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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 will close Federal public lands in Unit 6 to the harvest of antlerless deer by federally qualified subsistence users, effective at 11:59 p.m. on November 1, 2013. This action is 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 will reduce the hunting mortality of female deer and aid population recovery.

The State issued Emergency Order No. 02-06-13 on October 2, 2013, to close the State of Alaska resident and nonresident doe deer season in Unit 6, effective at 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2013. On November 1 antlerless deer may be taken on Federal lands but not on State lands.

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 may take place on Federal and State lands. Federal and State lands are closed to the harvest of does for the remainder of the season. Subsistence users must have State harvest tickets for this hunt. The harvest limit is 5 deer and is cumulative between State and Federal seasons.

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Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>.

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