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WOOD BISON TAGS AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (November 4) - Limited hunting of the Mackenzie wood bison herd will take place again this year, Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooooloo said today.

A total of 40 tags will be available for the 1988/89 hunting season to be held in a special area located in the bison's range north of Fort Providence. The bulls-only season will run from December 1, 1988 to March 31, 1989. This is the second year a hunt has been allowed.

The Fort Providence Hunters and Trappers Association will receive 16 tags and the Dogrib Tribal Council will be given 12. These tags may be issued to general hunting licence holders.

A limited draw system will be used to distribute the 12 tags reserved for resident hunters who hold a big game hunting licence. Applications for these tags are available from Renewable Resources offices and must be submitted by November 25. The draw will be made November 30.

Resident hunters who receive a bison tag in 1988 will not be eligible for another tag for two years. This restriction also applies to hunters who received tags last year.

Each hunting party must have at least two people. All hunting parties will be accompanied by a representative of Renewable Resources.



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"Renewable Resources personnel will ensure disturbance to the herd is minimal, evaluate the logistics of the hunts and collect biological data," said Mr. Allooloo. "The level of future harvests will depend on the results of research conducted on the herd."

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