

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 03-05-18

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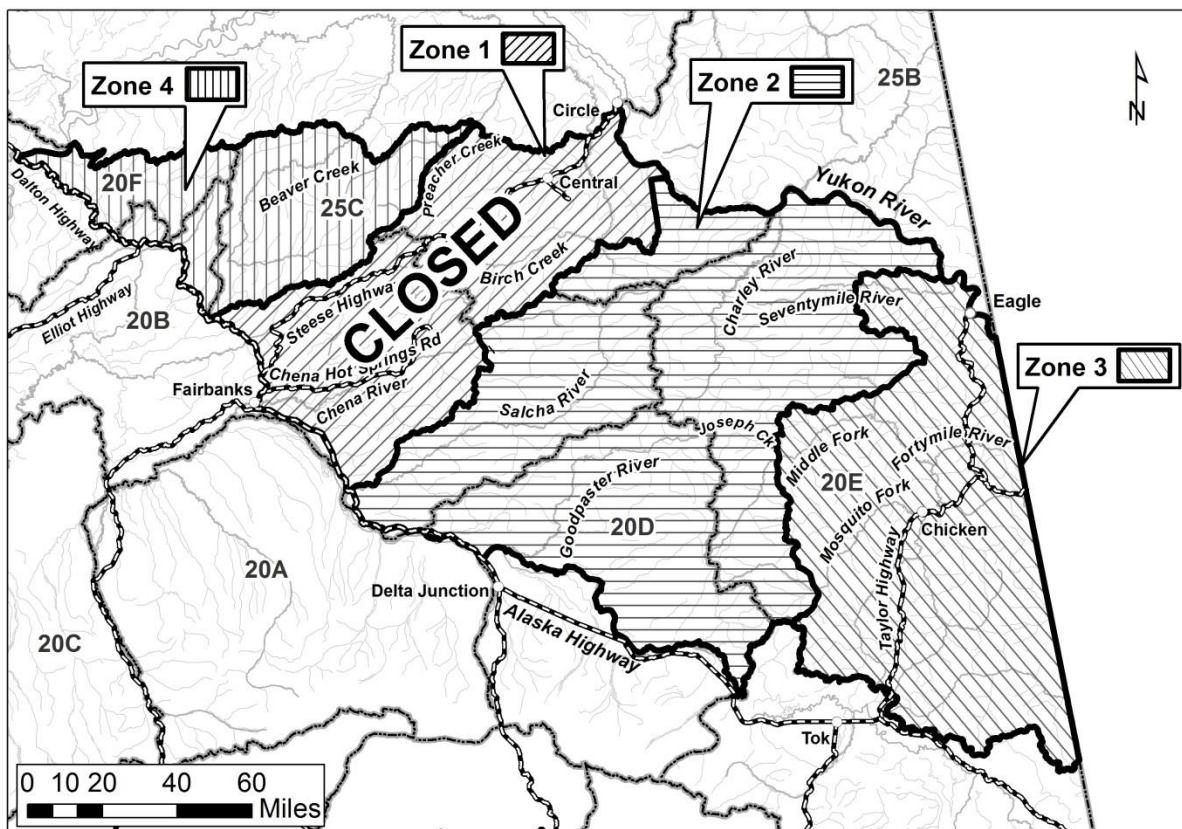
**Effective Date:** 11:59 P.M.  
August 14, 2018

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2019  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 1 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>  | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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| (15)   |   |                                    |
| ...  |   |                                    |
| Unit 20(B), that portion within the Chatanika River drainage north and west of the Steese Highway, and that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage. |   |                                    |
| <b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>   |   |                                    |
| 1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or  | Aug. 1–Aug. 21  |                                    |
| 1 bull by registration permit only, or<br>1 caribou by registration permit only; or  | Aug. 12–Aug. 14<br>Oct. 21–March 31                                     |                                    |
| 1 caribou by targeted permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during Dec. 1–Mar. 31   | (Season to be announced<br>by emergency order)                          |                                    |
| <b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b>  |   |                                    |
| 1 bull, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or  |   | Aug. 1–Aug. 21                     |
| 1 bull by registration permit only   |   | Aug. 12–Aug. 14                    |
| Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway within the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage.  |   |                                    |

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| RESIDENT HUNTERS:<br>1 bull by registration permit only, or<br>1 caribou by registration permit only  | Aug. 12–Sept. 30<br>Oct. 21–Mar. 31                                     |                                    |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:<br>1 bull by registration permit only  |   | Aug. 12–Sept. 30                   |
| Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions north and west of the Steese Highway, north and east of the Elliott 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:<br>1 bull by registration permit only, or<br>1 caribou by registration permit only  | Aug. 12–Sept. 30<br>Oct. 21–Mar. 31                                     |                                    |
| NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:<br>1 bull by registration permit only  |   | Aug. 12–Sept. 30                   |
| ...   |   |                                    |
| (20)  |   |                                    |
| ...   |   |                                    |
| Unit 25(C), that portion east of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then east of the east bank of American Creek, 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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| ...  |   |                                    |

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 2012 through 2018. 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 2018 quota in Zone 1 is 530 caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zone 1 and we expect the harvest quota for Zone 1 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 1 of the RC860 hunt area.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Area Biologist

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