

**State restricted areas:**

**1 Skilak Loop Management Area** - bounded by a line beginning at the easternmost junction of the Sterling Highway and the Skilak Loop Road (Mile 58), then due south to the south bank of the Kenai River, then southerly along the south bank of the Kenai River to its confluence with Skilak Lake, then westerly along the north shore of Skilak Lake to Lower Skilak Lake campground, then northerly along the Lower Skilak Lake campground road and the Skilak Loop Road to its westernmost junction with the Sterling Highway (Mile 75.1), then easterly along the Sterling Highway to the point of origin, is **closed to hunting and trapping** except that moose may be taken by permit only, and small game may be taken from October 1 - March 1 by bow and arrow only, and by standard .22 rimfire or shotgun in that portion of the area west of a line from the access road from the Sterling Highway to Kelly Lake, the Seven Lakes Trail, and the access road from Engineer Lake to Skilak Lake Road, and north of Skilak Lake Road, during each weekend from Nov 1 - Dec 31 including the Friday following Thanksgiving Day, by youth hunters 16 years old or younger accompanied by a licensed hunter who has successfully completed a certified hunter education course if the youth has not, and who is 18 years old or older. A firearm may not be discharged within 1/4 mile of any campground. In addition, refuge regulations prohibit the discharge of firearms in specific areas. See <http://kenai.fws.gov/regulations.htm>.

**2 Kenai Controlled Use Area**  
Unit 15A north of the Sterling Highway. The area is **closed during moose hunting season to the use of aircraft for hunting moose**, including transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or moose parts. However, this does not apply after 12:01 a.m. Sept 11, and does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose parts by aircraft to or from a publicly owned airport in the controlled use area.

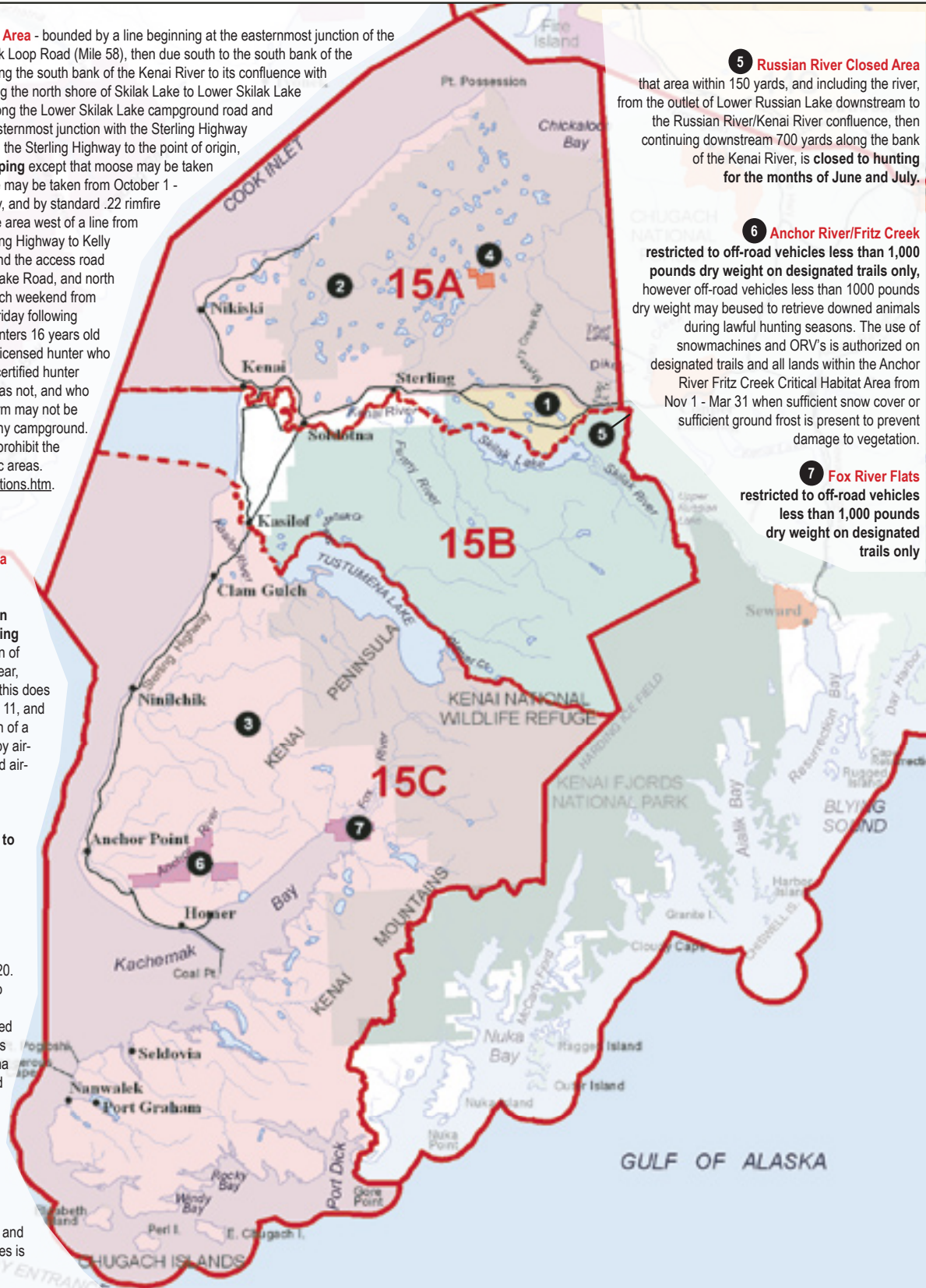
**3 Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area** - The area is **closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle (except an aircraft or boat) for moose hunting**, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose, from Sept 11-14, and Sept 17-20. However, this does not apply to the use of a motorized vehicle on a state or borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell, Brody and Tustumena Lake Roads, or driveways used for direct access to a primary residence or business.

