

2020 – 2022 & **HUNTING & TRAPPING**

REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

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For more information on the hunting and trapping regulations, call a Ministry Regional Fish and Wildlife Office, Wildlife and Habitat Branch HQ Victoria, or the Conservation Officer Service using the numbers listed on the regional maps of each region. Service BC can provide toll free access to provincial government telephone numbers. Simply call Service BC and request a transfer to the number you wish to call:

- **Service BC**
 - from Vancouver 604-660-2421
 - from Victoria 250-387-6121
 - elsewhere in B.C. 1-800-663-7867
- **Report a Poacher/Polluter (see page 26)** 1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 2020-2022 hunting and trapping season!

The diversity of wildlife in British Columbia is one of our province's greatest treasures and provides significant social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits. For many British Columbians, the simple existence of wildlife is a fundamental value.

It was for these reasons that we initiated the Together for Wildlife strategy in 2018. Over the last two years, we have worked with Indigenous people, rural communities, academic institutions and with a wide range of industry, conservation, hunter, trapper, guide, recreation and tourism stakeholder organizations to build this strategy. This work is setting us on a path to improve wildlife and habitat stewardship in B.C. The strategy commits to sufficient funding, effective legislation, clear objectives, and meaningful on-the-ground work to ensure wildlife and their habitats thrive, are resilient, and support and enrich the lives of all British Columbians.

In 2019, B.C. became the first province in Canada to enshrine the human rights of Indigenous peoples in law. Ensuring that Indigenous peoples are part of the policy-making and decision-making processes that affect them, their families and their territories is how we will create more certainty and opportunity for Indigenous peoples, B.C. businesses, communities and families everywhere. That is why consultation and collaboration with Indigenous peoples have been and will continue to be critical for successful

wildlife stewardship.

The issues facing wildlife and habitat in this province are complex and can only be resolved through reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and ongoing collaboration with industry, stakeholders, and the public. By working together on shared priorities we will achieve better outcomes for wildlife.

Public trust in wildlife management is multi-faceted and includes expectations that wildlife will be managed sustainably and responsibly. Hunting, as a component of wildlife management, must be conducted in a manner that is humane, safe, and fair in order to preserve public acceptance and social licence. The Province, in collaboration with hunting interest groups, has enacted various hunting practice regulations, which can be reviewed in the "Regulation Change" box below, to ensure B.C. remains a North American leader in the principles of fair chase hunting.

My sincere thanks to all the hunters, trappers, organizations and government staff for your continuing contributions and stewardship of wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

PROVINCE WIDE REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2020-2022

- Year-round prohibitions on hunting
 - with precision guided firearms (firearms with electronically controlled firing mechanisms),
 - using or sharing, for the purpose of hunting, information on the location of wildlife that is obtained by means of an aircraft,
 - big game with any weapon other than a rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader or bow
 - with the aid of a wireless trail camera from August 1 to December 10,
- Prohibition on the use or possession of infrared optics while on a hunting expedition.
- Prohibition on operating electric bicycles in areas where motor vehicles are prohibited or restricted.
- Requirement for Compulsory Reporting for harvested feral pigs.

New information or regulation changes are highlighted as green, bold text



YOU and THE LAW:

The British Columbia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis is intended for general information purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between this synopsis and the Regulations, the Regulations are the final authority. Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the responsibility of an individual to be informed of the current Regulations.

RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF REGULATION CHANGES

To receive notifications about in-season regulation changes as well as other important notices about hunting in B.C., visit **www.gov.bc.ca/hunting** or subscribe to the Important Notices page and the Corrections and Updates page. The RSS feed will no longer be used.

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Accompany - means to remain in the company of the other person, able to see the other person without the aid of any device other than ordinary corrective lenses and able to communicate by unamplified voice with that person.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) - means a wheeled vehicle or tracked vehicle propelled by motorized power, and capable of travel on or off a highway, including motorcycles but not including a snowmobile or motor vehicle that is licensed for highway travel under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Antlered Animal - means a member of the deer family over one year of age bearing visible bony antlers.

Antlerless Animal - means a member of the deer family bearing no visible antlers. The small skin or hair covered protuberances of male fawns and calves do not constitute antlers.

Bait - means anything, including meat, cereals, cultivated crops, restrained animal or any manufactured product or material, that may attract wildlife and includes plastic or other imitation foods, but does not include a decoy as described under these regulations.

B.C. Resident - means a person who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, and whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia and who has been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*, or if not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and has been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*.

Bearded Turkey - means a turkey with a tuft of hair-like feathers on the chest that grow larger with age.

Big Game - means any mountain sheep, mountain goat, bison, caribou, elk, moose, deer, black bear, cougar, wolf, bobcat, lynx, wolverine or other animal designated by regulation.

Bolt - means a shaft or missile designed to be shot from a crossbow or catapult.

Bow - means a longbow or crossbow.

Brow Tine - means the first tine projecting forward or upward in the lower 1/3 of the antler of a moose, caribou, elk or deer.

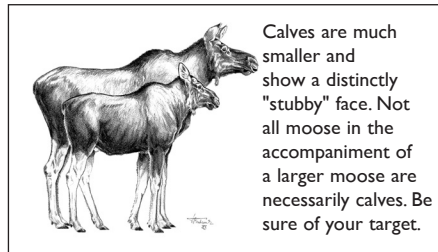
Buck or Bull - with reference to deer; moose or elk means one bearing visible bony antlers, but does not include a calf; with reference to caribou means a male bearing visible bony antlers, but does not include a calf.

Calf - means a moose, elk or caribou less than twelve (12) months of age.

Cow Moose - a female moose recognizable by having no antlers and being 1.8 meters at shoulder height weighing 340-420 kg.

