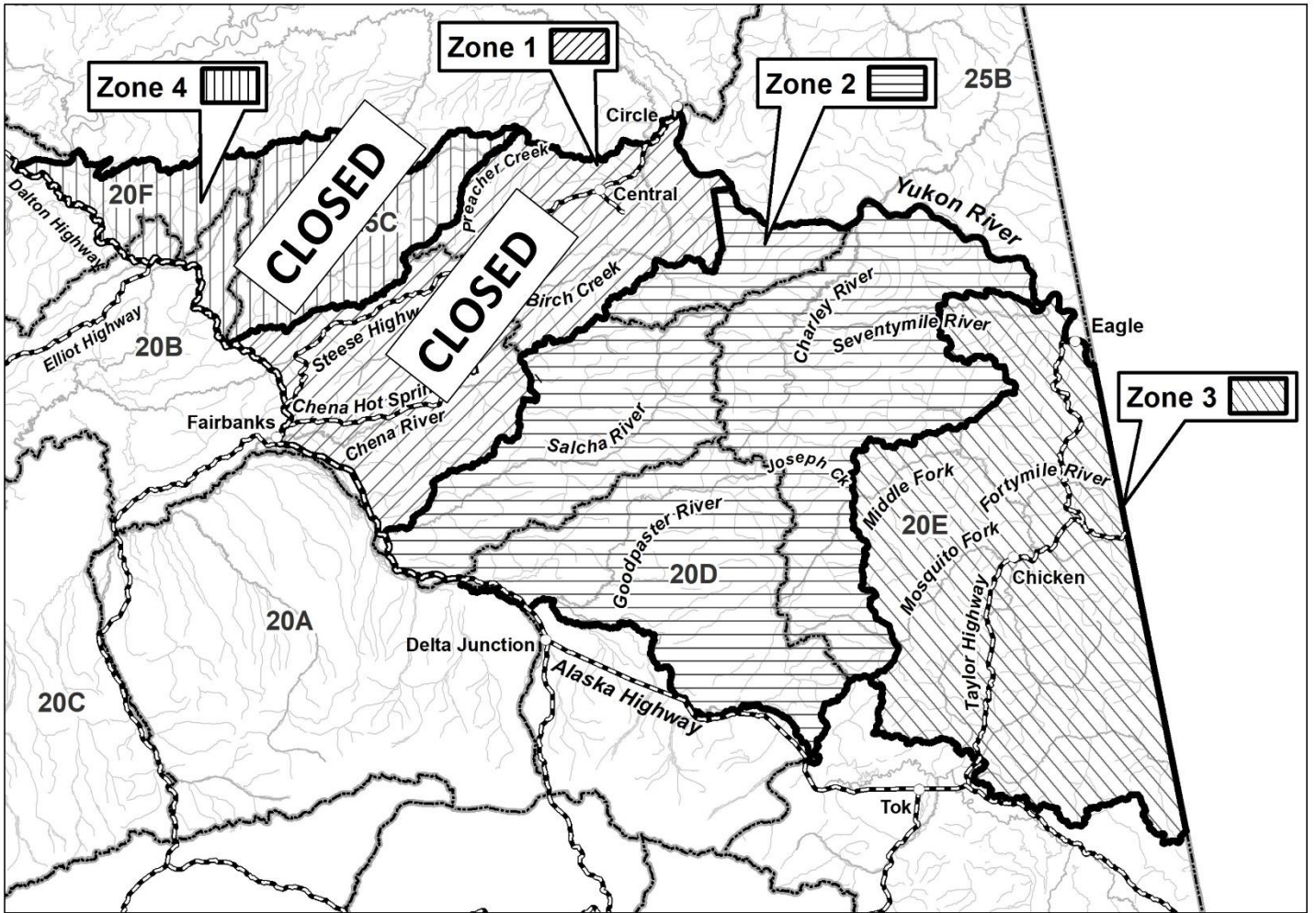
The winter harvest quota is subdivided between the road accessible zones within the RC867 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The 2023 overall winter quota is 175, with 105 allocated to Zones 1 and 4 combined and 70 for Zone 3.

Hunters are reminded to call the Fortymile Caribou Herd Hotline (907) 267-2310 for updates about the hunt quota and bag limit before departing for the field to learn of zone closures.

Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call (800) 478-1456.

Successful hunters must report within three days of the kill online at (<http://hunt.alaska.gov>), by phone (907-883-2971), or in person at the ADF&G office in Tok. 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 April 15, 2023.

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 eligible to receive any permits (Draw, Targeted, Tier II, or Registration, including Tier I Nelchina caribou) during the next regulatory year, and may be cited.



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