

State restricted areas:

Portions of Hatcher Pass have additional firearms restrictions, contact Alaska State Parks, Mat-Su Region at (907) 745-3975.

4 Goose Bay State Game Refuge and 6 Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area: see pg. 80.

8 Hatcher Pass Youth Management Area: the area consists of that portion of Unit 14A within the upper Little Susitna River drainage upstream of mile 13.6 on Hatcher Pass Road (Gold Mint Trail parking area) and ¼ mile away from the road including Archangel and Fishhook creeks, and upper Little Susitna River drainages. Also, portions of the upper Willow Creek drainage upstream of the confluence of Willow and Craigie creeks, including Grubstake Gulch and Homestake creeks, Summit Lake, and Bullion and Skyscraper mountains. There is no discharge of firearms allowed within ¼ mile of the road. From August 10 to August 25, the area is closed to small game hunting except that small game may be taken by youth hunters 17 years old or younger accompanied by a licensed hunter 21 years old or older who has successfully completed a certified hunter education course if the youth has not successfully completed a certified hunter education course. Hunter orange outerwear is required (vest or coat).

3 Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge: has restrictions regarding use of motorized vehicles, boats and aircraft (for details, see refuge General Permit requirements at <http://refuges.adfg.alaska.gov> or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112): a) Glenn Hwy: No off-road vehicles (including ATVs and snow machines) may be used within ½ mile of the Glenn Hwy but are allowed on the frozen surface of the Knik River and Wasilla Creek as discussed below, and on the Rabbit Slough access road. b) Refuge Lands: with the exception noted above, off-road vehicles (including ATVs and snow machines) weighing less than 1,000 lbs. GVW may only be used on refuge lands Nov 9 – Mar 31 provided there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on the frozen surface of the Knik River or Wasilla Creek, the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. c) Cottonwood Creek Trail: may be open to off-road vehicles from late-Aug–Nov 15 only if the department determines trail conditions warrant use. When open, trail is restricted to vehicles less than 1,000 lbs. GVW and travel is only permitted on the marked trail from the western edge of the refuge along the north bank of Palmer Slough to a sign at the end of the trail. All trail users are subject to Special Area Permit requirements. d) Motorized watercraft: are allowed year-round on the Knik and Matanuska rivers, and on Knik Arm. On Wasilla Creek (Rabbit Slough), motorized watercraft may be used year-round, except that on weekends from July 15 - Aug 15 motorized watercraft capable of producing more than 42 lbs. of thrust or 3hp are prohibited. On all other refuge waters, you may use a motorized watercraft with a motor of 20hp or less only from Aug 16 - Mar 31. e) Aircraft: landing is prohibited from Apr 1 - Nov 9.

2 Susitna Flats Game Refuge: see pg. 90.

1 Palmer Wasilla Management Area: The portion of Unit 14A bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Parks Hwy and the Glenn Hwy, then east and north along the Glenn Hwy to the Palmer Fishhook Rd., then west and north along the Palmer Fishhook Rd. to the Faulk Rd. intersection, then west along the road and section line to Tex Al Dr. and along Tex Al Dr. to the Wasilla Fishhook Rd., to Welch Rd., then west along Welch Rd. to the south bank of the Little Susitna River, then west along the south bank of the Little Susitna River to the bridge at North Shushana Dr., then south along N. Shushana Dr. to Shrock Rd., then west along Shrock Rd. to Church Rd., then south along Church Rd. to the Parks Hwy, then west along the Parks Hwy to Vine Rd., then south along Vine Rd. to Knik-Goose Bay Rd., then north along Knik Goose Bay Rd. to Fairview Loop Rd., then south and east along Fairview Loop Rd. to the Parks Hwy, then east along the Parks Hwy to the intersection with the Glenn Hwy; the area is closed to hunting except that: Big game may be taken with a muzzleloader, shotguns with slugs, crossbow, and bow and arrow only, with weapon-specific certification. Small game, deleterious exotic wildlife and fur animals may be taken by muzzleloader, shotguns, air rifle, falconry, or bow and arrow only. Weapons certification is required for muzzleloader for all game, bow and arrow and crossbow for big game, and shotgun hunters (Basic Hunter Education for big game. Additional weapons restrictions exist in the city limits of Palmer and Wasilla.