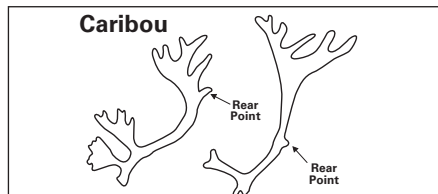
Calf Moose - a moose less than 12 months

of age usually less than 1.5 meters at shoulder height weighing 135-180 kg.



Cancelled Species Licence - means a Species Licence that has been cancelled as indicated on the licence.

Caribou - 5 Point Bull - has one antler which bears at least 5 tines (points), including the tip of the main beam above the rear point. If rear point is missing, the first rear-facing point will be used as the rear point.



Compound Crossbow - means a crossbow on which the bow string runs through pulleys.

Cougar Kitten - means any cougar with spots or any cougar under one year of age.

Crossbow - means a bow fixed across a stock with a groove for the arrow or bolt and a mechanism for holding and releasing the string. (NOTE: The use of crossbows is permitted during special bow only seasons.)

Decoy - means any material or manufactured product that simulates the appearance or has the form of wildlife.

Deer Family - moose, caribou, deer and elk.

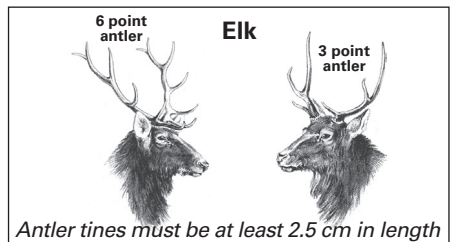
Drone - means an aerial vehicle that (a) is not occupied or operated by a person within the vehicle, (b) is operated by (i) remote control, (ii) pre-programmed software, (iii) onboard computer autonomy or artificial intelligence, or (iv) any combination of (i) to (iii) and is capable of attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking, spotting or monitoring wildlife.

Edible Portions - with respect to big game, excluding wolf, lynx, bobcat and wolverine, means the edible portions of the neck, ribs, four quarters and the loins of the animal and with respect to game birds, means the edible portions of both breasts of the bird.

Electric Bicycle - a wheeled device (a) on which a person may ride, (b) with pedals or hand cranks that allow it to be propelled with human power, and (c) with an electric motor.

Elk - Six Points or Greater Bull - means any bull having at least six tines on one antler:

Elk - Three Points or Greater Bull - means any bull having at least three tines on one antler:



Existing road or trail - means **a)** a road or trail with a paved surface, **b)** a cross-country or downhill ski route marked in a ski area by the owner of the ski area, **c)** a road used for logging or mining, **d)** a road or trail used for access to fences, power lines, wind generators or communication towers, or **e)** a trail on which there is no vegetation except on a strip that, if present, can be straddled by a 4-wheel vehicle.

Feral pig - means a pig of the genus *Sus* that is not in captivity or is not otherwise under a person's control.

Firearm - includes a device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring and includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun, pellet gun, "BB" gun or spring gun but does not include a bow.

Furbearing Animal - means a fox, beaver, black bear, marten, fisher, lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, striped and spotted skunk, northern flying squirrel, red and Douglas' squirrel, ermine, weasel, wolverine, wolf or coyote.

Game Bird - means any grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or wild turkey.

Game - includes all big game, small game, game birds and furbearing animals.

Handgun - is a firearm that is designed, altered or intended to be aimed and fired by the action of one hand or that has a barrel less than 305 mm (12 in.) in length.

Hunt & Hunting - includes shooting at, attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking, or lying in wait for wildlife or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently wounded, killed or captured:

- (a) with intention to capture the wildlife, or
- (b) while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

Infrared Optics - means an optical device with the capacity to detect infrared radiation.

Licence Year - Hunting and Guide Licences - means the period from April 1 to March 31 of the following year; Trapping and Fur Trading Licences - means the period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

BEFORE YOUR HUNT

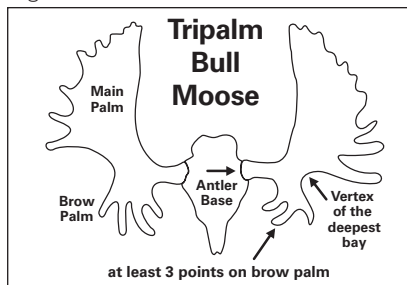
Loaded Firearm - means any firearm containing live ammunition in either the breech or the magazine. A clip containing live ammunition, when attached to the firearm, is considered as the magazine. **Muzzle loaders** - see page 17.

Migratory Game Birds - for which there may be an open season in B.C. and for which a Canadian Migratory Game Bird hunting permit is required are: waterfowl (ducks and geese, including Brant); American Coot; Common Snipe; Band-tailed Pigeon and Mourning Dove.

