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Advisory Announcement

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Two-Day Caribou Season to Open along Taylor Highway

The State of Alaska winter hunting season for Fortymile caribou under Registration Hunt RC857 will open on lands accessible from the Taylor Highway in Unit 20E (all of Zone 3), for two days beginning at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. The hunt will close Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. Permits are now available in person at vendors in Eagle and Tok and at the Tok Fish and Game office.

This two-day hunt is intended to provide opportunity to hunt caribou along the Taylor Highway in years when fall harvest in Zone 3 is low and caribou are present in the zone during late October or November. The fall harvest in Zone 3 along the Taylor Highway was only 119 caribou. This weekend's hunt is intended to provide a harvest of around 30 caribou.

This short season is a provision of the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan that was included to provide harvest opportunity that would not otherwise be possible. The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd.

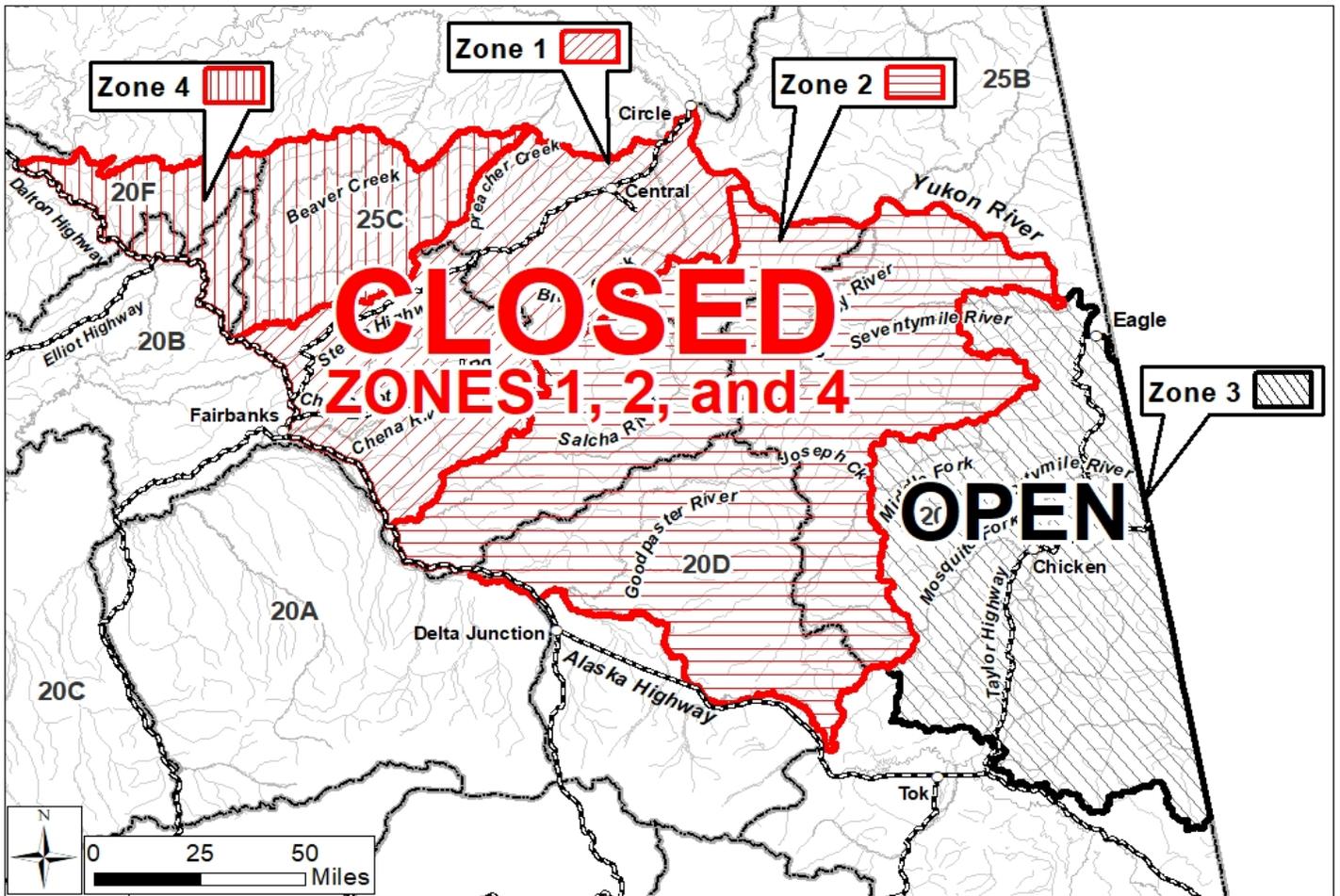
"Fall harvest in Zone 3 was low this year and we currently have caribou moving through the zone headed for Yukon, Canada," said Tok Area Biologist Jeff Gross. "We have the criteria needed to open this two-day hunt in Zone 3."

These changes only apply to state caribou hunts in these areas. The federal caribou hunt on federal lands is not affected by these changes. Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456.

The Taylor Highway is not maintained after Oct. 1 and is often snowed in and impassable by highway vehicles by November. Hunters should be prepared for severe winter conditions.

Successful hunters must report within three days of the kill on the internet at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or in person or by phone to the ADF&G office in Tok (883-2971). Hunters who report by phone must also mail their permit reports or drop them off to the Tok ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Tok office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> within 15 days of the close of the season.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports or to mail them by delivery confirmation receipt. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or Tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.



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