

Federal Subsistence Board announces caribou season

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) recently announced a winter caribou season in Unit 18 north of the Yukon River. The season will be from February 1 to March 31, 1995 for subsistence harvest of one caribou by residents in 14 lower Yukon River communities.

The Western Arctic Caribou Herd, approximately 500,000 head, is reoccupying its historical

range in portions of Unit 18. The Board has determined that opening federal public lands in Unit 18 north of the Yukon River to subsistence caribou harvest will provide additional harvest opportunities to local residents without affecting the health of the herd.

Communities affected by the opening are: Alakanuk, Andreafsky, Emmonak, Kotlik, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pilot Sta-

tion, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission, St. Mary's, St. Michael, Sheldon Point, Stebbins and Kwethluk.

Local residents may contact the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge at (907) 543-3151. For more information or a regulations booklet, contact the Office of Subsistence Management, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503.