Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-02-20

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
March 17, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
March 21, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M.
June 30, 2020
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State targeted permit hunt AC999 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order opens all 4 zones of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area for Alaska residents. Residents interested in participating are encouraged to apply for a permit through the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website during March 17th-19th. Hunters that have harvested a caribou since July 1, 2019 are not eligible for this hunt. There will be 400 permits issued and hunters that harvest a caribou are required to report within 3 days of harvest. Hunters that do not harvest a caribou are required to report within 15 days of close of season. This hunt will open on March 21st at 12:01 A.M. and close March 31st at 11:59 P.M.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25C 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

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Unit 20(B) and 20(F), those portion south of the Yukon River, and north and east of a line formed by the Richardson Highway from the Unit 20(D) boundary to its intersection with the Steese Highway, north along the Steese Highway to its intersection with the Elliot Highway, then northwest along the Elliot Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then north along the Dalton Highway to the Yukon River, and Unit 20(D) that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 caribou by targeted permit only  
Mar. 21 – Mar. 31

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Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 caribou by targeted permit only  
Mar. 21 – Mar. 31
Units and Bag Limits

(20)
Unit 25(C)

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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 concurred with the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2019 through 2023. This plan was developed in partnership with Canada’s Yukon Department of Environment as a way to co-manage a shared resource. Typically, the annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. Given certain herd metrics that we have collected throughout the year, there is indication that we can allow for more harvest this winter. Fortymile caribou are accessible in Zones 1 and 4 and scattered throughout zones 2 and 3. This targeted hunt will be open for 10 days.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist

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