5 Nancy Lake State Recreation Area and 7 Willow Creek State Recreation Area: weapon and off-road vehicle restrictions exist. Contact Alaska State Parks, Mat-Su Region at (907) 745-3975.

Unit 14A-14B

Matanuska-Susitna Valley

Region 4

0 10 20 Miles



Game Management Units Legend

Closed Areas	National Parks	Roads
Controlled Use Areas	National Preserves & Other Federal Lands	Railroads
Management Areas	Unit Boundary	Trails
State Refuges, Sanctuaries, & Critical Habitat Areas	Subunit Boundary	
Other State Lands		

Units 14A -14B Matanuska-Susitna Valley

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Unit 14: Drainages into the north side of Turnagain Arm west of and excluding the Portage Creek drainage, drainages into Knik Arm, excluding drainages of the Chickaloon and Matanuska rivers in Unit 13, drainages into the north side of Cook Inlet east of the Susitna River, drainages into the east bank of the Susitna River downstream from the Talkeetna River, and drainages into the south and west bank of the Talkeetna River to its confluence with Clear Creek, the westside drainages of a line up the south bank of Clear Creek to the first unnamed creek on the south, then up that unnamed creek to lake 4408, along the northeast shore of lake 4408, then southeast in a straight line to the northernmost fork of the Chickaloon River, and all seaward waters and lands within three miles of these coastlines;

Unit 14A: drainages in Unit 14 bounded on the west beginning at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough boundary along longitude line 150°30'00" to the mouth of the Susitna River, then north along the east bank of the Susitna River, on the north by the north bank of Willow Creek and Peters Creek to its headwaters, then east along the hydrologic divide separating the Susitna River and Knik Arm drainages to the outlet creek at lake 4408, on the east by the eastern boundary of Unit 14, and on the south by Cook Inlet, Knik Arm, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough boundary to the Glenn Highway bridge, then to the south bank of Knik Arm, then to the south bank of the Knik River from its mouth to its junction with Knik Glacier, across the face of Knik Glacier and along the north side of Knik Glacier to the Unit 6 boundary;

Unit 14B: that portion of Unit 14 north of Unit 14A.

Additional Refuge and Habitat areas in Units 14A and 14B:

4 Goose Bay State Game Refuge: the use of off-road vehicles (including snow machines and ATVs) is prohibited except that the use of vehicles off-road weighing less than 1,000 lbs GVW can be used on all refuge lands from Nov 9 – Mar 31 only when there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on frozen waterways the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. For details, see refuge General Permit requirements at <http://refuges.adfg.alaska.gov> or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112.

