State restricted area:

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 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.
- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.

#### 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 24-27 for additional bear hunting information.
- Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Unit 23 pilots: see bottom of page 127.
### Moose continued

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<td>R</td>
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<td>One antlered bull by permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15</td>
<td>RM880</td>
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<td>OR</td>
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<td>One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side</td>
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**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 resident locking-tag required in subsistence muskox hunts.
- 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.**

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<td>Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage</td>
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<td>All skulls require trophy destruction at time of take in the field subject to permit conditions; specimens required</td>
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<td>remainder no open season</td>
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- In areas indicated by a federal restrictions exist, see page 8.

**Sheep**

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

**Wolf**

- Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.

**Wolverine**

- Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.


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.

![Jon Pearce glasses for mountain goats, Baranof Island.](image-url)