

This is a summary of changes adopted by the Alaska Board of Game for regulatory year 2017-2018. This is not a comprehensive list of all the detailed changes. It is your responsibility to read the Alaska Hunting Regulations carefully for complete information. These regulations do not become effective until July 1, 2017, hunting or trapping seasons that are currently open or that open prior to July 1, 2017 are not affected unless specified (such as spring bear seasons and bear baiting).

HUNTING

BAITING CHANGES

EFFECTIVE FALL 2017 (in areas with a fall black bear baiting season) AND SPRING 2018

Units 18, 19A, 19D, 20D north of the Tanana River, 20F, 21C and 23, allow the take of brown bears at bait stations during the open black bear baiting season with a bear baiting permit.

Units 23, allow the take of black bears over bait stations during the spring season (April 15 – June 30).

Units 18 and 23, allow black and brown bears to be taken at a bait station the same day the hunter has flown, provided the bear is at the bait station and that the hunter is at least 300 feet from the airplane.

BLACK BEAR

Unit 25B, increased the resident and nonresident bag limit to 5 black bears.

BROWN BEAR

Units 25A, 25B, and 26C, lengthened the resident and nonresident brown bear season by 2 weeks, season dates are now July 25 – June 30.

Unit 22B, Increased the resident bag limit to two brown bears per regulatory year.

Unit 22C, lengthened the resident and nonresident spring brown bear season by one month, season dates are now Apr. 1 – May 31.

Unit 23, lengthened the nonresident brown bear drawing and registration permit fall seasons by one month, season dates are now Aug. 1 – Oct. 31. Also increased the resident bag limit to two bears every regulatory year.

Unit 26B, lengthened the fall resident archery-only season within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area to open August 10.

CARIBOU

Unit 13 Tier I Nelchina Caribou, created two Tier I registration hunt seasons that hunters will have to choose from during the November application period in 2017. Hunters will be required to select one of the following seasons: Aug. 10 – Aug. 31 and Oct. 21 – Mar. 31, or Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 and Oct. 21 – Mar. 31. **All Regulations will be effective July 1, 2018, and changes will be noted in the November 2017 application period.**

Units 23 and 26A, established a resident registration hunt for the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds and retained current seasons and bag limits.

Porcupine Caribou Herd, aligned the seasons and bag limits throughout the range of the herd as follows: Changed the resident bag limit in the **remainder of Unit 24A** to 10 caribou total, with a season date of July 1-April 30; also changed the nonresident bag limit to 2 bulls, with no change to season dates. Changed the resident bag limit and season dates in the **remainder of Unit 24B** to 5 caribou per day, calves may not be taken at any time. Bulls may be taken from July 1 – Oct. 14 and from Feb. 1 – June 30. Cows may be taken from July 15-April 30. Nonresidents may only take one bull with a season date of Aug. 1 – Sept. 30. Changed the resident season and bag limit in the **remainder of Unit 25A** to 10 caribou with a season date of July 1 – April 30, and changed the nonresident seasons and bag limit to 2 bulls with a season date of Aug. 1 – Sept. 30.

Unit 26B north of 69° 30' N. lat. and west of the east bank of the Kuparuk River to a point at 70° 10' N. lat., 149° 04' W. long., then west approximately 22 miles to 70° 10' N. lat. and 149° 56' W. long., then following the east bank of the Kalubik River to the Arctic Ocean, changed the nonresident bag limit to 1 bull and shortened the season to Aug. 1 – Sept. 15.

Unit 26B Remainder, changed the resident bag limit and season dates to 2 bulls per regulatory year and shortened the season dates to Aug. 1 – Apr. 30. Also changed the nonresident bag limit to 1 bull and shortened the season to Aug. 1 – Sept. 15.

