



Unit 22 / Hunting

(See Unit 22 Seward Peninsula map)

Unit 22 consists of Bering Sea, Norton Sound, Bering Strait, Chukchi Sea, and Kotzebue Sound drainages from (but excluding) the Pastolik River drainage in southern Norton Sound, to (but excluding) the Goodhope River drainage in Southern Kotzebue Sound; and all adjacent islands in the Bering Sea between the mouths of the Goodhope and Pastolik rivers.

Unit 22A consists of Norton Sound drainages from (but excluding) the Pastolik River drainage to (and including) the Ungalik River drainage; and Stuart and Besboro islands.

Unit 22B consists of Norton Sound drainages from (but excluding) the Ungalik River drainage to, and including, the Topkok Creek drainage.

Unit 22C consists of Norton Sound and Bering Sea drainages from (but excluding) the Topkok Creek drainage to (and including) the Tisuk River drainage; and King and Sledge islands.

Unit 22D consists of that portion of Unit 22 draining into the Bering Sea north of (but excluding) the Tisuk River to (and including) Cape York and St. Lawrence Island.

Unit 22E consists of the Bering Sea, Bering Strait, Chukchi Sea, and Kotzebue Sound drainages from Cape York to (but excluding) the Goodhope River drainage, including Little Diomed Island and Fairway Rock.

Special Provisions

- You may hunt brown bear by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag in Unit 22 if you have a State registration permit prior to hunting. Aircraft may not be used in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bear, or parts of bear; 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 of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See page 20 for bear sealing requirements.
- A snowmachine may be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest, provided that the animal is not shot from a moving snowmachine.
- 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.
- The taking of one bull moose and one muskox by the community of Wales is allowed for the celebration of the Kingikmuit Dance Festival under the terms of a Federal registration permit issued by the Bering Land Bridge National Park Superintendent. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Wales. The harvest may only occur between Jan. 1–Mar. 15 in Unit 22E for bull moose and in Unit 22E for muskox. The harvest will count against any established quota for the area.
- A Federally qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (designated hunter) to take muskoxen 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 in the course of a season, but have no more than two harvest limits in their possession at any one time; except in Unit 22E where a resident of Wales or Shishmaref acting as a designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients, but have no more than four harvest limits in their possession at any one time.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 22A—Rural residents of Unit 22A and Koyuk Unit 22B—Rural residents of Unit 22B Unit 22 remainder—No Federal subsistence priority 	Units 22A and 22B—3 bears Unit 22 remainder	July 1–June 30 No Federal open season
BROWN BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 22—Rural residents of Unit 22 	Units 22A, 22B, 22D, and 22E—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 1–May 31

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BROWN BEAR (continued) <i>Contact ADF&G for State permit details.</i>	Unit 22C—1 bear by State registration permit only.	Aug. 1–Oct. 31 May 10–May 25
CARIBOU		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 22A—Rural residents of Units 21D (west of the Koyukuk and Yukon rivers), 22 (except St. Lawrence Island), 23, 24, Kotlik, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Chevak, Marshall, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua, Pilot Station, Pitka’s Point, Russian Mission, St. Marys, and Alakanuk Unit 22 remainder—Rural residents of Units 21D (west of the Koyukuk and Yukon rivers), 22 (except St. Lawrence Island), 23, and 24 	Units 22B west of Golovin Bay and west of a line along the west bank of the Fish and Niukluk rivers (excluding the Libby River drainage)—5 caribou per day	Oct. 1–Apr. 30 From May 1–Sept. 30, the season may be opened by announcement of the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager in consultation with ADF&G.
	Units 22A, 22B remainder, that portion of Unit 22D in the Kougaruk, Kuzitrin (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), American, and Agiapuk river drainages; and Unit 22E, that portion east of (and including) the Sanaguich River drainage—5 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16–June 30.	July 1–June 30
	Unit 22 remainder	No Federal open season
MOOSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 22—Rural residents of Unit 22 <i>Federal designated hunter permits are available from the NPS, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve office in Nome; or the BLM office in Nome. (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i>	Unit 22A, that portion north of and including the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik river drainages—1 bull. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of Unit 22A hunting under these regulations.</i>	Aug. 1–Sept. 30 No winter season
	Unit 22A, that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik river drainages. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of Unalakleet hunting under these regulations. 1 bull by Federal registration permit, administered by the BLM Anchorage Field Office with the authority to close the season in consultation with ADF&G.</i>	Aug. 15–Sept. 14
	Unit 22A remainder—1 bull. However, during the period Jan. 1–Jan. 31, only an antlered bull may be taken. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of Unit 22A hunting under these regulations.</i>	Aug. 1–Sept. 30 Jan. 1–Jan. 31
	Unit 22B west of the Darby Mountains—1 bull by State Registration Permit. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager, in consultation with NPS and ADF&G. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 14