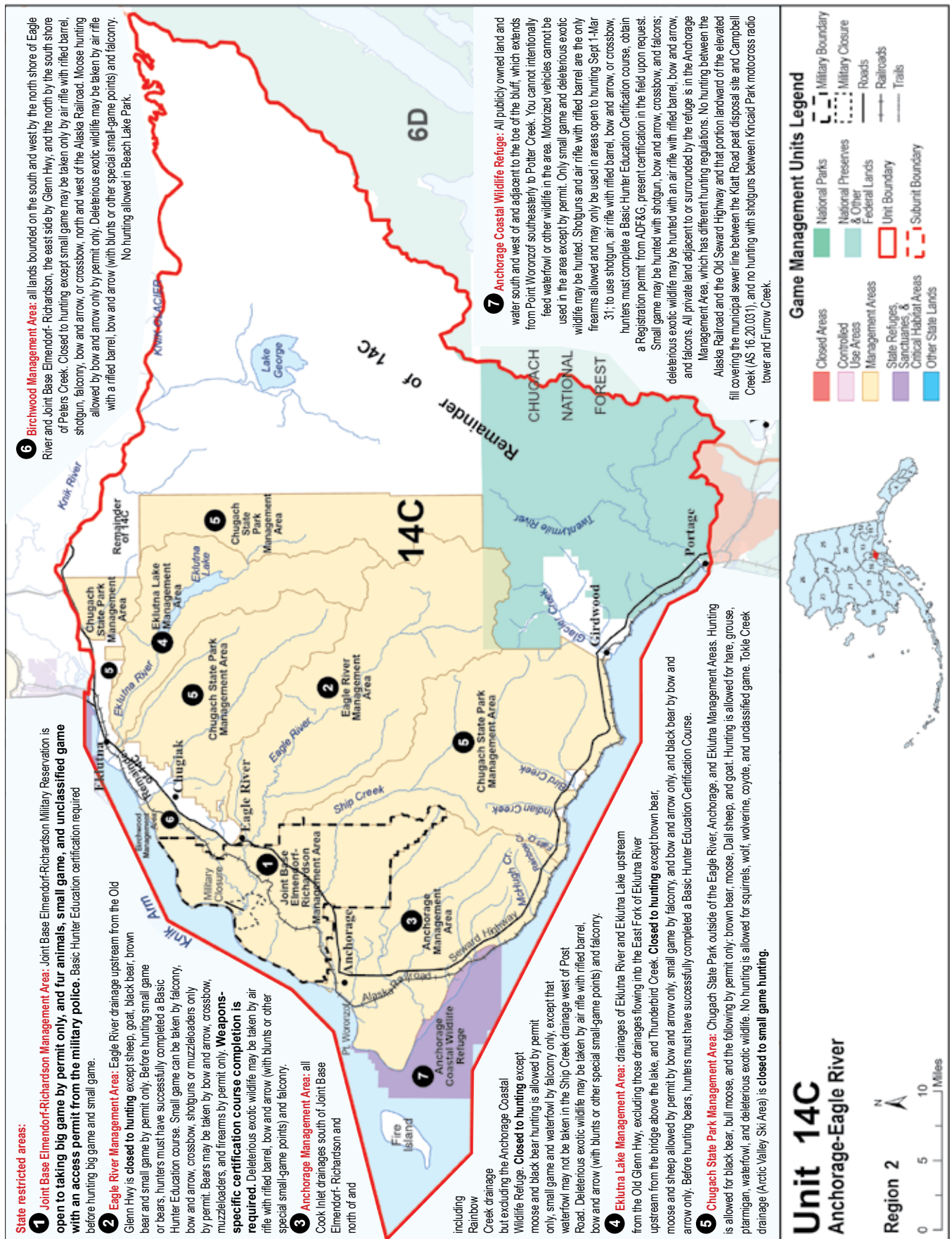
6 Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area: the use of off-road vehicles (including snow machines and ATVs) is prohibited except that the use of vehicles off-road weighing less than 1,000 lbs GVW can be used a) year-round on designated trail, and b) on all refuge lands from Dec 1 – Mar 31 only when there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on frozen waterways the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. For details, see refuge General Permit requirements at <http://refuges.adfg.alaska.gov> or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112.

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS						PERMIT/ HUNT #*	SEASON	
Black Bear • See pgs. 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached as required.										
B	14A 14B	Three bears						HT	no closed season	
Brown/ Grizzly Bear • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • See pgs. 24-27 for additional bear hunting information. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.										
B	14A	One bear every regulatory year							Sept 1-June 30	
B	14B	One bear every regulatory year							Aug 10-June 30	
Caribou • In bag limit, “bull” means a male caribou.										
B	14A 14B	One bull by permit						DC590	Aug 10-Sept 20 Dec 1-Mar 15	
Goat • Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. Taking of males is encouraged. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • All goat hunters are required to successfully complete the online Mountain Goat Identification quiz prior to hunting, proof of completion must be carried in the field, see hunt.alaska.gov.										
B	14A	south and east of the Matanuska River	One goat by permit					DG890 DG891	Sept 1-Sept 30	
			One goat by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Palmer beginning Oct 2					RG890 RG891	may be announced	
B	14A 14B	remainder								no open season
Wolf • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.										
B	14A 14B	Five wolves							Aug 10-Apr 30	
Wolverine • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.										
B	14A 14B	One wolverine							Sept 1-Jan 31	

