

New caribou regs

JUNEAU—An emergency regulation passed by the Alaska Board of Game last August allowing caribou hunting in the Western Arctic has been made a part of the permanent State game regulations. The only change from the emergency regulation which was due to expire in December was the addition of another month to the open season in the spring.

The spring hunting season for caribou in portions of Game Management Units 22 and 25 as well as units 23, 24 and sub-units 26(A) and 26(B) is now set for Feb. 15 through April 15.

Although an unlimited number of bulls-only permits will be issued, the total harvest allowed for the regulatory year remains 3,000 bull caribou.

Reasons given by the Board of Game for a longer spring season included the facts that the fall harvest had been low, and that all Arctic residents should have an equal opportunity to take caribou as they migrate through the various areas in the northern part of the State.

Permits are available from Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel at most Arctic villages or by mail or in person from the Department of Fish and Game, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.