Hunting and Trapping
Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-17-26

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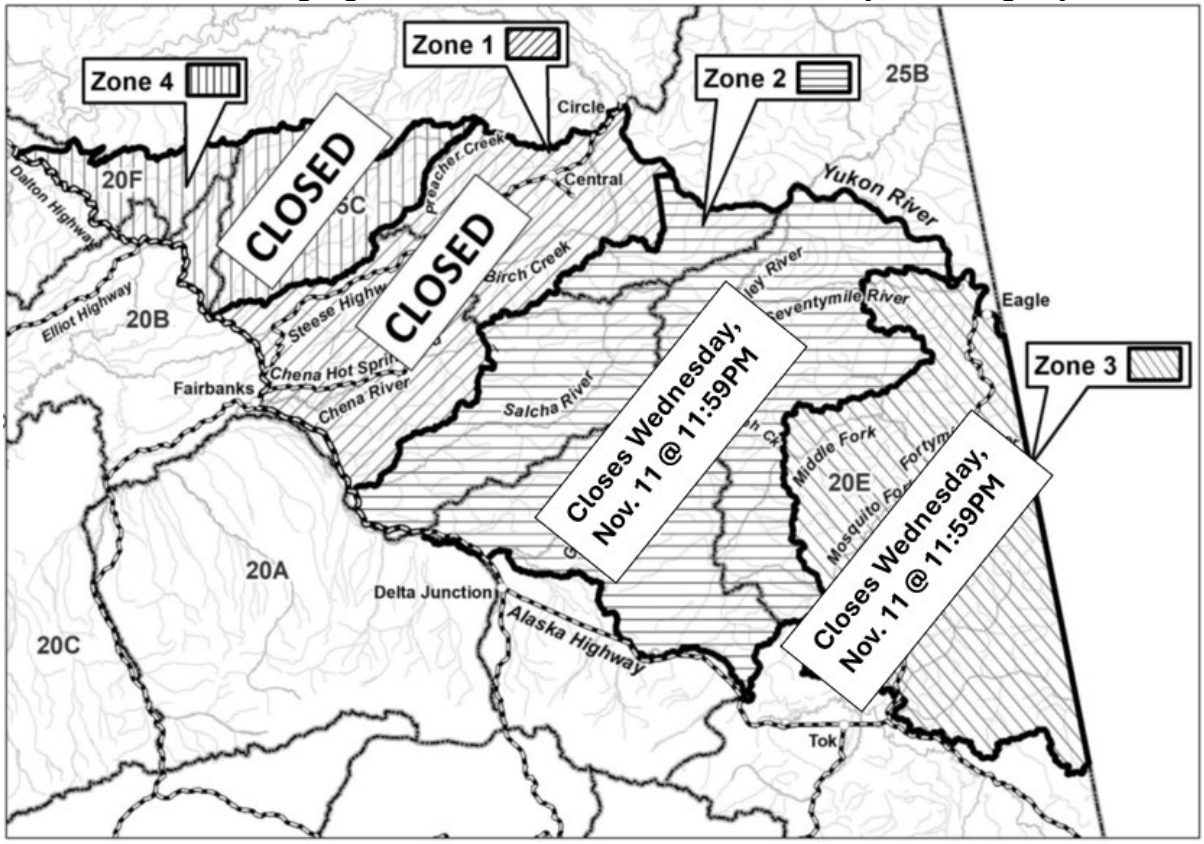
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
November 11, 2026

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC867 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zones 2 and 3 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Unit 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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
(15)		
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–Nov. 11	
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Unit 20(E), 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,	Aug. 10–Sept. 5	
1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Oct. 27–Nov. 11	

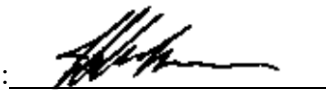
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Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only,	Aug. 20–Sept. 30	
1 bull by registration permit only	Oct. 27–Nov. 11	
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Unit 25(C), that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and 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–Nov. 11	
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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 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 RC867 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The winter 2026 quota for Zone 3 is 60 caribou. Harvest in Zone 2 (roadless portion of the hunt area) is taken from the overall winter quota. Harvest has been steady in Zone 3 during the first 2-weeks if the winter season, and we expect the harvest quota for Zone 3 to be reached by the date and time of closure. Zone 2 will close at the same date and time as Zone 3, because the overall winter quota is expected to be met by the time of the Zone 3 closure. No further winter harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in Zones 2 and 3 of the RC867 hunt area.

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By delegation to: 

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