

THE COLD BAY FIELD REFERENCE

Cold Bay Hunter's Guide

Vetted outfitters, Game Management Unit 9E zone notes, and month-by-month season calendars for the Alaska Peninsula.

Coordinates · 55.1953° N, 162.7111° W

Airport · Cold Bay (CDB) — daily service from Anchorage

Managing agencies · Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game · USFWS Izembek NWR

Reference only. Confirm current dates, tag allocations, and emergency orders at hunt.alaska.gov before booking or hunting.

01 · VETTED OUTFITTERS

Licensed, insured, and locally proven

Cold Bay Outfitters ♦ FEATURED

FEATURED · GMU 9E

The featured local outfitter for hunts staged directly out of Cold Bay. Full logistics from CDB pickup through trophy prep, with exclusive-use camps inside and adjacent to the Izembek Refuge boundary.

SPECIALTIES Coastal Brown Bear · Pacific Waterfowl · Alaska Peninsula Caribou

SEASONS Spring & Fall bear · Sept–Jan waterfowl · Aug–Mar caribou

BOOK → <http://coldbayoutfitters.com>

Aleutian Peninsula Guides

GMU 9E / 10

Backcountry spike-camp operator working the Bering Sea side of the peninsula. Fly-out hunts by Super Cub from the Cold Bay airport.

SPECIALTIES Brown Bear · Caribou

SEASONS Alternating spring/fall bear · Aug–Sept caribou

Izembek Wingshooting Co.

Master Waterfowl Guide · USFWS Permitted

Lodge-based wingshooting on the eelgrass lagoons of Izembek. Layout and A-frame blinds for staging brant flocks; sea duck skiff hunts on Cold Bay proper.

SPECIALTIES Pacific Black Brant · Emperor Goose · Sea Ducks

SEASONS Late Sept through mid-January

Frosty Peak Outfitters

GMU 9E / 9D

Small-group spring bear hunts on the volcanic flanks of Frosty Peak, plus dedicated late-winter wolf and wolverine trips for experienced backcountry hunters.

SPECIALTIES Brown Bear · Wolf · Wolverine

SEASONS Spring bear (May) · Winter predator (Nov–Mar)

Verify current Registered Guide status at commerce.alaska.gov/cbp/main/search/professional.

02 · ZONE NOTES

Game Management Unit 9E, at a glance

Cold Bay sits on the western tip of the Alaska Peninsula, wedged between the Izembek Refuge to the north and Frosty Peak to the south. Most guided hunts stage from CDB and fly out by Super Cub or boat into the coves and river drainages within a 60-mile radius.

Izembek Lagoon

N of Cold Bay · USFWS refuge

The world's largest eelgrass bed and staging area for nearly the entire Pacific black brant population. Also emperor geese, Steller's eiders, and heavy sea duck traffic. Guided access requires a USFWS Special Use Permit.

Frosty Peak

S of Cold Bay · 5,784 ft volcano

Volcanic slopes and alder benches producing large-bodied spring brown bears. Glassing terrain, weather-dependent Super Cub access. Spring hunts (May) run in even years under the current framework.

Cold Bay proper

Boat-access · sheltered water

Skiff hunts for harlequins, long-tailed ducks, scoters, and eiders. Occasional boat-access caribou on the peninsulas east of town. Short runs from the harbor.

Morzhovoi Bay

SW peninsula · remote

Remote fall brown bear country with light hunting pressure. Wolves work the salmon streams here into winter. Fly-out only; expect weather holds.

Bechevin Bay

SW · False Pass side

Fly-out caribou and brown bear on the Bering Sea side, along the migration corridors of the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd. Coordinate with a Unit 9D-familiar guide.

Russell Creek drainage

E of town · road-accessible

Salmon-driven bear activity in late summer and fall. Ptarmigan flushing on the surrounding tundra ridges from August onward.

03 · SEASON CALENDARS

When to hunt what

Working month-by-month grid of huntable species in GMU 9E. Dates shift annually by emergency order — always verify the current framework at hunt.alaska.gov before booking.

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Note
Brown Bear (Spring)					●								Even years · guide required for nonresidents
Brown Bear (Fall)										●	●		Odd years · Oct 1 – Oct 21 typical
Caribou (SAP herd)	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	Aug 10 – Mar 31 · bag limits by EO
Pacific Black Brant									●	●	●	●	State + federal waterfowl framework
Emperor Goose										●	●		Very limited draw · not open every year
Ducks & Sea Ducks	●								●	●	●	●	Steel/non-toxic only · long AK Peninsula framework
Ptarmigan	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	Generous bag · outstanding late-season wingshooting
Red Fox	●	●	●						●	●	●	●	Hunting + trapping seasons — check trapping regs
Wolf	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	Aug 10 – Apr 30 · state-managed

● = open · blank = closed or permit-only. Reference only — confirm dates with ADF&G.;

Book the featured outfitter

Trophy hunts fill 12–24 months in advance. Start with the local team that handles CDB pickup through trophy prep.

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