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Winter Fortymile Caribou Harvest Quota Announced

(Fairbanks) –The winter State of Alaska Fortymile Registration Hunt (RC867) will open as scheduled on October 27, 2022 in all hunt zones, with a bag limit of 1 caribou of either-sex.

The winter harvest quota is set at 415 caribou, with up to 200 cows. The quota includes the winter hunt quota of 300 established after summer surveys, plus 115 caribou left over from the fall quota. Although the season will begin with an either-sex bag limit, if the cow quota of 200 is reached before the end of the hunt the bag limit will be changed by emergency order to bulls only. Hunters are encouraged to harvest a bull to avoid reaching the cow quota early. The winter harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the RC867 registration hunt area. The winter combined quota for Zones 1 and 4, accessible from the Steese Highway, is 250 caribou and the Taylor Highway (Zone 3) quota is 165. This winter’s harvest quota is in addition to the reported fall harvest of 785 bulls for an overall annual herd harvest quota of 1,200, including up to 200 cows.

Zones and seasons may be closed early to keep the harvest within the harvest quota. Hunters are advised to call the Fortymile Caribou Hotline at 907-267-2310 before departing for the field to obtain the most current information on status of the hunt including zone closures.

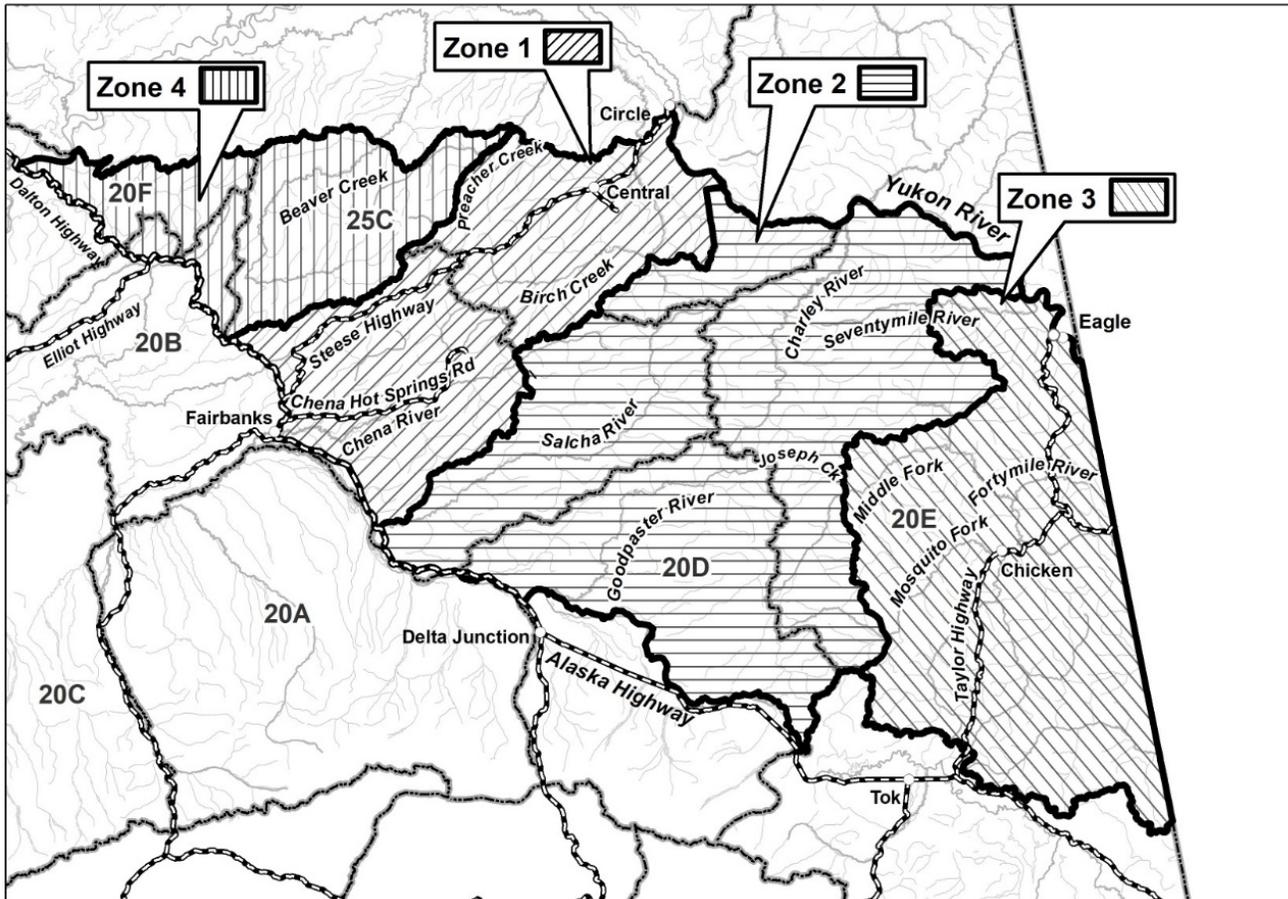
If a hunter already harvested a caribou in the fall Fortymile caribou hunt (RC860) or another hunt area in Alaska since July 1, 2022 they are ineligible to harvest a caribou in the winter Fortymile hunt (RC867). Hunters with questions about harvesting multiple caribou in Alaska can refer to the 2022–2023 State of Alaska Hunting Regulations or contact the department for further clarification before heading to the field.

“Caribou are currently scattered throughout the western and central portions of the herd’s range,” said Fortymile caribou manager, Jeff Gross. “Although the season will begin with an either-sex bag limit, we are encouraging hunters to harvest a bull to avoid reaching the cow quota early and having to change the bag limit to bulls only mid-season.” The season is scheduled to be open through March 31.

Permits are currently available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Tok, Delta Junction, Eagle, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage and Central.

Successful hunters must bring a 4-inch section of the lower jaw, with front teeth of harvested caribou to an ADF&G office in Tok, Delta Junction, or Fairbanks and 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 by April 15. 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 eligible to receive any permits (Draw, Targeted, Tier II, or Registration, including Tier I Nelchina caribou) during the next regulatory year, and may be cited.

These seasons and bag limits only apply to state caribou hunts in these areas. Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call (800) 478-1456.



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