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Advisory Announcement

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Fortymile Caribou Hunt along the Steese Highway and White Mountains to Close September 1, 2022–September 15, 2022

(Tok, Alaska) – The State of Alaska fall registration hunt (RC860) for Fortymile caribou in Zone 1, accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road, and in Zone 4 (White Mountains) will close on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Zones 1 and 4 will reopen on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 12:01am. State hunting seasons for Fortymile caribou opened on August 10 in all zones.

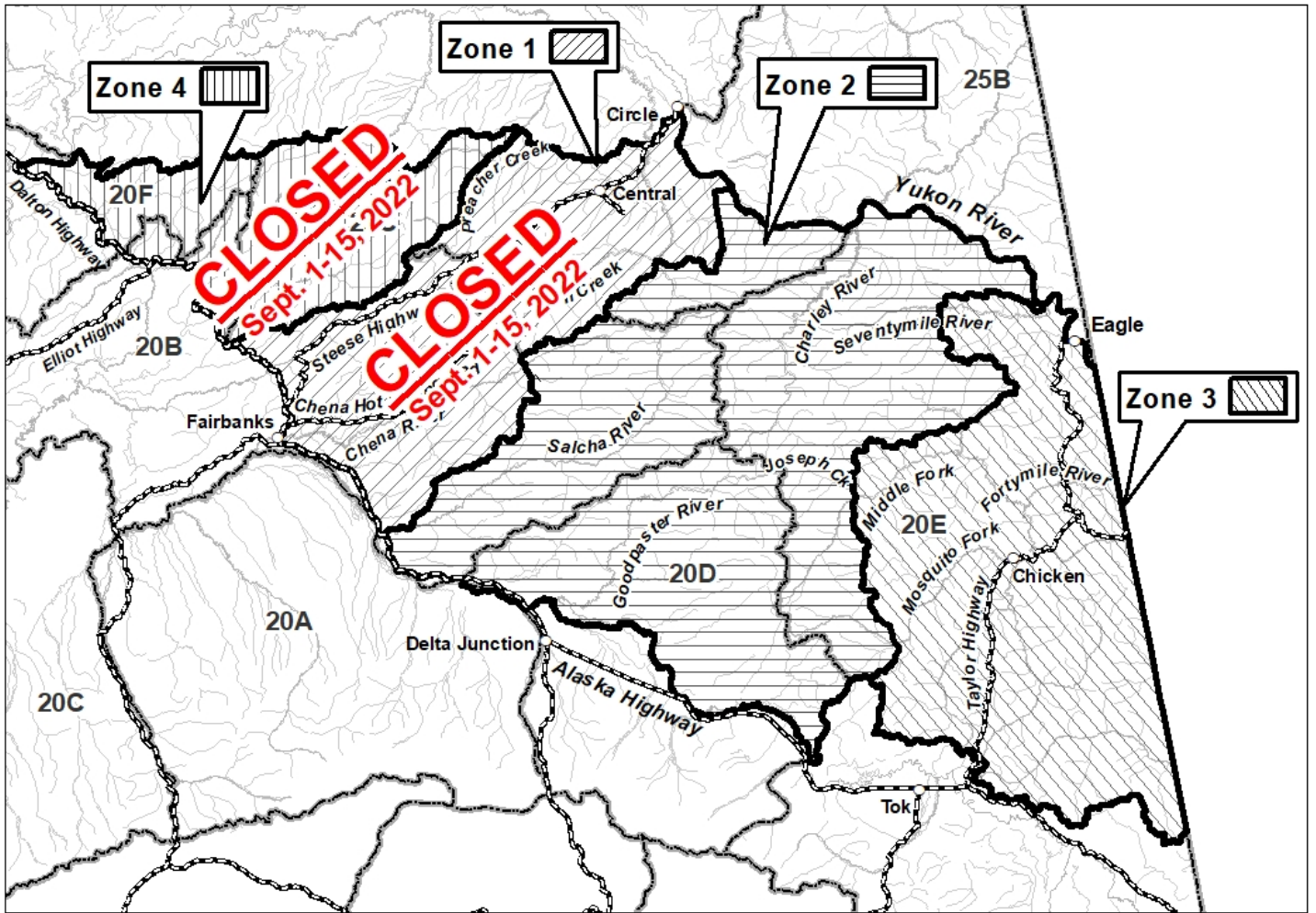
Zones 1 and 4 encompass areas with a low-density moose population. The moose population could be negatively impacted if the opportunity to hunt caribou attracted a high number of hunters during the 1–15 September moose season. Therefore, zones 1 and 4 will be closed during this period and will reopen on 16 September. In recent years, the RC860 harvest quota has been met for zones 1 and 4 by the end of August, but this year the quota has not been met so this temporary closure is necessary. The state caribou hunting season (RC860) is scheduled to remain open in Zones 2 and 3, although seasons may be closed in these zones to keep harvest within the harvest quota. ADF&G staff will be monitoring the caribou hunt carefully to minimize chances that the quota is exceeded.

The 2022 harvest quota for the Fortymile herd was set at 1,200 bulls, with a pre-season allocation of 900 to the fall hunt (RC860) and 300 to the winter hunt (RC867). Hunters are advised to call the Fortymile Caribou Hotline at 907-267-2310 before departing for the field to obtain the most current information on status of the hunt. Hunters must obtain the RC860 registration permit before hunting caribou in these areas.

These changes only apply to state caribou hunts in these areas. The federal caribou hunt on federal lands is not affected by these changes. Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call (800) 478-1456.

Successful hunters must report within three days of the kill online at (<http://hunt.alaska.gov>), by phone (883-2971), or in person at the ADF&G office in Tok. Hunters who report by phone must also mail their permit reports or drop them off to the Tok ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Tok office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> by October 15.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports or to mail them by delivery confirmation receipt. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.



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