

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

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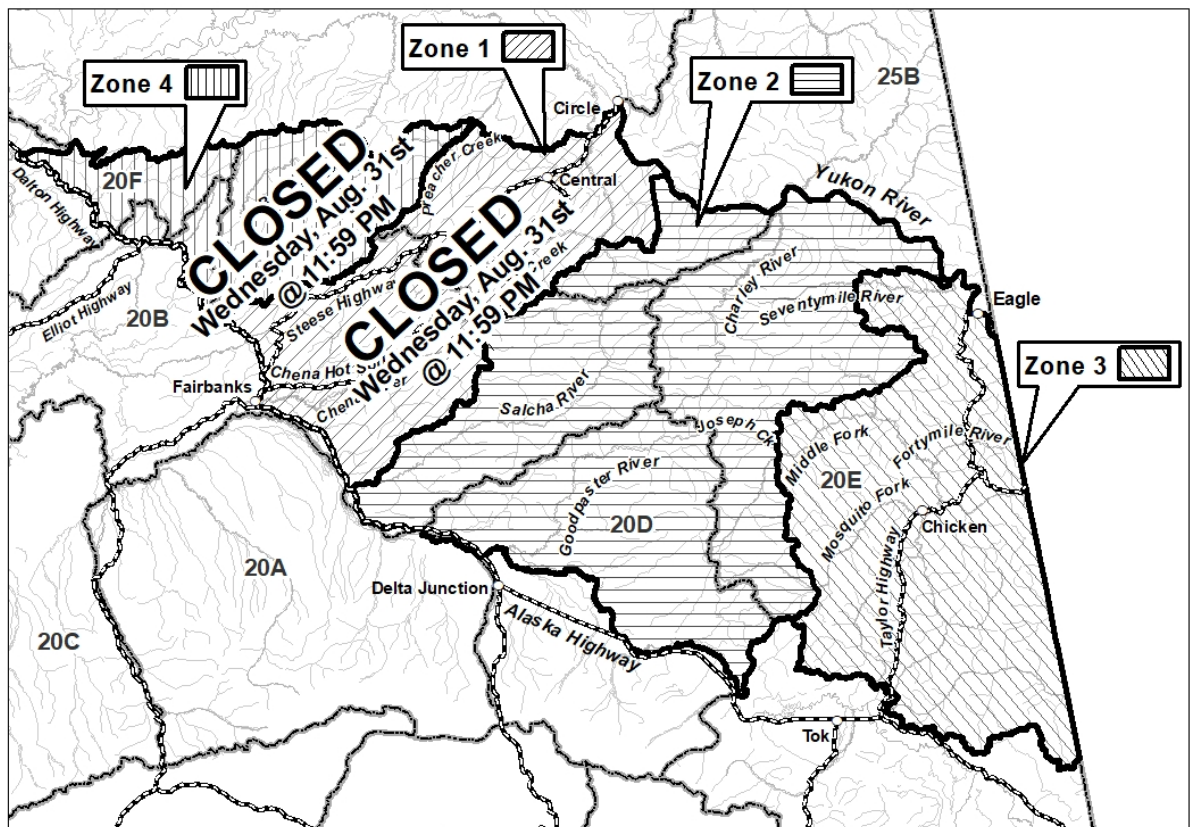
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
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unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order temporarily 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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; up to 30 total permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; up to 30 total permits may be issued; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Aug. 31
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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.		
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1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; up to 30 total permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31	
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All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

The harvest quota for the fall 2022 Fortymile caribou hunt is 900 bulls. The Fortymile hunt area is divided into 4 zones within the RC860 registration hunt area and the quota is further allocated within these zones.

The majority of Zones 1 and 4 encompass a hunting area with a low-density moose population. This population could be negatively impacted if the presence of caribou attracted a high number of hunters during the 1–15 September moose season. Therefore, zones 1 and 4 will be closed during this period and will reopen on 16 September. In recent years, the RC860 harvest quota has been met for zones 1 and 4 by the end of August, but this year the quota has not been met so this temporary closure is necessary. The state caribou hunting season (RC860) will remain open in Zones 2 and 3 until zone specific quotas are met.

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Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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