

Unit 19 / Hunting

(See Unit 19 McGrath map)

Unit 19 consists of the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream, excluding the drainages of Arhymot Lake, from a line starting at the outlet of Arhymot Lake 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 follow the west bank of Ophir Creek to its headwaters at N61 ° 10.22, W159° 46.05.”

Unit 19A consists of the Kuskokwim River drainage downstream from (and including) the Moose Creek drainage on the north bank; and downstream from (and including) the Stony River drainage on the south bank, excluding Unit 19B. Unit 19B consists of the Aniak River drainage upstream from (and including) the Salmon River drainage; the Holitna River drainage upstream from (and including) the Bakbuk Creek drainage; that area south of a line from the mouth of Bakbuk Creek to the radar dome at Sparrevohn Air Force Base, including the Hoholitna River drainage upstream from that line; and the Stony River

drainage upstream from (and including) the Can Creek drainage.

Unit 19C consists of that portion of Unit 19 south and east of a line from Benchmark M#1.26 (approximately 1.26 miles south of the northwest corner of the original Mount McKinley National Park boundary) to the peak of Lone Mountain; then due west to Big River, including the Big River drainage upstream from that line; and including the Swift River drainage upstream from (and including) the North Fork drainage.

Unit 19D consists of the remainder of Unit 19.

Special Provisions

- The **Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area** is closed during moose hunting seasons to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or moose part. However, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area, or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the area. The Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area consists of that portion of Unit 19D upstream from the mouth of the Selatna River, but excluding the Selatna and Black river drainages; to a line extending from Dyckman Mountain on the northern Unit 19D boundary southeast to the 1,610 foot crest of Munsatli Ridge; then south along the Munsatli Ridge to the 2,981 foot peak of Telida Mountain; then northeast to the intersection of the western boundary of Denali National Preserve with the Minchumina-Telida winter trail; and then south along the western boundary of Denali National Preserve, to the southern boundary of Unit 19D.
- No resident tag is required for taking brown bear in that portion of Units 19A and 19B downstream of (and including) the Aniak River drainage 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 30.
- Federal public lands within **Denali National Park**, as it existed prior to December 2, 1980, are closed to all hunting, including the hunting of wildlife for subsistence uses. Subsistence hunting is permitted in **Denali National Preserve** and on lands added to **Denali National Park** on December 2, 1980.
- All edible meat from caribou and moose harvested in Unit 19B 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.
- **Individual residents of Nikolai may harvest sheep during the Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 season and not have that animal count against the community harvest limit. Individual residents of Nikolai that harvest a sheep under State regulations may not participate in the community harvest.**
- 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 |
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| BISON | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 19C and 19D—No Federal subsistence priority | | No Federal open season |
| BLACK BEAR | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 3 bear | July 1 - June 30 |
| BROWN BEAR | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 19A and 19B—Residents of Units 19 and 18 within the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from (and including) the Johnson River | Units 19A and 19B, those portions which are downstream of and including the Aniak River drainage—1 bear by State registration permit only. | Aug. 10 - June 30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 19C—No Federal subsistence priority. | Units 19A, 19B remainder, and 19D—1 bear | Aug. 10 - June 30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 19D—Residents of Units 19A, 19D, Lower Kalskag and Tuluksak. | Unit 19C | No Federal open season |
| <i>Contact ADF&G for State permit details.</i> | | |
| CARIBOU | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 19A and 19B—Residents of Units 19A, 19B, 18 (within the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from, and including, the Johnson River), Marshall, Pilot Station, Russian Mission, and St. Marys. | Unit 19A north of Kuskokwim River—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. | Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 19C—Residents of Unit 19C, Lime Village, McGrath, Nikolai, and Telida | Units 19A south of the Kuskokwim River and 19B (excluding Lime Village)—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. | Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 19D—Residents of Unit 19D, Lime Village, Sleetmute, and Stony River | Unit 19C—1 caribou | Aug. 10 - Oct. 10 |
| | Unit 19D south and east of the Kuskokwim River and North Fork of the Kuskokwim River—1 caribou. | Aug. 10 - Sept. 30 Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 |
| | Unit 19D remainder—1 caribou | Aug. 10 - Sept. 30 |
| | Unit 19—rural residents of Lime Village only—no individual harvest limit, but a village harvest quota of 200 caribou; cows and calves may not be taken from Apr. 1 - Aug. 9. Reporting will be by a community reporting system. | July 1 - June 30 |

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| MOOSE | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 19A and 19B—Residents of Unit 18 (within the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from, and including, the Johnson River) and Unit 19 Unit 19B west of the Kogruklu River—Residents of Eek and Quinhagak Unit 19C—Residents of Unit 19 Unit 19D—Residents of Unit 19 and Lake Minchumina | <p>Unit 19A north of the Kuskokwim River, upstream from (but excluding) the George River drainage, and south of the Kuskokwim River upstream from (and including) the Downey Creek drainage, not including the Lime Village Management Area.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose.</i></p> | <p>No Federal open season</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19A remainder—1 antlered bull by Federal drawing permit (FM1901) or State permit.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose except by residents of Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, Lower Kalskag, Tuluksak, and Upper Kalskag, .</i></p> <p>The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Manager, in cooperation with BLM, will annually establish the harvest quota and number of permits to be issued in coordination with the State Tier I hunt. If the allowable harvest level is reached before the regular season closing date, the refuge manager, in consultation with BLM field office manager, will announce an early closure of Federal public lands to all moose hunting.</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 20</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19B—1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers, or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side.</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 20</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19C—1 antlered bull</p> <p>1 bull by State registration permit</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 20</p> <p>Jan. 15 - Feb. 15</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19D—that portion of the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area within the North Fork drainage upstream from the confluence of the South Fork to the mouth of the Swift River—1 antlered bull.</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19D, remainder of the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area—1 bull</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</p> <p>Dec. 1 - Feb. 28</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19D remainder—1 antlered bull</p> | <p>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</p> <p>Dec. 1 - Dec. 15</p> |
| | <p>Unit 19—Rural residents of Lime Village only—No individual harvest limit, but a village harvest quota of 28 bulls (including those taken under the State Tier I system). Reporting will be by a community reporting system.</p> | <p>July 1 - June 30</p> |

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| SHEEP  | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 1 ram with $\frac{7}{8}$ curl or larger Unit 19C—that portion within Denali National Park and Preserve - residents of Nikolai only - no individual harvest limit, but a community harvest quota will be set annually by the Denali National Park and Preserve Superintendent; rams or ewes without lambs only. Reporting will be by a community harvest reporting system. | Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 Oct. 1 - Mar. 30 |
| COYOTE | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 10 coyotes | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30 |
| FOX | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 10 foxes—However, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1. | Sept. 1 - Mar. 15 |
| HARE | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | No limit | July 1 - June 30 |
| LYNX | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 2 lynx | Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| WOLF | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | Unit 19D—10 wolves per day Unit 19 remainder—5 wolves | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30 Aug. 10 - Apr. 30 |
| WOLVERINE | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 1 wolverine | Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 |
| GROUSE | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 15 grouse per day, 30 in possession | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30 |
| PTARMIGAN | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents | 20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30 |



2014 Student Art Contest submission by
Brenda Gamble, 5, Sitka

Other submissions receiving votes from the
Federal Subsistence Board Members were:

- Helen Stein, Kotzebue
- Hayleigh Nanook, Kotzebue
- Harber Paul, Kipnuk
- Marilyn Gamble, Sitka
- Patricia McCall Kotzebue
- Thomas Thompson, Atka.