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The Federal Subsistence Board Closes Federal Public Lands in Unit 6 to the Harvest of Antlerless Deer

The Federal Subsistence Board has closed Federal public lands in Unit 6 to the harvest of antlerless deer by Federally qualified subsistence users, effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2012. This action has been taken due to conservation concerns. The severe winter of 2011/2012 resulted in a mortality rate of 50%-70% in the Prince William Sound deer population. This closure is to reduce the mortality of female deer and help the population recover. The State issued Emergency Order No. 02-12-12 on November 19, 2012, to close the State of Alaska resident and nonresident deer season in Unit 6, effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2012.

Federally qualified subsistence users may harvest antlered deer on Federal public lands in Unit 6 until the end of the deer season on December 31, 2012, unless the season is closed by a subsequent action. Hunting must take place on Federal lands. Shorelines below mean high tide are State land and are closed to the harvest of deer for the remainder of the season. Subsistence users must have State harvest tickets for this hunt. The harvest limit is 4 deer and is cumulative between State and Federal seasons. Harvest tickets must have the month and date punched immediately upon harvesting a deer and must be used in numerical order starting with harvest ticket number 1. Harvest tickets numbers 5 and 6 are void during this season.

If you have questions regarding this action, please contact Milo Burcham at (907) 424-4759

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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