

Summary of Hunting/Trapping Regulatory Changes for 2019-2020

This is a summary of changes adopted by the Alaska Board of Game for regulatory year 2019-2020. This is not a complete list of all detailed changes. It is your responsibility to read the Alaska Hunting and Trapping Regulations carefully for complete information. Contact your local ADF&G office if you have questions. These regulations become effective July 1, 2019, unless specifically addressed.

BEAR BAITING

Unit 1C, allow the use of bait for hunting black bears outside of the Haines and Juneau Borough boundaries. *Effective spring of 2020.*

Unit 14C, remainder, excluding the area near Girdwood in the Glacier Creek drainage, allow the use of bait for hunting black and brown bears. *Effective spring of 2020.*

BLACK BEAR

Unit 1C, allow the use of bait for hunting black bears outside of the Haines and Juneau Borough boundaries.

Units 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D, draw hunts DL016, DL017, DL018, DL019, DL020, DL021 and DL031 replaced with general season hunts. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Unit 3, Kuiu Island, removed five-day harvest reporting requirement for nonresidents (to align with all of Southeast Alaska) and increased the maximum number of draw permits ADF&G may issue from 50 to 75.

Unit 3, Kupreanof Island, increased the maximum number of draw permits ADF&G may issue from 100 to 125.

Units 1-3, allow nonresidents to hunt during the general season if accompanied by a resident relative within the second degree of kindred. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, hunt DL455, lengthened the season by approximately 7 months to September 1 - June 15 from April 15 - June 15.

Unit 14C, McHugh Creek and Upper Campbell Creek, created drawing hunts, with season dates of September 1 - May 31, with hunting on weekdays only, with a bag limit of one bear every regulatory year, by shotgun or muzzleloader only. The department may issue up to 20 permits in each hunt area. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

BROWN BEAR

Unit 3, added a fall registration brown bear season (September 15-December 31).

Unit 8, removed the May application period for guided nonresident hunters and combined it with the November-December drawing application period. *Effective not earlier than May 2020, and subject to change.*

Unit 9A, modified the fall season dates to October 1 - October 21, and retained the spring season of May 10 - May 31. Seasons are still open in fall of odd numbered years only and spring of even numbered years only.

Unit 9B, modified the fall season dates to September 20 - October 21, and retained the spring season of May 10 - May 31. Seasons are still open in fall of odd numbered years only and spring of even numbered years only.

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

Unit 14C, remainder, changed the bag limit to one bear every regulatory year, from one bear every four regulatory years.

CARIBOU

Unit 7, north of the Sterling Hwy and west of the Seward Hwy (DC001), shortened the season dates from Aug. 10 - Dec. 31 to Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 to align with other caribou seasons on the Kenai Peninsula. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

DEER

Unit 1C, Douglas Island, only one doe may be included in the Sept 15-Dec 31 any deer bag limit.

Unit 3, Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth islands, and that portion of Kupreanof Island on the Lindenberg Peninsula east of the Portage Bay - Duncan Canal Portage, extended the resident deer season to Oct 1-Nov 7.

Unit 3, Petersburg Management Area, extended the season to Oct 1-Dec 15.

Unit 4, remainder, increased the bag limit from four deer to six.

ELK

Units 1, 2, and the remainder of Unit 3, eliminated the general season elk hunt.

MOOSE

Unit 5A, east of the Dangerous River and to the boarder of Glacier Bay National Park, extended the season to September 30-November 15.

Unit 6B, clarified the controlled use area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, or moose hunting gear, from August 25-September 4.

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

Units 7 and 15, excluding Kalgin Island, establish resident only drawing hunts with a bag limit of any bull, and season dates of September 1 - September 25. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Units 7 and 15, excluding Kalgin Island and that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay, changed the bag limit for the general season harvest ticket hunt to one moose with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side.

Unit 15B, change the drawing hunts to general season harvest ticket hunts. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Unit 16A, created two new drawing hunts, one with a bag limit of any bull, with season dates of August 20 - September 25, and up to 50 permits will be available. The other drawing hunt is for antlerless moose, with season dates of August 20 - September 25, and up to 200 permits will be available. Both hunts will be advertised in the 2019 November/December application period and the hunts will first be held in the fall of 2020.

Unit 18, south of the Eek River drainage and north of the Goodnews River drainage, established a registration hunt for residents only, with a bag limit of one bull moose, and season dates of September 1 - September 30.

Unit 19A, remainder, open a resident only registration hunt with a bag limit of one antlered bull, with season dates of September 1- September 5. Permits are available within the hunt area only, during the month of July. Only one permit is allowed per household, and successful hunters must report within 15 days of harvest. Only 30 permits will be issued the first year. Proxy hunting is not allowed. If the 2-year average bull: cow ratio drops below 35 bulls: 100 cows the hunt area will close; and if the harvestable portion drops below the lower range of the ANS - the area will return to a closure rather than go to a Tier II hunt.

Unit 21D, that portion south of the south bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough and west of Kala Creek, created a resident only registration hunt. A fifteen-day season in March will be announced by Emergency Order, with a bag limit of one moose, the take of cows accompanied by calves is prohibited.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Unit 1A, Revillagigedo Island, eliminated draw hunt DG007 and added the area to registration hunt RG001.

Unit 1A, Revillagigedo Island, increased the maximum number of draw permits ADF&G may issue for DG005 and DG006 from 25 to 50.

Unit 1C, clarified the hunt area boundary of RG014.

Units 1A and 1B, that portion on the Cleveland Peninsula south of the divide between Yes Bay and Santa Anna Inlet, created a resident and nonresident draw hunt with a bag limit of one male goat, and season dates of August 1-December 31. ADF&G may issue up to six permits. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Unit 8, hunts RG471-RG479, lengthened the season by approximately 6 weeks, by changing the dates from November 1 - December 15 to November 1 - January 31.