MOOSE

Units 11, 12, and 13 (Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt CM300), effective July 1, 2018, changed the allocation of the 100 moose that do not meet antler restrictions from 1 per every 3 households to be distributed following the existing scoring criteria for Tier II permits. The season changed in Units 11 and 13 to Aug. 20 – Sept. 20. Permit holders for regulatory years 2017 and 2018 are not bound by the two year commitment for regulatory year 2018. All **regulations will be effective July 1, 2018, and changes will be noted in the November 2017 application period.**

Unit 12, clarified the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage to: Unit 12, remainder of that portion in the Tok River drainage upstream **of a line from Peak 5885 at 63° 9.243 N. lat., 143° 24.248 W. long., to Milepost 105 of the Tok Cutoff Highway at 63° 7.438' N. lat., 143° 18.135 W. long., then south along the Tok Cutoff**

Highway to the Little Tok River Bridge at Milepost 98.2; and within the Little Tok River drainage upstream of the Little Tok River Bridge at Milepost 98.2

Unit 18 Kuskokwim Area, extend the resident season by 20 days to align with the federal season, season dates are now Sept. 1 – Sept. 30.

Unit 18 south of and including the Goodness River drainage, created a winter resident registration hunt with a bag limit of one moose for the month of January, a season of up to 21 days may be announced by emergency order.

Unit 18 remainder, created a winter antlerless moose hunt for nonresidents, season dates Dec. 1 – Mar. 15.

Unit 20A, lengthened the muzzleloader only hunting season by two weeks to Nov. 1 – Dec. 15.

Unit 21E, lengthened the resident season for moose by 5 days to Sept. 1 – Sept 25.

Unit 21C and remainder 24C, replaced the drawing permit hunts DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C with a single registration permit hunt. Also eliminated the antler destruction requirement in hunt RM834. **All regulations are effective July 1, 2018.**

Unit 22A in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages, lengthened the resident moose season by 6 days, season dates are now Sept. 1 – Sept. 20.

Unit 22A north of and including the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages, lengthened the nonresident moose by 6 days, season dates are now Sept. 1 – Sept. 20.

Unit 22D Remainder, eliminated the nonresident moose hunt.

Unit 23, changed the bag limit of the resident antlerless moose registration hunt to one antlered bull, season dates remained the same.

Unit 24B, expanded the winter registration hunt for one antlered bull moose to include all of Unit 24B.

SHEEP

Units 24B, changed the resident bag limit to three sheep, only one may be a ewe.

WOLVERINE

Unit 26B and 26C, lengthened the hunting season by 10 days in the fall, season dates are now Aug. 20 – Mar. 31.

COYOTE

Unit 20D, allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote, hunters are required to register with the department before hunting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Statewide, removed the shared bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresidents within second degree of kindred for guide required species.

Unit 19D Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area (UKCUA), clarified the airports allowed to be used in the UKCUA to include Takotna, McGrath, Medfra, and Nikolai. Also, changed the control use area restrictions to be in effect only during the moose hunting season rather than year round.

Unit 20E Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area (GMCUA), lengthened the time during which motorized access is restricted to July 26 – September 20.

Unit 23 Noatak Controlled Use Area (NCUA), shifted the entire controlled use area upriver to start at the mouth of the Agashashok River and end at the mouth of the Nimiuktuk River, retained the 10 mile corridor.

TRAPPING

LYNX

Unit 25, lengthened the season by two weeks in the spring, season dates are now Nov. 1 – Mar. 15.

WOLVERINE

Unit 20C west of the Toklat River, lengthened the trapping season by one month in the spring, season dates are now Nov 1. – Mar. 31.

WATERFOWL

Emperor Goose, created resident registration hunts for the range of Emperor Goose covering Unit 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, and 23 with individual area quotas and reporting requirements. Also created a nonresident drawing hunt in Unit 8, 9, and 10, effective fall 2018.

INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT

Delta Caribou Herd Intensive Management, reversed the Intensive Management finding to a negative finding.

Unit 15C, reauthorized and updated the Unit 15C Intensive Management plan. Reauthorization does not mean intensive management activities will be conducted.

Unit 21E, reauthorized the Unit 21E Intensive Management plan. Reauthorization does not mean intensive management activities will be conducted.

Mulchatna Caribou, reauthorized the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan. Reauthorization does not mean intensive management activities will be conducted.