Important information for all bear hunters

Nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunters must be accompanied in the field by a guide/outfitter or a resident relative within second-degree of kindred. (See guide info, page 10.)

Locking-Tag requirements
Nonresidents must purchase a locking-tag in addition to their license to hunt either a black or brown/grizzly bear. Harvest tickets and permits may also be required.

Resident hunters do not need a locking-tag to take black bears, but must possess a $25 locking-tag if they want to hunt brown/grizzly bears in Units 1-7, 14A, 14C, 15-17, and 20B. However, no such locking-tag is required in Units 11-13, 16-26, brown bear subsistence hunts (see subsistence hunt areas on page 25), and the registration hunt RB525 in Units 9 and 10. Big game locking-tags are valid from the date of purchase through December 31 of that year.

Where locking tags are required, they must be locked on the part of the animal required to be salvaged immediately after the kill and must remain there until processed or exported.

Bear locking-tags may not be transferred to another hunter. A nonresident bear locking-tag may be used for any other species for which the locking-tag fee is of equal or lesser value, but you must have a harvest ticket or permit (if required) for that species.

A hunter less than 10 years old is not allowed to kill a bear, except under direct, immediate supervision of a licensed hunter at least 16 years old. The bear is then counted against the licensed hunter’s bag limit. (See youth hunting information, page 13.)

Evidence of sex
If you take a brown/grizzly bear anywhere in the state or a black bear in Units 1-7, 14A, 14C, 15-17, and 20B, evidence of sex (penis sheath or vaginal orifice) must remain attached to the hide or meat until sealing requirements have been met.

Salvage for brown/grizzly bears
You must salvage the entire hide (including claws attached) and skull of a brown/grizzly bear unless it was taken in (and not removed from) one of the subsistence hunt areas under a subsistence registration permit (see page 25). For brown bears taken at black bear bait stations in Units 7, 12, 13D, 15, 16, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20E, 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D, the edible meat must be salvaged and may not be used for bait or pet food. See Black Bear Baiting Seasons and Requirements on page 26-27 or handout available at ADF&G offices and online at http://hunt.alaska.gov.

Salvage for black bears
Meat: In all areas of the state during Jan 1-May 31, edible meat must be salvaged and removed from the field. This meat may not be used for pet food or bait.

In Units 19A, 19D upstream from the Selatna and Black River drainages, 21B, 21C, 21D, 24, and 25D, the edible meat of black bears, taken under customary and traditional use activities at a den site, must be salvaged.

Skull and Hide or Meat: In Units 1-7, 14A, 14C, 15-17, and 20B, the skull must be salvaged and removed from the field year round for sealing; during June 1-Dec 31, either the hide (for sealing) or the meat must also be salvaged and removed from the field.

Hide or Meat: In Units 9-13, 14B, 18, 19, 20 (except 20B), and 21-26 during June 1-Dec 31, either the hide or the meat must be salvaged and removed from the field.

Sealing requirements
All brown/grizzly bears must be sealed. Black bears taken in Units 1-7, 14A, 14C, 15-17, and 20B must be sealed. Sealing means taking the skull and/or skin (with claws and evidence of sex attached) of the bear you killed to an officially designated “sealing officer.” The skull must be skinned from the hide and both must be unfrozen. Sealing must be completed within 30 days of kill. During June 1-Dec 31, if the hide is not salvaged, only the skull will be sealed.

The sealing officer asks questions about when, where, and how the bear was taken, measures the skull and may pull a small tooth or take other biological samples. Then the officer locks a metal or plastic seal on the hide and on the skull. The seal must remain on the skin until the tanning process begins and on the skull unless it is cleaned for display.

Part of the sealing requirement is that you sign the sealing certificate. If you can’t get your bear to a sealing officer in person, you must complete and sign a temporary sealing form available from the department. You must also make sure that someone takes the bear and the temporary certificate to the sealing officer within the time required.

