

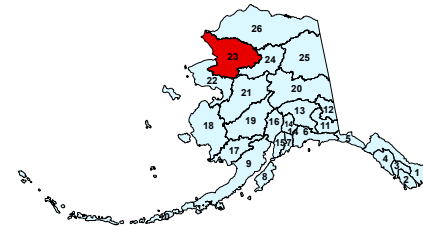
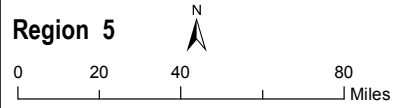
**1 Noatak Controlled Use Area:** a corridor extending five miles on either side of, and including, the Noatak River beginning at the mouth of the Agashashok River, and extending upstream to the mouth of the Nimiuktuk River. The area is **closed from Aug 15 - Sept 30 to the use of aircraft in any manner 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 may include National Park Service lands and federal regulations may also apply. See page 8.



# Unit 23

## Kotzebue Sound-Chukchi Sea-Arctic Ocean



**Game Management Units / Special Management Areas**

Closed Areas	National Parks	Military Boundary
Controlled Use Areas	National Preserves & Other Federal Lands	Military Closure
Management Areas	Unit Boundary	Tangle Lakes Archaeological District
State Refuges, Sanctuaries, & Critical Habitat Areas	Subunit Boundary	Roads
Other State Lands	City Boundary	Railroads
		Trails

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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.

OPEN TO:		<b>R</b> = RESIDENTS ONLY	<b>B</b> = RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	<b>N</b> = NONRESIDENTS ONLY			
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON	
<b>Black Bear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See pages 24-28 for bear information and salvage requirements.</li> <li>• In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.</li> </ul>							
<b>B</b>	23 ★	<b>Three bears</b>				no closed season	
<b>Brown/ Grizzly Bear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.</li> <li>• No resident locking-tag required.</li> <li>• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.</li> <li>• See pages 24-28 for additional bear hunting information.</li> <li>• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.</li> </ul>							
<b>R</b>	23	<b>Two bears</b> every regulatory year				Aug 1-May 31	
<b>N</b>		OR	<b>One bear</b> every regulatory year by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning July 31	RB761-767	Aug 1-Oct 31		
<b>N</b> ★			<b>One bear</b> every regulatory year by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> 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)							
<b>R</b>	23	<b>Two bears</b> every regulatory year by permit available in Kotzebue and Unit 23 license vendors beginning July 1			RB700	Aug 1-May 31	
<b>Caribou</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</li> <li>• In bag limit, "caribou" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means male caribou; "cow" means a female caribou.</li> </ul>							
<b>R</b>	23	north of and including Singoalik River drainage	<b>Five caribou per day</b> however, calves may not be taken. Permits available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 20	<b>Bulls</b>	RC907	July 1-Oct 14 Feb 1-June 30	
<b>R</b>				<b>Cows</b>	RC907	July 15-Apr 30	
<b>N</b>				<b>One bull</b> however, calves may not be taken		HT	Aug 1-Sept 30
<b>R</b>	23	remainder ★	<b>Five caribou per day</b> however, calves may not be taken. Permits available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 20	<b>Bulls</b>	RC907	July 1-Oct 14 Feb 1-June 30	
<b>R</b>				<b>Cows</b>	RC907	Sept 1-Mar 31	
<b>N</b>				<b>One bull</b> however, calves may not be taken		HT	Aug 1-Sept 30
<b>Moose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.</li> <li>• 50-inch antlers and brow tines are defined on pages 30-31.</li> <li>• In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose.</li> <li>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>							
<b>R</b>	23	north of and including Singoalik River drainage	<b>One antlered bull</b> by permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15		RM880	July 1-Dec 31	
<b>R</b>			OR	<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		HT	Sept 1-Sept 20
<b>N</b>							no open season

\*Hunt numbers starting with a "C" = Community, "D" = Drawing, "HT" = Harvest ticket, "R" = Registration, "T" = Tier II. See pages 14-15.

**Unit 23 pilots, see bottom of page 127.**

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON	
<b>Moose</b> <i>continued</i>						
<b>R</b>	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>R</b>		OR One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		HT	Sept 1-Sept 20	
<b>N</b>		no open season				
<b>Muskox</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.</li> <li>• Subsistence muskox hunts are open to Alaska residents only.</li> <li>• Aircraft may NOT be used to transport muskox hunters, muskox, or muskox hunting gear in subsistence hunts.</li> <li>• No tag required in Unit 23.</li> <li>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain attached naturally to the meat.</li> </ul>						
<b>Muskox identification and trophy destruction information on page 32.</b>						
<b>R</b>	23 ★	Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage	One bull by permit	All skulls require trophy destruction at time of take in the field subject to permit conditions; specimens required	TX106	Aug 1-Mar 15
<b>R</b>	23 ★	that portion north and west of Kobuk River drainage	One bull by permit		TX107	Aug 1-Mar 15
<b>B</b>	23	remainder	no open season			
<b>Sheep</b> • In areas indicated by a ★ federal restrictions exist, see page 8.						
<b>B</b>	23 ★	no open season				
<b>Wolf</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.						
<b>B</b>	23 ★	Twenty wolves			Aug 1-April 30	
<b>Wolverine</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.						
<b>B</b>	23 ★	One wolverine			Sept 1-Mar 31	

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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/>.

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



Louis Juergens family caribou hunt. Photo Credit: Louis Juergens