Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Department

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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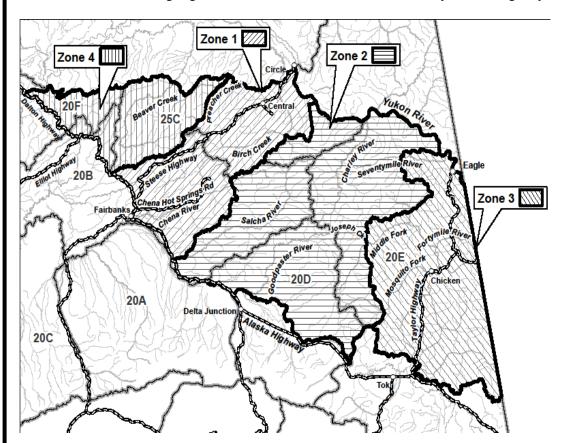
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emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunts for the Fortymile Caribou Herd are divided into a fall and winter season. This emergency order closes the winter season, hunt RC867, in all four Fortymile Caribou Herd hunt zones in Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F and 25C.

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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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)		
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		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Sept. 2	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		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10-Sept. 20	Aug. 10-Sept. 20
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, and Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10-Sept. 20	Aug. 10-Sept. 20

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Remainder of Unit 20(B)		
1 bull	Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (General hunt only)	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10-Sept. 20	Aug. 10-Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Aug. 30	Aug. 29–Aug. 30
(20)		

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	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Sept. 2	Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Remainder of Unit 25(C)		
1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10-Sept. 20	Aug. 10-Sept. 20

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. This year's quota is 1,000 caribou: 750 bulls in the fall and 250 caribou during the RC867 winter hunt. Total harvest in fall 2013 was 1,200 caribou. Therefore, the annual quota was exceeded and no harvest of Fortymile caribou under the RC867 State of Alaska winter season is warranted in the entire Fortymile caribou hunt area.

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