

Unit 17 / Hunting

(See Unit 17 Bristol Bay map)

Unit 17 consists of drainages into Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea between Etoin Point and Cape Newenham, and all islands between these points including Hagemeister Island and the Walrus Islands.

Unit 17A consists of the drainages between Cape Newenham and Cape Constantine, and Hagemeister Island and the Walrus Islands.

Unit 17B consists of the Nushagak River drainage upstream from (and including) the Mulchatna River drainage, and the Wood River drainage upstream from the outlet of Lake Beverley.

Unit 17C consists of the remainder of Unit 17.

Special Provisions

- In the **Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area** (Unit 17B), except for aircraft and boats and in legal hunting camps, you may not use any motorized vehicle for hunting an ungulate, bear, wolf, and wolverine; including transportation of hunters and parts of an ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine from August 1 - November 1.
- No resident tag is required for taking brown bear in Unit 17, provided that the hunter has a State registration permit prior to hunting. See page 19 for bear sealing requirements.
- Bait may be used to hunt black bear between April 15 - June 15.
- All edible meat from caribou and moose harvested in Unit 17 prior to October 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters and hind quarters until the meat is removed from the field or is processed for human consumption.
- **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.
- A  indicates that additional management actions may be taken by the Federal in-season manager. If you are planning to hunt on Federal land, consult the Delegation of Authority Table on page 136 for details. Calling the in-season manager is advisable as in-season closures can occur at any time and may not be reflected in this regulatory publication.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 17A and that portion of 17B draining into Nuyakuk Lake and Tikchik Lake—Residents of Units 9A, 9B, 17, Akiachak, and Akiak • Unit 17 remainder—Residents of Units 9A, 9B, and 17 	2 bear	Aug. 1 - May 31
BROWN BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 17A and 17B, those portions north and west of a line beginning from the Unit 18 boundary at the northwest end of Nenevok Lake, to the southern point of Upper Togiak Lake, and northeast to the northern point of Nuyakuk Lake, northeast to the point where the Unit 17 boundary intersects the Shotgun Hills—Residents of Kwethluk • Unit 17A remainder—Residents of Unit 17, Akiachak, Akiak, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum • Unit 17B, that portion draining into Nuyakuk Lake and Tikchik Lake—Residents of Akiachak and Akiak, • Units 17B and 17C—Residents of Unit 17 	1 bear by State registration permit only. <i>Contact ADF&G for State permit details.</i>	Sept. 1 - May 31

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
CARIBOU 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17A, that portion west of the Izavieknik River, Upper Togiak Lake, Togiak Lake, and the main course of the Togiak River—Residents of Eek, Goodnews Bay, Napakiak, Platinum, Quinhagak, and Tuntutuliak Unit 17A, that portion north of Togiak Lake that includes Izavieknik River drainages—Residents of Akiachak, Akiak, and Tuluksak 	<p>Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point—2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1 - Jan. 31.</p> <p>The harvest limit may be reduced for the drainages between the Togiak River and Right Hand Point by announcement of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager.</p>	<p>Aug. 1 - Mar. 15</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 17A and 17B, those portions north and west of a line beginning from the Unit 18 boundary at the northwest end of Nenevok Lake, to the southern point of upper Togiak Lake, and northeast to the northern point of Nuyakuk Lake, northeast to the point where the Unit 17 boundary intersects the Shotgun Hills—Residents of Kwethluk Unit 17B, that portion of Togiak National Wildlife Refuge within Unit 17B—Residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Bethel, Eek, Goodnews Bay, Napakiak, Platinum, Quinhagak, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak Unit 17 remainder—Residents of Units 9B, 17, Lime Village and Stony River 	<p>Units 17A and 17C, that portion of 17A and 17C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay—Up to 2 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1702).</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, and Eku.</i></p> <p>The harvest objective, harvest limit, and the number of permits available will be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with the ADF&G and the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Planning Committee. Successful hunters must report their harvest to the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge within 24 hours after returning from the field.</p>	<p>Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 Dec. 1 - Mar. 31</p> <p>The season may be closed by announcement of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager.</p>
	<p>Units 17A remainder and 17C remainder—Selected drainages, a harvest limit of up to 2 caribou by State registration permit will be determined at the time the season is announced.</p> <p>The harvest limit and hunt area to be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager between Aug. 1 - Mar. 31.</p>	<p>Season may be announced between Aug. 1 - Mar. 15.</p>
	<p>Units 17B and that portion of 17C east of the Wood River and Wood River Lakes—2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1 - Jan. 31.</p>	<p>Aug. 1 - Mar. 15</p>

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