

Fish and Game Board Announces New Rules

Several changes have been made in fishing and hunting regulations by the Board of Fish and Game in their spring meeting.

The one change approved in the fishing regulations was to allow a limited king salmon sport fishery in certain freshwater streams of Cook Inlet. The season will open May 28 and close June 26, or earlier if a quota has been reached. Fishing will be limited to Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day; the limit is one king per day over 20 inches, and two per season. King salmon under 20 inches will be considered a part of the daily sport fishing bag limit on other species.

A punch card, provided without charge by the Department of Fish and Game, must be immediately punched upon landing a king salmon over 20 inches in length, and must be returned within one week after the season closes.

Streams opened in Upper Cook Inlet, with a combined quota of 250 kings, are the Deshka River, Alexander Creek, Lake Creek, and Chumilna Creek. On the Kenai, with a quota of 500 kings, are the Kenai River, Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, and Anchor River.

The mountain goat season in the Panhandle was extended two weeks, to run from August 1 to January 31 with a limit of two goats.

Several changes were made in the moose season in various parts of the state. In Unit 25 (Upper Yukon-Porcupine River area) the season was extended 30 days, to August 20-December 31. The limit was increased to two moose, including one antlerless moose. Harvest ticket studies the past two years have shown that the harvest there has been very light and was almost entirely for food rather than trophies.

Other changes were: eli-

minating the late bull moose season in much of Unit 7 (Eastern Kenai); moving the antlerless season from November to September in Unit 15 (Western Kenai); extending the seasons in many parts of Unit 14 (Anchorage-Matanuska Valley); and establishing antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14. Minor changes were made in Unit 12 (Upper Tanana-White River), Unit 13 (Nelchina-Upper Susitna) and the subdivisions of Unit 20 (Fairbanks-Central Tanana).

Aircraft hunting for brown bear in the Panhandle, Units 1-5, has been outlawed. The new regulation uses the restrictions already in effect in Units 9 and 10, Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands. Whenever aircraft are used for transporting hunters, a camp must be established prior to hunting or taking brown bear. The rule came from public opposition to the use of small planes to spot brown bear for hunters. The taking of black bear cubs and females with cubs was also outlawed. These regulations will go into effect on July 1.

A permit system for polar bear was established for next year. Applications for the 350 non-transferable permits must be made by November 30, 1966. The limit is one bear; cubs or females accompanied by cubs may not be taken. A hunter must wait three years before taking a second bear. Residents will be allowed to take bear for food at any time of the year, provided that aircraft are not used for such hunting.