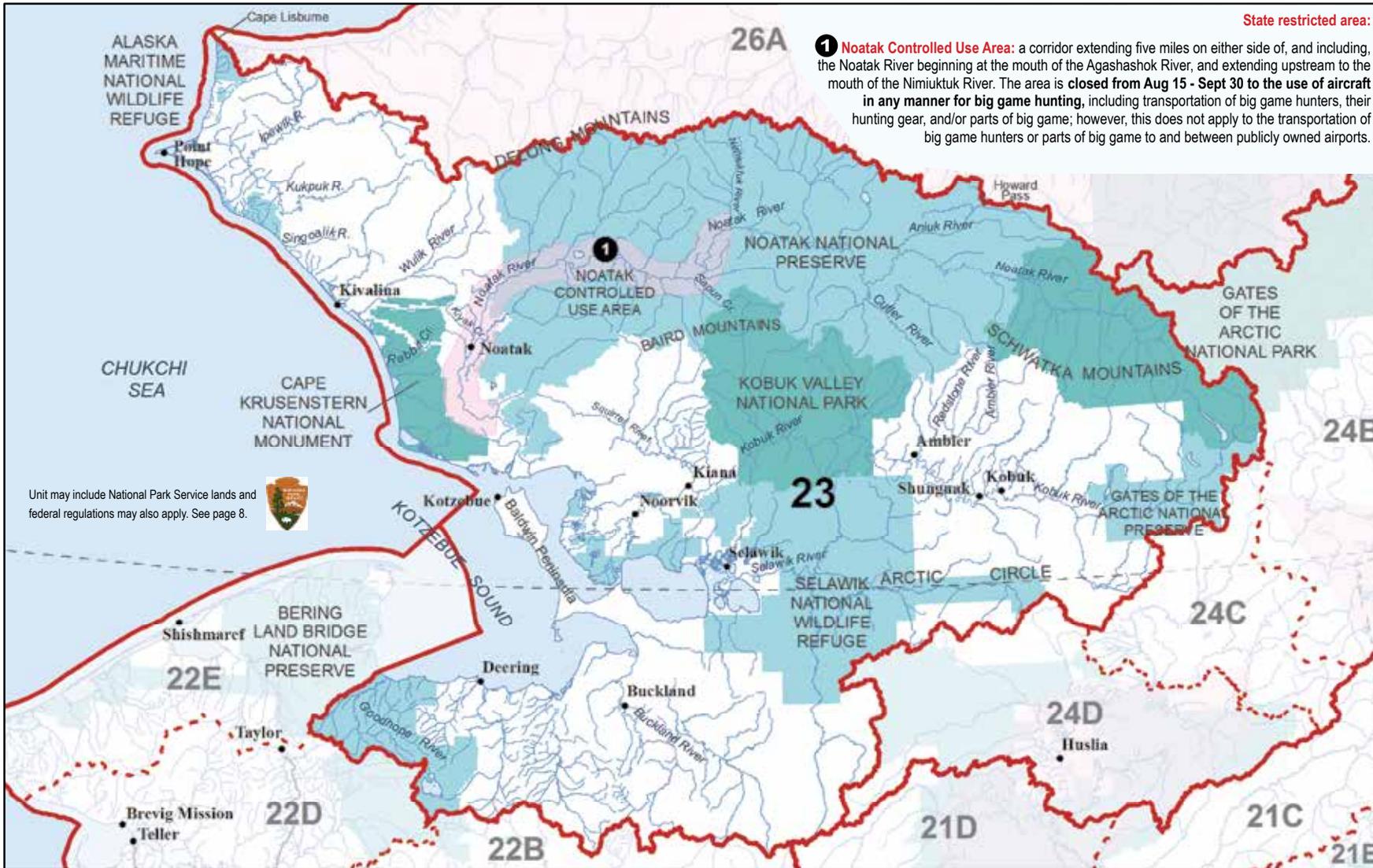


State restricted area:

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.

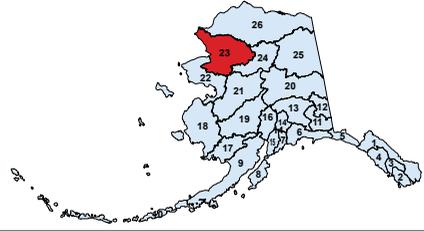
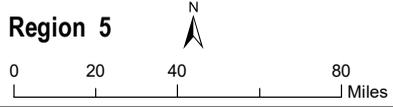


Unit may include National Park Service lands and federal regulations may also apply. See page 8.



Unit 23

Kotzebue Sound-Chukchi Sea-Arctic Ocean



Game Management Units / Special Management Areas

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| 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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State restricted area on pg. 124

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 miles of these coastlines.

OPEN TO:	R = RESIDENTS ONLY	B = RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	N = NONRESIDENTS ONLY			
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	SEASON
Black Bear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See pgs. 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements. • ⚠ Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. 						
B	23 ⚠	Three bears				no closed season
Brown/ Grizzly Bear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⚠ Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. • No resident locking-tag required. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • See pgs. 24-27 for additional bear hunting information. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide. 						
R		Two bears every regulatory year				no closed season
N	23 ⚠	⌈ Two bears every regulatory year by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning July 1	RB760	Aug 1-Oct 31		
		⌋ Two bears every regulatory year by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning April 1	RB770	Apr 15-May 31		
In addition to other regulations, subsistence regulations apply to the following "Residents Only" hunt (see pg. 25)						
R	23	Two bears every regulatory year by permit available in Kotzebue beginning July 1			RB700	no closed season
Caribou <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⚠ Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. • Meat taken 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	Fifteen caribou total, only one of which may be a cow by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 3		RC907	no closed season
N			One bull by permit		DC923	Aug 1-Sept 30
R	23 ⚠	remainder	Fifteen caribou total, only one of which may be a cow by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 3	Bulls	RC907	no closed season
				Cow		Sept 1-Mar 31
N			One bull by permit		DC923	Aug 1-Sept 30
Moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⚠ Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. • 50-inch antlers and brow tines are defined on pgs. 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 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 3-July 15	RM880	July 1-Dec 31	
			⌋ 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			no open season			
R	23 ⚠	remainder	⌈ One antlered bull by permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 3-July 15	RM880	Aug 1-Dec 31	
			⌋ 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			no open season			

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

>>> Unit 23 pilots: see pg. 126. <<<

OPEN TO:		R = RESIDENTS ONLY	B = RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	N = NONRESIDENTS ONLY	
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		PERMIT/ HUNT #*	SEASON
Muskox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 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 pg. 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
R	23 ★	Sheshalik Spit	One bull by permit	TX117	July 1-Oct 31 June 1-June 30
B	23	remainder			no open season
Sheep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. 					
B	23 ★				no open season
Wolf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill. 					
B	23 ★	Twenty wolves			Aug 1-Apr 30
Wolverine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal restrictions may apply, see pg. 8. • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill. 					
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 hunt.alaska.gov.



Chad and Tom Bear on a moose hunt.