

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-06-11

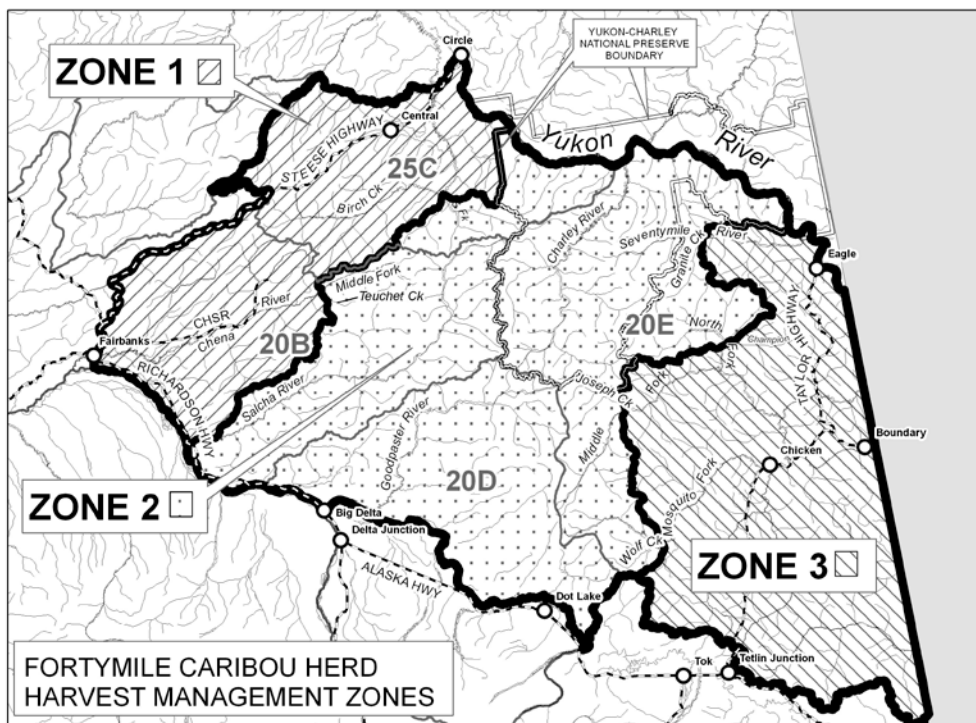
Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
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Effective Date: 12:01 AM
March 5, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2011
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reopens most of state caribou registration hunt RC867 (Fortymile Caribou Herd) in Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, and 25C. The hunt is divided into 3 zones. Zones 1, 2, and most of Zone 3 will open during March 5–31. The portion of Zone 3 south of milepost 60 on the Taylor Highway in Game Management Unit 20E will remain closed. All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not 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the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou: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 Chatanika River drainage, the Middle Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only

Aug. 29
Sept. 4–Sept. 30
Jan. 5–Feb. 28
Mar. 5–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29
Sept. 4– Sept. 20

Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway within the Chatanika River drainage,

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only

Aug. 29
Sept. 4–Sept. 30
Feb. 10–Feb. 11
Feb. 19–Feb. 28
Mar. 5–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29 Sept. 4–Sept. 20
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 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31 (General Hunt Only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
<p>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 of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River and that portion within the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage</p>	<p>Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31</p>	
<p>RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only</p>		
<p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only</p>		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
<p>Unit 20(E), that portion south of an east-west line that passes through milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway (64°00'01'' N. lat.), except the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage</p>		
<p>RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only</p>	Aug. 29–Sept. 30	
<p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only</p>		Aug. 29–Sept. 30

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 29–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Sept. 30
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Unit 25(C), those portions west of the east bank of the mainstem of Preacher Creek to its confluence with American Creek, then west of the east bank of American Creek		
1 caribou per regulatory year, only as follows:		
1 bull; or	Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (General hunt only)	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 100 caribou may be taken	Dec. 1–Mar. 31 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1–Mar. 31
Unit 25(C), that portion draining into the South Fork of Birch Creek and the portion within the Yukon–Charley Rivers National Preserve		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Unit 25(C), those portions south and east of the mainstem of Birch Creek upstream to its confluence with Crooked Creek Fork, then south of the mainstem 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 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 29 Sept. 4–Sept. 30 Jan. 5–Feb. 11 Feb. 19–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29 Sept. 4–Sept. 30
Remainder of Unit 25(C)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 29 Sept. 4–Sept. 30 Feb. 10–Feb 11 Feb. 19–Feb. 28 Mar. 5–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29 Sept. 4–Sept. 20

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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 340 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). The winter Fortymile caribou season in Zone 1 did not open on December 1 as scheduled because large numbers of caribou were close to the Steese Highway and the winter harvest quota would have been exceeded in a few hours. Portions or all of Zone 1 were variously opened to allow some hunting opportunity without exceeding the harvest quota, while Zone 2 and most of zone 3 remained open. However, the winter quota was not met for the entire hunt in all zones by the normal closing date of February 28. Therefore, most of hunt RC867 is being opened for hunting with a remaining harvest quota of 126 caribou. Only southern Zone 3 (south of milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway) will remain closed because large numbers of Nelchina Herd caribou are present and are at risk of being harvested under registration permit RC867, which is intended for Fortymile Herd caribou. No harvest of Nelchina caribou is allocated to Unit 20E. This hunt will remain open until March 31, unless closed sooner by emergency order because the remaining quota is reached.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


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