**4 Kenai Moose Research Center Closed Area** - that area within the outer boundary fences of the Kenai Moose Research Center, located west and south of Coyote and Vixen Lakes is **closed to all hunting**.

**5 Russian River Closed Area** that area within 150 yards, and including the river, from the outlet of Lower Russian Lake downstream to the Russian River/Kenai River confluence, then continuing downstream 700 yards along the bank of the Kenai River, is **closed to hunting for the months of June and July**.

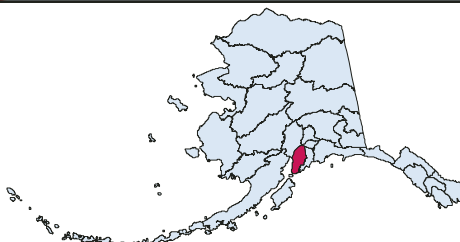
**6 Anchor River/Fritz Creek** restricted to off-road vehicles less than 1,000 pounds dry weight on designated trails only, however off-road vehicles less than 1000 pounds dry weight may be used to retrieve downed animals during lawful hunting seasons. The use of snowmachines and ORV's is authorized on designated trails and all lands within the Anchor River Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area from Nov 1 - Mar 31 when sufficient snow cover or sufficient ground frost is present to prevent damage to vegetation.

**7 Fox River Flats** restricted to off-road vehicles less than 1,000 pounds dry weight on designated trails only



# Unit 15 Kenai

Region 2



## Game Management Units / Special Management Areas

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# Unit 15 Kenai

**Unit 15:** that portion of the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent islands draining into the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet, and Turnagain Arm from Gore Point to the point where longitude line 150°00' W. crosses the coast line of Chickaloon Bay in Turnagain Arm, including that area lying west of longitude 150°00'W. to the mouth of the Russian River, thence southerly along the Chugach National Forest boundary to the upper end of Upper Russian Lake; and including the drainages into Upper Russian Lake west of the Chugach National Forest boundary;

**Unit 15A:** that portion north of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake;

**Unit 15B:** that portion south of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake, and north of the north bank of the Kasilof River, the north shore of Tustumena Lake, Glacier Creek, and Tustumena Glacier;

**Unit 15C:** the remainder of Unit 15.

See map on page 70 for state restricted areas in Unit 15.

Open to: **R** = Residents ONLY **B** = Residents AND Nonresidents **N** = Nonresidents ONLY

