

Game Management Unit Certification Examination Recommended Study Topics/Materials

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 for the following items:

- Responsibilities of the Board of Game and Board of Fish;
- Publication titled "Alaska General Hunting Information";
- 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 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, 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 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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