Unit 8, RG480, lengthened the season by approximately 11 days, by changing the dates from August 20 - March 20 to August 20 - March 31, and changed the bag limit from two goats total, to two goats, only one of which may be a billy.

Unit 8, hunts RG478 and RG479, allow the use of bow and arrow only from November 1 - December 15, and the use of muzzleloaders, crossbows, or bow and arrow only from December 16 - January 31, and did not change the bag limit.

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

Unit 14C, Lake George, hunt DG888, changed nonresident archery only hunt from a drawing hunt to a registration hunt. *Effective July 1, 2020.*

Unit 15C, that portion beginning at the mouth of Jakolof Creek, then southwesterly along the shore of Kachemak Bay to the mouth of the Port Graham River, then southeasterly up the Port Graham River approximately 6 miles, then southerly up the south fork to the divide, then easterly across the divide to the main drainage that flows into Windy Bay, then southeasterly down the creek to Windy Bay, then easterly along the shoreline to the mouth of Rocky River, then northerly up the Rocky River and Windy River to the divide separating Windy River from Jakolof Creek, then across that divide to Jakolof Creek, then down Jakolof Creek to the point of origin, established a new drawing hunt for residents with a bag limit of one goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited, and if a hunter takes a nanny they are prohibited from harvesting a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years, with season dates of August 10 - October 15. This hunt will first be held in the fall of 2020. Beginning in the fall of 2019, the department will assign separate hunt numbers to the early and late registration seasons in the same hunt area.

SHEEP

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

WATERFOWL

Units 1-4, created alternating waterfowl hunting seasons. In odd-numbered years the season will be Sept 1-Dec 16. In even-numbered years the season will be Sept 16-Dec 31.

Unit 1C, Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge, created a youth hunt for the first two days of the season. Open to hunters ages 10-17 only. Both the youth and accompanying adult to register with the department prior to hunting. The bag limit counts toward the youth hunter only.

BEAVER

Units 1-5, extended the beaver trapping season to November 10-May 15.

Unit 14C, amended the beaver trapping season to November 10-April 30.

WOLF

Unit 2, extended the wolf trapping season to Nov 15-Mar 31. The annual harvest objective was modified to manage for a unit-wide population objective of 150-200 wolves. Eliminated the 14-day sealing requirement (to align with most of Southeast Alaska).

Unit 1C, Douglas Island Management Area, increased the annual wolf quota from three to five.

SMALL GAME

Unit 14C, change the opening date of all hunts that opened “the day after Labor Day” to open September 1.

Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, require hunter education for small game hunting.

Unit 15A, within the Skilak Loop Management Area, expanded the boundary of the youth hunt within the Skilak Loop Management Area to encompass the entire management area, and extended the season to August 10 - March 31 to align the season dates with the remainder of Unit 15.

UNCLASSIFIED GAME

Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, open a year round season for unclassified game.

MISCELLANEOUS

Unit 1C, Juneau area, allow the use of completely submerged traps within one-quarter mile of the following trails: Herbert Glacier Trail, Windfall Lake Trail, Peterson Lake Trail, Spaulding Meadows Trail (including the loop trail), Nugget Creek Trail, Outer Point Trail, Dan Moller Trail, Perseverance Trail, Granite Creek Trail, Mt. Roberts Trail and the Nelson Water Supply Trail, Sheep Creek Trail, Point Bishop Trail, Amalga Trail, Auke Nu/John Muir Trail, Eagle Glacier Trail, Point Bridget Trail, Treadwell Ditch Trail, and Salmon Creek Trail.

Unit 1C, Douglas Island, changed the boundary of the big game hunting closed area from Milepost 7 on the North Douglas Highway to the northeast bank of Fish Creek.

Unit 3, Petersburg Management Area, updated the Petersburg Management Area to read: that portion of Unit 3 on Mitkof Island north and west of a line from Frederick Point to the highest point in Section 8, T59S, R90E, to the highest point in Section 7, T59S, R80E, to the highest point in Section 13, T59S, R79E, to the highest point in Section 23, T59S, R79E; then due south to 56° 42' 24" N; the area is closed to hunting except that game may be taken by bow and arrow only in areas south of Haugen Drive and outside of 100 yards of any airport property, dwellings, businesses, highways, roads, or streets; and small game may be taken by falconry.

Unit 4, Prohibited the use of wheeled vehicles and carts for hunting on the Greens Creek Mine "B" Access road.

Unit 13B, Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area, modified the area to that portion of Unit 13B north of the Denali Hwy, west of up to 100 feet east of the Maclaren Summit Trail from the Denali Hwy north to the southern boundary of the CUA, and including the Maclaren River drainage, east of and including the eastern bank drainages of the Susitna River downstream from and including the Susitna Glacier, and the eastern bank of the Susitna River; and retained the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the Maclaren Summit Trail.

Unit 14C, Birchwood Management Area, clarified the boundary of the Birchwood Management Area so it does not overlap with the Eagle River Management Area.

Units 20, 24, 25, and 26, those portions within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area, clarified the transportation of game is allowed within the corridor unless expressly prohibited by statute. DOT statute currently prohibits the use of snowmachines within the corridor.

Units 1, 5, 11, 12, 13, 20, and 25, allowed the harvest of white-tailed deer and mule deer. Harvest is allowed year-round and there is no bag limit. Persons who harvest animals are

required to contact the department and provide specimens as required. Hunters are also required to salvage the entire carcass, including the hide, and present it to the department within a time specified.

Units 6-8, 14C, 15, allowed the use of crossbows in hunts open to shotgun, muzzleloader, and bow and arrow, unless specified.