Custom Hunt Maps
work without internet or cell service

Hunters, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts have a new tool to help keep them on track. Geo-referenced PDF maps for Alaska's Game Management Units can be downloaded to a smart-phone or mobile device with GPS capabilities, and the phone's GPS will let you know where you are, even if you are not on a wireless or cellular network. You can also download and print the maps.

Download a mobile app

Install a FREE interactive PDF maps app before downloading hunting maps. There are a variety of applications designed to read geospatial PDFs, some are free. Choose an app that will read a geospatial PDF without internet connection on your mobile device. ADF&G cannot endorse a specific product but we will use Avenza PDF Maps as an example in these instructions.
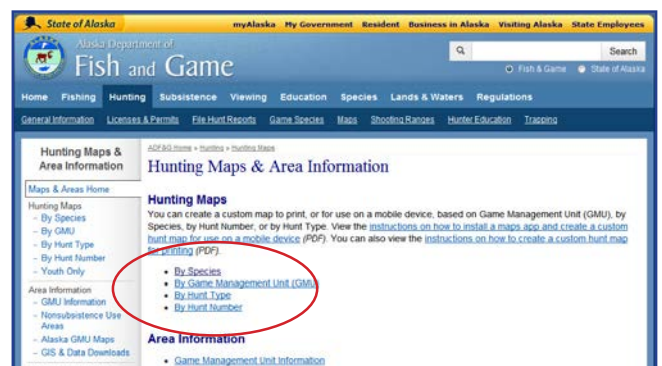

Avenza PDF Maps

Navigate to the mapper

1. Visit www.hunt.alaska.gov and click on Maps using your computer or mobile device. The screen shots on a mobile device will appear slightly different than the computer screenshot images shown here.
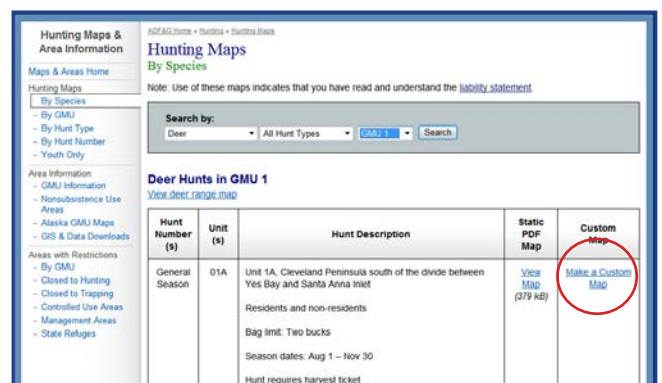

2. To begin creating your map, select the option that fits your needs.
   - By Species
   - By Game Management Unit
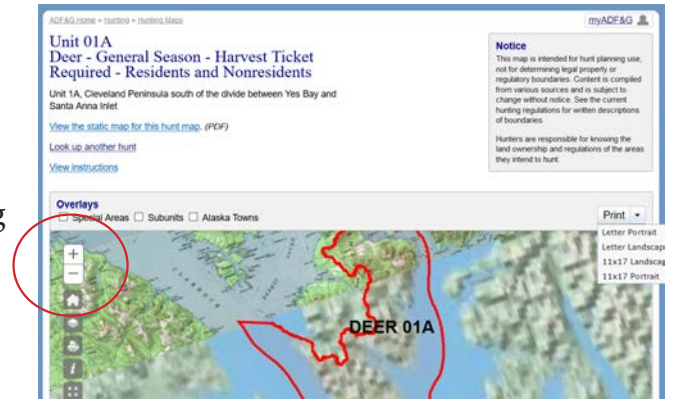   - By Hunt Type
   - By Hunt Number

3. Select Make a Custom Map.

Customize your map

4. **Make adjustments to your map**
   - Add overlays of **Special Areas, Subunits, Federal Lands or your Current Location**
   - **Zoom in and out**
   - **Switch Basemap**
   - Move map by holding down on the map and moving map to desired location.
   - **Note:** The more you zoom in, the better the resolution will be on your device. The map you create is a screenshot. This means you may have to make several maps for your hunt area to get the best results.
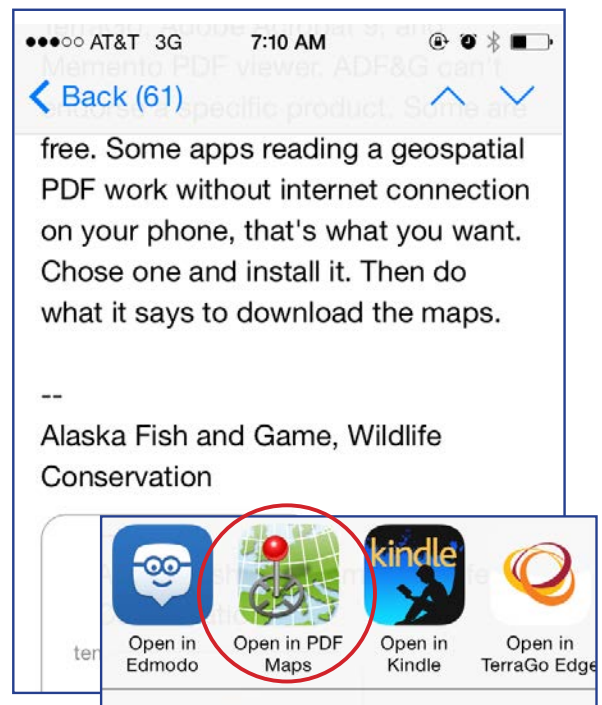
5. When you are satisfied with your map select **Print**
   Note: Don't close your map until you test it on your mobile device. You can still come back and make changes to the map.

6. **Enter your email** to send the map to yourself.
   - You can open the map via the web link and then paste it into the app, or open it directly in the app.

Open the map in the mobile app

iPhone Instructions

1. On your mobile device, open the no_reply email.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the e-mail and download the pdf.
3. Press and hold on the PDF attachment until you are prompted to open the PDF in an app.
4. Open the map in the PDF Maps app.

Android Instructions

1. On your mobile device, open the hunt map email that was sent to you.
2. Tap the first link of the PDF or the PDF attachment.
3. One of two things will happen.
   - If you are prompted to choose how to open it, select the PDF Maps app to import your customized map.
   - If your map opens automatically in Adobe Acrobat or another app for viewing PDFs, look for the Share or Send options and select PDF Maps.