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Revised regulations relating to game animals, land fur-bearing animals, and birds, in Alaska, recently adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture after recommendation by the Alaska Game Commission and approval by the Biological Survey, become effective in the Territory on July 1. Only such changes were made in the previous regulations under the Alaska game law as seemed necessary to meet changing conditions and to correct defects. Although all the changes are important in certain areas, only the following four of the fourteen made are of general interest:

The caribou season in that part of fur district No. 2 north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains now opens on August 1 instead of September 1, ending on December 31 as heretofore.

The period September 1 to June 20 is fixed as the open season on black bear in fur district No. 2, but in that portion of the district south of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains a bag limit of two during the month of September is prescribed. This change lengthens the season approximately 7 weeks in the southern portion of the district by permitting black bears to be taken during the month of September and as late as the 20th of June. The open season was formerly October 1 to May 31 in that area.

The opening and closing dates of seasons on certain fur bearers in designated areas were changed to meet local conditions. The most important of these is the provision opening an area in east central Alaska to beaver trapping during the month of April, with a seasonal bag limit of 10 beavers to each trapper.

Nine small areas adjacent to the Alaska Railroad are designated in which the taking of fur-bearing animals and game is prohibited. These areas, by Executive order of February 21, 1927, were set aside as preserves and breeding grounds especially for beavers and muskrats, in order to retain them as attractions to travelers along the line of the railroad.

By recent changes in the migratory-bird treaty-act regulations, a continuous close season for two years is placed on greater and lesser yellow-legs both in the several States and Alaska and this amendment has the effect of abrogating the provisions of the Alaska game regulations with respect to seasons and bag limits on these birds.

The complete text of the new Alaska regulations including maps showing the districts and the text of the Alaska game law (Alaska Game Commission Circular No. 3) may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., or from the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

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