

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-05-19

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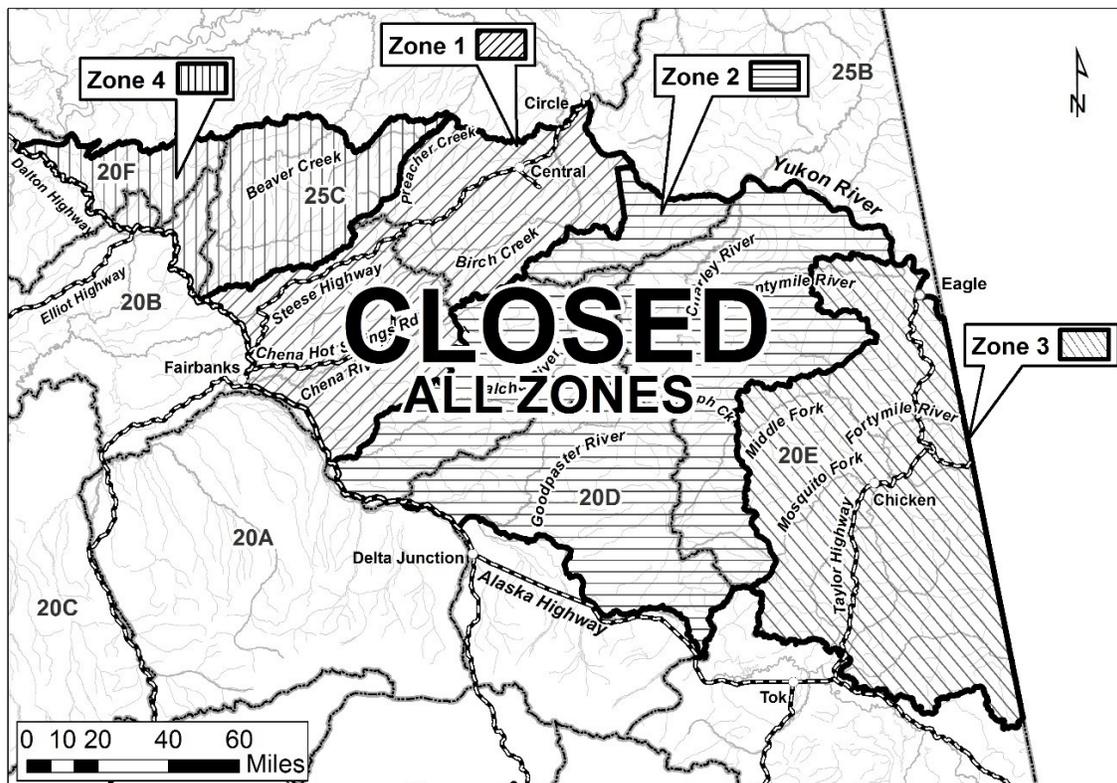
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
October 26, 2019

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC867 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 hunt zones and is scheduled to open on October 27, 2019. This emergency order cancels the RC867 state registration hunt for Fortymile Caribou in all zones, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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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.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 11–Aug. 15	
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 by emergency order)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 11–Aug. 15

Units and Bag Limits

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, and Unit 20D that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only, or Aug. 11–Sept. 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only Aug. 11–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:

1 caribou by registration permit only, or Aug. 11–Aug. 15

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only Aug. 11–Aug. 15

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
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(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

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RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 11–Sept. 30	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 11–Sept. 30
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
1 caribou by registration permit only, or	Aug. 11–Sept. 30	
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 by emergency order)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 11–Sept. 30
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(20)		
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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. The 2019–2020 annual harvest quota for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is 2,180 and is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. Unexpected high hunter participation and caribou numbers in Zones 1 and 4 during the first 5 days of the fall hunt combined with additional harvest allocated to Zones 2 and 3 resulted in the entire annual quota being taken during the fall hunt. No further harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in the RC867 hunt area.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


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