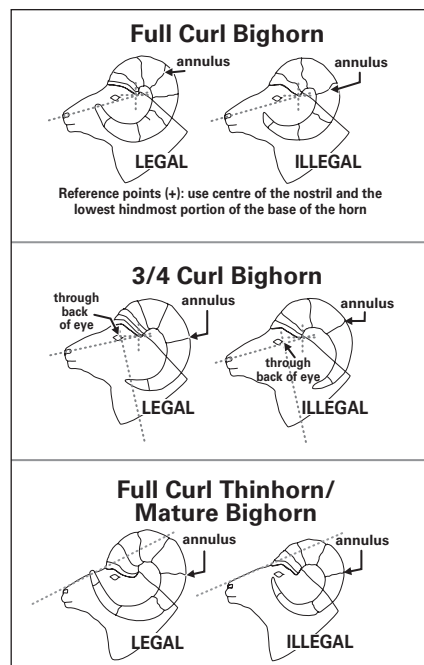
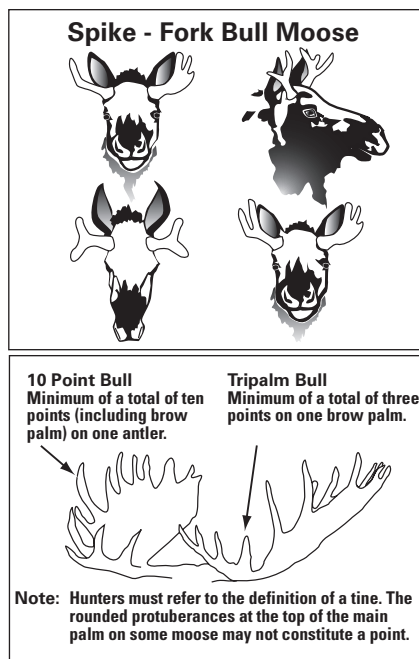
Moose - Spike-fork Bull - means a bull moose having no more than two tines on one antler. (Includes tines on main antler and brow palms.) Does not include a calf. See diagram.

Moose - 10 Point Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a minimum of ten points (tines), including the tines on the brow palm. (See diagram and tine definition.)

Moose - Tripalm Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a brow palm bearing three or more points (tines). The brow palm is separated from the main palm by the deepest antler bay. The deepest bay is the bay whose vertex (deepest location) is the shortest distance from the antler base, when measured along the surface of the antler. See diagram.



Motorcycle - means a motor vehicle that runs on 2 or 3 wheels and has a saddle or seat for the driver to sit astride.



least one horn tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

Mountain Sheep - 3/4 Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending beyond a straight line drawn through the back of the eye opening and at right angles to a line drawn between the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, at least one horn tip extends beyond a straight line through the back edge of the eye socket and at right angles to a line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

Motor Vehicle - means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is being or may be transported or drawn, and which is designed to be self propelled, and includes an ATV or snowmobile, but does not include a device designed to be moved by human, animal or wind power; a device designed to be used exclusively on stationary rails or stationary tracks; or a boat propelled by motorized power.

Mountain Goat Kid - means a mountain goat with horns less than 10 cm in length.

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending upwards beyond a straight line drawn through the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, at

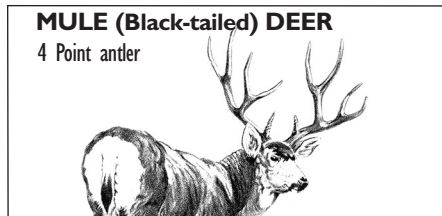
Mountain Sheep - Mature Bighorn Ram

– means any bighorn ram mountain sheep whose horn tip, when viewed squarely from the side at right angles to the sagittal plane of the skull, extends dorsally beyond the nose bridge plane

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Thinhorn Ram

– means any thinhorn ram mountain sheep that has attained the age of 8 years as evidenced by true horn annuli as determined by the regional manager or his designate, or whose horn tip, when viewed squarely from the side at right angles to the sagittal plane of the skull, extends dorsally beyond the nose bridge plane. Do not use yearly horn growth annuli to determine the age of a ram in the field, because "false" annuli may be present.

Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Four Points or Greater Buck – means any buck having at least four tines, excluding the brow tine, on one antler:



No Hunting Area – means a designated area in which hunting (see definition) is prohibited.

Non-Resident – means a person who is not a B.C. resident but who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or a person who is not a B.C. resident but whose only or primary residence is in Canada and has resided in Canada for the 12 month period immediately before making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

Non-Resident Alien – means a person who is neither a B.C. resident nor a non-resident.

Non-resident/alien Restricted Licence

– means a licence issued to a non-resident or a non-resident alien who has not successfully completed examinations, approved by the director; about conservation, outdoor recreation and safety.

Non-resident/alien Unrestricted Licence

– means a licence issued to a non-resident or a non-resident alien who has successfully completed examinations, approved by the director; about conservation, outdoor recreation and safety.

Non-Toxic Shot – means shotgun pellets consisting of, by weight, not more than one percent lead.

No Shooting Area – means a designated area in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

Power Boat – means a boat, canoe or yacht powered by electric, gasoline, oil, steam or other mechanical means, but does not include a boat powered manually nor a boat with an outboard motor provided the motor is tilted or otherwise disengaged so as not to be ready for immediate use.

Raptor – means birds of the order Falconiformes (falcons), Accipitriformes (vultures, eagles, and hawks), or Strigiformes (owls) and includes the eggs of these birds.

Shot means a cartridge manufactured so that it contains 8 or more roughly spherical projectiles.

Small Game – includes fox, raccoon, coyote, skunk, snowshoe hare and game birds.

Snowmobile – means a vehicle designed primarily for travel on snow or ice, having one or more steering skis, self propelled and using one or more endless belts or tracks driven in contact with the ground.

Tine or "Point" – means a branch of an antler which is longer than its breadth and is at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length, and for the

purpose of determining the length of a tine (a) the breadth of the tine is measured (if extending from a palmation of an antler; then in the plane of the palm) at a location at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) from the tip of the tine, and (b) the length of the tine is measured from its tip end, following the midline of the profile of the tine, and following the natural curvature of the tine, to the midpoint of the straight line along which the breadth is measured. (See How to Measure a Tine diagram below)

Traffic or Trafficking – means to buy, sell, trade or distribute for gain or consideration or to offer to do so.

Upland Game Bird – includes the gallinaeous birds, such as wild turkey, grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, pheasant, and quail.

Vehicle – means a wheeled or tracked device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a highway.

Wildlife – means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game and other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife by regulation.

Wireless Camera – means a camera that obtains an image by means of a remote or infrared sensor and that is capable of sending an image remotely to an electronic device.

