



Unit 21
Western Interior
Region

Middle Yukon

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Unit 21 / Hunting

(See Unit 21 Middle Yukon map)

Unit 21 consists of drainages into the Yukon River upstream from Paimiut to (but excluding) the Tozitna River drainage on the north bank; and to (but excluding) the Tanana River drainage on the south bank; and excluding the Koyukuk River drainage upstream from the Dulbi River drainage.

Unit 21A consists of the Innoko River drainage upstream from (and including) the Iditarod River drainage.

Unit 21B consists of the Yukon River drainage upstream from Ruby and east of the Ruby-Poorman Road; downstream from (but excluding) the Tozitna River and Tanana River drainages; and excluding the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek.

Unit 21C consists of the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek; and the Dulbi River drainage upstream from (and including) the Cottonwood Creek drainage.

Unit 21D consists of 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 consists of the Yukon River drainage from Paimiut upstream to (but excluding) the Blackburn Creek drainage; and the Innoko River drainage downstream from the Iditarod River drainage.

Special Provisions

- **The Koyukuk Controlled Use Area** is closed during moose hunting seasons to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or moose part. However, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the controlled use area. All hunters on the Koyukuk River passing the ADF&G operated check station at Ella's Cabin (15 miles upstream from the Yukon on the Koyukuk River) are required to stop and report to ADF&G personnel at the check station. The Koyukuk Controlled Use Area consists of those portions of Units 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 northerly to the confluences of the Honhosa and Kateel rivers at 65°28.42'N. Lat., 157°44.89'W. Long.; then northeasterly to the confluences of Billy Hawk Creek and the Huslia River (65°57'N. Lat., 156°41'W. Long.) 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 at 66°00.31'N. Lat., 155°18.57'W. Long.; then southwesterly to the crest of the Hochandochtla Mountain at 65°31.87'N. Lat., 154°52.18'W. Long.; then southwest to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek at 65°13.00'N. Lat., 156°06.43'W. Long.; then southwest to Bishop Rock (Yistletaw) at 64°49.35'N. Lat., 157°21.73'W. Long.; and then westerly along the north bank of the Yukon River (including Koyukuk Island) to the point of beginning.
- **The Paradise Controlled Use Area** is closed during moose hunting seasons to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or part of moose. However, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or part of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the controlled use area. The Paradise Controlled Use Area consists of that portion of Unit 21 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 Bonasila 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 (approx. 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.
- You may hunt brown bear by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag in Unit 21D if you have a State registration permit prior to hunting. Aircraft may not be used in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bear, or parts of bear. However, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See page 20 for bear sealing requirements.

Special Provisions (continued)

- You may use bait to hunt black bear between Apr. 15–June 30; and in the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area, you may also use bait to hunt black bear between Sept. 1–Sept. 25.
- All edible meat of the front quarters, hind quarters, and ribs from moose harvested in Unit 21 prior to Oct. 1 must remain on the bones until the meat is removed from the field or is processed for human consumption.
- The taking of up to three moose per regulatory year by the residents of Units 20 and 21 is allowed for the celebration known as the Nuchalawoyya Potlatch, under the terms of a Federal registration permit issued by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Tanana. This three moose limit is not cumulative with that permitted by the State.
- The taking of up to three moose per regulatory year by the residents of Unit 21 is allowed for the celebration known as the Kaltag/Nulato Stickdance, under the terms of a Federal registration permit issued by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Kaltag or Nulato. This three moose limit is not cumulative with that permitted by the State.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
• All rural residents	3 bear	July 1–June 30
BROWN BEAR		
• Rural residents of Units 21 and 23	Unit 21D—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 10–June 30
	Unit 21 remainder—1 bear	Aug. 10–June 30
CARIBOU		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 21A—Rural residents of Units 21A, 21D, 21E, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, McGrath, and Takotna Units 21B and 21C—Rural residents of Units 21B, 21C, 21D, and Tanana Unit 21D—Rural residents of Units 21B, 21C, 21D, and Huslia Unit 21E—Rural residents of Units 21A, 21E, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, McGrath, and Takotna 	Unit 21A—1 caribou	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 10–Dec. 20
	Unit 21B, that portion north of the Yukon River and downstream from Ukawutni Creek	No Federal open season
	Unit 21C, the Dulbi and Melozitna river drainages downstream from Big Creek	No Federal open season
	Units 21B remainder, 21C remainder, and 21E—1 caribou	Aug. 10–Sept. 30
	Unit 21D north of the Yukon River and east of the Koyukuk River—Caribou may be taken during a winter season to be announced by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager and BLM Central Yukon Field Office Manager in consultation with ADF&G and the chairs of the Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, and the Middle Yukon and Ruby Fish and Game Advisory Committees.	Winter season to be announced
Unit 21D remainder—5 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16–June 30	July 1–June 30	
MOOSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 21A—Rural residents of Units 21A, 21E, Takotna, McGrath, Aniak and Crooked Creek Units 21B and 21C—Rural residents of Units 21B, 21C, Tanana, Galena, and Ruby 	Unit 21B, that part of the Nowitna River drainage downstream from (and including) the Little Mud River drainage—1 bull; a State registration permit is required during Sept. 5–25. A Federal registration permit is required during the Sept. 26–Oct. 1 season.	Sept. 5–Oct. 1

