Noatak Controlled Use Area: A corridor extending five miles on either side of, and including, the Noatak River beginning at the mouth of the Agashashok River, and extending upstream to the mouth of the Nimiuktuk River. The area is closed from Aug 15 - Sept 30 to the use of aircraft in any manner for big game hunting, including transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of big game; however, this does not apply to the transportation of big game hunters or parts of big game to and between publicly owned airports.
### Unit 23: Kotzebue

See map on page 125 for state restricted areas in Unit 23.

Unit 23: Kotzebue Sound, Chukchi Sea, and Arctic Ocean drainages from and including the Goodhope River drainage to Cape Lisburne and all seaward waters and lands within three (3) miles of these coastlines.

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#### Black Bear
- See pages 24-28 for bear information and salvage requirements.
- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.

**B 23** Three bears

no closed season

#### Brown/Grizzly Bear
- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.
- No resident locking-tag required.
- Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.
- See pages 24-28 for additional bear hunting information.
- Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

**R 23** Two bears every regulatory year

Aug 1-May 31

**N 23** One bear every regulatory year by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning July 31

RB761-767 Aug 1-Oct 31

**N 23** One bear every regulatory year by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning Apr 12

RB771-777 Apr 15-May 31

In addition to other regulations, subsistence regulations apply to the following “Residents Only” hunt (see page 25)

**R 23** Two bears every regulatory year by permit available in Kotzebue and Unit 23 license vendors beginning July 1

RB700 Aug 1-May 31

#### Caribou
- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.
- Meat taken in Unit 23 prior to Oct 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption.
- In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.
- In bag limit, “caribou” means an animal of either sex; “bull” means male caribou; “cow” means a female caribou.

**R 23** north of and including Singoalik River drainage

Five caribou per day however, calves may not be taken. Permits available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 20

Bulls RC907 July 1-Oct 14

Cows RC907 Feb 1-June 30

**N 23** One bull however, calves may not be taken

HT Aug 1-Sept 30

**R 23** remainder

Five caribou per day however, calves may not be taken. Permits available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 20

Bulls RC907 July 1-Oct 14

Cows RC907 Feb 1-June 30

**N 23** One bull however, calves may not be taken

HT Aug 1-Sept 30

#### Moose
- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.
- 50-inch antlers and brow tines are defined on pages 30-31.
- In bag limit, “moose” means an animal of either sex; “bull” means a male moose.
- In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.
- Meat taken in Unit 23 prior to Oct 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption.

**R 23** north of and including Singoalik River drainage

One antlered bull by permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15

RM880 July 1-Dec 31

**R 23** north of and including Singoalik River drainage

One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side

HT Sept 1-Sept 20

**N 23** remainder

no open season


Unit 23 pilots, see bottom of page 127.
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### Moose

**continued**

- **R** 23 remainder
  - One antlered bull by permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15
  - RM880 Aug 1-Dec 31

- **B** 23 remainder
  - One bull with 30-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side
  - HT Sept 1-Sept 20

### Muskox

- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.
- Subsistence muskox hunts are open to Alaska residents only.
- Aircraft may NOT be used to transport muskox hunters, muskox, or muskox hunting gear in subsistence hunts.
- No tag required in Unit 23.
- In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain attached naturally to the meat.

### Muskox identification and trophy destruction information on page 32.

- **R** 23 Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage
  - One bull by permit
  - TX106 Aug 1-Mar 15

- **R** 23 that portion north and west of Kobuk River drainage
  - One bull by permit
  - TX107 Aug 1-Mar 15

- **B** 23 remainder
  - no open season

### Sheep

- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.

- **B** 23 remainder
  - no open season

### Wolf

- Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.

- **B** 23 Twenty wolves
  - Aug 1-April 30

### Wolverine

- Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.

- **B** 23 One wolverine
  - Sept 1-Mar 31


**In Unit 23,** a pilot may not transport parts of big game with an aircraft without having, in actual possession, a certificate of successful completion of an ADF&G-approved education course regarding big game hunting and meat transportation in this unit; however, this provision does not apply to the transportation of parts of big game between state maintained airports. Contact the Kotzebue ADF&G office at 1-800-478-3420 or (907) 442-3420 or for more information visit [http://hunt.alaska.gov](http://hunt.alaska.gov/).

In Unit 23, snowmachines may be used to position caribou, wolf, and wolverine for harvest and they may be shot from a stationary snowmachine.

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*Louis Juergens family caribou hunt. Photo Credit: Louis Juergens*