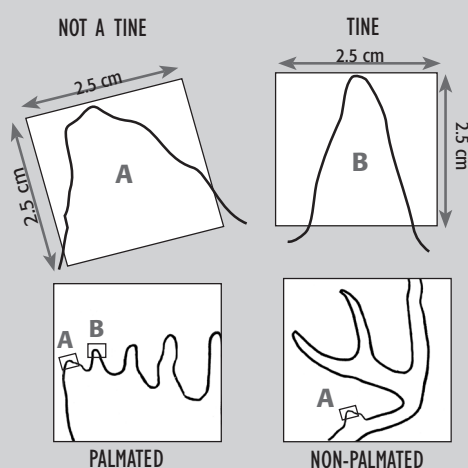
**BC Moose Tracker App**

Play an important role in moose conservation and management with the BC Moose Tracker app.

The app allows hunters to upload information about the moose they encounter directly to a province-wide database, helping wildlife staff monitor moose populations and respond to emerging issues.

The BC Moose Tracker app was developed with support from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and the BC Wildlife Federation. For more information and to download the BC Moose Tracker on iTunes, please visit:

gov.bc.ca/wildlifehealth/moosestracker

HOW TO MEASURE A TINE

On larger tines, the measurements can be taken at any point at least 2.5 cm from the tip.

**NOTICE!
TO HUNTERS**

To enter, hunt over or trap in cultivated land, posted land

or private property without the owner's permission is committing an offence.

It is the responsibility of the hunter or trapper to be aware of the status of the land they hunt and to get permission from the land owner before accessing private land.

HUNTER EDUCATION

► Since 1974, the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course has ensured that hunters meet standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical hunting. The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has accepted the responsibility for program delivery and record keeping. CORE graduates who are not a BCWF or affiliated club member can apply for a BCWF membership at half-price within the first year of receiving their CORE Certificate, including the Outdoor Edge magazine and liability insurance.

► Although not compulsory, classroom instruction in CORE is recommended and may be obtained through courses in adult education, community colleges, rod and gun clubs or course advertisements. The written examination is based on: Outdoor Ethics, Firearm Handling, Hunting Regulations, Animal and Bird Identification, Outdoor Survival, First Aid and Safety, and Hunter Heritage, Conservation and Wildlife Management chapters found in the CORE manual. There is a fee for each of the practical firearms handling and written examinations. There is also a graduate fee of \$30.00 payable to BCWF at the time of program completion.

► The course requires about 21 hours of self-study and firearm handling practice. Information on how to obtain the CORE manual and a list of certified CORE examiners is available from BCWF at 1-888-881-2293 or www.bcwf.bc.ca

► For a recognized North American Bowhunter Education Program contact the BC Archery Association at www.archeryassociation.bc.ca

BC FISH AND WILDLIFE ID (FWID)

► The FWID is an electronic profile with a user's personal information, credentials, licences, permits, applications and limited entry hunting (LEH) authorizations. In April 2016 the FWID replaced the Hunter Number.

► All hunters (residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens) must obtain a FWID to access hunting programs and services in British Columbia. Hunters with a Hunter Number were assigned a FWID. Hunters without a Hunter Number are required to produce documentation that proves residency, identity, and hunter safety training (required for purchasing all hunting licences

except initiation, youth, restricted non-resident/alien and special area) to obtain a FWID. Proof of hunter safety training include a Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) certificate, a document issued by another territory or province of Canada, or a government of an international jurisdiction evidencing successful completion of a hunter safety training course.

► When a B.C. resident who is 10 years of age or older completes CORE, they are eligible to hold a basic hunting licence, have a bag limit of their own, and enter the limited entry hunting draw.

► Hunters may only have and use one FWID.

► **Please be sure that the contact information on your FWID is accurate. You can update your FWID profile information online or by calling FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222.**

► FWID holders must update their fish and wildlife profile when they change residency or their legal name in-person at a Service BC or FrontCounter BC office or through BC Hunting Online. Please note: FWID holders must provide documentation proving a legal name change.

► In some cases, you may qualify for a residency exemption. This applies to any hunter who is:

* Currently serving full-time in the Canadian military and who has made his or her permanent residence in B.C. for 30 consecutive days prior to applying for B.C. resident hunting credentials. Appropriate military identification and posting documentation is required, OR

* A Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, who attended a recognized educational institution outside of B.C. and can provide a certificate, diploma, degree or a letter from a school confirming completion of program, OR

* Under 18 years of age, has resided with a parent or guardian in another province and returns to B.C. to reside with another parent or guardian who is a resident.

HUNTERS REQUIRED TO PROVE B.C. RESIDENCY

► **The province requires hunters to prove B.C. residency every three years. This is to help ensure that only eligible hunters access hunting licences, permits and authorizations available to residents only. To renew your B.C. resident credential, access the BC Hunting Online service at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.**

[gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting). Please contact FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222 if you cannot update your B.C. resident credential using the online service.

ELECTRONIC LICENCES, PERMIT TO ACCOMPANY AND LEH AUTHORIZATION

► You are not required to carry a paper copy of your resident, non-resident or non-resident alien hunting licence, initiation licence, youth licence, upland game bird licence, Fraser Valley and Gulf Islands special area licences, LEH authorization, or permit to accompany while hunting or carry a copy of your guide outfitter licence while guiding. These permits, licences and authorizations are fully electronic.

► **You must carry all your species licences while hunting, both cancelled and uncanceled.** If you buy your species licence online, it will be mailed to you subject to Canada Post delivery times. If you buy your species licences in-person, you will obtain them immediately.

► LEH authorizations are available on your Fish and Wildlife profile and **will not be mailed to you.**

► If you win a shared limited entry hunting authorization, you are required to carry the Harvest Report section of your authorization at all times while hunting. You must complete the Harvest Report and communicate the harvest to all hunters in your group immediately upon a kill.

