

Permit applications available for hunters throughout state

Permit hunt newspapers and applications are now available at most license vendors, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has announced.

Dan Timm, Southcentral regional supervisor for the Game Division, said for the first time since 1984, the department is back on track with hunting seasons beginning at what are generally considered traditional opening dates.

"Due to the subsistence law, which requires resident preferences for moose, caribou, deer and elk, we now have hunts in which nonresidents cannot participate, and there are hunts where certain rural residents will have some preference," he said.

"However, for some permit hunts, we're looking at an increase in numbers of available permits, along with longer seasons in some areas," he added.

Permit hunt applications, which require a nonrefundable fee of \$5 or \$10 for Delta bison and muskoxen, will be accepted through June 12 for all fall hunts.

Three new permit-only areas for Kodiak brown bear were designated by the Game Board, as were several new archery-only moose seasons in the Anchorage area.



Also of major interest was an increase from 1,300 to 1,700 drawing permits for the Nelchina caribou hunt. Significant changes in mountain goat hunting seasons were made in several areas of the state, particularly in the Prince William Sound area.

"Hunters desiring to apply for any drawing permit hunt are requested to carefully read all instructions before applying," Timm said. "Every year some applicants make themselves ineligible because they fail to apply properly."