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Moose Hunting in Unit 23 by Alaska Residents

Kobuk River and Selawik Areas: What You Need to Know

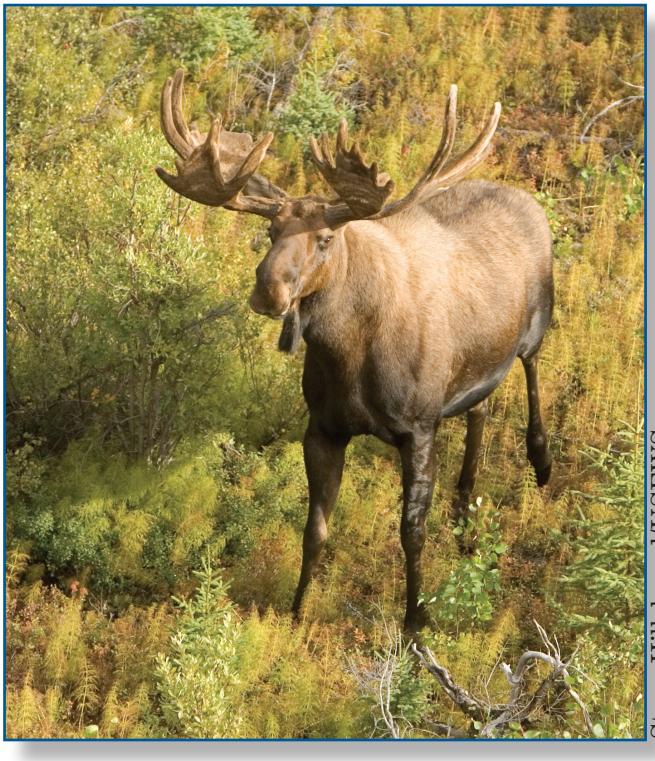
Alaska residents have three moose hunts to choose from in Game Management Unit 23, which includes the Northwest Arctic Borough and Point Hope. The table on the back summarizes the three options for the Kobuk and Selawik River drainages. Some other parts of Unit 23 have slightly different regulations.

For most people, the state registration hunt (RM 880) is the best option. However, to participate in this hunt you must pick up a permit in person in Unit 23 between June 1 and July 15. If you live in Unit 23 and hunt mainly on federal public lands, the federal subsistence hunt could be another good option. The federal hunt offers the longest open season. The state general hunt is the most restrictive of the three hunts.

This is only a brief summary of key regulations. Each hunt has additional regulations concerning methods, salvage, etc. Please familiarize yourself with all regulations, or call our office or ADF&G if you have questions.

In All Hunts

- To qualify as an Alaska resident, you must have lived in Alaska for the preceding 12 months.
- To qualify as a Unit 23 resident, you must have lived in Alaska for the preceding 12 months and make your permanent home in Unit 23 (no minimum time required).
- Hunters age 16 and older must have a hunting license.
- Reporting the results of your hunt is required.
- Regardless of which hunt you participate in, each hunter may take no more than one moose per year.



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Moose Hunting in Kobuk and Selawik River Drainages

	State Registration Hunt (RM 880)	State General Hunt	Federal Subsistence Hunt
Who can hunt?	All Alaska Residents	All Alaska Residents	Only residents of Unit 23 (Northwest Arctic Borough and Point Hope)
When can I hunt and what can I hunt for?	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 Bull moose (all season) or cow moose (Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 only). No calves or cows with calves may be taken.	Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Only bull moose that have at least 50-inch antlers or 4 or more brow tines on at least one side of the antlers.	Aug. 1 - March 31 Any moose (except no calves or cows with calves).
Where can I hunt?	Throughout Unit 23 (state and federal lands, as well as private and Native-owned lands you have permission to use).	Throughout Unit 23 (state and federal lands, as well as private and Native-owned lands you have permission to use).	Only on federal public lands (not state, borough, private or Native-owned lands).
Before Hunting:	You must pick up a free RM 880 permit in person between June 1 and July 15 from license vendors in Unit 23.	You must pick up a free moose harvest ticket from a license vendor at any time before hunting.	You must have *either* a state moose harvest ticket *or* an RM 880 permit before hunting (keep these through the spring if you plan to hunt moose then).
After Hunting:	Meat taken before Oct. 1 must remain on the bone of the legs and ribs until removed from the field. Report the results of your hunt according to the directions on your permit.	Meat taken before Oct. 1 must remain on the bone of the legs and ribs until removed from the field. Report the results of your hunt according to the directions on your harvest ticket.	Report the results of your hunt on your harvest ticket or permit.

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