► Conservation Officers can access your FWID profile in the field using their mobile application. **Please note that you are legally required to produce your FWID number and photo ID upon request of an officer.**

OPEN SEASONS

► There is NO OPEN SEASON FOR ANY WILDLIFE – except as indicated in this synopsis. It is unlawful to hunt at any time during the year except within the open season, or by authority of a permit issued under the *Wildlife Act*.

► To define open seasons the province is divided into Management Units (MU's). Hunting seasons are shown in regional schedules on the following pages. All season dates are inclusive.

► Where an open season does not apply to the entire MU a reference is given to maps describing the applicable regulation.

► Hunting season dates may change in season. Check www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for updates.

WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS

IMPORTANT: For the 2021-22 hunting season, Waterfowler Heritage Days (WHD) may be replaced with a new youth hunter permitting system as part of the Government of Canada's initiative to modernize federal migratory bird regulations. These new regulations may come into effect for the 2021-22 hunting season, but have not been finalized at the time of this publication. For more information on the status of this project and for updated federal migratory bird hunting regulations, check www.canada.ca. As well, check www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for updates to the 2021-22 migratory bird season dates before your hunt.

Waterfowler Heritage Days (WHDs) for the hunting of ducks and geese occur province wide. Only youth hunters at least 10 years of age and less than 18 years of age who have met all provincial requirements are permitted to hunt, and they must be accompanied by a licensed hunter that meets the prescribed requirements to supervise youth hunters (see page 8 - supervision for youth hunters). The supervising hunter can guide and advise the young hunter but is not permitted to hunt. See individual regions for season dates. Federal regulations have been amended to exempt youth hunters from having to purchase the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit when participating in WHDs. Provincial regulations have been amended to exempt youth hunters from having to purchase the provincial hunting licence or the junior hunting licence when participating in WHDs. In addition, youth at least 10 years of age and less than 18 years of age are exempt from the requirement to complete hunter safety training (CORE) prior to participating in WHDs. Youth who wish to hunt ducks and geese outside of designated WHDs or who wish to hunt for any other species of game, must purchase the appropriate licence.

ABORIGINAL HUNTING

The first priority of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that First Nations may have established aboriginal rights to harvest wildlife for food, social and ceremonial purposes in their traditional areas, and that treaty First Nations have treaty rights in relation to harvesting wildlife. Such uses of wildlife must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize safety or the use and enjoyment of property. Any hunting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except as authorized by regulation or where there is a demonstrated aboriginal or treaty right to do so. Under the *Wildlife Act* "Indian" means a person who is defined as an Indian under the *Indian Act* (Canada).

Indians who are residents of British Columbia are not required to obtain any type of hunting licence under the *Wildlife Act*. Indians who are residents of B.C. and are exercising an aboriginal right to hunt for sustenance purposes within a traditionally used area are required to comply with hunting regulations related to public health and public safety.

In situations where conservation of a particular species is of concern and compliance with hunting regulations is required by Indians belonging to a First Nation group, there will be prior consultation with the affected First Nation in accordance with Ministry policy and procedures. These restrictions may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, individuals should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the Ministry regional office with respect to any specific requirements that may apply to them.

Indians who are residents of B.C. and wish to hunt outside their traditionally used areas must do so in accordance with the Hunting Regulations. This includes making application for an LEH authorization via the LEH draw. If an individual is in doubt regarding a traditional hunting area or practice, they should be in contact with the appropriate First Nations officials and the regional Wildlife Program staff to discuss specific situations. All LEH applicants must have a FWID to enter the draw, including persons registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada).

Métis Hunters

A reminder that all Métis individuals intending to hunt are required, under the *Wildlife Act*, to hold a valid hunting licence and comply with all hunting regulations.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

► Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) seasons are open only to hunters who have drawn an LEH authorization for the applicable licence year.

► A resident hunting licence and species licences are required in addition to an LEH authorization.

► Hunters should refer to the LEH Synopsis published each spring for specific LEH maps, or view LEH maps online at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/limited-entry-hunting/leh-zone-maps>.

► For information regarding LEH please contact (250) 356-5142 or go to www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

There are three types of hunting licences available to B.C. Residents:

1) Resident Hunting Licence

► Hunting licences are available to resident hunters 10 years of age or older who hold a valid FWID with resident and hunting credentials (see BC Fish and Wildlife ID section).

► A hunting licence, in combination with the appropriate species licence (if required), provides a hunter with a personal bag limit. **A youth hunting licence does not provide a personal bag limit.**

► You will be asked to produce your FWID number and photo ID when purchasing a hunting licence in person.

2) Youth Hunting Licence

► Youth 10 years of age or older and under 18 years of age, who have a FWID may obtain a Hunting Licence OR a Youth Licence.

► A Youth Hunting Licence can only be issued to a parent or guardian on behalf of his/her child or ward who is 10 years of age or older and under the age of 18. Hunter safety training is not required to obtain a Youth Hunting Licence. The parent or guardian is required to have a FWID to hold the Youth Hunting Licence.

► A youth hunter, whether or not they have completed a hunter safety training program or are hunting under a hunting or youth licence, **must be accompanied** and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences and meets the prescribed qualifications to be a supervising hunter.

► **A youth hunting licence does not provide a personal bag limit.**

► Non-resident qualifications for a Youth Hunting Licence are the same with the exception that they may not hunt for wildlife for which an LEH authorization is required.

► Non-resident youth wanting to hunt big game must be accompanied by a guide outfitter, assistant guide outfitter or a holder of a permit to accompany.

