



Unit 26 / Hunting

(See Unit 26 Arctic Slope map)

Unit 26 consists of Arctic Ocean drainages between Cape Lisburne and the Alaska-Canada border, including the Firth River drainage within Alaska.

Unit 26A consists of that portion of Unit 26 lying west of the Itkillik River drainage and west of the east bank of the Colville River, between the mouth of the Itkillik River and the Arctic Ocean.

Unit 26B consists of that portion of Unit 26 east of Unit 26A, west of the west bank of the Canning River and west of the west bank of the Marsh Fork of the Canning River.

Unit 26C consists of the remainder of Unit 26.

Special Provisions

- The **Unit 26A Controlled Use Area**, which consists of Unit 26A, is closed to the use of aircraft in any manner for moose hunting, including transportation of moose hunters or parts of moose from July 1 - September 14 and from January 1 - March 31. However, this does not apply to transportation of moose hunters, their gear, or moose parts by aircraft between publicly owned airports.
- The **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area** 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. The Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area 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 licensed highway vehicles is limited only to designated roads 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 the residents of Alatna, Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Evansville, Stevens Village, and residents living within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.
- You may not use aircraft in any manner for brown bear hunting, including transportation of hunters, bears or parts of bears. However, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See pages 19-20 for bear sealing requirements.
- Caribou may be taken from a boat moving under power in Unit 26.
- Swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rimfire cartridges.
- No more than five caribou per regulatory year may be transported from Unit 26 except by residents of Anaktuvuk Pass.
- For the DeLong Mountains sheep hunts—A Federally qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (designated hunter) to take sheep on their behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must get a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for only one recipient in the course of a season.
- **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.
- In Kaktovik, a Federally qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (designated hunter) to take sheep or muskox on their behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must get a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in their possession at any one time.
- Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass who have taken sheep within Gates of the Arctic National Park under the community harvest quota hunt are required to report the taking within 10 days to the Anaktuvuk Pass village coordinator's office.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
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"> Residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope 	Unit 26A—1 bear by State subsistence registration permit only.	July 1 - June 30
	Unit 26B—1 bear	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
<i>Contact ADF&G for permit details.</i>	Unit 26C—1 bear	Aug. 10 - June 30
CARIBOU		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 26A and 26C—Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope 	Unit 26A—10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 - June 30.	July 1 - June 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 26B—Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and residents of Unit 24 within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. 	Unit 26B—10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may be taken only from Oct. 1 - Apr. 30.	July 1 - June 30
<i>You may not transport more than 5 caribou per regulatory year from Unit 26 except to the community of Anaktuvuk Pass.</i>	Unit 26C—10 caribou per day	July 1 - Apr. 30
MOOSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope 	Unit 26A—that portion of the Colville River drainage upstream from (and including) the Anaktuvuk River drainage—1 bull.	Aug. 1 - Sept. 14
	Unit 26A—that portion of the Colville River drainage upstream from (and including) the Anaktuvuk River drainage—1 moose; however, you may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf.	Feb. 15 - Apr. 15
	Unit 26A—that portion west of 156°00'W. Long. and excluding the Colville River drainage—1 moose; however, you may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf.	July 1 - Sept. 14
	Unit 26A remainder—1 bull	Aug. 1 - Sept. 14
	Unit 26B—excluding the Canning River drainage—1 bull.	Sept. 1 - Sept. 14
	Units 26B remainder and 26C—1 moose by Federal registration permit (FM2606) by residents of Kaktovik only. The harvest quota is 5 moose. You may not take a cow accompanied by a calf in Unit 26B. Only 5 Federal registration permits will be issued. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by a Kaktovik resident holding a Federal registration permit and hunting under these regulations.</i>	July 1 - Jun. 30

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
MUSKOX		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 26A—Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright Unit 26B—Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, and Nuiqsit Unit 26C—Residents of Kaktovik <p><i>Federal permits are available from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge office in Fairbanks, listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	<p>Units 26A and 26B</p> <p>Unit 26C—1 bull by Federal registration permit (FX2604) only. The number of permits that may be issued by the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Manager to the residents of Kaktovik will not exceed three percent (3%) of the number of muskoxen counted in Unit 26C during a pre-calving census.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of muskox, except by residents of Kaktovik.</i></p>	<p>No Federal open season</p> <p>July 15 - Mar. 31</p>
SHEEP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 26A—Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope Unit 26B—Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and Wiseman Unit 26C—Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Arctic Village, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Point Hope, and Venetie <p><i>See Special Provision (above) for residents of Anaktuvuk Pass in Unit 26B. Federal permits are available from the BLM Field Office in Fairbanks, listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p> <p><i>Unit 26C Federal registration permits are available from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge office in Fairbanks, listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	<p>Unit 26A—those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents—3 sheep</p> <p>Unit 26A—that portion west of Howard Pass and the Etivluk River (DeLong Mountains)—1 sheep by Federal registration permit (FS2607). The total allowable harvest of sheep for the DeLong Mountains is 8, of which 5 may be rams and 3 may be ewes.</p> <p>Units 26A and 26B—those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, Anaktuvuk Pass residents only—community harvest quota of 60 sheep, no more than 10 of which may be ewes and a daily possession limit of 3 sheep per person, no more than 1 of which may be a ewe.</p> <p>Unit 26B—that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area—1 ram with $\frac{7}{8}$ curl horn or larger by Federal registration permit (FS2602) only.</p> <p>Units 26A and 26B remainder (including the Gates of the Arctic National Preserve)—1 ram with $\frac{7}{8}$ curl horn or larger.</p> <p>Unit 26C—3 sheep per regulatory year; the Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 season is restricted to 1 ram with $\frac{7}{8}$ curl horn or larger. A Federal registration permit (FS2603) is required for the Oct. 1 - Apr. 30 season.</p>	<p>Aug. 1 - Apr. 30</p> <p>Aug. 10 - Apr. 30</p> <p>If the allowable harvest levels are reached before the regular season closing date, the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands will announce early closure.</p> <p>July 15 - Dec. 31</p> <p>Aug. 10 - Sept. 20</p> <p>Aug. 10 - Sept. 20</p> <p>Aug. 10 - Sept. 20</p> <p>Oct. 1 - Apr. 30</p>
COYOTE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 coyotes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White phase)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 foxes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver phases)		
• All rural residents	Units 26A and 26B—10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1.	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
	Unit 26C—10 foxes	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
HARE		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1 - June 30
LYNX		
• All rural residents	2 lynx	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
WOLF		
• 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	15 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
WOLVERINE		
• All rural residents	5 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
PTARMIGAN		
• All rural residents	20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30



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