

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No. R3-14-24**

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
November 20, 2024

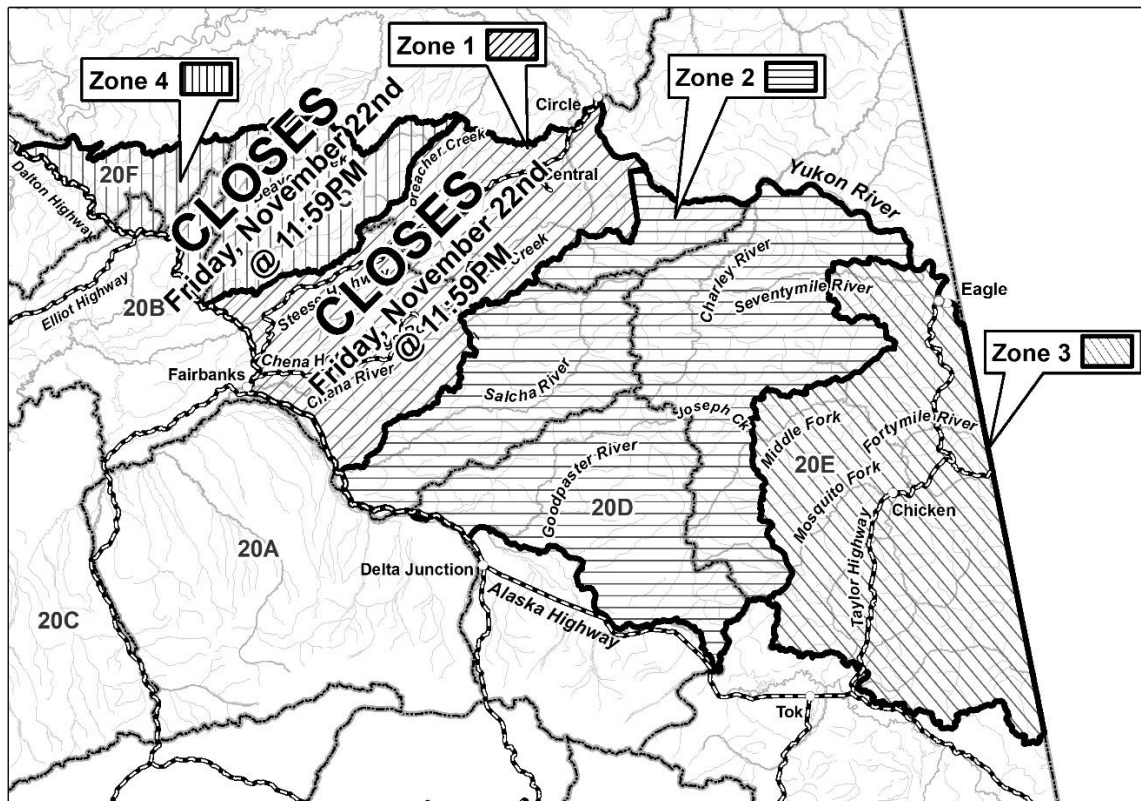
**Effective Date:** 11:59 P.M.  
November 22, 2024

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2025  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

State registration permit hunt RC867 and targeted permit hunt AC999 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes the RC867 hunt in Zones 1 and 4 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20F, and 25C and opens the AC999 hunt in Zones 1 and 4.

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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(15)		
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Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions 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, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; up to 30 permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Aug. 11- Aug. 16	
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–Nov. 22	
1 bull by targeted permit only	Dec. 1–Mar. 31	
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<b>Units and Bag Limits (20)</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 25(C), excluding that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and excluding that portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; up to 30 total permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 11- Aug. 16	
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–Nov. 22	
1 bull by targeted permit only	Dec. 1–Mar. 31	
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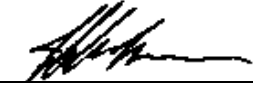
All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The winter harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the Fortymile caribou hunt area, each with its own quota. The winter 2024 combined quota for Zones 1 and 4 is 95 caribou. As a conservation measure to avoid over harvest of large numbers of caribou currently approaching the Steese Highway, the winter registration hunt (RC867) in Zones 1 and 4 will be closed on November 22, 2024. The winter targeted hunt (AC999) in Zones 1 and 4 will open on December 1, 2024, the number of permits to be issued will be determined after all harvest has been reported for the winter hunt in Zones 1 and 4, and winners will be emailed directly. The targeted hunt will provide opportunity to harvest any remaining Zone 1 and 4 quota not taken during the RC867 hunt. The state caribou hunting season (RC867) remains open in Zones 2 and 3.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeffrey A. Gross  
Area Biologist