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS				PERMIT/ HUNT #*	SEASON
Moose • Spike-fork, 50-inch antlers, and brow tines are defined on pgs. 30-31. • In bag limit, “moose” means an animal of either sex; “bull” means a male moose. • In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat. • Nonresident moose hunters are required to successfully complete a Nonresident Moose Hunter Orientation course prior to hunting, proof of completion is required in the field, see pg. 31.							
R	14A	One antlerless moose by permit				DM400-DM410, YM412	Aug 25-Sept 25
		One bull by permit				DM470-DM480, YM482	
One antlerless moose by permit				DM413	Nov 1-Nov 30		
One antlerless moose by permit				DM414	Dec 1-Dec 25		
One moose by bow and arrow, crossbow, or shotgun only by permit. Applications available online only, Oct 1-31 at hunt.alaska.gov ; season may be announced; Basic Hunter Education required.				AM415	may be announced		
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				HT	Aug 10-Aug 19
		One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side					Aug 25-Sept 25
R	14B	One moose by bow and arrow, crossbow, or shotgun only by permit. Applications available online only, Oct 1-31 at hunt.alaska.gov ; season may be announced; Basic Hunter Education required.				AM415	may be announced
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				HT	Aug 10-Aug 19
		One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side					Aug 25-Sept 25
R			One bull by permit				DM416
Sheep • Hunters are required to successfully complete a Sheep Hunter Orientation course prior to hunting in any general season harvest ticket hunt from Aug 10-Sept 20, where the bag limit is full-curl horn or larger. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • Full-curl horn definition and drawings can be found on pg. 33. • Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill and horns must accompany meat from the field.							
R	14A	south and east of the Matanuska River	One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit			DS170 DS180 DS190	Aug 10-Aug 25
						DS175 DS185 DS195	Aug 26-Sept 20
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years by permit			DS270 DS285	Aug 10-Aug 25 Aug 26-Sept 20
R	14A 14B	remainder	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only			HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only				
R			One ram with full-curl horn or larger				Aug 10-Sept 20
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years				

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Unit 14C Anchorage-Eagle River

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Unit 14C: That portion of Unit 14 south of Unit 14A.

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/HUNT #*	SEASON
Black Bear		• See pgs. 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached as required.				
B	14C Lower Eagle River Valley	One bear by bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader only by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage and Palmer beginning Aug 4			RL450	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C Upper Eagle River Valley	One bear by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage and Palmer beginning Aug 4			RL460	Sept 1-June 15
B	14C a portion of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	One bear by shotgun only by permit			DL455	Sept 1-June 15
B	14C McHugh Creek	One bear by bow and arrow, shotgun or muzzleloader only by permit			DL457	Oct 1-Oct 31
B	14C remainder of Eagle River, remainder of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Birchwood, and Anchorage Management Areas, excluding McHugh Creek					no open season
B	14C Eklutna Lake Management Area	One bear by bow and arrow only			HT	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C Chugach State Park Management Area	One bear			HT	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C remainder	Three bears			HT	no closed season
Brown/Grizzly Bear		• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • See pgs. 24-27 for additional bear hunting information. • If you wound a brown bear, it counts toward your bag limit for the regulatory year. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.				
B	14C Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, and Birchwood Mgmt. Areas, remainder of Anchorage, Eklutna Lake and Eagle River Management Areas					no open season
B	14C Chugach State Park within Eklutna Lake Management Area	One bear every regulatory year by bow and arrow only by permit			DB468	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C Chugach State Park Mgmt. Area and that portion of Eagle River Management Area above Icicle Creek	One bear every regulatory year by permit			DB470	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C McHugh Creek drainage	One bear every regulatory year by bow and arrow, shotgun or muzzleloader only by permit			DB477	Oct 1-Oct 31
B	14C remainder	One bear every regulatory year				Sept 1-June 30
Goat		• Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. Taking of males is encouraged. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. • All goat hunters are required to successfully complete the online Mountain Goat Identification quiz prior to hunting, proof of completion must be carried in the field, see hunt.alaska.gov.				
B	14C East fork of Eklutna River, Eagle River, Bird Creek, and Glacier Creek	One goat by permit			DG852-DG858	Sept 1-Oct 15
B	14C Twentymile River	One goat by bow and arrow only by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning July 21			RG878	Aug 16-Aug 31
R		One goat by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Aug 4			RG868	Sept 1-Oct 15
N					RG881	
R		One goat by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna. Season may be announced Nov 1-Nov 15			RG862	may be announced