If you are a nonresident and kill a brown/grizzly bear while on a guided hunt or while hunting with a resident second-degree kindred relative, both you and your guide or resident relative must sign the sealing certificate or temporary sealing certificate.

Special sealing requirements apply within the brown bear subsistence registration permit (see subsistence hunt areas on page 25).

If you kill a brown/grizzly bear in Unit 8, you may not take the bear out of that unit until it has been sealed.

Black bears taken by nonresidents on Kuiu Island, in Unit 3, must be sealed within 14 days of kill and must not be removed from Units 1-4 until sealed.

Black bear hides and skulls may be sold, but they must be sealed prior to sale. Black bear trophies may not be sold (see definition of trophy, page 35).

Important information regarding the use of motorized vehicles:
You may not drive, harass, herd, or molest a bear with any motorized vehicle, such as a snowmachine. While you may use a motorized vehicle to locate a bear, you may not use a motorized vehicle to pursue a bear that is fleeing. In addition, you may not use a motorized vehicle to drive a bear to another hunter.

In Units 1-5, and in Unit 8, bears wounded by a hunter count toward the bag limit for the regulatory year. “Wounded” means there is a sign of blood or other sign that the bear has been hit by a hunting projectile.

You may not transport or export any untanned bear skin or skull from Alaska until it has been sealed. All bear hides intended for sale must be sealed.

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Brown/grizzly bear bag limits

Depending on where you hunt, brown/grizzly bear bag limits are either one bear every four regulatory years, one bear every regulatory year, or two bears every regulatory year. (A regulatory year is July 1 through June 30).

One bear every four regulatory years

If you kill a bear in any of these “one bear every four regulatory years” areas: Units 1-5 (excluding 1C, Berner’s Bay drainages), 6D, 8-10, 14A, and 14C outside of Chugach State Park Management Area, you may kill a bear in any “one bear every regulatory year” area during the next regulatory year, but you may NOT kill a bear in any “one bear every four regulatory years” area for four regulatory years.

One bear every regulatory year

If you kill a bear in any of these “one bear every regulatory year” areas in Units 1C, Berner’s Bay, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, the registration hunt RBS25 in Units 9 and 10, 11, 12, 13, 14B, 14C within Chugach State Park Management Area and Eklutna Lake Management Area, 15, 16A, 18, 19B, 19C, 20 (except 20E), 21, 22A nonresidents only, 22B, 22C, 22D, 23, 24, 25A, 25B, 25C, and 26, you may kill a bear in any legal area of the state during the next regulatory year.

Two bears every regulatory year

You may kill two bears every regulatory year in Unit 16B, 17, 19A, 19D, 20E, or resident hunts in 22A and 25D. Additionally, if you kill a bear in any other legal area of the state, you may kill one more bear in Units 16B, 17, 19A, 19D, 20E, 22A, or 25D during the same regulatory year. You may kill a bear in any legal area of the state during the next regulatory year.

Brown/grizzly bear subsistence hunting

Resident hunting by subsistence registration permit for brown/grizzly bears used for food is allowed in Unit 9B, all drainages in Unit 9E that drain into the Pacific Ocean between Cape Kumuk and the border of Unit 9E and 9D, Unit 17, Unit 18, that portion of Units 19A and 19B downstream of and including the Aniak River drainage, Unit 21D, Unit 22, Unit 23, Unit 24, and Unit 26A. Hunters may hunt under an alternate set of regulations adopted to better allow subsistence use of brown bears. General brown bear hunting seasons remain in effect in these areas.

Registration subsistence hunts in Units 9B, 9E, 18, 19B, 21D, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 23, 24, and 26A, have a bag limit of one bear every regulatory year. Registration subsistence hunts in Units 17, 19A, and 22A, have a bag limit of two bears every regulatory year. Taking brown bear in one of these areas under a subsistence permit does not count in the “one bear every four regulatory years” bag limit restriction in other units.

