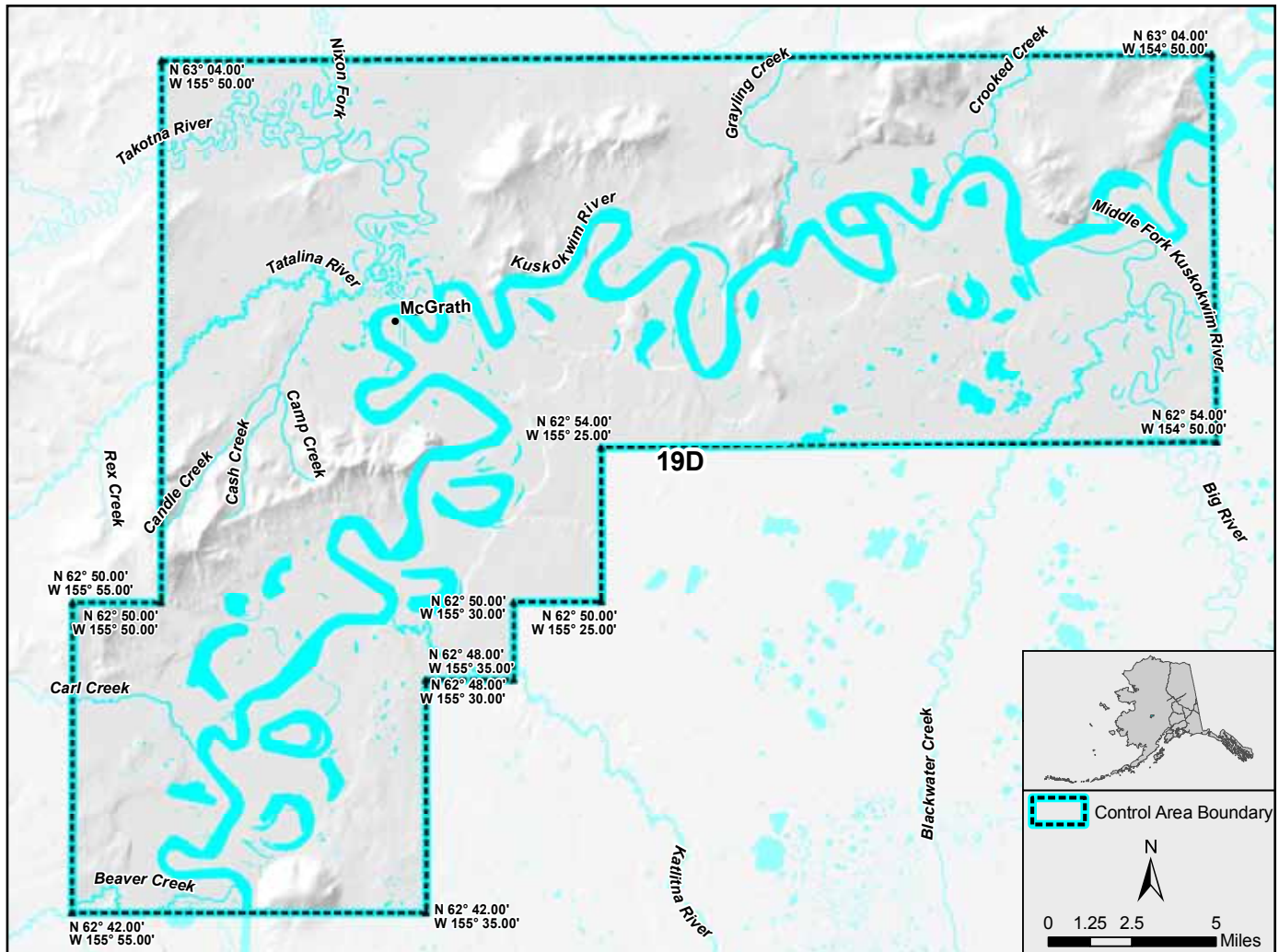


2012-2013 Unit 19D Black and Brown Bear Predation Control Program

This supplement describes the bear predation control programs currently underway in Game Management Unit 19D. This program is separate from Alaska's hunting programs, and is authorized under 5AAC 92.115 and 92.125. Alaska residents wishing to participate in this control program need to understand how it differs from hunting regulations.



Unit 19D East black and brown bear control area - those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within the area starting northwest of McGrath at 63° 04.00' N. lat., 155° 50.00' W. long., then east to 63° 04.00' N. lat., 154° 50.00' W. long., then south to 62° 54.00' N. lat., 154° 50.00' W. long., then west to 62° 54.00' N. lat., 155° 25.00' W. long., then south to 62° 50.00' N. lat., 155° 25.00' W. long., then west to 62° 50.00' N. lat., 155° 30.00' W. long., then south to 62° 48.00' N. lat., 155° 30.00' W. long., then west to 62° 48.00' N. lat., 155° 35.00' W. long., then south to 62° 42.00' N. lat., 155° 35.00' W. long., then west to 62° 42.00' N. lat., 155° 55.00' W. long., then north to 62° 50.00' N. lat., 155° 55.00' W. long., then east to 62° 50.00' N. lat., 155° 50.00' W. long., then north to the point of beginning at 63° 04.00' N. lat., 155° 50.00' W. long

This permit does not authorize access to private lands. It is the responsibility of the permittee to obtain approval from land owners to access private property for control activities.