3) Initiation Hunting Licence

► An Initiation Hunting Licence is a once in a lifetime annual licence that can only be issued to a person who is a B.C. resident, is 18 years of age or older; and has not held a B.C. hunting licence in the past (with the exception of a youth or junior licence).

► Hunter safety training is not required to obtain an Initiation Licence.

► If hunting under an Initiation Licence, you must be accompanied by a supervising hunter at all times during your hunting activity. You must also have your supervising hunter, before starting to hunt on each day of hunting, sign a form that acknowledges the conditions of supervising your hunting activity. Forms are available at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

Hunter Safety Training for Youth and Initiation Hunters:

► Youth and Initiation hunters do not need to complete a hunter safety training program but must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences and meets the prescribed qualifications.

Bag Limits and Supervision for Youth and Initiation Hunting Licences:

► Wildlife taken under a Youth or Initiation Hunting Licence is included in the bag limit of the supervising licensed adult. No species licences may be purchased with a Youth or Initiation Hunting Licence. However, during an LEH hunting season, a resident licensed youth hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holding a valid limited entry hunting authorization and a valid species licence.

Hunters under the age of 18, and hunters hunting under the authority of an Initiation Hunting Licence, must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision while hunting by a person who meets the following prescribed qualifications:

- Hold a FWID with active residency and hunting credentials.
- If supervising an Initiation Licensed Hunter, be a resident and hold a basic hunting licence (unless exempt).
- Have held a hunting licence (or be exempted from holding a licence), other than an Initiation Hunting Licence, in British Columbia, or a licence to hunt in another jurisdiction, in not fewer than 3 of any of the licence years preceding the current licence year. This qualification does not apply to the supervising hunter if a guide outfitter also accompanies the holder of an Initiation Hunting Licence.
- If an Indian residing in B.C., has received training in hunting and previously hunted lawfully without supervision.
- Not be prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm in any jurisdiction.
- Not accompany or supervise more than two Youth Licensed Hunters, two Initiation Licensed Hunters, or one Youth and one Initiation Licensed Hunter at one time (Note: youth who hold a Basic Hunting Licence do not count towards the maximum number that may be accompanied.)

No one under the age of 10 may hunt. A person who causes or allows a person under the age of 10 to hunt commits an offence.

A parent or legal guardian must apply for the hunting or youth licence on behalf of the youth and sign the written undertaking that the parent or guardian will not allow the child or ward to hunt or carry firearms unless the youth is accompanied by and under the close personal supervision of a hunter who meets the prescribed qualifications to supervise.

BUYING LICENCES

► Licences are available online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting and at Service BC, FrontCounter BC and participating commercial outlets and sporting goods stores (resident only). **If you buy your species licence online, it will be mailed to you and it is subject to Canada Post delivery times. If you have not received your licences in the mail, you may qualify for a replacement free of charge if between 15 to 30 business days from the purchase date you report the loss to FrontCounter BC or Service BC.**

► A parent or legal guardian must apply for the hunting or youth licence on behalf of the youth and sign the written undertaking that the parent or guardian will not allow the child or ward to hunt or carry firearms unless the youth is accompanied by and under the close personal supervision of a hunter who meets the prescribed qualifications to supervise.

► Hunters with permanent physical disabilities who are unable, because of their disability, to exit a vehicle to discharge a firearm, or are unable to walk 100m while carrying a firearm, may apply for a disabled hunting permit. Information and the permit application process are available through the FrontCounterBC website at www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca.

DEER LICENCES

► A person must not possess more than 15 of any current year deer licences. The combination of deer licences may include a maximum of 3 mule deer and 3 white-tailed deer licences.

► There are special Haida Gwaii deer licences which allow hunters to exceed the 2 deer bag limit for the Skeena Region and the 3 deer provincial bag limit up to a maximum of 15 deer

when hunting in Haida Gwaii. Up to 3 regular mule deer licences can be used in Haida Gwaii, but they will count toward the regional and provincial bag limits. (For example, if a mule deer licence is used in MU 6-12 or 6-13, a hunter will be prevented from pursuing deer elsewhere in the Skeena Region, and it will count towards the 3-deer provincial bag limit).

MIGRATORY BIRDS

► When hunting migratory game birds, you must carry with you a valid Canadian Migratory Game Bird hunting permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence. Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit is a federal government permit. It's available for purchase online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting/permit.html>, or through some Canada Post Offices or independent vendors.

► The Bird Banding Laboratory in Maryland collates all North American bird banding records. If you find a banded migratory bird, please report it on their website at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl.

KEEPING YOUR LICENCES & RECORDS

► Hunters should keep all documents under which an animal was taken until the animal has been consumed. In the case of a mounted trophy or a tanned hide, the species licence and Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet should be kept in a safe place indefinitely. If a person wishes to transfer the trophy to someone else or requires an export permit to move it out of the province, the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier:

NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

► Non-residents of British Columbia must follow all hunting regulations. All non-resident hunters are required to have a Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) to obtain hunting licences.

► Non-resident and non-resident alien hunters must hold an unrestricted hunting licence to hunt small game unaccompanied by a guide

outfitter; assistant guide outfitter or a holder of a permit to accompany non-residents or non-resident aliens. To obtain an unrestricted non-resident/non-resident alien hunting licence, you must show proof of successful completion of hunter safety training.

► You can prove successful completion of hunter safety training when registering for your FWID and applying for your hunting credential. You have the option to upload a copy of your hunter safety training certificate using B.C. Hunting Online or take your documentation to a Service BC or FrontCounter BC office. **If your hunter safety training document is in a language other than English or French, it is your responsibility to submit the original document along with a notarized translated version of the document.**

► If you do not obtain a hunting credential, you will only be eligible to apply for a restricted non-resident/non-resident alien hunting licence and you must be accompanied by a guide outfitter; assistant guide outfitter or a holder of a permit to accompany non-residents or non-resident aliens when hunting.

