



## Unit 21 Middle Yukon

Region 3

Game Management Units / Special Management Areas		
Closed Areas	National Parks	Military Boundary
Controlled Use Areas	National Preserves & Other Federal Lands	Military Closure
Management Areas	Unit Boundary	Tangle Lakes Archaeological District
State Refuges, Sanctuaries, & Critical Habitat Areas	Subunit Boundary	Roads
Other State Lands	City Boundary	Railroads
		Trails

Scale: 0 12.5 25 50 Miles

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See map on page 115 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 Dulbi 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 Dulbi 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 Dulbi 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) drainage, to but not including the Blackburn Creek drainage, and the Innoko River drainage downstream from the Iditarod River drainage.

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON	
<b>Black Bear</b> • See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.							
<b>B</b>	21	<b>Three bears</b>				no closed season	
<b>Brown/Grizzly Bear</b> • No resident locking-tag required. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10. • See pages 24-27 for additional bear hunting information. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.							
<b>R</b>	21	<b>Two bears</b> every regulatory year				Aug 10-June 30	
<b>N</b>		<b>One bear</b> every regulatory year				Aug 10-June 30	
In addition to other regulations, subsistence regulations apply to the following "Residents Only" hunt (see page 25)							
<b>R</b>	21D	<b>Two bears</b> every regulatory year by permit available in Galena, Fairbanks, and McGrath beginning July 9			RB601	Aug 10-June 30	
<b>Caribou</b> • Units 21A and 21E meat-on-bone salvage requirements, see page 22.							
<b>B</b>	21A	<b>One bull</b>			HT	Aug 10-Sept 20	
<b>R</b>		<b>One antlerless caribou</b> by permit available in person at license vendors in McGrath, Nikolai, and Takotna beginning Oct 19			RC795	Nov 1-Feb 28	
<b>B</b>	21B	<b>One caribou</b>			HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
<b>R</b>		within the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River drainage	<b>One antlerless caribou</b> by permit available in person at license vendors in McGrath, Nikolai, and Takotna beginning Oct 19			RC795	Nov 1-Feb 28
<b>B</b>	21B	north of the Yukon River and downstream from Ukawutni Creek				no open season	
<b>B</b>	21B	remainder	<b>One caribou</b>		HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
<b>B</b>	21C	Dulbi River drainage and Melozitna River drainages downstream from Big Creek				no open season	
<b>B</b>	21C	remainder	<b>One caribou</b>		HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
<b>R</b>	21D	north of the Yukon River and east of the Koyukuk River	<b>Two caribou</b> may be taken during winter season		HT	may be announced	
<b>R</b>	21D	remainder	<b>Five caribou per day</b> however, calves may not be taken		<b>Bulls</b>	HT	July 1-Oct 14 Feb 1-June 30
					<b>Cows</b>	HT	Sept 1-Mar 31
<b>N</b>			<b>One bull</b> however, calves may not be taken		HT	Aug 1-Sept 30	
<b>B</b>	21E	<b>One caribou</b>			HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	

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OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	<b>BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON
<b>Moose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proxy hunting restrictions apply, see page 12.</li> <li>• For 50-inch antlers and brow tine definitions, see page 30.</li> <li>• In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose.</li> <li>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</li> </ul>						
<b>R</b>	21A	<b>One antlered bull</b>		Permit, available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at ADF&G in McGrath, Anchorage, Palmer, or Fairbanks Aug 3	RM835	Sept 5-Sept 25
<b>N</b>		<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side	<b>Nonresident orientation required (see page 117)</b>			
<b>R</b>	21B	within the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River drainage, and outside a corridor extending two miles on either side of, and including, the Nowitna River		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b>	HT	Aug 22-Aug 31
<b>N</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b>		Sept 5-Sept 25
<b>R</b>	21B remainder	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit, available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at license vendors in Units 21B, 21D, 24, and ADF&G in Fairbanks beginning Aug 6		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM834	Aug 22-Aug 31
<b>N</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit				DM802/806 808/810
<b>N</b>		<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit		DM802/805 808/809/811	Sept 5-Sept 25	
<b>R</b>	21C	Dulbi River drainage, outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area	<b>One bull</b> by permit, available at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or at license vendors in Units 21B, 21D, 24, and ADF&G in Fairbanks Aug 6		RM838	Sept 5-Sept 25
<b>N</b>			<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit, available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at license vendors in Units 21B, 21D, 24, and ADF&G in Fairbanks beginning Aug 6			
<b>R</b>	21C remainder	<b>One bull</b>			HT	Sept 5-Sept 25
<b>N</b>		<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side				
<b>R</b>	21C 21D	within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit, available at a check station established by the department, Huslia or Hughes beginning Aug 30		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM832
<b>N</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit			
<b>N</b>			<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit			DM823/825 827/829
<b>R</b>	21D	south of the south bank of the Yukon River, downstream of the up-river entrance of Kala Slough, and west of Kala Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One moose</b> 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 ADF&G in Galena and Fairbanks.		RM831	may be announced
<b>N</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at license vendors in Units 21B, 21D, 24, and ADF&G in Fairbanks beginning Aug 6			Trophy value must be destroyed
<b>N</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit		DM816-818	
<b>N</b>	<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit			DM816-818	Sept 5-Sept 25	
<b>R</b>	21D remainder	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> or in person at license vendors in Units 21B, 21D, 24, and ADF&G in Fairbanks beginning Aug 6		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM834	Aug 22-Aug 31
<b>N</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One bull</b> by permit				DM814/816-818/820
<b>N</b>		<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit			DM815-820	Sept 5-Sept 25

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<b>Moose</b> <i>continued</i>							
<b>R</b>	<b>21E</b>	[ <b>One antlered bull</b> by permit available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a> from license vendors in Unit 21E, or ADF&G (McGrath and Fairbanks) beginning Aug 3 OR [ <b>One moose</b> 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&G in McGrath beginning Jan 15			RM836	Sept 1-Sept 25	
		<b>One bull</b> with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit <i>Nonresident orientation required (see page 117)</i>			DM837/839	Sept 5-Sept 25	
<b>Wolf</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill. <i>A portion of this unit is within a predator control area. See predator control supplement for special regulations. Supplement available online at <a href="http://hunt.alaska.gov">http://hunt.alaska.gov</a></i> • No nonresident locking-tag required.							
<b>B</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Ten wolves</b>				Aug 1-Apr 30	
<b>Wolverine</b> • Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.							
<b>B</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>One wolverine</b>				Sept 1-Mar 31	

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#### 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.

### 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:
  - a. One clean and intact wing (grouse and ptarmigan),
  - b. 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)	<b>OR</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game ATTN: Small Game Program 1300 College Road Fairbanks, AK 99701
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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!**