

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.

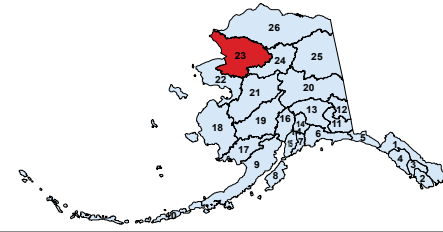
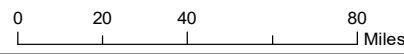
Unit may include National Park Service lands and federal regulations may also apply. See page 8.



Unit 23

Kotzebue Sound-Chukchi Sea-Arctic Ocean

Region 5



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 |

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.

OPEN TO:		R = RESIDENTS ONLY	B = RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	N = NONRESIDENTS ONLY		
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON
Black Bear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See pages 24-27 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 						
R		Two bears every regulatory year				Aug 1-May 31
N	23 ★	OR	One bear every regulatory year by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning July 5	RB761-767	Aug 1-Oct 31	
			One bear every regulatory year by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person at Kotzebue, Nome, and Galena beginning Mar 30	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 beginning July 5			RB700	Aug 1-May 31
Caribou <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 1	Bulls	RC907	no closed season
						Cows
N			One bull		HT	Aug 1-Sept 30
R	23 ★	remainder	Five caribou per day by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and at license vendors in Units 23 and 26A beginning June 1	Bulls	RC907	no closed season
						Cows
N			One bull		HT	Aug 1-Sept 30
Moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
				OR	One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side	
N						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
Moose <i>continued</i>						
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
		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
N		no open season				
Muskox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.						
R	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
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 ★	no open season				
Wolf • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.						
B	23 ★	Twenty wolves				Aug 1-Apr 30
Wolverine • 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 <http://hunt.alaska.gov/>.



Wyatt Drake harvested his first Sitka black-tailed deer on Kodiak Island.