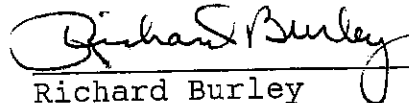


**BOARD OF GAME FINDINGS  
KILBUCK CARIBOU**

It is an objective of the Board of Game, the ADF&G, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Kilbuck caribou committee to manage the Kilbuck caribou herd in a way to provide for subsistence uses and a healthy, growing caribou population. An annual caribou harvest of 5% of the total herd is consistent with this objective. A Kilbuck caribou spring/winter hunt is currently closed by the state, recognizing that the Federal Subsistence Board provides a spring/winter hunt on federal lands. A Kilbuck caribou fall hunt is being opened by the state on state and federal lands. The fall hunt takes place predominately on state land, when access to hunting is relatively difficult and harvest levels are expected to be relatively small. The Kilbuck caribou herd numbered about 2,600 animals based on the ADF&G survey conducted in fall on 1991. The allowable harvest is 130 animals for all seasons combined. This is an increase in the allowable harvest from 72 animals the previous year. Subsistence hunters indicate that there are other caribou herds used by subsistence hunters in neighboring areas, such as the Mulchatna herd in Unit 17 and the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages and other small herds in the surrounding areas. The Board of Game finds that in total, the overall management regime for Kilbuck caribou, including the state and federal hunts and the cooperative participation of subsistence hunters in the Kilbuck caribou committee, is providing a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses of Kilbuck caribou.

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