

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R3-2-24

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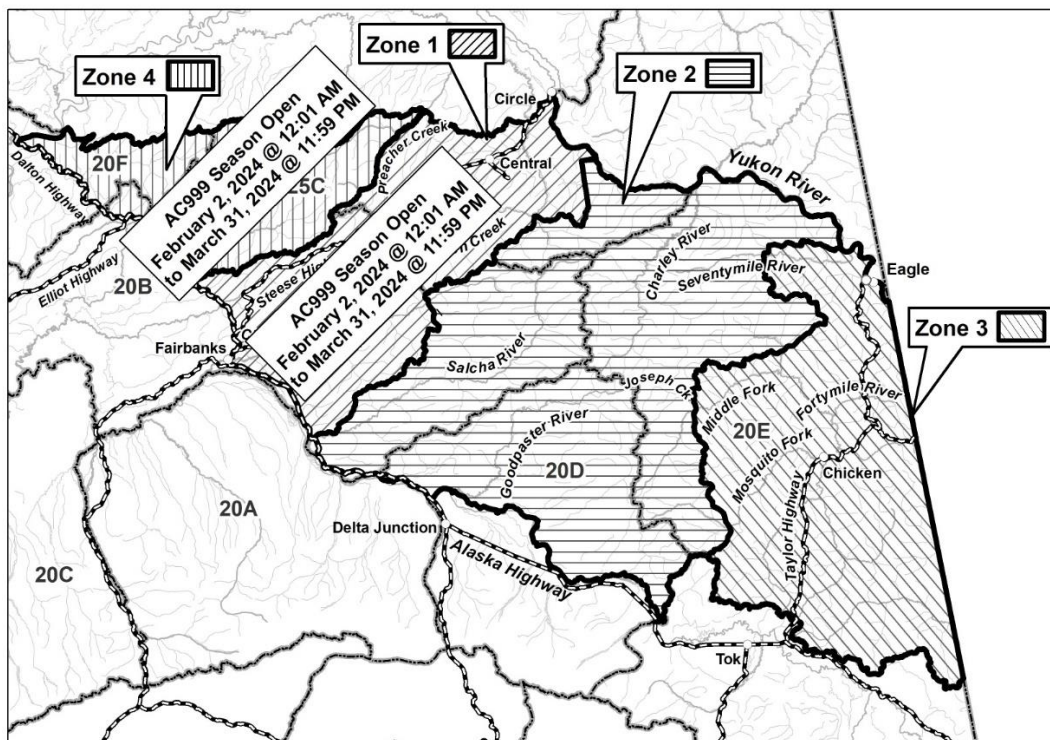
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
January 23, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State targeted permit hunt AC999 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order opens zones 1 and 4 zones of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20F, and 25C, for Alaska residents. There will be 125 AC999 permits issued and hunters that harvest a caribou are required to report within 3 days of harvest. Hunters that do not harvest a caribou are required to report within 15 days of close of season. This hunt will open on February 2nd at 12:01 A.M. and close March 31st at 11:59 P.M.

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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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 |
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| Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions south of the Yukon River, and north and east of a line formed by the Richardson Highway from the Unit 20(D) boundary to its intersection with the Steese Highway, north along the Steese Highway to its intersection with the Elliot Highway, then northwest along the Elliot Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then north along the Dalton Highway to the Yukon River, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage. | | |
| RESIDENT HUNTERS: | | |
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| 1 caribou by targeted permit only | Feb. 2–Mar. 31 | No Open Season |
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| (20) | | |
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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 25(C), excluding that portion within the drainage of the south fork of Birch Creek and excluding that portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve.

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General Hunts)**

Nonresident

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1 caribou by targeted permit only

Feb. 2–March 31

No 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 winter harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, each with its own quota. The winter 2023 combined quota for Zones 1 and 4 is 105 caribou. Fortymile caribou are accessible near the Steese highway in Zones 1 and 4. This targeted hunt will remain open until March 31, 2024.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:  _____

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