

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 03-09-13

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
September 27, 2013

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
September 28, 2013

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2014  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the caribou season in southern Unit 25B to prevent over harvest of the Fortymile Caribou Herd. The Fortymile Herd hunt area south of the Yukon River was closed earlier by Emergency Order.

The Fortymile Caribou Herd made a sudden movement north of the Yukon River into southern Unit 25B, prompting a closure of the caribou season in a portion of Unit 25B. Harvest management of the Fortymile Caribou Herd is guided by the 2012–2018 Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan). This harvest plan allocates all available Fortymile Herd harvest to a hunt area south of the Yukon River in portions of Units 20B, 20D and 25C and all of Unit 20E. Currently there is no Fortymile Caribou Herd harvest allocated to Unit 25B.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 25 are affected by this emergency order.

## REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 25(B), those drainages flowing into the Yukon River upstream from and including Fourteenmile Creek

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 10 caribou	July 1–Sept. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 2 bulls		Aug. 1–Sept. 28
Units 25(A), those portions east of the east bank of the East Fork Chandalar River extending from its confluence with the Chandalar River upstream to Gilbeau Pass, Unit 25(B) remainder, and Unit 25(D), excluding the drainage of the west fork of the Dall River west of 150° W. Long.		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 10 caribou	July 1–Apr. 30	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 2 bulls		Aug. 1–Sept. 30
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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

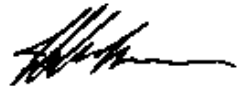
### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Fortymile Caribou Herd has made a sudden movement north of the Yukon River into southern Unit 25B where the caribou season remains open with a bag limit of 10 caribou. The caribou hunting season is being closed in southern Unit 25B to prevent over harvest of the Fortymile herd.

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The harvest plan allocates all available Fortymile Herd harvest to a hunt area south of the Yukon River in portions of Units 20B, 20D and 25C and all of Unit 20E.

The fall 2013 Fortymile Herd quota is 750 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou were plentiful in the hunt area south of the Yukon River during the fall hunt and the fall quota has been met. No further fall harvest of the herd is warranted.

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By delegation to: 

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