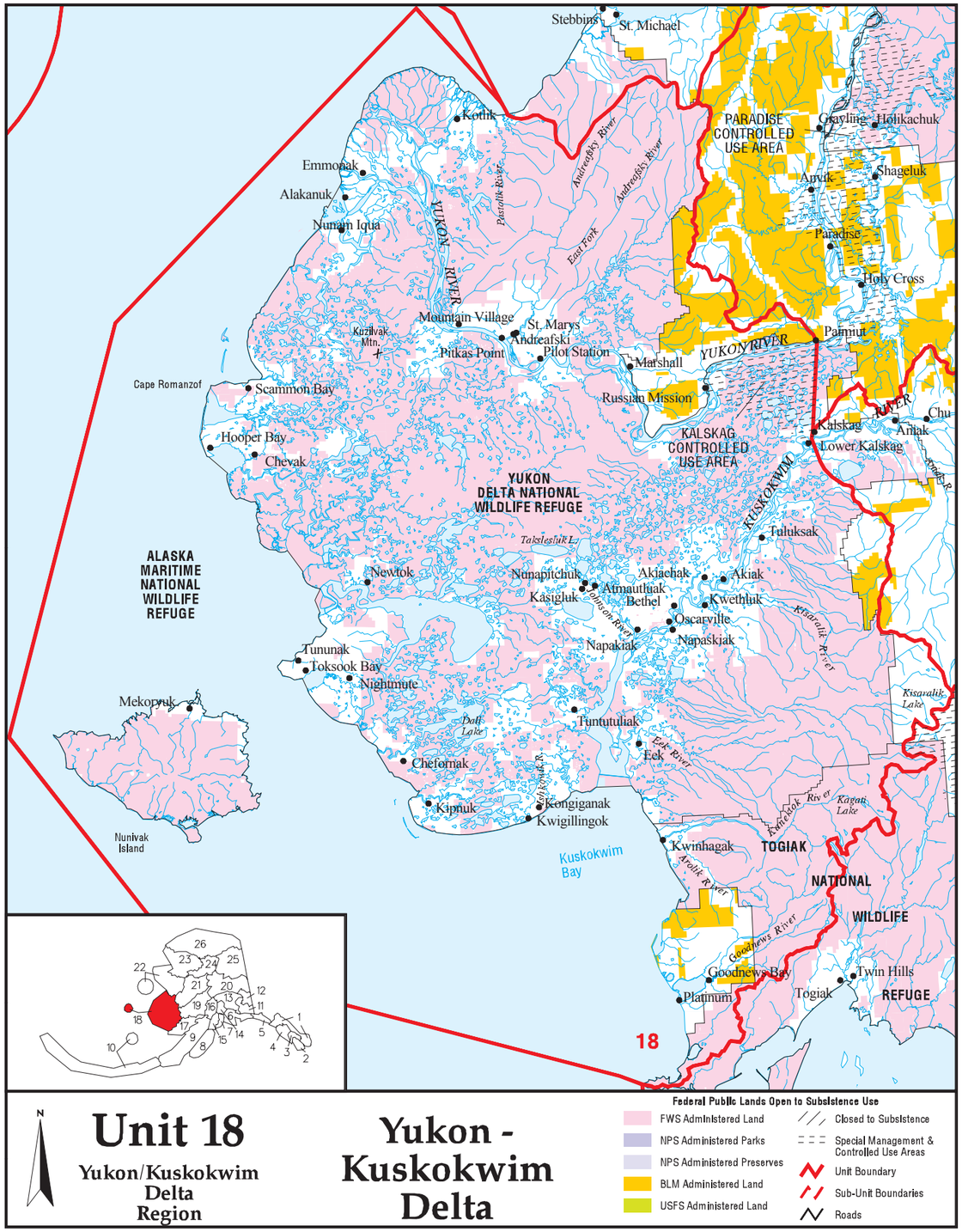

Unit 18 / Hunting

(See Unit 18 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta map)

Unit 18 consists of that area draining into the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers downstream from a straight line 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; and Nunivak, St. Matthew, and adjacent islands between Cape Newenham and the Pastolik River.

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 20 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.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
• Rural residents of Units 18, 19A (living downstream of the Holokuk River), Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael, Togiak, and Twin Hills	3 bear	July 1–June 30
BROWN BEAR		
• Rural residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Eek, Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Mountain Village, Napaskiak, Platinum, Quinhagak, St. Marys and Tuluksak	1 bear by State registration permit only.	Sept. 1–May 31
CARIBOU		
• Unit 18—Rural residents of Unit 18, Manokotak, St. Michael, Stebbins, Togiak, Twin Hills, and Upper Kalskag	Unit 18—that portion to the east and south of the Kuskokwim River—2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull; no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1–Sept. 30 and Dec. 20–Jan. 31.	Aug. 1–Sept. 30 Dec. 20–last day of February
	Unit 18 remainder—2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull; no more than 1 caribou may be taken from Aug. 1–Jan. 31.	Aug. 1–Mar. 15

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
MOOSE		
• 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—Rural residents of Unit 18, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Upper Kalskag • 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—Rural residents of Unit 18, St. Michael, Stebbins, and Upper Kalskag • Unit 18 remainder—Rural residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag	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. *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.*	No Federal open season
	Unit 18—that portion north and west of the Kashunuk River including the north bank from the mouth of the river upstream to the old village of Chakaktolik, west of a line from Chakaktolik to Mountain Village and excluding all Yukon River drainages upriver from Mountain Village—2 moose, only one of which may be antlered. Antlered bulls may only be harvested from Aug. 1-Sept. 30.	Aug. 1–the last day of February
	Unit 18—south of and including the Kanektok River drainages to the Goodnews River drainage. *Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose.*	No Federal open season
	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—1 antlered bull Unit 18 remainder—1 moose	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 20–last day of February
MUSKOX		
• No Federal subsistence priority		No Federal open season
BEAVER		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1–June 30

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
COYOTE		
• All rural residents	2 coyotes	Sept. 1–Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phases)		
• All rural residents	2 foxes	Sept. 1–Apr. 30
FOX, RED (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
HARE		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1–June 30
LYNX		
• All rural residents	5 lynx	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
WOLF		
• Rural 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
WOLVERINE		
• All rural residents	2 wolverine	Sept. 1–Mar. 31
GROUSE		
• All rural residents	15 grouse per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
PTARMIGAN		
• All rural residents	50 ptarmigan per day, 100 in possession	Aug. 10–May 30