

Trapping Regulations

You may trap wildlife for subsistence uses only within the seasons and harvest limits in these unit trapping regulations. Trapping wildlife out of season or in excess of harvest limits for subsistence uses is illegal and prohibited. However, you may trap unclassified wildlife (such as all squirrel and marmot species) in all units, without harvest limits, from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

Subsistence Trapping Restrictions

When taking wildlife for subsistence purposes, trappers may not:

- Disturb or destroy a den (except any muskrat pushup or feeding house that may be disturbed in the course of trapping).
- Disturb or destroy any beaver house.
- Take beaver by any means other than a steel trap or snare, except certain times of the year when firearms may be used to take beaver in Units 9, 12, 17, 18, 20E, 21E, 22 and 23. *See Unit-specific regulations.*
- Under a trapping license, take a free-ranging furbearer with a firearm on NPS lands.
- Take otter with a steel trap having a jaw spread of less than 5 7/8 inches during any closed mink and marten season in the same unit.

Special Provisions

- **National Park Service (NPS) areas**—For subsistence use, national parks and monuments are open only to NPS qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of NPS areas. For more information, contact the NPS office in Anchorage at (907) 644-3509.
- Federal public lands within **Glacier Bay National Park, Sitka National Historical Park, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Kenai Fjords National Park, Katmai National Park, and Denali National Park** as it existed prior to December 2, 1980, are closed to all trapping, including trapping for subsistence uses. Trapping for subsistence uses, under these regulations, is allowed in **Denali National Preserve** and on lands added to **Denali National Park** on December 2, 1980.
- The **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area**, which consists of those portions of Units 20, 24, 25, and 26 extending five miles from each side of the Dalton Highway from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay, is closed to the use of motorized vehicles (except aircraft and boats), and to licensed highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and firearms (except as provided below). The use of snowmobiles is authorized only for the subsistence taking of wildlife by residents living within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The use of firearms within the corridor management area for subsistence taking of wildlife is authorized only for residents of Alatna, Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles,

- Take (or assist in the taking of) furbearers by firearm before 3:00 a.m. on the day following the day on which airborne travel occurred. This does not apply to a trapper using a firearm to dispatch furbearers caught in a trap or snare.
- Use a net or fish trap (except a blackfish or fyke trap).
- Use a firearm other than a shotgun, muzzle-loaded rifle, rifle or pistol using center-firing cartridges, for the taking of a wolf or wolverine, except that:
 - You may use a firearm that shoots rimfire cartridges to take wolf and wolverine under a trapping license. You may sell the raw fur or tanned pelt, with or without claws attached, from legally harvested furbearers.

Evansville, Stevens Village, and residents living within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.

- With a trapping license, you may not take a free-ranging furbearer with a firearm in any NPS area.
- **In Units 1–5**, you may not shoot wolf or wolverine from a boat unless you are certified as disabled.
- **In Units 1–5**, coyotes taken incidentally with a trap or snare during an open Federal trapping season for wolf, wolverine, or beaver may be legally retained.
- **In Units 1–5**, trappers are prohibited from using a trap or snare unless the trap or snare has been individually marked with a permanent metal tag upon which is stamped or permanently etched the trapper's name and address, or the trapper's permanent identification number, or is set within 50 yards of a sign that lists the trapper's name and address, or the trapper's permanent identification number; the trapper must use the trapper's Alaska driver's license number or state identification card number as the required permanent identification number; if a trapper chooses to place a sign at a snaring site rather than tagging individual snares, the sign must be at least 3 inches by 5 inches in size, be clearly visible, and have numbers and letters that are at least one-half inch high and one-eighth inch wide in a color that contrasts with the color of the sign.

Unit 1 Southeast Mainland

Unit 1C, Juneau area, the trapping of furbearers for subsistence uses is prohibited on the following public lands:

- A strip within one-quarter mile of the mainland coast between the end of Thane Road and the end of Glacier Highway at Echo Cove;
- That area of the Mendenhall Valley bounded on the south by the Glacier Highway, on the west by the Mendenhall Loop Road and Montana Creek Road and Spur Road to Mendenhall Lake, on the north by Mendenhall Lake, and on the east by the Mendenhall Loop Road and Forest Service Glacier Spur Road to the Forest Service Visitor Center;
- That area within the U.S. Forest Service Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area;
- A strip within one-quarter mile of the following trails as designated on U.S. Geological Survey maps: Herbert Glacier Trail, Windfall Lake Trail, Peterson Lake Trail, Spaulding Meadows Trail (including the loop trail), Nugget Creek Trail, Outer Point Trail, Dan Moller Trail, Perseverance Trail, Granite Creek Trail, Mt. Roberts Trail, Nelson Water Supply Trail, Sheep Creek Trail, and Point Bishop Trail.

Unit 3 Petersburg-Wrangell

- In the Petersburg vicinity, a strip one-fourth mile wide on each side of the Mitkof Highway from milepost 0 to Crystal Lake campground is closed to the taking of wolf and wolverine.