The following information compares the requirements of subsistence regulations versus general regulations within the brown bear subsistence areas:

- **General hunting**: $25 tag may be required for residents; meat need not be salvaged; see units for seasons; hide and skull need not be sealed by an authorized sealing agent statewide.
- **Subsistence hunting**: see units for bag limits; meat must be salvaged for human consumption; no tag required but you must register to hunt; hide and skull need not be sealed unless removed from subsistence area or presented for commercial tanning; if sealing is required, it must be completed by an authorized sealing agent; at the time of sealing, the skin of the head and front claws are removed and kept by ADF&G.

Attention All Hunters:

Brown/grizzly bears **MAY NOT** be taken over bait or scent lures except under conditions of a black bear baiting permit in Units 7, 12, 13D, 15, 16, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20E, 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D.

Other bear regulations

Bears taken under a predator control permit do not count against the statewide bag limit for bears.

You **MAY NOT** take black or brown/grizzly bear cubs or sows accompanied by cubs; however, black bear cubs and sows accompanied by cubs may be taken by resident hunters Oct. 15-Apr. 30 under customary and traditional use activities at a den site in Unit 19A, that portion of Unit 19D in the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from the Selatna and Black River drainages, Units 21B, 21C, 21D, 24, and 25D. In addition, black bear cubs and sows accompanied by cubs may be taken by resident hunters year round in Unit 25D.

Cub bear means a brown/grizzly bear in 1st or 2nd year of life, or a black bear (including cinnamon and blue color phases) in the 1st year of life.

You **MAY NOT** buy or sell any part of a brown/grizzly bear except:

- an article of handicraft made from the fur of a bear.
- for brown/grizzly bears taken in brown bear control areas with a control permit, ADF&G will issue permits allowing permittees to sell untanned hides (with claws attached) and skulls, after sealing. See predator control supplement online.

You **MAY NOT** hunt or kill brown/grizzly bears within one-half mile of garbage dumps or landfills. You **MAY** use the carcass of a skinned brown/grizzly or a black bear taken June 1 - Dec 31, as animal food or bait (as long as the black bear hide was salvaged). See Use of Game, page 17.

If you take a brown/grizzly bear in a Brown Bear Subsistence Area under a registration permit for subsistence purposes, you are required to salvage all meat for human consumption; salvage of the hide or skull is optional.

For brown/grizzly bears taken over bait at a black bear bait station in Units 7, 12, 13D, 15, 16, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20E, 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D, you are required to salvage the edible meat, in addition to the hide (with claws and evidence of sex naturally attached) and skull.

If you wish to hunt black bears with dogs, you must first obtain a permit from the ADF&G office nearest the area you wish to hunt. You may not hunt brown/grizzly bears with dogs.

Bears killed in defense of life or property must be skinned and the hide (with claws and evidence of sex attached) and skull turned over to an ADF&G representative. See Emergency taking of Game, page 16.
Bear Baiting Seasons and Requirements

Bear bait stations may be established in certain areas, all bait stations must be registered at ADF&G and all persons who wish to register a bait site must have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic. Clinics are available in person or online at http://adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bearbaiting.main.

Bait stations may be registered 15 days prior to the start of the season. Bait may not be placed at the site until the season is open.

TO REGISTER A BAIT STATION YOU MUST:

∙ Be at least 16 years old.
∙ Have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic.
∙ Register at an ADF&G office. Registration requires you to provide a physical description of the location where you will place bait (GPS location in Units 1-5).

You will get a sign to post at your station. If you choose not to use this sign, you must place some other sign that clearly identifies the site as a “Black Bear Bait Station” or “Black and Brown Bear Bait Station” and displays 1) the bear bait permit number assigned by ADF&G, and 2) your hunting license number and hunting license numbers of others who hunt over that bait station.