General restrictions

You **MAY NOT** take predators under a control permit by:

- Shooting on, from, or across the driveable surface of any constructed road or highway.
- Using a helicopter for control activities unless specified under the conditions of the permit.
- Using poison or other substances that temporarily incapacitate wildlife, without written permission from the Board of Game.
- Using a bow that shoots more than one arrow at a time.
- Using a machine gun, set gun, or shotgun larger than 10 gauge.
- Using a pit, fire, electronically-enhanced night vision scope, artificial salt lick, explosive, expanding gas arrow, bomb, smoke, or chemical, EXCEPT:
 - Scent lures may be used for bears **ONLY** under a bear control permit during the time frame that baiting is allowed
 - Rangefinders and electronic calls may be used
- Using a trap to take bears other than a bucket foot snare.

Leaving any part of an animal on a public road or right-of-way is littering and is illegal. Leave guts, carcasses, etc., in the field, out of sight of roads and trails.

Driving a motorized land vehicle across or through a stream in which salmon, steelhead, sea run cutthroat, Dolly Varden, Arctic Char, sheefish, or whitefish spawn, rear, or migrate is illegal. Protected streams are listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalog and Atlas which may be viewed at ADF&G Habitat Management offices.

Bear restrictions

You **MAY NOT** buy, sell, or barter any part of a bear EXCEPT:

- an article of handicraft made from the fur of a bear.
- black bear skulls and hides (tanned or untanned).*
- brown bear skulls and hides (tanned or untanned with claws attached) taken in the Unit 19D

brown bear control area, under the conditions of a bear predator control permit.*

You **MAY NOT** take brown bears within one-half mile of garbage dumps or landfills. (AS16.05.782)

You **MAY NOT** transport or export any untanned bear skin or skull from Alaska until it has been sealed.

You **MAY** use the carcass of a skinned bear as animal food or bait.

***ALL BEARS INTENDED FOR SALE MUST BE SEALED. FOR BROWN BEARS, IN ADDITION TO SEALING, THE LEGAL SALE TAG MUST BE ATTACHED AT THE TIME OF SALE.**

Salvage and evidence of sex

You are required to salvage the entire hide (with claws and evidence of sex attached) and skull of all brown bears, or black bears you intend to sell. Hides of all brown bears and black bears must have the penis sheath or vaginal orifice naturally attached. For black bears, either the hide (with claws and evidence of sex attached) or edible meat of black bears must be salvaged.

Permit Conditions and Reporting Requirements

- You must be at least 16 years of age to obtain a control permit.
- Permits are available for Alaska residents only.
- Permittees must have a valid Alaska hunting license to obtain a bear control permit.
- A permit is not valid until you sign it and is not transferable and may be cancelled or temporarily suspended at the discretion of the department.
- You must carry the permit and a valid Alaska hunting license while in the field and participating in this control program.
- You must complete and return the permit report to ADF&G within the time period specified on the permit.
- Everyone issued a permit must complete and return the permit report, including those who did not participate, unsuccessful permittees, and successful permittees. Reports must be received at the Fairbanks ADF&G office after completion of control activities or by July 15. If you fail to return the report, you will be ineligible for future control permits.
- Cubs and females accompanied by cubs may be taken; there is no limit to the number of bears taken by an individual permittee.
- Permit holders may take bears the same day they have flown, provided they are at least 300 feet from the airplane.
- Permits may be cancelled or temporarily suspended if necessary at the discretion of ADF&G.
- Permit is valid for specific dates unless cancelled or temporarily suspended.
- Permit is not transferable.
- Baiting is not required to participate in this program.
- Permittees may choose to use bait and/or bucket foot snares. Predation control bait permits are required in order for the permittee to bait and/or snare bears. Additional permit conditions apply. See Baiting and Snaring Conditions.
- The permittee must provide the information recorded on a Supplemental Report by phone (907-524-3326) or in person during regular working hours to the McGrath ADF&G office within 5 days of taking a bear.
- Hides and skulls of brown bears taken under this permit must be sealed in McGrath by an ADF&G representative within 30 days of kill and before the hide and skull leave Unit 19D.
- This control permit allows permittees to sell untanned brown bear hides (with claws attached) and skulls, or tanned hides (w/claws attached) and skulls, as long as sale tag remains attached.
- Permittees intending to sell black bear hides (with claws attached) and skulls, must have the bear sealed.
- All other requirements and restrictions for the take of game included in the Alaska Hunting Regulations apply to this program unless otherwise listed in these permit conditions.

Reporting

To protect, conserve, and enhance wildlife populations in Alaska, ADF&G needs to know how many animals are taken. Everyone issued a permit must complete and return the permit report, including those who did not participate. If you fail to return the report, you will be ineligible for future control permits.

