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Requesting an earlier opening of the caribou season in the arctic game management units.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS many villages in the state's arctic game management units have always utilized the meat of the caribou as their primary wild meat food source; and

WHEREAS, due to a serious depletion of the Western-Arctic herd in recent years, state regulations have reduced the allowable take of caribou in Units 23, 24, 26A and 26B from fifteen a year to one bull by permit only, with a change of the opening of the season from July 15 to October 1; and

WHEREAS the October 1 opening date fails to recognize that in most cases bull caribou have started rutting by that date and their meat is unfit for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, with so few animals available for human use, wastage of this nature is intolerable;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Game is respectfully requested to change the opening date for the caribou season in Units 23, 24, 26A, and 26B from October 1 to August 1.