Game Management Units / Special Management Areas

State restricted areas:

1. **Koyukuk Controlled Use Area**: portions of Unit 21 and 24 bounded by a line from the north bank of the Yukon River at Koyukuk at 64°52.58' N. lat., 157°43.10' W. long., then northeasterly to the confluence of the Honhosa and Kateel Rivers at 65°28.42' N. lat., 157°44.89' W. long., then northeasterly to the confluence of Billy Hawk Creek and the Huslia River at 65°56.66' N. lat., 156°40.81' W. long., then easterly to the confluence of the forks of the Dakli River at 66°02.56' N. lat., 156°12.71' W. long., then easterly to the confluence of McLanes Creek and the Hogatza River 66°03.31' N. lat., 155°18.57' W. long., then easterly to the middle of the Hughes airstrip 66°02.56' N. lat., 154°15.69' W. long., then south to Little Indian River at 65°47.10' N. lat., 154°15.69' W. long., then southwesterly to the crest of Hochandochla Mountain at 65°31.87' N. lat., 154°52.16' W. long., then southwest to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek at 65°13.00' N. lat., 156°43.43' W. long., then southwest to Bishop Rock (Yistletaw) at 64°49.35' N. lat., 157°21.73' W. long., then westerly along the north bank of the Yukon River (including Koyukuk Island) to the point of beginning. The area is closed 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 to transportation of moose hunters, their gear, and/or parts of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption. All hunters on the Koyukuk River passing the ADF&G-operated check station are required to stop and report to ADF&G personnel at the check station. The meat of the front quarters, hindquarters and ribs of any moose taken in the area must remain on the bone until the moose has been transported out of the area or processed for human consumption.

2. **Paradise Controlled Use Area**: bounded by a line beginning at the old village of Paimiut, then north along the west bank of the Yukon River to Paradise, then northwest to the mouth of Stanstrom Creek on the Bonsaia River, then northeast to the mouth of the Anvik River, then along the west bank of the Yukon River to the lower end of Eagle Island (approximately 45 miles north of Grayling), then to the mouth of the Iditarod River, then down the east bank of the Innoko River to its confluence with Paimiut Slough then south along the east bank of Paimiut Slough to its mouth and then to the old village of Paimiut. The area is closed to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose; however, this does not apply to the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption.
### Unit 21: Middle Yukon

See map on page 114 for state restricted areas in Unit 21.

Unit 21: Middle Yukon drainages into the Yukon River and Arhymot Lake drainages upstream from a line starting at the downriver boundary of Paimiut on the north bank of the Yukon River then south across the Yukon River to the northern terminus of the Paimiut Portage, then south along the Portage to its intersection with Arhymot Lake, then south along the northern and western bank of Arhymot Lake to the outlet at Crooked Creek (locally known as Johnson River); to but not including the Tozitna River drainage on the north bank, and to but not including the Tanana River drainage on the south bank, and excluding the Koyukuk River drainage upstream from the Dubli River drainage;

**Unit 21A:** the Innoko River drainage upstream from and including the Iditarod River drainage;

**Unit 21B:** the Yukon River drainage upstream from Ruby and east of the Ruby-Poorman Road, downstream from and excluding the Tozitna River and Tanana River drainages, and excluding the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek;

**Unit 21C:** the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek, and the Dubli River drainage upstream from and including the Cottonwood Creek drainage;

**Unit 21D:** the Yukon River drainage from and including the Blackburn Creek drainage upstream to Ruby, including the area west of the Ruby-Poorman Road, excluding the Koyukuk River drainage upstream from the Dulbi River drainage, and excluding the Dubli River drainage upstream from Cottonwood Creek;

**Unit 21E:** the Yukon River and Arhymot Lake drainages upstream from a line starting at the downriver boundary of Paimiut on the north bank of the Yukon River, then south across the Yukon River to the northern terminus of the Paimiut Portage, then south along the Portage to its intersection with Arhymot Lake, then along the northern and western bank of Arhymot Lake to the outlet at Crooked Creek (locally known as Johnson River); to but not including the Blackburn Creek drainage, and the Innoko River drainage downstream from the Iditarod River drainage.

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**Black Bear**  
• See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.

**Brown/Grizzly Bear**  
• No resident locking-tag required.  
• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.  
• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

**Caribou**  
• Units 21A and 21E meat-on-bone salvage requirements, see page 22.

Moose

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<td>Durlbi River drainage, outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area</td>
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<td><strong>R</strong> 21D</td>
<td>south of the south bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough, and west of Kala Creek</td>
<td>Permit, available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at ADF&amp;G in Galena and Fairbanks beginning Feb 23</td>
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**Moose - Special Instructions**

- Proxy hunting restrictions apply, see page 12.
- For 50-inch antlers and brow tine definitions, see page 30.
- 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.


**Open Season:**
- Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
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<td>One antlered bull by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> from license vendors in Unit 21E, or ADF&amp;G (McGrath and Fairbanks) beginning Aug 2</td>
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<td>OR One moose however, no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf, by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at license vendors in 21E and ADF&amp;G in McGrath beginning Jan 17</td>
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<td>One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit (Nonresident orientation required (see page 117))</td>
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**Muskox**  
- Muskox locking-tag required.  
- In all hunts evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.

| B 21A, 21B, 21C, 21E | no open season |
| R 21D                | One bull by permit | DX080 | Feb 15-Mar 15 |

**Wolf**  
- Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.  
- No nonresident locking-tag required.

- A portion of this unit is within a predator control area. See predator control supplement for special regulations. Supplement available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov.

| B 21 | Ten wolves | Aug 1-Apr 30 |
| B 21 | One wolverine | Sept 1-Mar 31 |

**Orientation Requirement for NONRESIDENT Moose Hunters**  
Units 21A and 21E - A nonresident hunter must have viewed the hunter orientation materials: “Is This Moose Legal” video and the “Field Care of Big Game” video and completed the quiz prior to hunting or must be accompanied in the field by an Alaska licensed guide. Videos are available at http://hunt.alaska.gov or at ADF&G offices. You may print the certification card online, or contact ADF&G at (907) 459-7206 to obtain your certification card.

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**WING COLLECTIONS: Grouse and Ptarmigan Hunters**

ADF&G is asking for your help in the collection of wings, tails, and heads from hunter harvested grouse and ptarmigan. These samples allow biologists to better understand sex and age structure of the harvest which is important for managing these valuable resources.

**If you are interested in helping, please:**

1. Remove from each bird:
   - One clean and intact wing (grouse and ptarmigan),
   - Tail fan (ONLY grouse), head (ONLY ptarmigan)
2. Place the wing and tail/head in a wing bag (available at your local ADF&G office) or other paper bag,
3. Record approximate location and date of harvest on the bag, also include contact information if you would like the results of your samples returned,
4. Wings can be taken to your nearest ADF&G office at your convenience OR mailed directly to:
   - Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game  
   - ATTN: Small Game Program  
   - 1801 S Margaret Dr, Ste 2  
   - Palmer, AK 99645  
   - (postage paid return envelopes also available at ADF&G offices)
5. The results of your samples will be returned to you quickly and a final report summarizing the status of small game will be sent to you or available online (http://smallgame.adfg.alaska.gov) by early summer for your review.

**Your efforts will have a direct impact on understanding the fall harvest composition and age structure of these unique and valuable resources. Thank you!**