

## Game Management Unit Certification Examination Recommended Study Topics/Materials

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The score required to pass the Management Unit (GMU) Certification examination is 75%. Upon conclusion of the GMU examination(s) you will be notified of your results in writing within approximately 10 business days. Examination results will not be released via telephone, e-mail, or fax.

**The following categories are samples of questions you may be expected to answer – this is not a comprehensive listing of each GMU exam, but rather a sampling of some of the potential types of questions:**

1. Which big game species may be hunted within the GMU and various applicable hunting laws that apply within the GMU.
2. Familiarity with weather patterns/conditions during various seasons within the GMU.
3. Availability of:
  - year-round telephone or radio communication facilities in or near the GMU;
  - an acute-care facility from a specified point within the GMU. (Acute-Care Facility = a facility that can respond to extremely serious or critical situations.); and
  - maintained airfields, seaplane bases, docks, etc. within the GMU.
4. Identification of:
  - major rivers and/or major lakes and/or salt water bays and/or major salt-water straights, passages and channels within GMU;
  - major mountains and/or mountain ranges or, where applicable the major points and capes within the GMU;
  - State or other major landholder restricted areas in the GMU;
  - the largest land managers (state, federal, native, etc.) in the GMU and land permitting and use restrictions;
  - numerous communities within the GMU;
  - controlled use areas;
  - designated wilderness act areas;
  - designated wild and scenic rivers; and
  - areas designated as “critical habitat.”
5. Know and/or be familiar with:
  - Department of Fish and Game, Board of Game and Board of Fish Advisory Committees for the GMU;
  - GMUs bordering the unit;
  - boundaries of the GMU;
  - number of Guide Use Areas within the GMU;
  - bird, fish and animal life within the GMU;
  - plant life within the GMU; and
  - transportation routes and methods used within the GMU.
  - harvest reports and various Alaska Department of Fish and Game management reports related to the unit.
6. Know compass directions within the GMU (i.e.: If traveling between certain points in the unit, what will your direction be?)

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## Preparing for the examination(s) – Reference Material

### 1. Department of Fish and Game

Visit the Department of Fish and Games' website: [www.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.adfg.state.ak.us) for the following items:

- Responsibilities of the Board of Game and Board of Fish;
- Publication titled "Hunt Alaska";
- Miscellaneous publications regarding hunting in Alaska, animal facts, and animal harvest/survey information;
- Various Internet links and sites related to hunting big game in Alaska, including examples of determining antler and horn size on various animals as well as sexing mountain goat;
- Wildlife Notebook Series; and
- Current Alaska Hunting Regulations.

The above information and additional information not listed can be obtained from your local Department of Fish and Game Office.

### 2. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water

Visit the Division of Mining, Land and Waters' website: [www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw) for the following items:

- Fact Sheet of Generally Allowed Uses on State Land;
- Fact Sheet of Conditions for Generally Allowed Users; and
- Information on major landholders in the state.

Contact numbers: Northern Region: (907) 451-2905; Southcentral Region: (907) 269-8400; and Southeast Region: (907) 465-3500.

### 3. Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health

Obtain a list of "Acute Care Facilities" by visiting the Division of Public Health's website: [www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/CL/HFLC/default.htm](http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/CL/HFLC/default.htm), click on "Facility List" or call (907) 269-4526.

### 4. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Rural Aviation

Obtain a list of "state maintained airfields and/or seaplane bases by visiting Rural Aviations' website: [www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdar/Documents.shtml](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdar/Documents.shtml) and click on "Airport Manager Listing" or call (907) 451-5266, (907) 269-2707.

### 5. Miscellaneous Recommendations

- Good map of the GMU and surrounding areas.
- Familiarity with Boone and Crockett and Safari Club International.
- Contact major landowners in the GMU for information (publications) regarding their facilities, restrictions, land authorizations and/or other information regarding the GMU that may be applicable to a Registered Guide-Outfitter.
- Book: "Birds of North America, A guide to field identification." Golden Field Guides from St. Martins Press. ISBN: 1-58238-091-0 (hc), ISBN: 1-58238-090-2 (pbk)

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