► The fee for a restricted and unrestricted licence is the same. Fees vary depending on your residency status.

► Non-resident and non-resident alien hunters **are required to be accompanied** by a guide outfitter; assistant guide outfitter or a holder of a permit to accompany **at all times when hunting big game**, regardless of the type of licence (restricted or unrestricted) they have.

Big Game Guided Hunts

► When purchasing big game species licences, non-residents must provide the guide outfitter's licence number. On completion of the hunt, non-residents must obtain a completed Guide

Outfitter Report from their guide. Failure to do so constitutes an offence on the part of the hunter and the guide. **If the guide outfitter or assistant guide submits the Guide Outfitter Report using the BC Hunting online service, a copy of the report is posted to the non-residents FWID profile, satisfying the requirement to obtain a completed Guide Outfitter Report.**

Big Game Accompanied Hunts

► A non-resident hunter may be accompanied by a resident of B.C., who holds a permit to accompany non-residents or non-resident aliens to hunt big game. Only one permit to accompany will be issued to a person in a licence year.

► A non-resident who is not a resident of Canada and is not a Canadian citizen, may also be eligible under the permit to accompany providing they qualify under one of the required relationship categories (i.e., if accompanied by a father; brother; son; uncle, nephew, grandson, grandfather; mother; sister; daughter; aunt; niece, granddaughter; grandmother; spouse, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, but excludes cousins).

► The B.C. resident applying for this permit must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, 19 years of age or older, who has held a BC hunting licence and a big game species licence for 3 of the 5 years preceding application (or 2 of the 5 years preceding application if the applicant has completed CORE).

► Permits to Accompany may not be available for all species and areas (for example, thimhorn sheep). You can review the regional hunting restrictions online at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/permit-to-accompany. Applications can be submitted online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or at a FrontCounter BC office.

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► The B.C. resident applicant is eligible to buy licences on behalf of the non-resident named on the permit.

► Non-residents must have a valid issued permit to accompany associated to their Fish and Wildlife profile to be able to buy species licences for themselves. Otherwise, a guide outfitter licence number will be required.

► The permit holder (B.C. resident) must complete a permit to accompany report from their Fish and Wildlife profile using the BC Hunting online service, or by reporting to FrontCounter BC within 10 days after the hunt authorized by the permit is concluded (whether or not the hunt took place).

► If there is a harvest; the permit holder must make royalty payments within 30 days after the hunt authorized by the permit is concluded. (see Royalty Fees section page 20).

► Royalty payments can be made from your Fish and Wildlife profile using the BC Hunting online service, or at any FrontCounter BC or Service BC office.

► For additional information, please contact FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222.

Small Game

► Non-residents can hunt small game unaccompanied if hunting under a non-resident or non-resident alien unrestricted licence. Individuals hunting under a non-resident or non-resident alien restricted licence must be accompanied by a guide outfitter; an assistant guide outfitter or a holder of a permit to accompany at all times while hunting.

Hunting Licence Fees

The following fees apply province-wide. Additional licence requirements are indicated under certain regional schedules. All licences issued under the *Wildlife Act* are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Fees include HCTF surcharge, but not G.S.T.

B.C. resident to hunt all game	\$32.00★▲
B.C. resident who is 65 years of age or over to hunt all game	\$7.00★
Non-resident (†restricted / †unrestricted) to hunt all game	\$75.00★
Non-resident alien (†restricted / †unrestricted) to hunt all game	\$180.00★
Fraser Valley Special Area (See Region 2)	\$10.00★
Gulf Islands Special Area. All islands in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) and Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6	\$2.00
Initiation Hunting Licence - allows a person 18 years or older who has never previously held a hunting licence in B.C. to try hunting without having successfully completed hunter safety training	\$19.00★
Youth hunting licence - the youth must be 10 years of age or older & under age 18	\$7.00★▲
Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit	\$17.00▲
Haida Gwaii Deer (resident)	\$10.00★
Haida Gwaii Deer (non-resident)	\$25.00★

★ Includes surcharge for the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF).

▲ A youth hunting ducks or geese during Waterfowler Heritage Days do not require a hunting licence, junior hunting licence or Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit. The Written Undertaking, signed by a parent or guardian, is still required. You can find the form at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

† See definitions (page 5).

Species Licence Fees

Species licences are required for the hunting of the following animals and are required in addition to the basic hunting licences. Hunters are required to carry all species licences obtained or held for the current year, including both cancelled and uncanceled, while hunting.

Fees include HCTF surcharge, but not G.S.T.

BIG GAME	B.C. RESIDENT	Non-B.C. Resident
Bison	\$70.00	\$700.00
Black Bear	\$20.00	\$180.00
Bobcat *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Caribou *	\$20.00	\$230.00
Cougar *	\$30.00	\$230.00
Deer (mule (black-tailed) and white-tailed)	\$15.00	\$125.00
Elk	\$25.00	\$250.00
Lynx *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Moose	\$25.00	\$250.00
Mountain Goat *	\$40.00	\$350.00
Mountain Sheep *	\$60.00	\$620.00
Wolf	No Species licence required	\$50.00
Wolverine *	\$8.00	\$40.00
SMALL GAME		
Small Game	No Species licence required	No Species licence required ★
Upland Game Birds	No Species licence required	\$50.00

* Species licences for these species are not valid until 2 days after the date of issue.

★ Except for upland game birds.

All hunting and species licences expire March 31 of each year

Replacement Species Licences

You must replace your lost, stolen or destroyed species licence, both cancelled and uncanceled, if you plan to continue hunting during the current licence year.

