

Caribou season

The Department of Fish and Game has recently closed the caribou season in portions of Game Management Unit 20, according to Mel Buckholtz, game biologist for the Fairbanks area.

Surveys just completed on the Delta caribou herd, which inhabits the North Slope of the Alaska Range between Delta and Healy, have indicated extremely poor calf production and survival. Any sport harvest of caribou this fall would result in a further reduction in the size of this herd.

The area which has been closed to caribou hunting affects only the Delta herd, and includes entire Unit 20A and that portion of Unit 20C east of the Nenana River. Popular hunting locations in the Yanert, Totatlanika, Wood, and Little Delta Rivers, as well as Delta Creek all lie within the closed area.

Hunters are reminded that the season remains open in the remainder of Unit 20 for the McKinley and Fortymile herds, and extends from Aug. 10-Sept. 20.