Bear baiting and snaring restrictions

Before you set up, or take bears, using a bait station in a bear control area, you must obtain a control permit from ADF&G. In contrast to baiting bears during hunting seasons, everyone using the bait station must have a control permit, and must be a resident 16 years of age or older. You must post a sign at your station that clearly identifies the site as a "Bear Bait Station," and displays the bear baiting permit number assigned by ADF&G and your hunting license number. Other permittees may use the same bait station, but everyone using that bait station must have a control permit. A permittee may use the bait station of another permittee after obtaining written permission from the other permittee.

You may place bait at only a limited number of bait stations at the same time, depending on permit conditions. All bait must be biodegradable. The parts of fish and game that may be legally used as bait are heads, bones, guts, skin, or other parts of legally taken game not required to be salvaged. You may also use scent lures with a baiting permit.

You MAY NOT set up a bait station within one-quarter mile of a publicly maintained road or trail.

You MAY NOT set up a bait station within one mile of a house (including your own home), school, business or other permanent dwelling including seasonally occupied cabins, a developed recreational facility or campground, school or business.

You MAY NOT take money, bartered goods, or services from someone who uses your bait station. This does not apply to licensed guides who have control permits.

You must remove bait, litter, and equipment from the bait station site when baiting is completed. This includes any contaminated soil.

Sealing requirements

Sealing means having an authorized ADF&G representative place a seal on an animal hide and/or skull.

Sealing is required for all brown bears taken under a control permit, and for any bear the permittee intends to sell. Permittees must present the **unfrozen** hide (with claws and evidence of sex attached) and skull of bears, in person within 30 days of the kill. The sealing officer asks questions about when, where and how the animal was taken, and may measure the skull and take some biological samples. Then the officer locks a metal or plastic seal on the hide and on the skull. The seal must remain on the hide and/or skull until it has been transported from Alaska or until the tanning process has begun. If you are unable to bring in an animal for sealing within the required time, you must complete and sign a temporary sealing form so another person can have the animal sealed. This form must be presented at the time of sealing. If you kill a brown bear in Unit 19D, the hide must be sealed in McGrath before leaving the unit.

Permits are available at the ADF&G office in McGrath only.

Area/Permit Number	Legal Animal/Bag Limit	Permit Effective
Unit 19D East		
MB301	any brown bear - no limit	Date Issued - June 30, 2013
ML301	any black bear - no limit	Date Issued - June 30, 2013

Baiting and Snaring Conditions

- An additional permit is required to bait and/or snare black and brown bears.
- Bait sites may be registered only by individuals who hold a valid bear predation control permit for this control area.
- Up to ten bait stations are allowed.
- The permittee shall clearly mark all bait sites at access points with signs reading “Bear Predation Control Bait” that includes their Alaska resident hunting license number, bear predation control permit number, and bear control bait registration number.
- The permittee may use a bait station registered to another bear control permittee only by first obtaining written permission from the permittee who registered the bait stations. The permittee must add their own Alaska Resident hunting license number and predation control permit number to the posted sign before using the bait station.
- The permittee may not give or receive remuneration for use of a bear bait station, including barter or exchange of goods; however, this does not apply to licensed guide-outfitters who hold permits under this program and also personally accompany at the bait site all Alaska resident clients who are also bear control permittees in this program.
- The permittee may only use biodegradable materials or scent lures as bait. The only parts of fish and game that may be used as bait are parts of animals which were legally taken and not required to be salvaged. Only the permittee registering a bait station may place additional bait at that site.
- The permittee may not use bait or scent lures within ¼ mile of a publicly maintained road or trail, and within 1 mile of a house (including your own home), school, business or other permanent dwelling, a developed campground or developed recreational facility.
- The permittee must register bait sites with ADF&G during regular working hours before placing bait at the site. Information required to register a bait station includes the control permit number and a written description of the location sufficient to allow ADF&G or Alaska Wildlife Trooper personnel to locate the site. A Global Positioning System (GPS) location (in decimal minutes) must also be provided to ADF&G within 10 days of establishing the station.
- The permittee may register up to 10 bait stations within the control area (see map and area description).
- The permittee may relinquish a bait station and change bait station locations within the control area, but must notify McGrath ADF&G within 10 days of the change. A relinquished site must be cleaned up according to the registration conditions before the relinquished site will no longer count toward the maximum number of allowable sites.
- The permittee registering the bait station shall remove bait, scent lures, litter, equipment and all soil contaminated by bait, including contamination from oil or grease, from the bait station site no later than 30 June.
- Snaring is authorized after the permittee has attended an orientation meeting in the McGrath ADF&G office.
- Orientation for snaring is required and will occur in McGrath. Contact the McGrath ADF&G office for date and times. There may be additional details regarding these permits, including the exact locations within the predation control area where snaring is allowed.
- All other requirements or restrictions for the take of game included in the Alaska Hunting Regulations apply to this bait site registration unless otherwise listed in these permit conditions.