



**Unit 18**  
Yukon/Kuskokwim  
Delta  
Region

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Kuskokwim  
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| Federal Public Lands Open to Subsistence Use |   |
| FWS Administered Land                        | Closed to Subsistence                     |
| NPS Administered Parks                       | Special Management & Controlled Use Areas |
| NPS Administered Preserves                   | Unit Boundary                             |
| BLM Administered Land                        | Sub-Unit Boundaries                       |
| USFS Administered Land                       | Roads                                     |

# Unit 18 / Hunting

(See Unit 18 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta map)

**Unit 18** consists of that area draining into the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers westerly and downstream from a [STRAIGHT] line starting at the down river boundary of Paimiut on the north bank of the Yukon River then south across the Yukon River to the northern terminus of the Paimiut Portage, then south along the Portage to its intersection with Arhymot Lake, then south along the northern and western bank of the lake to the outlet at Crooked Creek (locally known as Johnson River), then along the south bank of Crooked Creek downstream to the northern terminus of the Crooked Creek to Mud Creek Tramway, then along the west side of the tramway to Mud Creek, then along the westerly bank of Mud Creek downstream to an unnamed slough of the Kuskokwim River (locally known as First Slough or Kalskag Slough), then along the west bank of this unnamed slough downstream to its confluence to the Kuskokwim River, then southeast across the Kuskokwim River to its southerly bank, then follow the south bank of the Kuskokwim River upriver to the confluence of a Kuskokwim River slough (locally known as Old River), then across Old River to the downriver terminus of the island formed by Old River and the Kuskokwim River, then follow the north bank of the main channel of Old River to Igyalleg Creek (Whitefish Creek), then follow the south and west bank of Igyalleg Creek to Whitefish Lake, then directly across Whitefish Lake to Ophir Creek, then along the west bank of Ophir Creek to its headwaters at N61° 10.22, W159° 46.05 [DRAWN BETWEEN LOWER KALSKAG AND PAIMIUT] and the drainages flowing into the Bering Sea from Cape Newenham on the south to and including the Pastolik River drainage on the north~ Nunivak, St. Matthews, and adjacent islands between Cape Newenham and the Pastolik River, and all seaward waters and lands within three miles of these coastlines.

## Special Provisions

- The **Kalskag Controlled Use Area** is closed to the use of aircraft for hunting any ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine, including the transportation of any hunter and ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine part. The controlled use area consists of that portion of Unit 18 bounded by a line from Lower Kalskag on the Kuskokwim River, northwesterly to Russian Mission on the Yukon River; then east along the north bank of the Yukon River to the old site of Paimiut; and then back to Lower Kalskag. However, this does not apply to transportation of a hunter or ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the Kalskag Controlled Use Area or between a publicly owned airport within the controlled use area and points outside the controlled use area.
- No resident tag is required for taking brown bear in Unit 18, provided that the hunter has a State registration permit prior to hunting. See page 19 for bear sealing requirements.
- You may take caribou from a boat moving under power in Unit 18.
- Prior to Oct. 1 all edible meat from caribou and moose harvested in Unit 18 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.
- You may take a moose from a boat moving under power in that portion of Unit 18 west of a line running from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60°59.41' Latitude; W 162°22.14' Longitude), continuing upriver along a line 1/2 mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank west to the Unit 18 border.
- You may not pursue with a motorized vehicle an ungulate that is at or near a full gallop.
- Taking of wildlife in Unit 18 while in possession of lead shot size T, .20 caliber or less in diameter, is prohibited.
- 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
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents of Units 18, 19A (living downstream of the Holokuk River), Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael, Togiak, and Twin Hills</li> </ul>	3 bear	July 1 - June 30

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
<b>BROWN BEAR</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Eek, Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Mountain Village, Napaskiak, Platinum, Quinhagak, St. Marys and Tuluksak</li> </ul>	1 bear by State registration permit only.	Sept. 1 - May 31
<b>CARIBOU</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 18—Residents of Unit 18, Manokotak, St. Michael, Stebbins, Togiak, Twin Hills, and Upper Kalskag</li> </ul>	<p>Unit 18—that portion to the east and south of the Kuskokwim River—2 caribou <b>by State registration permit.</b></p> <p>Unit 18 remainder—2 caribou <b>by State registration permit.;</b></p>	<p>Aug. 1 - <b>Mar. 15</b></p> <p>Aug. 1 - Mar. 15</p>
<b>MOOSE</b> 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 18, that portion of the Yukon River drainage upstream of Russian Mission and that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream of (but excluding) the Tuluksak River drainage—Residents of Unit 18, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Upper Kalskag</li> <li>Unit 18, that portion north of a line from Cape Romanzof to Kuzilvak Mountain to Mountain Village, and all drainages north of the Yukon River downstream from Marshall—Residents of Unit 18, St. Michael, Stebbins, and Upper Kalskag</li> <li>Unit 18 remainder—Residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag</li> </ul>	<p>Unit 18—that portion east of a line running from the mouth of the Ishkowik River to the closest point of Dall Lake, then to the east bank of the Johnson River at its entrance into Nunavakanukakslak Lake (N 60°59.41' Latitude; W162°22.14' Longitude), continuing upriver along a line ½ mile south and east of, and paralleling a line along the southerly bank of the Johnson River to the confluence of the east bank of Crooked Creek, then continuing upriver to the outlet at Arhymot Lake, then following the south bank east of the Unit 18 border and then north of and including the Eek River drainage — <b>1 antlered bull by State registration permit; quotas will be announced annually by the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Manger.</b></p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose except by residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Atmautlauk, Bethel, Eek, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Lower Kalskag, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak.</i></p>	<b>Sept. 1 - 30</b>
	<p>Unit 18—south of and including the Kanektok River drainages to the Goodnews River drainage.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose.</i></p>	No Federal open season

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
	Unit 18—Goodnews River drainage, and south to the Unit 18 boundary—1 antlered bull by State registration permit. Any needed closures will be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with BLM, ADF&G, and the Chair of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
	Unit 18 remainder—2 moose, only one of which may be antlered. Antlered bulls may not be harvested from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 31
<b>MUSKOX</b>		
• No Federal subsistence priority		No Federal open season
<b>BEAVER</b>		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1 - June 30
<b>COYOTE</b>		
• All rural residents	2 coyotes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
<b>FOX, ARCTIC</b> (Blue and White Phases)		
• All rural residents	2 foxes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
<b>FOX, RED</b> (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)		
• All rural residents	10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1.	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
<b>HARE</b>		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1 - June 30
<b>LYNX</b>		
• All rural residents	5 lynx	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
<b>WOLF</b>		
• Residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon	10 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
<b>WOLVERINE</b>		
• All rural residents	2 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
<b>GROUSE</b>		
• All rural residents	15 grouse per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
<b>PTARMIGAN</b>		
• All rural residents	50 ptarmigan per day, 100 in possession	Aug. 10 - May 30