

Applications available for 'Tier II' subsistence hunts

JUNEAU — The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced recently that application forms for "Tier II" subsistence hunts are available at Fish and Game offices and at most locations where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Any Alaskan interested in participating in a "Tier II" hunt must fill out an application and submit it to the department by Sept. 14. Applications must be postmarked or received by this date.

"Tier II" hunts were created by the Alaska Board of Game at its July emergency meeting, in response to changes in the state's subsistence law, which make all Alaska residents potential subsistence users.

In cases where there is not enough game to ensure a reasonable opportunity for subsistence users, state law requires that these hunts be managed under "Tier II" criteria.

The criteria include "customary and direct dependence upon a fish stock or game population as the mainstay of one's livelihood," "local residency," and "availability of alternative

resources."

"Tier II" subsistence hunts are open only to residents of Alaska.

At its July meeting, the Board of Game determined that 13 hunts will be managed under "Tier II" regulations in the 1990-91 season. These include one caribou hunt in Game Management Unit 13; nine moose hunts in Unit 1(D), 13, 15(C), 16(B), 19, 20(B), 20(D), 20(F) and 25(D); two mountain goat hunts in 15(C); and three muskox hunts in 26(B) and 26(C).

Information regarding the exact location, dates, bag limits and harvest levels for these hunts is contained in the application forms.

Hunters 12 years or older must submit an application in order to be eligible for one of the hunts. Applicants may apply for more than one hunt, but must submit a separate application for each.

Hunters with questions about the application process or application forms can call Fish and Game toll-free at 800-478-4344.