

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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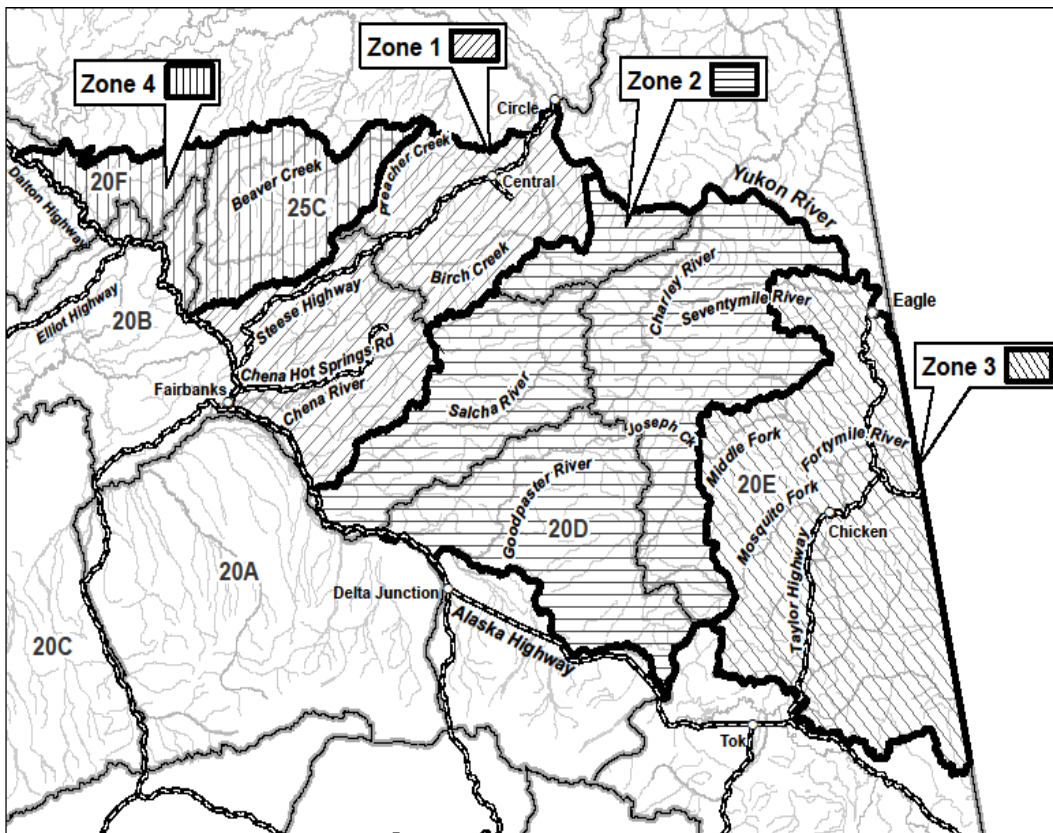
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emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zones 2 and 4 in the remaining portions of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area in Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F and 25C. Zones 1 and 3 were closed earlier by Emergency Orders 03-05-13 and 05-06-13.

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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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 and west of the Steese 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

Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

1 caribou by targeted 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

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 targeted 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 targeted 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 HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or

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

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by registration permit only;
 or
 1 caribou by targeted 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)**

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. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(B)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
 (General hunt only)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

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

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
 Dec. 1–Mar. 31
 (General Hunt Only)

Units and Bag Limits

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

1 caribou by targeted 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(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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

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

1 caribou by targeted 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

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

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

Aug. 29–Aug. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 29–Aug. 30

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

Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

1 caribou by targeted 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

Unit 25(C), that portion within the drainage of South Fork Birch Creek and 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

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

1 caribou by targeted 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. 10–Sept. 20

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

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
<p>Unit 25(C), that portion west of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then west of the east bank of American Creek.</p> <p>RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only; or</p> <p>1 caribou by targeted permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31</p> <p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only</p>	<p>Aug. 10–Sept. 20 Dec. 1–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)</p> <p>(Season to be announced by emergency order)</p>	<p>Aug. 10–Sept. 20</p>

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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 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 2013 quota in Zone 2, is 185 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou have been plentiful in Zone 2 during the first 24 days of the RC860 season, resulting in potential for overharvest. We expect the harvest quota for Zone 2 to be reached by the date and time of closure.

The fall 2013 quota in Zones 1 and 4 combined, is 225 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou were plentiful in Zone 1 during the first 13 days of the RC860 season. Although harvest in Zone 4 has been slow, combined harvest in Zones 1 and 4 have resulted in the quota being reached for these zones. No further fall harvest is warranted in Zone 4 for either the Fortymile or the White Mountains caribou herd. No further fall harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in the entire RC860 hunt area.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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Area Biologist

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