

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-09-11

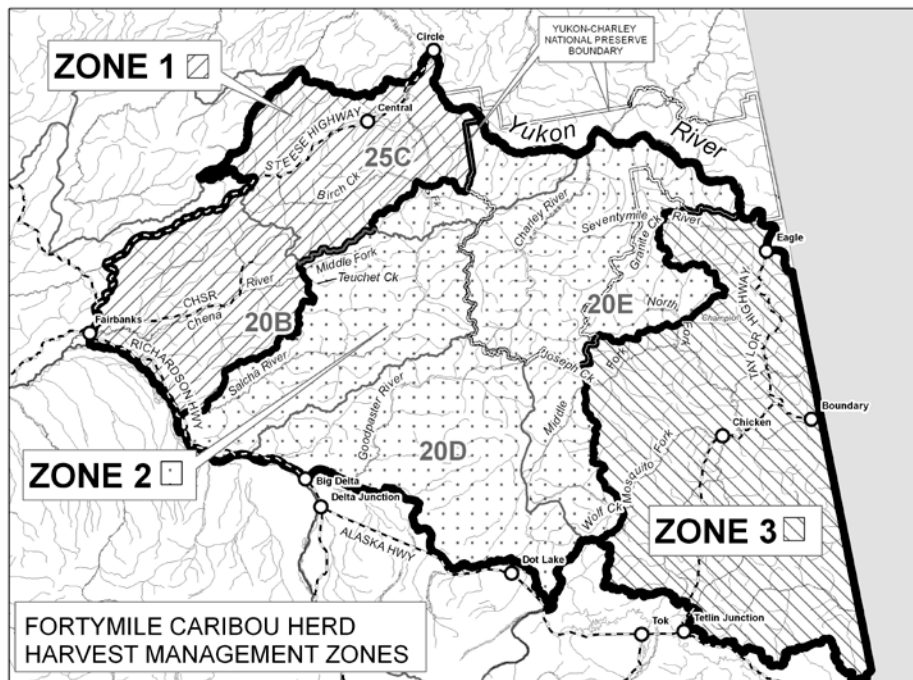
Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
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unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 3 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 1 and 3 in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20E and 25C. Zone 1 is accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road and Zone 3 is accessible from the Taylor highway and extends east to the Canadian border. Zone 2 remains open in southern Unit 25C, western Unit 20B, Unit 20D north of the Tanana River and northwestern Unit 20E. No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 or 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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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Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, except the Middle Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Sept. 2 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Unit 20(B), that portion within the Middle Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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 of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the 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, all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(E)	Aug. 29–Sept. 2 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (Winter season to be announced)	Aug. 29–Sept. 2
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only 1 caribou by registration permit only during a winter season of up to 3 days between Oct. 20 and Nov. 30 to be announced by emergency order	Aug. 29–Sept. 2 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (Winter season to be announced)	Aug. 29–Sept. 2
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Sept. 2
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Units and Bag Limits (20)	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 25(C), those portions west of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then west of the east bank of American Creek		
1 caribou per regulatory year, only as follows:		
1 bull; or	Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (General hunt only)	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 100 caribou may be taken	Dec. 1–Mar. 31 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1–Mar. 31
Unit 25(C), that portion draining into the South Fork of Birch Creek and the portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 25(C)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Sept. 2 Dec. 1–Feb. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Sept. 2
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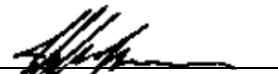
All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2006 through 2012. 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 2011 quota in Zone 1, which is accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road in Units 20B and 25C, is 225 bull caribou. The fall 2011 quota in Zone 3, which is accessible from the Taylor Highway in Unit 20E, is 340 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou were plentiful in Zones 1 and 3 during the first 5 days of the RC860 season, resulting in high harvest. We expect the harvest quotas for Zones 1 and 3 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 Zones 1 and 3 of the RC860 hunt area.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


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