



# 2019-2020 Alaska Hunting Regulations

Governing general, subsistence, and commercial uses of Alaska's wildlife



Effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

- For hunts on federal lands, check federal regulations to see if you are eligible to hunt
- Visit <http://hunt.alaska.gov> for the most up-to-date regulation information



## Additional hunting restrictions specific to big game:

*Big game includes black bear, brown/grizzly bear, bison, caribou, Dall sheep, Sitka black-tailed deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, muskox, wolf, and wolverine.*

In addition to general hunting restrictions listed on page 18, you **MAY NOT**:

- **Hunt big game using a rimfire firearm,**  
*EXCEPT: you may use .22 caliber rimfire cartridges to take swimming caribou in Units 23 and 26.*
- **Hunt big game with a bow, UNLESS:**
  - the bow is at least:
    - 40 pounds peak draw weight when hunting caribou, wolf, wolverine, black bear, Dall sheep, and deer;
    - 50 pounds peak draw weight when hunting mountain goat, moose, elk, brown bear, muskox, and bison;
  - the arrow is at least 20 inches in overall length, tipped with a broadhead, and at least 300 grains in total weight;
  - the broadhead is a fixed, replaceable or mechanical/retractable blade type and not barbed.
- **Hunt big game with a crossbow, UNLESS:**
  - the crossbow is at least 100 pounds peak draw weight;
  - the bolt is at least 16 inches in overall length, tipped with a broadhead, and at least 300 grains in total weight;
  - the broadhead is a fixed, replaceable or mechanical/retractable blade type and not barbed;
  - no electronic devices are attached to the crossbow, except scopes or electronic sights that do not project light externally;
  - the crossbow is shoulder-mounted.
- **Hunt big game with a slingbow or airbow.**
- **Take a cub bear or a sow accompanied by cub(s),**  
*EXCEPT: black bear cubs and sows accompanied by cubs, may be taken by resident hunters Oct. 15-Apr. 30 under customary and traditional use activities at a den site in Unit 19A, Unit 19D upstream of the Selatna and Black River drainages, Units 21B, 21C, 21D, and 24; in Unit 25D, black bear cubs and sows accompanied by cubs may be taken year-round. Cub bear means a brown/grizzly bear in the 1st or 2nd year of life, or a black bear (including the cinnamon and blue color phases) in the 1st year of life.*
- **Shoot big game from a boat in Units 1-5 or black bear in Unit 6D, UNLESS** you have obtained a Permit to Hunt From a Boat, see page 12.
- **Shoot big game animals while they are swimming,**  
*EXCEPT* caribou in Units 23 and 26.
- **Use bait, EXCEPT for:**
  - bears under specific conditions, see page 26 or online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>
  - wolves and wolverines under specific conditions, see page 18. See the definition of bait, page 34.
- **Hunt big game with a muzzleloader, UNLESS:** it is a shoulder-mounted long gun and is at least .45 caliber or larger with a barrel that is either rifled or smooth bore and discharges a single projectile.
- **Hunt big game with a muzzleloader equipped with a scope, or using smokeless powder as a charge, during any special season for muzzleloading firearms only.**
- **Hunt moose with the use of electronic calls.**
- **Hunt sheep, mountain goat, or muskox using domestic goats or domestic sheep as pack animals.**
- **Hunt big game with the aid or use of a dog,**  
*EXCEPT: dogs may be used to hunt black bears under a permit issued by ADF&G. A single, leashed dog may be used in conjunction with tracking and dispatching a wounded big game animal.*

### Attention all crossbow hunters:

All hunters using a crossbow in any hunt must have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved crossbow certification course.

### Same day airborne:

It is against the law to hunt or help someone else take big game until 3:00 a.m. the day following the day you have flown. This does not apply if you have flown on a regularly scheduled commercial or commuter airplane. *EXCEPTIONS:*

- You may hunt deer the same day airborne (provided you are 300 feet from the airplane).
- In Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-21, 23-25, 26B, and 26C black bears may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown, provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. In Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 14B, 15, 16, 18, 19A, 19D, 20A, 20B, 20C, that portion of 20D north of the Tanana River, 20E, 20F, 21C, 21D, 23, 24C, 24D, and 25D, brown bears may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown, provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. Same day airborne take is not allowed on National Park Service lands. ★

From Aug 10-Sept 20, aircraft may only be used by and for sheep hunters to place and remove hunters and camps, maintain existing camps, and salvage harvested sheep. A person may not use or employ an aircraft to locate sheep or direct hunters to sheep during the open sheep hunting season.

### Fur animal restrictions

*Beaver, coyote, Arctic fox, red fox, lynx, and squirrel are fur animals; further restrictions are listed on page 140.*

### Furbearer restrictions

*River otter, marten, mink, weasel, fisher, muskrat, and marmot are furbearers and may be taken only under trapping regulations with a trapping license. See trapping regulations online at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=trapping.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=trapping.main)*

### Stream Crossings

It is unlawful to operate a motorized or tracked vehicle without a valid Fish Habitat Permit, in or across waters where salmon, trout, Dolly Varden, Arctic char, sheefish, or whitefish spawn, rear, or migrate. For more information, visit: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=uselicense.main> or call the nearest ADF&G Division of Habitat office: Anchorage (907) 267-2342 Fairbanks (907) 459-7289 Douglas (907) 465-4105 Palmer (907) 861-3200