Bison Hunting

Applications for two permit bison hunts to be held in the Interior this year are now available at Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Delta Junction, Tok, McGrath, Glennallen and Juneau, according to Mel Buchholtz, game biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Fairbanks.

As in the past, a hunt will be directly supervised by Fish and Game personnel for 35 bison at Delta from Sept. 23 through Sept. 29.

The second hunt will be conducted in the Farewell herd located near McGrath for 10 animals. Dates of the Farewell hunt extend from Sept. 21 through Sept. 30.

Unlike the Delta hunt, Fish and Game personnel will not accompany hunters at Farewell.

Two major changes in the regulations this year are the requirements that all applicants, 16 years of age or older, must purchase a hunting license before applying, and the prohibition of hunting bison the same day a person is airborne.

In addition, those persons who took a bison on any hunt after July 1, 1970 are not eligible to apply. Applicants are restricted to applying for only one of these two hunts.

A public drawing will be held in early September in Fairbanks for both hunts.