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AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA GAME REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED

A number of significant changes in the Alaska Game Law regulations were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. The 1954-55 rules become effective on July 1.

As the result of requests from sportsmen the regulations for the first time permit moose hunting with bow and arrow in the Anchorage area.

The new regulations permit the taking of mature caribou of either sex in areas open to hunting. The taking of female caribou and fawns was prohibited in some areas last year.

To simplify their use, the rules have been revised to include tables setting forth season and bag limits for specific areas.

Five days have been added to the gunning season for moose east of 141 degrees W. Longitude in southeastern Alaska. In the Kenai Peninsula area, 22 days have been added. The season in part of the Alaska Peninsula area has been reduced from 20 days to 16.

A 10-day season has been approved for the taking of caribou on a part of the Alaska Peninsula where the hunting of these animals was previously not permitted.

The taking of elk, which was formerly allowed under a limited number of permits, will not be continued.

Twelve days have been added to the season for mountain goats, except in southeastern Alaska where the season will remain unchanged.

There will be separate opening dates for mountain sheep hunting in the areas north and south of the Yukon River. The season will be lengthened by 15 and 10 days, respectively.

The season for brown and grizzly bear on Kodiak Island has been shortened by 35 days. A redefinition of open areas for hunting other species of bears will give additional protection to the glacier (or blue) bear.

Printed copies of the regulations, as amended, will be available this month at the regional office of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Juneau or from local enforcement officers throughout the Territory.

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