Hunting and Trapping **Emergency Order** Alaska Department

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-05-13

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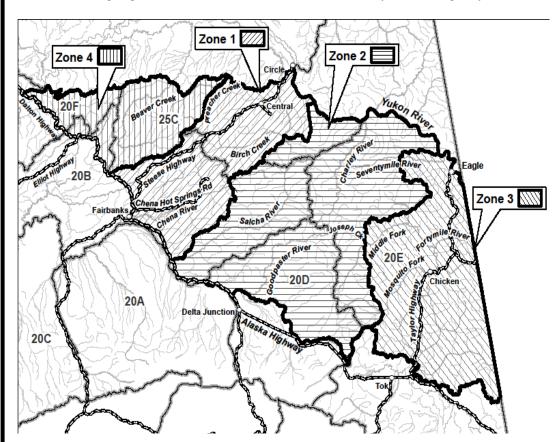
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EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 3 in Game Management Unit 20E, areas accessible from the Taylor Highway.

Zones 1, 2, and 4 remain open in Units 25C, 20B, 20D, 20F and part of Unit 20E. 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025(a)(15) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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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 HUNTERS:

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

1 caribou by registration permit only, during a season for up to three days that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during the period Oct. 20–Nov. 30; or

Aug. 10-Sept. 30 Dec. 1-Mar. 31

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

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

Nonresident Open Season

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

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

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29-Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only; Aug. 29-Aug. 30 Dec. 1-Mar. 31

1 caribou by registration permit only, during a season for up to three days that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area

during the period Oct. 20-Nov. 30; or

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

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-Aug. 30

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 Zone 3, which is accessible from the Taylor Highway, is 340 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou have been plentiful in Zone 3 during the first 2 days of the RC860 season, resulting in potential for overharvest. We expect the harvest quota for Zone 3 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 3 of the RC860 hunt area.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

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