

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** R3-1-26

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
January 7, 2026

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
January 7, 2026

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2026  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the caribou season in southern Unit 25B, because there is no Fortymile Caribou Herd harvest allocated to Unit 25B.

Some of the Fortymile Caribou Herd made a movement north of the Yukon River into southern Unit 25B, prompting a closure of the caribou season in a portion of Unit 25B. Harvest management of the Fortymile Caribou Herd is guided by the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan). This harvest plan allocates all available Fortymile Herd harvest to a hunt area south of the Yukon River in portions of Units 20B, 20D, 20F and 25C and all of Unit 20E. Currently there is no Fortymile Caribou Herd harvest allocated to Unit 25B.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 25 are affected by this emergency order.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season

(20)

Unit 25(B), those drainages flowing  
into the Yukon River upstream from  
and including Fourteenmile Creek

**Units and Bag Limits****RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

10 caribou

**Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)**

July 1–Jan. 7

**Nonresident  
Open Season****NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

2 bulls

Aug. 1–Sept.30

Units 25(A), Unit 25(B)  
remainder, and Unit 25(D),  
excluding the drainage of the west  
fork of the Dall River west of 150°  
W. Long.

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

10 caribou

July 1–Apr. 30

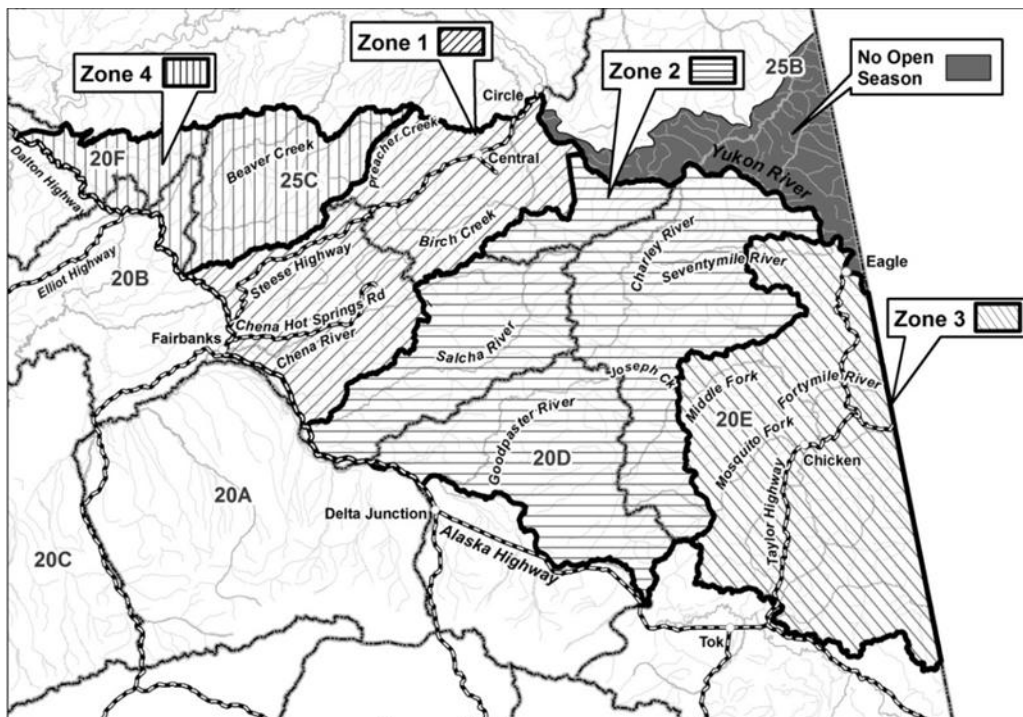
**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

2 bulls

Aug. 1–Sept. 30

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No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 25 are affected by this emergency order.



**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd. The harvest plan allocates all available Fortymile Herd harvest to a hunt area south of the Yukon River in portions of Units 20B, 20D and 25C and all of Unit 20E. Currently there is no Fortymile Caribou Herd harvest allocated to Unit 25B. Seasons and bag limits in Unit 25B are in place to provide opportunity for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and there are currently no Porcupine Caribou within the portion of Unit 25B that will be closed, so hunting opportunity for Porcupine Caribou will not be impacted.

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Commissioner

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

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