

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No. 03-06-13**

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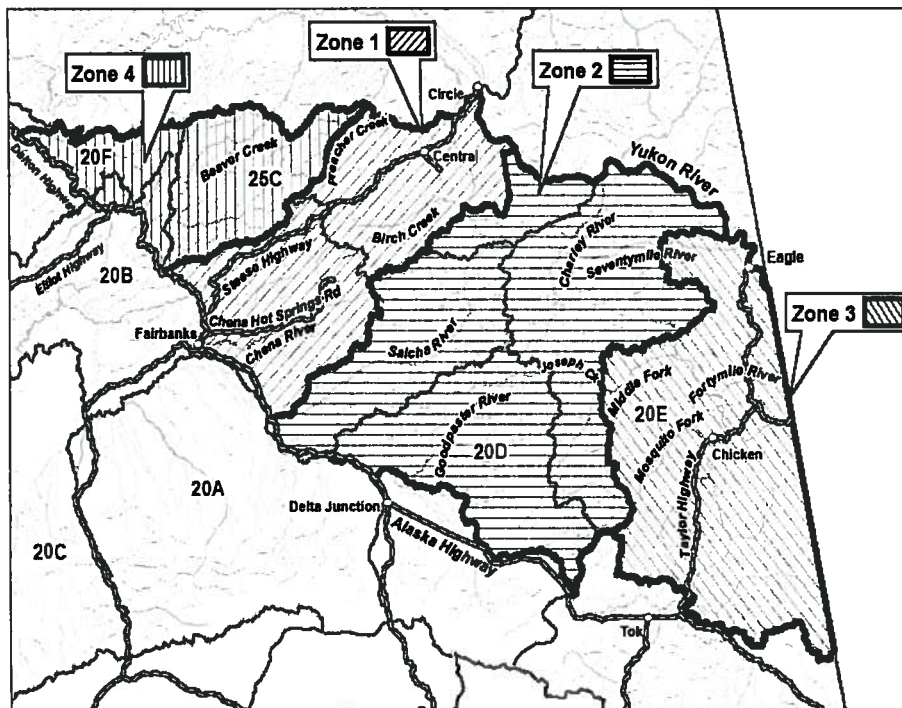
**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
September 2, 2013

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2014  
unless superseded by subsequent  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 in northwestern Game Management Unit 20B and central Unit 25C. Zone 1 is accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road.

Zones 2 and 4 remain open in other portions of Unit 20B, Unit 20D north of the Tanana River, and in a portion of Units 20E and 25C. Zone 3 in the portions of Unit 20E accessible from the Taylor Highway was closed previously. 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the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), **HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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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.

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only, or

Aug. 10–Sept. 30

**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

**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

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Remainder of Unit 20(B)

1 bull

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

Dec. 1–Mar. 31  
(General Hunt Only)

(Season to be announced  
by emergency order)

**Nonresident  
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 10–Sept. 30  
Dec. 1–Mar. 31  
(General Hunt Only)

(Season to be announced  
by emergency order)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Aug. 10–Sept. 20  
(General hunt only)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

**Units and Bag Limits**

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

**Nonresident  
Open Season**

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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 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. 30  
Dec. 1-Mar. 31  
(General Hunt Only)

**Units and Bag Limits**

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)**  
(Season to be announced  
by emergency order)

**Nonresident  
Open Season**

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

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;  
or

Aug. 10–Sept. 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 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% 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 Zones 1 and 4 is 225 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou were plentiful in parts Zone 1 during the first 5 days of the RC860 season, and we expect the harvest to be close to the quota by the date and time of closure. Hunting remains open in Zone 4, where access is more difficult, few Fortymile caribou are present, and hunting pressure is low.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

Jeffrey A. Gross  
Area Biologist

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