

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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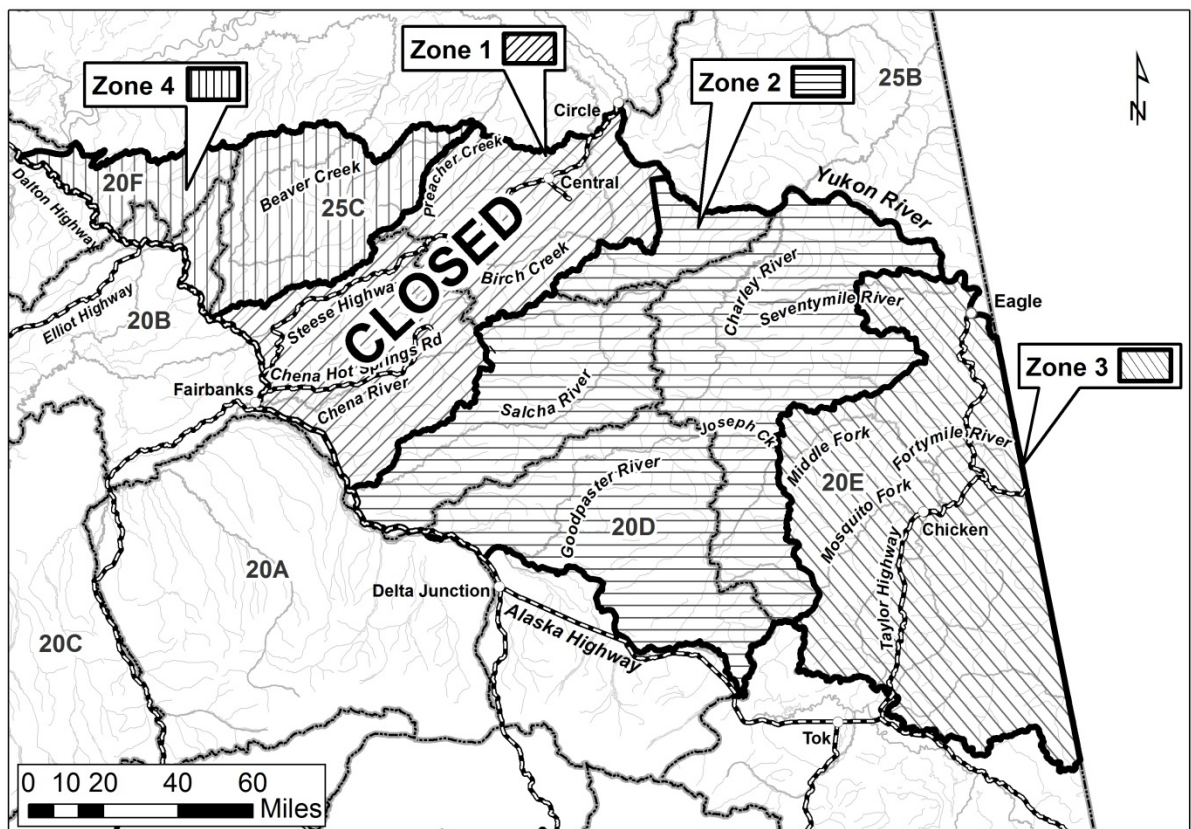
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
August 30, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by subsequent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 Zone 1 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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
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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 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, 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
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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.

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**Nonresident
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1 caribou by registration permit only; or

Aug. 29–Aug. 30
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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 2017 quota in Zone 1 is 225 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zone 1 and we expect the harvest quota for Zone 1 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 Zone 1 of the RC860 hunt area.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist

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