Open to	Unit/area	Bag limit and special instructions	Permit/Hunt#*	Open season	
<b>Black Bear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.</li> <li>• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to hide.</li> </ul>					
<b>B</b>	15	<b>Two bears every regulatory year</b> <b>One bear</b>		July 1-Dec 31	
<b>B</b>		<b>One bear</b>		Jan 1-June 30	
<b>Brown/Grizzly Bear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See pages 24-27 for additional bear hunting information.</li> <li>• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.</li> </ul>					
<b>R</b>	15	<b>NEW! One bear every four regulatory years by permit</b>	DB303/305 307/309	Oct 1-Nov 30	
<b>R</b>				Apr 1-Jun 15	
<b>N</b>					no open season
<b>Caribou</b> • In bag limit "caribou" means an animal of either sex.					
<b>B</b>	15B	within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Area	<b>One bull by permit</b>	DC608	Aug 10-Sept 20
<b>B</b>	15	remainder			no open season
<b>Goat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. Taking of only males is highly encouraged.</li> <li>• Information on sex identification available with permits at ADF&amp;G offices.</li> <li>• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.</li> </ul>					
<b>R</b>	15C	south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of Rocky River, up the Rocky and Windy Rivers, across the Windy River/Jakolof Creek Divide and down Jakolof Creek to its mouth	<b>NEW! One goat by permit available in Seldovia, Nanwalek, and Port Graham beginning Aug. 1</b>	RG364-365	Aug 10-Oct 15
<b>R</b>			<b>One goat by permit available in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Oct. 28</b>		Nov 1-Nov 30
<b>B</b>	15	remainder	<b>One goat by permit</b>	DG354-363	Aug 10-Oct 15
<b>B</b>			<b>One goat by permit available in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Oct. 28</b>	RG354-363	Nov 1-Nov 30
<b>Moose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spike-fork, 50-inch antlers, and brow tines are defined on pages 30-31.</li> <li>• In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose; calf means a moose less than 12 months old.</li> <li>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</li> </ul>					
<b>B</b>	15A	Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area			no open season
<b>B</b>	15A	east of Mystery Creek Road and the Pipeline Road, and north of the Sterling Hwy	<b>One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, by bow and arrow only</b>	Harvest	Aug 10-Aug 17
<b>B</b>			<b>One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side</b>	Harvest	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>B</b>			<b>One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit</b>	DM522	Oct 10-Nov 10
<b>B</b>	15A	remainder	<b>One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, by bow and arrow only</b>	Harvest	Aug 10-Aug 17
<b>B</b>			<b>One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side</b>	Harvest	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>B</b>	15B	that portion bounded by a line running from the mouth of Shantatalik Creek on Tustumena Lake, northward to the headwaters of the west fork of Funny River; then downstream along the west fork of Funny River to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary; then east along the refuge boundary to its junction with the Kenai River; then eastward along the north side of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake; then south along the western side of Skilak River, Skilak Glacier, and Harding Icefield; then west along the Unit 15B boundary to the mouth of Shantatalik Creek	<b>One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit</b>	DM530/532 534/536/538	Sept 1-Sept 20
<b>B</b>			<b>One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit</b>	DM531/533 535/537/539	Sept 26-Oct 15

\*Hunt numbers starting with an "R" = Registration, "T" = Tier II, "D" = Drawing. Special permits required, see page 12.

Open to	Unit/area	Bag limit and special instructions	Permit/Hunt#*	Open season
<b>Moose</b> <i>continued</i>				
<b>B</b>	15B remainder	One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tine on at least one side, <b>by bow and arrow only</b> OR One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tine on at least one side	Harvest	Aug 10-Aug 17
<b>B</b>			Harvest	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>R</b>	15C southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky and Windy Bays	One bull by permit	TM549	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>N</b>				no open season
<b>B</b>	15C south of the south fork of the Anchor River and northwest of Kachemak Bay	One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tine on at least one side OR One antlerless moose by permit; taking of calves or cows accompanied by calves prohibited	Harvest	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>B</b>			DM549	Aug 20-Sept 20
<b>B</b>	15C remainder	One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tine on at least one side	Harvest	Aug 20-Sept 20
<p><b>Sheep</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.</li> <li>• See definition of full-curl horn and drawings on page 28.</li> <li>• Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill and must accompany meat from the field.</li> </ul>				
<b>B</b>	15A east of Fuller Lake trail, south of Dike Creek and a straight line from the source of Dike Creek, east through the divide south of Trout Lake to Juneau Creek, west of Juneau Creek and north of the Sterling Highway	One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit	DS150	Aug 10-Sept 20
<b>B</b>	15 remainder	One ram with full-curl horn or larger	Harvest	Aug 10-Sept 20
<b>Wolf</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.				
<b>B</b>	15	Five wolves total only two may be taken within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge		Aug 10-Apr 30
<b>Wolverine</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.				
<b>B</b>	15	One wolverine		Sept 1-Mar 31

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Eight year old Kendra Brush concentrates on good shooting form while aiming her Chipmunk .22 at a far away spruce hen.

Her dad, Greg Brush, steadies her shooting stick and talks the young hunter through the difficult shot.



Kendra Brush, 9, and sister Kelsey Brush, 13, with a mornings bag of spruce hens.

The young girls took these birds with their .22 rifles on a Kenai Peninsula bird hunt with their dad and teacher Dave Justice this past October.