



# 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 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	
Black Bear • See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.								
B	21	Three bears					no closed season	
Brown/Grizzly Bear • 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.								
R	21A	Two bears every regulatory year					no closed season	
N	21E	One bear every regulatory year					Aug 10-June 30	
R	21B	Two bears every regulatory year					Aug 10-June 30	
N	21C 21D	One bear every regulatory year					Aug 10-June 30	
In addition to other regulations, subsistence regulations apply to the following “Residents Only” hunt (see page 25)								
R	21D	Two bears every regulatory year by permit available in Galena, Fairbanks, and McGrath beginning July 8				RB601	Aug 10-June 30	
Caribou • Meat taken prior to Oct 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption in Units 21A and 21E.								
B	21A	One bull				HT	Aug 10-Sept 20	
R		One bull by permit available in person at license vendors in McGrath, Nikolai, and Takotna beginning Jan 15				RC795	Feb 1-Feb 28	
B	21B	within the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River drainage	One caribou			HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
R			One bull by permit available in person at license vendors in McGrath, Nikolai, and Takotna beginning Jan 15			RC795	Feb 1-Feb 28	
B	21B	north of the Yukon River and downstream from Ukawutni Creek					no open season	
B	21B	remainder	One caribou			HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
B	21C	Dulbi River drainage and Melozitna River drainages downstream from Big Creek					no open season	
B	21C	remainder	One caribou			HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	
R	21D	north of the Yukon River and east of the Koyukuk River		Two caribou may be taken during winter season		HT	may be announced	
R	21D	remainder	Five caribou per day however, calves may not be taken			Bulls	HT	July 1-Oct 14 Feb 1-June 30
						Cows	HT	Sept 1-Mar 31
N			One bull however, calves may not be taken				HT	Aug 1-Sept 30
B	21E	One caribou				HT	Aug 10-Sept 30	

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<div>Moose</div> <div><div><div><div><div>• Proxy hunting restrictions apply, see page 12.</div><div>• Meat taken prior to Oct 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption.</div><div>• In bag limit, “moose” means an animal of either sex; “bull” means a male moose.</div><div>• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</div></div></div><div><div>• 50-inch antlers and brow tines are defined on pages 30-31.</div></div></div></div>									
R	21A	One antlered bull			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 1		RM835	Sept 5-Sept 25	
N		One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		Nonresident orientation required (see page 117)					
R	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"/> One bull		HT	Aug 22-Aug 31	
N					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull				
					One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		HT	Sept 5-Sept 25	
R	21B remainder				<input type="checkbox"/> One bull 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 5		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM834	Aug 22-Aug 31 Sept 5-Sept 25
N					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull by permit				
					One bull 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	
R	21C	Dulbi River drainage, outside the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area			One bull 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 5		RM838	Sept 5-Sept 25	
N					One bull 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 5				
R	21C remainder				One bull		HT	Sept 5-Sept 25	
N					One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side				
R	21C 21D	within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area			<input type="checkbox"/> One bull by permit, available at a check station established by the department, Huslia or Hughes OR beginning Aug 30		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM832	Sept 1-Sept 25
N					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull by permit				
					One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit		DM823/827 DM825/829	Sept 5-Sept 14 Sept 16-Sept 25	
R	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"/> 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 ADF&G in Galena and Fairbanks beginning Feb 24		RM831	may be announced	
N					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull 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 5				
					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull by permit		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM834	Aug 22-Aug 31 Sept 5-Sept 25
					One bull 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	
R	21D remainder				<input type="checkbox"/> One bull 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 5		Trophy value must be destroyed	RM834	Aug 22-Aug 31 Sept 5-Sept 25
N					<input type="checkbox"/> One bull by permit				
					One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit		DM814/816-818/820	Sept 5-Sept 25	
					One bull 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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Moose <i>continued</i>							
R	21E	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&G (McGrath and Fairbanks) beginning Aug 1				RM836	Sept 1-Sept 25
		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&G in McGrath beginning Feb 1				RM837	Feb 15-Mar 15
N		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)	DM837/839 Sept 5-Sept 25
Muskox <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Muskox locking-tag required.</li><li>• In all hunts evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.</li></ul>							
B	21A, 21B, 21C, 21E	no open season					
R	21D	One bull by permit				DX080	Feb 1-Mar 15
Wolf <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.</li><li>• No nonresident locking-tag required.</li></ul>							
B	21	Ten wolves					Aug 1-Apr 30
Wolverine <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.</li></ul>							
B	21	One wolverine					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; proof of certification must be carried in the field.

## 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:

- Remove from each bird:
  - One clean and intact wing (grouse and ptarmigan),
  - Tail fan (ONLY grouse), head (ONLY ptarmigan)
- Place the wing and tail/head in a wing bag (available at your local ADF&G office) or other paper bag,
- Record approximate location and date of harvest on the bag, also include contact information if you would like the results of your samples returned,
- 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

OR

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game  
ATTN: Small Game Program  
1300 College Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

(postage paid return envelopes also available at ADF&G offices)

- 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!**