Unit 6 Cordova-Valdez

- **Units 6B and 6C**—Coyote may be taken with the aid of artificial lights.

Unit 8 Kodiak-Shelikof

- A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license from Nov. 10–Apr. 30.

Unit 9 Alaska Peninsula

- **Unit 9B**—You may take beaver with a trapping license from Apr. 1–May 31, and in **Unit 9 remainder** from Apr. 1–30.

Unit 10 Aleutian Islands

- On **Otter Island** in the Pribilof Islands, the taking of any wildlife species for subsistence uses is prohibited.

Unit 12 Upper Tanana-White River

- Trapping of coyote or wolf is prohibited during Apr. and Oct. with a steel trap or with a snare using cable smaller than 3/32-inch diameter.

Unit 13 Nelchina-Upper Susitna

- BLM restricts the use of off-road vehicles to certain designated trails off the Denali and Richardson highways in the **Tangle Lakes Archaeological District**. For information and maps on these trails and their restrictions, contact the BLM Glennallen District Office, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, AK 99588 (907) 822-3217.

Unit 14 Anchorage

- The **Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base Management Areas**, consisting of the Fort Richardson and Elmendorf military reservations, are closed to the subsistence taking of wildlife.
- The **Anchorage Management Area**, consisting of all drainages south of Elmendorf and Fort Richardson military reservations and north of (and including) Rainbow Creek is closed to subsistence taking of wildlife.

Unit 15 Kenai

- You may not trap furbearers for subsistence in the **Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area**.
- Taking a red fox by any means other than a steel trap or snare is prohibited.
- **Unit 15B portion**—You may not trap marten in that portion of Unit 15B east of the Kenai River, Skilak Lake, Skilak River, and Skilak Glacier.
- **Kenai NWR regulations: Trapping on the Kenai NWR requires a refuge permit. Trapping of red fox is prohibited on the Kenai NWR. Use of aircraft, off-road vehicles and firearms is subject to special Kenai NWR regulations.**

Unit 17 Bristol Bay

- If you have a trapping license, you may use a firearm to take beaver from Apr. 15–May 31.

Unit 18 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

- A firearm may be used to take beaver under a trapping license from Apr. 1–June 10.

Unit 20 Fairbanks-Central Tenana

- **Unit 20E**—Trapping of coyote or wolf is prohibited during Apr. and Oct. with a steel trap, or with a snare using cable smaller than 3/32 inch diameter.

Unit 21 Middle Yukon

- **Unit 21E**—A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license from Nov. 1–June 10.

Unit 22 Seward Peninsula

- A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license during the established seasons.
- Coyote, incidentally taken with a trap or snare may be used for subsistence purposes.

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Special Provisions (continued)

Unit 23 Kotzebue Sound

- A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license from Nov. 1–June 10.

Unit 24 Koyukuk

- Arctic fox, incidentally taken with a trap or snare intended for red fox, may be used for subsistence purposes.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BEAVER		
All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3 except Mitkof Island, and Unit 4	No limit	Dec. 1–May 15
Unit 3 Mitkof Island	No limit	Dec. 1–Apr. 15
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–May 15
Unit 6	No limit	Dec. 1–Apr. 30
Units 7 and 15	20 beaver per season	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Unit 8	30 beaver per season	Nov. 10–Apr. 30
Unit 9D	No limit	Oct. 10–Mar. 31
	2 beaver per day; only a firearm may be used	Apr. 15–May 31
Unit 11	No limit	Sept. 25–May 31
Unit 12	15 beaver per season. Only firearms may be used during Sept. 20–Oct. 31 and Apr. 16–May 15, to take up to 6 beaver. Only traps or snares may be used Nov. 1–Apr. 15. The total annual harvest limit for beaver is 15, of which no more than 6 may be taken by firearm under trapping or hunting regulations. Meat from beaver harvested by firearm must be salvaged for human consumption.	Sept. 20–May 15
Unit 13	No limit	Sept. 25–May 31
Units 14A, 14B, and 22C		No Federal open season
Unit 14C —that portion within the drainages of Glacier Creek, Kern Creek, Peterson Creek, the Twentymile River and the drainages of Knik River outside Chugach State Park.	20 beaver per season	Dec. 1–Apr. 15
Unit 16	No limit	Oct. 10–May 15
Unit 18	No limit	July 1–June 30
Units 19, 21, and 24	No limit	Nov. 1–June 10
Units 20A, 20B, 20C, and 20F Unit 20E	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
	25 beaver per season. Only firearms may be used during Sept. 20–Oct. 31 and Apr. 16–May 15, to take up to 6 beaver. Only traps or snares may be used Nov. 1–Apr. 15. The total annual harvest limit for beaver is 25, of which no more than 6 may be taken by firearm under trapping or hunting regulations. Meat from beaver harvested by firearm must be salvaged for human consumption.	Sept. 20–May 15

