

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-4-23

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
August 21, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
August 25, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska fall hunting season for Macomb caribou by Registration Permit Hunt RC835 in Unit 12, west of the Glenn Highway (Tok Cutoff) and south of the Alaska Highway, excluding the Tok River drainage, and in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River and east of the east bank of Jarvis Creek.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(7)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou in portions of Game Management Units 12 and 20D:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(7)		
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Unit 12, that portion west of the Glenn Highway (Tok Cutoff) and south of the Alaska Highway, excluding the Tok River drainage		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Aug. 25	No open season.
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Units and Bag Limits (15)	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 20(D), that portion south of the
Tanana River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Aug 25

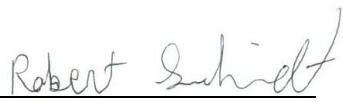
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 12 and 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Robert Schmidt
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A recent decline in the population size of the Macomb caribou herd has resulted in a reduced quota of 30 bull caribou for the fall hunt in 2023. A portion of the registration hunt area is within the Delta Control Use Area which prohibits the use of motorized vehicles for hunting during August 5th–25th. This emergency order closes the RC835 hunt prior to when motorized vehicles are allowed for hunting to prevent overharvest and ensure conservation of the herd.

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