

# **Game Board meets**

**JUNEAU**--The Alaska Board of Game will consider a permanent regulation allowing caribou hunting in the Western Arctic to continue when it meets in Sitka starting November 29.

Last August, caribou hunting in the Western Arctic was provided for by an emergency regulation which allows up to 3,000 bulls to be harvested by hunters holding special permits. However, an emergency regulation becomes void after 120 days, unless the board acts before that time to make it permanent.

The emergency regulation opening the Western Arctic caribou herd to hunting came on the heels of research results showing that the herd had increased in numbers since falling to a dangerously low level during the previous year.

A public hearing on the proposed permanent regulation is to begin at 1:30 p.m. on the first day of the Sitka meeting. Comments on the caribou issue which are submitted by mail to the Board of Game, Subport Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801 will be accepted through November 25.