

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

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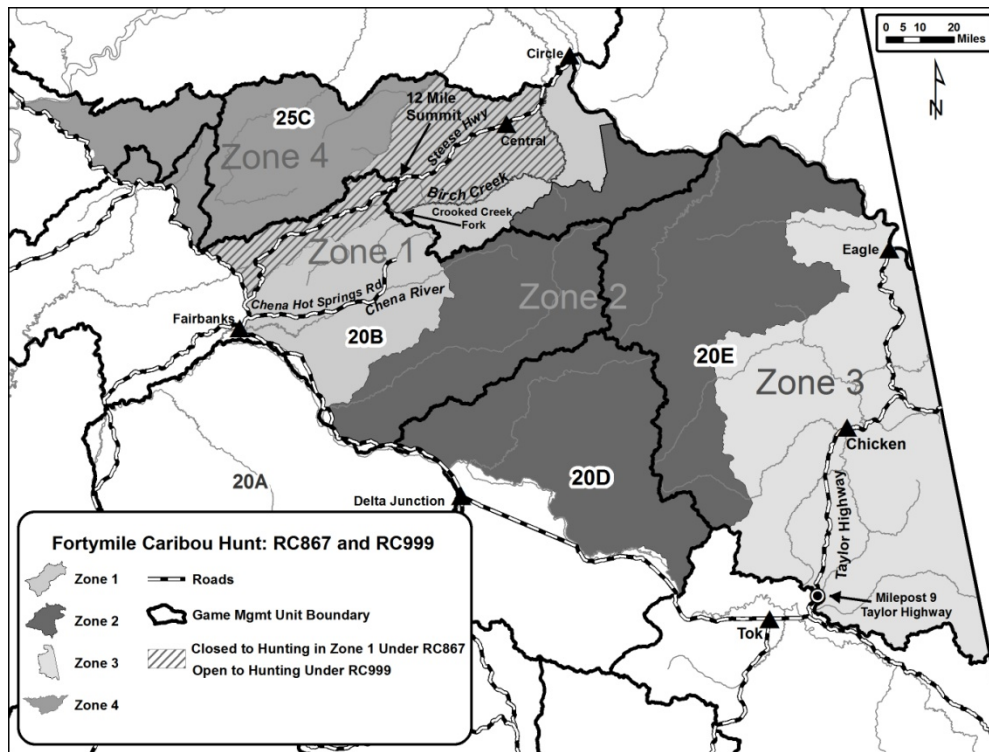
Expiration Date: June 30, 2013
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC867 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes the portion of zone 1 along the Steese Highway. Zone 1 is in central Game Management Unit 20B and central Unit 25C.

This emergency order also opens State registration permit hunt RC999 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd in the portion of zone 1 closed to RC867.

Portions of Zone 1, and all of Zones 2, 3, and 4 in Units 20, and 25C remain open. 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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 and Chatanika River drainages		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 29 Dec. 1–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29
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–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 20(B), that portion within the Chatanika River drainage		

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 29 (General Hunt Only)	
1 caribou by limited registration permit only	Dec. 10–Feb. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29
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Unit 20(B) and Unit 20(F) those portions north and west of the Steese Highway, north and east of the Elliot Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then east of the Dalton Highway and south of the Yukon River, excluding the Chatanika River drainage		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Units and Bag Limits

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
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
1 caribou by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
1 caribou by registration permit only

Aug. 29–Sept. 2
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29–Sept. 2

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Unit 25(C), that portion west of the east bank of the main stem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then west of the east bank of American Creek

Units and Bag Limits**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only

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

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

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

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Unit 25(C), that portion within the
drainage of South Fork Birch Creek
and that 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–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Unit 25(C), those portions south
and east of the main stem of Birch
Creek upstream to its confluence
with Crooked Creek Fork, then
south of the main stem of Crooked
Creek Fork, excluding 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. 29
Dec. 1–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

Remainder of Unit 25(C)**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by limited registration permit
only

Aug. 29
Dec. 10–Feb. 28

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

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 from 2006 through 2012. The annual harvest quota for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25%, plus any surplus from the fall quota, to the winter hunt. This winter's harvest quota is 250 caribou. The winter quota is divided between the 2 road-accessible portions of the hunt area, the Steese Highway–Chena Hot Springs area in Units 20B and 25C (zone 1) and the Taylor Highway area in Unit 20E (zone 3). Sixty percent of the harvest quota is allocated to the road-accessible zone with the most caribou within reach of hunters immediately prior to the season opening. The quota for zones 1, 2 and 4 combined is 150 and the quota for zone 2 is 100.

Hunting of the Fortymile Caribou along the Steese Highway in the closed portion of Zone 1 will be allowed under a new limited registration hunt RC999 which was approved by the Board of Game in March, 2012. Up to 30 caribou from the zone 1 winter quota of 150 animals can be taken in this hunt.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Jeffrey A. Gross

Area Biologist

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