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BEAVER (continued)		
All rural residents (continued)		
Units 22A, 22B, 22D, and 22E	50 beaver	Nov. 1–June 10
Unit 23 Kobuk and Selawik River drainages	50 beaver	July 1–June 30
Unit 23 remainder	30 beaver	July 1–June 30
Unit 25C	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
Unit 25 remainder	50 beaver	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 9E, and 17		
Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 9E, and 17	No limit	Oct. 10–Mar. 31
	2 beaver per day. Only firearms may be used.	Apr. 15–May 31
COYOTE—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, and 4	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 15
Unit 6C south of the Copper River Highway and east of the Heney Range.	No limit	Nov. 10–Apr. 30
Units 6A, 6B, 6C remainder, and 6D	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Unit 10	2 coyotes	Sept. 1–Apr. 30
Units 12 and 20E	No limit	Oct. 15–Apr. 30
Units 14A, 14B, and 22		No Federal open season
Unit 14C	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D, 20F, 21, 24, and 25	No limit	Nov. 1–Mar. 31
Unit 20E	No limit	Oct. 15–Apr. 30
Units 23 and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase)—All rural residents		
Unit 9	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Unit 10	No limit	July 1–June 30
Units 17 and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black, and Silver Phases)—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, and 4	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 15
Units 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 16	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 8, 17, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Unit 10	2 red foxes	Sept. 1–Feb. 28
Units 12, 20, 21, 24, and 25	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
Units 14C and 15	1 fox	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Unit 19	No limit	Nov. 1–Mar. 31
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
LYNX—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 9	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 11 and 13	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 6, 14A, and 14B,		No Federal open season

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LYNX—All rural residents (continued)		
Units 7 and 15	No limit	Jan. 1–Jan. 31
Unit 12 and 20E	No limit, however no more than 5 lynx may be taken between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30.	Nov. 1–Dec. 31
Units 17 and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 19, 21, 24, and 25	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 14C and 16	No limit	Dec. 15–Jan. 31
Units 20A, 20B, and 20C east of Teklanika River	No limit	Dec. 15–Feb. 15
Units 20F and 20C remainder	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
MARTEN—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3 (except Kuiu Island), and 4	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 3—that portion of Kuiu Island		No Federal open season
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 15
Units 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, and 17	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 7, 8, and 14C	No limit	Nov. 10–Jan. 31
Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
Unit 15B—that portion east of the Kenai River, Skilak Lake, Skilak River and Skilak Glacier		No Federal open season
Unit 15 remainder	No limit	Nov. 10–Jan. 31
Unit 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
MINK AND WEASEL—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, and 4	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 15
Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15, 16, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Jan. 31
Units 9, 10, 11, 13, and 17	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Jan. 31
MUSKRAT—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Units 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–June 10
Units 7, 14C, and 15	No limit	Nov. 10–May 15
Units 12 and 20E	No limit	Sept. 20–June 10
Unit 13	No limit	Sept. 25–June 10
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
Unit 17	2 muskrat	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Units 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D, and 20F, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–June 10
RIVER OTTER—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, and 4	No limit	Dec. 1–Feb. 15
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 15
Units 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31

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RIVER OTTER—All rural residents (Continued)		
Units 7, 14C, and 15	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Unit 8	No limit	Nov. 10–Jan. 31
Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
Unit 13	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
WOLF		
All rural residents		
Units 1, 3, and 4	No limit	Nov. 10–Apr. 30
Unit 2	No limit <i>Any wolf taken in Unit 2 must be sealed within 14 days of harvest</i>	Nov. 15–Mar. 31
Units 7 and 15	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 14A and 14B		No Federal open season
Unit 14C	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Rural residents of Unit 5A		
Unit 5	No limit	Nov. 10–Nov. 30
Units 5A, 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon.		
Unit 6A	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon.		
Units 6B, 6C, 6D, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 12, 20E and 25	No limit	Oct. 1–Apr. 30
Unit 13	No limit	Oct. 15–Apr. 30
Units 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21, 23, 24, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 30
Unit 20F, Stevens Village, and Manley		
Unit 20F	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 30
Units 23, 22, 21D north and west of the Yukon River, and Kotlik		
Unit 22	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 30
WOLVERINE—All rural residents		
Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	No limit	Nov. 10– Mar. 1
Units 6, 7, 9, 10, 14C, 15B, 15C, 16, and 17	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Unit 11	No limit	Nov. 10–Feb. 28
Unit 13	No limit	Nov. 10–Jan. 31
Units 12, 20, and 25C	No limit	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
Units 14A, 14B, and 15A		No Federal open season
Unit 18	No limit	Nov. 10–Mar. 31
Units 19, 21, 24, 25A, 25B, and 25D	No limit	Nov. 1–Mar. 31
Units 22, 23, and 26	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15