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MOOSE (continued)	Unit 22B west of the Darby Mountains—1 bull by either Federal or State Registration Permit. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager, in consultation with NPS and ADF&G. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose, except by residents of White Mountain and Golovin hunting under these regulations.</i>	Jan. 1–Jan. 31
	Unit 22B remainder—1 bull	Aug. 1–Jan. 31
	Unit 22C—1 antlered bull	Sept. 1–Sept. 14
	Unit 22D, that portion within the Kougarok, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim river drainages—1 bull by State registration permit. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager, in consultation with NPS and ADF&G. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose, except by residents of Units 22C and 22D hunting under these regulations.</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 14
	Unit 22D, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek—1 bull by State registration permit. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager, in consultation with NPS and ADF&G.	Sept. 1–Sept. 14
	Unit 22D, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek—1 bull by Federal registration permit. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the BLM Anchorage Field Office Manager, in consultation with NPS and ADF&G. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose, except by residents of Units 22C and 22D hunting under these regulations.</i>	Dec. 1–Dec. 31
	Unit 22D remainder—1 bull.	Aug. 10–Sept. 14 Oct. 1–Nov. 30
	Unit 22D remainder—1 moose; however, no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf	Dec. 1–Dec. 31
	Unit 22D remainder—1 antlered bull	Jan. 1–Jan. 31
	Unit 22E—1 bull. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i>	Aug. 1–Dec. 31
MUSKOX		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 22A—All rural residents 	Unit 22B—1 bull by Federal permit or State Tier II permit.	Aug. 1–Mar. 15

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<p>MUSKOX (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 22B west of the Darby Mountains—Rural residents of Units 22B and 22C • Unit 22B remainder—Rural residents of Unit 22B • Unit 22C—Rural residents of Unit 22C • Unit 22D, that portion within the Kougarok, Kuzitritin, and Pilgrim river drainages—Rural residents of Units 22C, 22D (excluding St. Lawrence Island), and White Mountain • Unit 22D remainder—Rural residents of Unit 22D excluding St. Lawrence Island • Unit 22E—Rural residents of Unit 22E excluding Little Diomed Island <p><i>Federal permits are available from the NPS, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve and BLM offices in Nome. (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i></p>	<p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p>	<p>Annual harvest quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands, in consultation with ADF&G and BLM.</p>
	<p>Unit 22D, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek—1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1–Mar. 15.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p>	<p>Sept. 1–Mar. 15</p> <p>Annual harvest quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands, in consultation with ADF&G and BLM.</p>
	<p>Unit 22D remainder—1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1–Mar. 15.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p>	<p>Aug. 1–Mar. 15</p> <p>Annual harvest quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands, in consultation with ADF&G and BLM.</p>
	<p>Unit 22E—1 muskox by Federal permit or State permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1–Mar. 15.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p>	<p>Aug. 1–Mar. 15</p> <p>Annual harvest quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands, in consultation with ADF&G and BLM.</p>

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MUSKOX (continued)	Unit 22 remainder	No Federal open season
COYOTE		
• All rural residents	Federal public lands are closed to the taking of coyotes	No Federal open season
BEAVER		
• All rural residents	Units 22A, 22B, 22D, and 22E—50 beaver	Nov. 1–June 10
	Unit 22 remainder	No Federal open season
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White phase)		
• All rural residents	2 foxes	Sept. 1–Apr. 30
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black, and Silver phases)		
• All rural residents	10 foxes	Nov. 1–Apr. 30
HARE		
• All rural residents	No limit	Sept. 1–Apr. 15
LYNX		
• All rural residents	2 lynx	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
MARTEN		
• All rural residents	Units 22A and 22B—No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
	Unit 22 remainder	No Federal open season
MINK AND WEASEL		
• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1–Jan. 31
OTTER		
• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
WOLF		
• Rural residents of Units 21D (north and west of the Yukon River), 22, 23, and Kotlik	No limit	Nov. 1–Apr. 15
WOLVERINE		
• All rural residents	3 wolverine	Sept. 1–Mar. 31
GROUSE		
• Rural residents of Units 11, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon	15 grouse per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
PTARMIGAN		
• Rural residents of Units 11, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon	Units 22A and 22B east of and including the Niukluk River drainage—40 ptarmigan per day, 80 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
	Unit 22C	No Federal open season
	Unit 22E—20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	July 15–May 15
	Unit 22 remainder—20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30