

# Porcupine Caribou treaty hearings held

Migratory caribou will be the focus of public meetings to be held in mid-June. Originally scheduled for May, the meetings were postponed until June 16-20. They will be held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ft. Yukon, and Kaktovik by the U.S. Department of State in cooperation with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The meetings are part of a series of efforts to present material and gather information toward the formation of an agreement between the U.S. and Canada regarding migratory caribou.

The meetins will be held: Monday, June 16 at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, 1011 E. Tudor Road in Anchorage; Tuesday, June 17 in room 317 Duckering Hall, University

of Alaska, Fairbanks; Wednesday, June 18 in Ft. Yukon; and Thursday, June 19 in Kaktovik. All the meetings will be held from 1PM to 4PM.

The State Department officials will present a "Statement of Principles" which reflects current thinking regarding the development of an international migratory caribou agreement. The paper addresses the philosophy and some of the biological and political concerns of forming such an agreement. Public comments on the "Statement of Principles" are urged; the views of those commenting will be used by the Administration in preparation for negotiations with Canada in July.

These public meetins on the "Statement of Principles" should not be confused with a draft EIS currently circulating for comment which addresses

the international caribou treaty in depth. Comments on both documents will be used by the Administration in formulating a negotiating position with Canada, and comments on the EIS are required by June 17.

Written comments on the "Statement of Principles" will be accepted until July 1, 1980.

For information on the meetings, the "Statement of Principles", or the draft EIS, contact

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