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Goat continued							
B	14C Lake George	One goat by bow and arrow only by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning July 21				RG879	Aug 16-Aug 31
R		One goat by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Aug 4				RG869	Sept 1-Oct 15
N		One goat by permit				DG889	
R		One goat by permit available online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna. Season may be announced Nov 1-Nov 15.				RG864	may be announced
B	14C	remainder (excluding all areas listed above)				no open season	
Moose • In bag limit, “moose” means an animal of either sex; “bull” means a male moose. • Spike-fork, 50-inch antlers, and brow tines are defined on pgs 30-31. • In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat. • Nonresident moose hunters are required to successfully complete a Nonresident Moose Hunter Orientation course prior to hunting, proof of completion is required in the field, see pg. 31.							
B	14C	Birchwood Management Area	One bull by bow and arrow only by permit			DM448	Sept 1-Sept 30
B	14C	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area	One moose by muzzleloader only by permit			DM421	Sept 1-Nov 15 Dec 15-Jan 15
			One bull by muzzleloader only by permit			DM422	
			One antlerless moose by muzzleloader only by permit			DM423	
			One bull by bow and arrow only by permit			DM424	Sept 1-Nov 15
			One moose by bow and arrow only by permit			DM426 DM427	Dec 15-Jan 15
			One bull by bow and arrow only by permit			DM428	Sept 1-Sept 30
			One bull by bow and arrow only by permit			DM430	Oct 15-Nov 15
B	14C	Chugach State Park Management Area (excluding Ship Creek drainage)	One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side			HT	Sept 1-Sept 30
B	14C	Ship Creek drainage above Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area	One bull by permit			DM446	Sept 1-Sept 15
						DM447	Sept 16-Sept 30
			One bull by permit online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage beginning Oct 6. Number of permits to be announced.			RM435	Oct 25-Nov 30
R	14C	Anchorage Management Area	One antlerless moose by shotgun or muzzleloader only by permit			DM466 DM467	Nov 1-Nov 30
B	14C	Eagle River Management Area	no open season				
B	14C	Eklutna Lake Management Area	One bull by bow and arrow only by permit online at hunt.alaska.gov or in person available in Anchorage, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Aug 4			RM445	Sept 1-Oct 20
B	14C	Twentymile River drainage	One bull by permit			DM210	Aug 20-Sept 30
R			One antlerless moose by permit			DM211	Aug 20-Oct 10
R	14C	the northern portion of the remainder of 14C	One bull by bow and arrow only by permit			DM444	Oct 20-Nov 15
R	14C	Knik River and Hunter Creek/Peters Creek and Little Peters Creek drainages	One antlerless moose by permit			DM441 DM443	Sept 1-Sept 30
B			One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side			HT	
B	14C	remainder	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			HT	Aug 22-Aug 29
			One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side				Sept 1-Sept 30

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Sheep •Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see pg. 10. •See definition of full-curl horn and drawings on pg. 33. •Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill and must accompany meat from the field.							
R	14C	One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit				DS124 DS130 DS134 DS136	Aug 10-Aug 22
						DS123	Aug 10-Sept 30
						DS125 DS131 DS137	Aug 23-Sept 4
						DS126 DS132 DS135 DS138	Sept 5-Sept 17
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years by permit				DS230 DS236	Aug 10-Aug 22
						DS033 DS225 DS231 DS237	Aug 23-Sept 4
						DS232 DS238	Sept 5-Sept 17
R		One ram by bow and arrow only by permit				DS141	Sept 1-Sept 30
DS140	Oct 1-Oct 10						
N	One ram by bow and arrow only every four regulatory years by permit				DS241	Sept 1-Sept 30	
					DS240	Oct 1-Oct 10	
Wolf •Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.							
B	14C remainder (outside of special management areas)				Five wolves		Aug 10-Apr 30
Wolverine •Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.							
B	14C remainder (outside of special management areas)				One wolverine		Sept 1-Jan 31

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