

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R3-10-26

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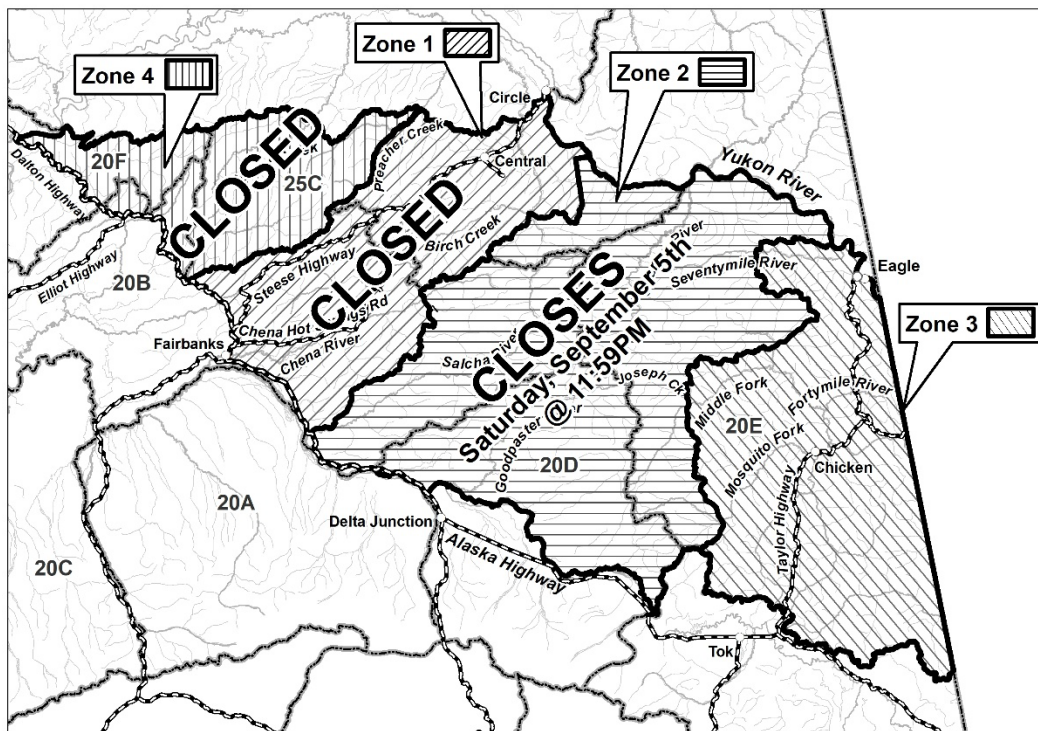
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
September 5, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 PM
June 30, 2027 unless by
superseded subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 2 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E and 25C.

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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Units 20(B), those portions south and east of the Steese Highway within the middle fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage, and Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Aug. 10- Sept. 5	
1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–March 31	
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10- Sept. 5
...		

Units and Bag Limits

Units 20(E), those portions that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, and the drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile and Yukon Rivers.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Aug. 10- Sept. 5

1 caribou by registration permit only

Oct. 27–March 31

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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10- Sept. 5

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Unit 25(C), 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 bull by registration permit only, or

Aug. 10- Sept. 5

1 caribou by registration permit only

Oct. 27–March 31

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

**Nonresident
Open Season**

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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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 fall harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the RC860 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The fall 2026 quota for Zone 2 is 100 caribou. Fortymile caribou harvest in Zone 2 has been consistent since the season opened on August 10, and we expect the harvest quota for this zone to be reached by the date and time of closure. No further fall harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in Zone 2 of the RC860 hunt area.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

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