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
<p>MOOSE (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 21D—Rural residents of Unit 21D, Huslia, and Ruby Unit 21E—Rural residents of Unit 21E and Russian Mission <p><i>Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager listed in the directory at the end of this book.</i></p>	<p>Unit 21B, that part of the Nowitna River drainage downstream from (and including) the Little Mud River drainage—1 antlered bull. A Federal registration permit is required during the five-day season and shall be limited to one per household. The five-day season may be announced by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with ADF&G and the Chairs of the Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and the Ruby Fish and Game Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Five-day, to-be-announced season between Dec. 1 and Mar. 31</p>
	<p>Units 21A and 21B remainder—1 bull</p>	<p>Aug. 20–Sept. 25 Nov. 1–Nov. 30</p>
	<p>Unit 21C—1 antlered bull</p>	<p>Sept. 5–Sept. 25</p>
	<p>Unit 21D Koyukuk Controlled Use Area—1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during Aug. 27–31 and the Mar. 1–5 season, if authorized by announcement by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager and BLM Central Yukon Field Office Manager. Harvest of cow moose accompanied by calves is prohibited. During the Aug. 27–Sept. 20 season, a State registration permit is required. During the Mar. 1–5 season, a Federal registration permit is required. Announcement for the antlerless moose and cow quotas will be made after consultation with the ADF&G Area Biologist and the Chairs of the Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committees.</p>	<p>Aug. 27–Sept. 20 Mar. 1–5 season to be announced.</p>
	<p>Unit 21D remainder—1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during Sept. 21–25 and the Mar. 1–5 season, if authorized jointly by the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager and the BLM Central Yukon Field Office Manager. Harvest of cow moose accompanied by calves is prohibited. During the Mar. 1–5 season, a Federal registration permit is required. Announcement for the antlerless moose seasons and cow quotas will be made after consultation with the ADF&G Area Biologist and the Chairs of the Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committees.</p>	<p>Aug. 22–Aug. 31 Sept. 5–Sept. 25 Mar. 1–5 season to be announced. <i>During the Aug. 22–Aug. 31 and Sept. 5–Sept. 25 seasons, a State registration permit is required.</i></p>
<p>Unit 21E—1 moose; however, only bulls may be taken from Aug. 20–Sept. 25. Moose may not be taken within one-half mile of the Innoko or Yukon rivers during the Feb. season.</p>	<p>Aug. 20–Sept. 25 Feb. 1–Feb. 10</p>	
<p>BEAVER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	<p>Unit 21E—No limit</p>	<p>Nov. 1–June 10</p>
	<p>Unit 21 remainder</p>	<p>No Federal open season</p>

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
COYOTE		
• All rural residents	10 coyotes	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
FOX		
• All rural residents	10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1	Sept. 1–Mar. 15
HARE		
• All rural residents	No limit	July 1–June 30
LYNX		
• All rural residents	2 lynx	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
WOLF		
• Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon	5 wolves	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
WOLVERINE		
• All rural residents	1 wolverine	Sept. 1–Mar. 31
GROUSE		
• All rural residents	15 grouse per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30
PTARMIGAN		
• All rural residents	20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10–Apr. 30