

# Fortymile Harvest Management Coalition Meeting

Pike's Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

27-28 February 2025

## **DAY 1 – Thursday, Feb 27**

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| 8:30–9:00   | Coffee & Getting Settled  |
| 9:00–9:45   | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introductions (Cathie Harms, Facilitator/Jason Caikoski, ADF&amp;G)</li><li>▪ Purpose of meeting (Jason Caikoski, ADF&amp;G)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overview of primary intent of the state</li><li>○ Makeup of the HMC for this revision</li></ul></li><li>▪ Ground rules, process of revising the plan (Cathie Harms)</li><li>▪ Approve/amend agenda (Cathie Harms)</li><li>▪ Review of Fortymile Herd Planning 1995, 2001, 2006, 2012 and 2019 (Jeff Gross, ADF&amp;G)</li><li>▪ Q&amp;A from HMC</li></ul> |
| 9:45–10:30  | <p>Fortymile Herd status (Torsten Bentzen, ADF&amp;G)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fortymile Research<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Population, Nutrition, Habitat, Range</li></ul></li><li>▪ 2025–2026 Harvest Quota Scenarios – effects on bull:cow ratios</li></ul>  |
| 10:30–10:45 | Break   |
| 10:45–11:30 | <p>Continue Fortymile Herd status (Population, Nutrition, Habitat, Range)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Q&amp;A from HMC</li></ul>  |
| 11:30–NOON  | <p>Effects of hunting pressure on the spatial dynamics of a subarctic caribou herd. (Jeff Wells – M.S. Thesis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Presentation</li><li>▪ Q&amp;A from HMC</li></ul>  |
| NOON–1:30   | Lunch   |
| 1:30–2:30   | <p>Yukon Perspective (Mike Sutor, Yukon Department of Environment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fortymile Harvest Management in Yukon<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Yukon Fortymile Harvest Management Plan</li><li>○ Summary of Yukon hunting (Mike Sutor, YDE)</li></ul></li><li>▪ Fortymile Population Modeling and Research Plans (Mike Sutor)</li><li>▪ Yukon perspectives on the Fortymile Herd Management</li><li>▪ Q&amp;A from HMC</li></ul>   |
| 2:30–3:30   | <p>State Subsistence (Alida Trainor, ADF&amp;G, Subsistence Division)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Application of the subsistence law during population declines</li><li>▪ Subsistence considerations for Fortymile herd harvest management during the next plan period</li><li>▪ Q&amp;A from HMC</li></ul>   |
| 3:30–3:45   | Break   |

- 3:45–5:30 Fortymile Caribou IM and Hunt Management in Alaska (Jeff Gross, ADF&G)
- IM Review
    - 2020-2025 UYTPCP IM Plan
  - Review of past Alaska Fortymile caribou hunts
  - Current Fortymile Hunt Structure/Strategies
  - Hunt management considerations for the revised plan (2025–???)
  - Q&A from HMC

## **DAY 2 – Friday, Feb 28**

- 8:30–8:45 Coffee & Getting Settled
- 8:45–9:00 Review of Day 1 (Cathie Harms)
- Ground Rules/Process Review
- 9:00–10:30 Begin discussions about 2025–2026 Hunting Season (Cathie Harms and HMC)
- Annual Herd Harvest Quota
  - Hunting season dates
  - Alaska Quota Allocations (Seasons and Zones)
  - Hunt management strategies
    - Road Crossings
      - EOs
      - Targeted Hunts
    - Timing of closure announcements and EOs
- 10:30–10:45 Break
- 10:45–NOON Continued discussions about 2025–2026 Hunting Season **OR** begin the process of revising the plan (Cathie Harms)
- Draft 2025 Plan (HMC) using 2019-2023 Plan as a template
- NOON–1:30 Lunch
- 1:30–3:00 Continue Drafting Plan (Cathie Harms and HMC)
- 3:00–3:15 Break
- 3:15–4:30 Continue Drafting Plan (Cathie Harms and HMC)
- 4:30–5:00 Wrap up business (Cathie Harms)
- Finish discussions as needed
  - Where do we go from here?
  - Set date for next meeting
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