

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 Aug. 1–Nov. 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 20 for bear sealing requirements.
- Bait may be used to hunt black bear between Apr. 15–June 15.
- All edible meat from caribou and moose harvested in Unit 17 prior to Oct. 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.

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—Rural residents of Units 9A, 9B, 17, Akiak, and Akiachak • Unit 17 remainder—Rural 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—Rural residents of Kwethluk 	1 bear by State registration permit only <i>Contact ADF&G for State permit details.</i>	Sept. 1–May 31

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<p>BROWN BEAR (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17A remainder—Rural residents of Unit 17, Akiak, Akiachak, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum Unit 17B, that portion draining into Nuyakuk Lake and Tikchik Lake—Rural residents of Akiak and Akiachak Units 17B and 17C—Rural residents of Unit 17 		
CARIBOU		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17—Rural residents of Units 9B, 17, Lime Village, and Stony River Unit 17A, that portion west of the Izavieknik River, Upper Togiak Lake, Togiak Lake, and the main course of the Togiak River—Rural residents of Goodnews Bay, Platinum, Quinhagak, Eek, Tuntutuliak, and Napakiak Unit 17A, that portion north of Togiak Lake that includes Izavieknik river drainages—Rural residents of Akiak, Akiachak, and Tuluksak 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—Rural residents of Kwethluk Unit 17B, that portion of Togiak National Wildlife Refuge within Unit 17B—Residents of Bethel, Goodnews Bay, Platinum, Quinhagak, Eek, Akiak, Akiachak, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, and Napakiak 	<p>Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point—3 caribou; however, no more than 1 caribou may be taken from Aug. 1–Nov. 30.</p>	<p>Aug. 1–Mar. 31</p> <p>The season may be closed and harvest limit reduced for the drainages between the Togiak River and Right Hand Point by announcement of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager.</p>
<p><i>Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	<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.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark’s Point, and Ekuak hunting under these regulations.</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</p> <p>Dec. 1–Mar. 31</p> <p>The season may be closed by announcement of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager.</p>
<p><i>Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	<p>Units 17A remainder and 17C remainder—Selected drainages, a harvest limit of up to 5 caribou will be determined at the time the season is announced.</p>	<p>Season, harvest limit, and hunt area to be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager between Aug. 1–Mar. 31</p>

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
CARIBOU (continued)	Units 17B and that portion of 17C east of the Wood River and Wood River Lakes—3 caribou; however no more than 1 caribou may be taken from Aug. 1–Nov. 30.	Aug. 1–Apr. 15
MOOSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17A, that portion north of Togiak Lake that includes the Izavieknik River drainage—Residents of Akiak and Akiachak 	Unit 17A—1 bull by State registration permit.	Aug. 25–Sept. 20
<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, that portion that includes the area east of the west shore of Nenevok Lake, east of the west bank of the Kemuk River, and east of the west bank of the Togiak River south from the confluence Togiak and Kemuk rivers—1 antlered bull by State registration permit. Up to a 14-day season during the period Dec. 1–Jan. 31 may be opened or closed by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with ADF&G and local users.	Winter season to be announced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17A—Rural residents of Unit 17, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum 	Unit 17B, that portion that includes all the Mulchatna River drainages upstream from (and including) the Chilchitna River drainage—1 bull by State registration permit. During the period Sept. 1–15, a bull with spike-fork or 50–inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler may be taken with a State harvest ticket.	Aug. 20–Sept. 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 17B, that portion within the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge—Residents of Akiak and Akiachak 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 17B and 17C—Rural residents of Unit 17, Nondalton, Levelock, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum 	Unit 17C, that portion that includes the Iowithla drainage and Sunshine Valley and all lands west of Wood River and south of Aleknagik Lake—1 bull by State registration permit. During the period Sept. 1–15, a bull with spike-fork or 50–inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler may be taken with a State harvest ticket.	Aug. 20–Sept. 15
<p><i>Refer to State Registration Hunt Supplement for permit details.</i></p> <p><i>Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	Units 17B and 17C remainder—1 bull by State registration permit. During the period Sept. 1–15 only a bull with spike-fork or 50–inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler may be taken with a State harvest ticket.	Aug. 20–Sept. 15 Dec. 1–Dec 31
SHEEP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	1 ram with full curl horn or larger	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
COYOTE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 coyotes	Sept. 1–Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phases)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Dec. 1–Mar. 15
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 foxes	Sept. 1–Feb. 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. 10–Feb. 28

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WOLF		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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		
<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