

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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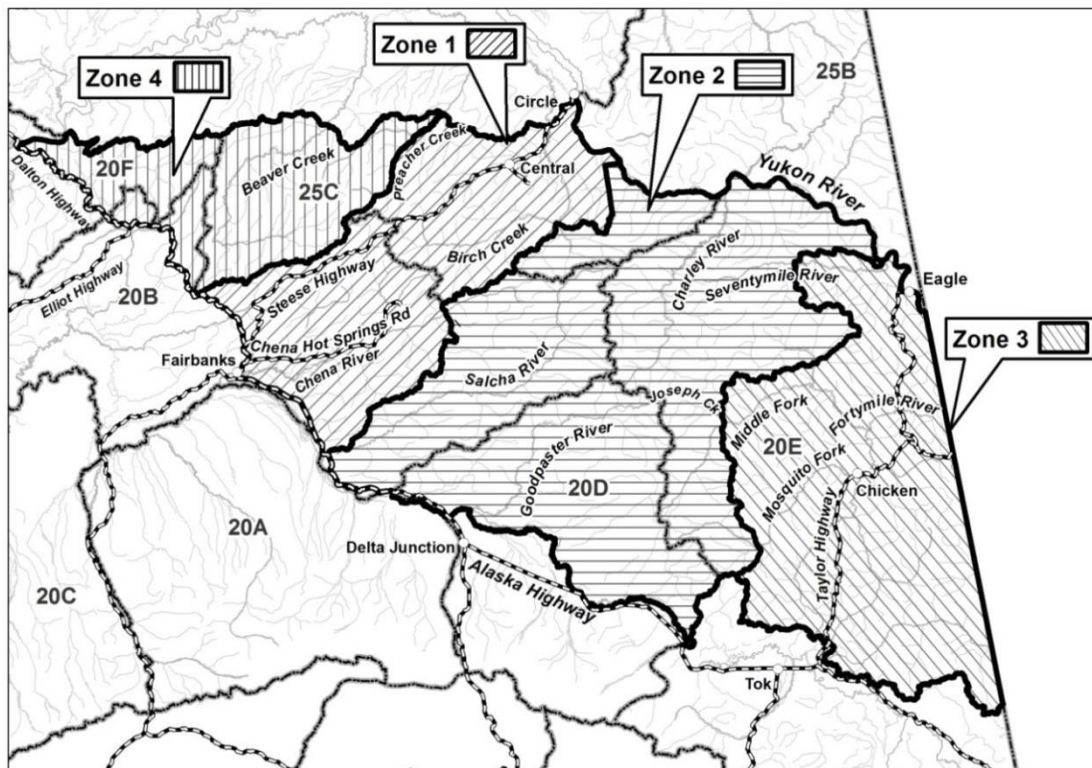
Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
November 17, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by subsequent
Emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC867 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order opens all 4 zones of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area early. Zone 1, including the Steese Highway will be open for 4 days (November 17–20). Zones 2, 3 and 4 will remain open through March 31, unless closed by a subsequent Emergency Order. These zones are located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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 (15) | 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, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or | Aug. 10–Aug. 21 | |
| 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only; or | Aug. 29–Aug. 30 Nov. 17–Nov. 20 (General Hunt Only) | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: | | |
| 1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or | | Aug. 10–Aug. 21 |
| 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 29–Aug. 30 |
| 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. | | |

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| RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only | Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only) | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 |
| 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 | Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only) | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 |
| Remainder of Unit 20(B) 1 bull | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 |
| Unit 20D, that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River | | |
| RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only | Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 |
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Units and Bag Limits

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
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Nov. 17–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by
youth hunt drawing permit only; or

Aug. 10–Aug. 21

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

Aug. 29–Sept. 30
Nov. 11–Nov. 13

1 caribou by registration permit only

Nov. 17–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by
youth hunt drawing permit only; or

Aug. 10–Aug. 21

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29–Sept. 20

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| (20) | | |
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| 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, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or | Aug. 10–Aug. 21 | |
| 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only; or | Aug. 29–Aug. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 20 | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: | | |
| 1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or | | Aug. 10–Aug. 21 |
| 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 29–Aug. 30 |
| 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. 30 Nov. 17–Mar. 31 | |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: | | |
| 1 bull by registration permit only | | Aug. 10–Sept. 20 |

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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.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Nov. 17–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

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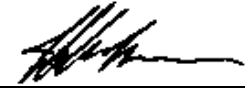
All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

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%, plus any surplus from the fall quota, to the winter hunt. The winter quota is divided between the 2 road-accessible portions of the hunt area, the Steese Highway–Chena Hot Springs area in Units 20B and 25C (zone 1) and the Taylor Highway area in Unit 20E (zone 3). Sixty percent of the harvest quota is allocated to the road-accessible zone with the most caribou within reach of hunters immediately prior to the season opening.

Caribou are currently available in zones 1 and 3, but could move out of these zones prior to the Dec. 1 winter hunt. Therefore, all zones are being opened early to provide opportunity to hunt caribou while they are available. The winter quota for zone 1 is 600 and the quota for zone 3 is 400. We anticipate the quota for zone 1 to be reached by the date and time of the zone 1 closure.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist

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