You MAY:

- Place bait at only two bait stations at the same time. 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 (see current Alaska Hunting Regulations). In Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used for bait.
- You may also use scent lures, but only with a baiting permit.
- Other hunters may use, place bait at and maintain your bait station with your written permission. Written permission must be carried with you while in the field.
- In Units 6, 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-17, 19-21, 24, and 25, a registered guide may operate up to ten (10) bait stations at a time in each guide use area that they are registered to operate in. A guide contract is required for each hunter.
- In Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-17, 19-21, 24, and 25, black bears (and brown bears where allowed—see units listed below) may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. This is NOT allowed on National Park Service lands.
- In Units 7, 12, 13D, 15, 16, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20E, 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D brown/grizzly bears may be taken at a black bear bait station subject to the same restrictions as black bear. Hunters who take brown bears over bait in these areas are required to salvage the edible meat in addition to the hide and skull. Hunters must comply with seasons, bag limits, and sealing requirements for brown/grizzly bears (registration permits and locking tags may be required in some areas, contact ADF&G for details).

You MAY NOT:

- Set up a bait station within one mile of a: house (including your own home), school, business, developed recreational facility, campground, or permanent dwelling including seasonally-occupied cabins (including your own). Establishing bait stations within 1 mile of seasonally occupied cabins is allowed in some areas. See page 27 for the list of places this is allowed.
- Set up a bait station within one-quarter mile of: a publicly maintained road or trail, the Alaska Railroad, the Unit 14 shorelines of the Susitna River and Little Susitna River south of the Park Highway bridge; or the Unit 7 or 15 shorelines of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake), Kasilof River and Swanson River.
- Take money, bartered goods or services from someone who uses your bait station. This does not apply to a registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter or employee of the contracting guide for providing big game hunting services.
- Use another’s bait station without their written permission. You must write your hunting license number on the permit at each site you intend to hunt over and carry the written permission with you while in the field.
- In Units 1-5, register a bait station without first providing the location of the bait station in a GPS (Global Positioning System) format of latitude and longitude.

ADF&G may prohibit bear baiting in local areas.
Bowhunters wishing to hunt bears over bait in Units 7 and 14-16 are required to complete an IBEP or equivalent course, and must carry the certification card while hunting.

**All bait, litter, and equipment must be removed from the bait site when hunting is completed. This includes all attractants.**

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*Bait may NOT be used and bait stations may not be registered in the following areas:

- 1D, that portion of the Chilkat Peninsula south of the Haines Hwy and within 1 mile of the Haines Hwy, Lutak Road, the Porcupine Mine road to the confluence of the Porcupine and Klehini rivers, and the Chilkat Lake road from the Porcupine Bridge to Chilkat Landing on the Tsirku River.
- 6D, Blackstone Bay and Harriman Fiord.
- 7, Resurrection Creek and tributaries and within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River.
- 13, within one-quarter mile of the Alyeska pipeline and pipeline access road from mile 75 of the Richardson Hwy (where the pipeline crosses the Tonsina River) north to the unit boundary at mile 227 of the Richardson Hwy (Black Rapids).
- 14A, 14B within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Susitna River and Little Susitna River south of the Parks Hwy bridge.
- 15, within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake), Kasilof River and Swanson River.
- 13E and 16A, Denali State Park.
- 16, brown bears may not be taken over bait during the July 1 - October 15 season.

**Bait may be used within 1 mile of seasonally occupied cabins, provided that the cabin is on the opposite side of the river from the bait site in the following areas:**

- 11 and 13, the Copper River north of Miles Lake.
- 16, the Beluga, Susitna, and McArthur rivers, the Deshka River (Kroto Creek) below its confluence with Trapper Creek, the Yentna River below its confluence with the Skwentna River, and Alexander Creek.

¹Chena State Recreation Area, additional hunting, shooting and off-road vehicle use restrictions apply. Call DNR at (907) 451-2705 for specific information.
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