To obtain a replacement, contact FrontCounter BC or Service BC. You will need to declare the harvest details from the original cancelled licence.

Replacement Fee \$10.00

It is unlawful to use another person's licence or to loan or transfer any licence under any circumstance.

Licence Cancellation

It is unlawful to be in possession of a big game animal without a properly cancelled species licence or otherwise by licence, permit, or as provided by regulation. Any person who kills any big game species must immediately after the kill and before handling the big game killed, cancel the appropriate species licence in accordance with the instructions on that licence.

Licence Fees: What Are They Used For?

When you purchase a BC hunting or trapping licence, where does the money go? At the time of writing, a basic BC resident hunting licence will set you back \$32: \$25 of this is the fee portion that goes to general government revenue, and the remaining \$7 is a conservation surcharge that is directed to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. The exact ratio between fee and conservation surcharge varies for other hunting and trapping licences types, averaging 80% fee to 20% surcharge. Total licence sales fluctuate annually, the average surcharge revenue from these licence products is around \$2.5 million per year.

Surcharges and the Habitat

Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF)
HCTF is a non-profit, charitable foundation that uses the surcharges collected on hunting, angling, trapping and guide outfitting licences to fund conservation projects across BC. Surcharges from hunting, trapping and guide outfitting licences pay for wildlife and stewardship projects, as well as education programs. Money is also used to secure important wildlife habitat through HCTF's acquisition granting program. In 2018-19, HCTF approved 90 wildlife and stewardship projects, ranging from ungulate habitat enhancement to programs designed to get kids outdoors and connected with nature in their communities.

Where Can I Find Out More?

BC hunters, anglers, trappers and guide outfitters make a huge contribution to conservation through their licence purchase and through countless hours volunteering on projects that HCTF funds. To find out more about HCTF fish and wildlife conservation initiatives or how to apply for funding to start your own conservation project, visit www.hctf.ca



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SITE AND ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

National Parks

► Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks. All firearms transported in National Parks must be dismantled, carried in a closed case or wrapped and tied securely as not to expose any part of the firearm.

► Firearms are also not permitted outside of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft in a National Park unless they are being moved into, or out of, a person's premises, or with a permit issued by the park superintendent.

Regional District Parks

► The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited in most regional district parks. Regional district bylaws are NOT included in this synopsis. Contact the Regional District for further information.

► Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 metres of all Regional District Parks in Regions 1 and 2.

National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

► Hunting is prohibited in National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries unless a special federal permit is granted or notices to the contrary are posted. Blue signs depicting a loon mark the boundaries. Contact Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta for more information (604) 350-1950.

BC Parks

Individuals visiting BC Parks, either a Park, Conservancy, Recreation Area or Protected Area should be aware that the *Park Act* and its regulations apply, as do the hunting regulations in this synopsis. Visit www.bcparks.ca for more information on activities allowed or prohibited in specific parks.

► Hunting and the discharge of firearms, or bows is prohibited in many BC Parks. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting is permitted. For more information on BC Parks that are open to hunting please visit www.gov.bc.ca/hunting. Hunting in BC Parks is only permitted during a lawful open season. For additional information on permitted activities in BC Parks, please visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/fishreg.html#hunting.

► When a BC Park is closed to hunting or there is no open season for any species, both the possession and discharge of a firearm or bow are prohibited except when authorized by a park officer. Possession is only allowed when such weapons are carried within a vehicle or when authorized by a park officer.

► The use of horses and motor vehicles (including motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs and other self-propelled vehicles or cycles) is generally prohibited in BC Parks except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licensed. Use of aircraft to arrive at or depart from some parks is restricted.

► It is prohibited to hunt or discharge a firearm or bow in a BC Park within 400 metres of

either side of the centre line of any park road or highway except as authorized by a park officer; unless otherwise stated in this synopsis for a specific road. A park road is a road in a park or recreation area that is designated and developed for licensed motor vehicles.

► Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

Recreation Sites and Trails

► **Provincial Recreation Orders prohibiting motorized use.**

• Visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/legislative-authority/recreation-orders-for-more-information-and-a-list-of-provincial-Recreation-Orders>.

► As defined in the Forest Recreation Regulation: Unless authorized by a recreation officer; it is unlawful to trap or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow on or into:

o The developed portion of a Recreation Site or Interpretive Forest.

o The "developed portion", refers to that area that extends 100m in all directions from a structure, day use area, camping area, trail staging area or similar area.

o Any portion of a Recreation Trail where a prohibition has been posted.

• It is unlawful to dispose of game residue in the **developed portion of a recreation site**.

Visit www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca for more information on Recreation Sites and Trails.

Ecological Reserves

► Hunting, trapping and angling are prohibited in Ecological Reserves in B.C. The discharge of a firearm, or bow is prohibited. A complete list of Ecological Reserves, maps and legal descriptions is available at www.bcparks.ca/eco_reserve.

Conservation Lands

► B.C. has different types of Conservation Lands, including Wildlife Management Areas, Crown Reserves, and lands acquired for fish and wildlife management; sometimes in cooperation with other agencies (e.g., Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Trust of BC).

► Hunting, the discharge of firearms or bows, motor vehicles, and access are restricted or

prohibited in some Conservation Lands.

► Before hunting in a Conservation Land, please contact your regional office.

Municipal Restrictions

► Most municipalities have bylaws restricting and controlling the use of weapons, firearms and bows within their boundaries. Municipal bylaws are NOT included in this synopsis. Consult municipal clerks for details.

► Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling wildlife attractants and illegal dumping so hunters are reminded to dispose of carcasses and animal parts responsibly. Carcasses are considered wildlife attractants and can attract large predators. **Do not dispose of them within municipal boundaries or in areas frequented by the public.**

Indian Reserves

► Indian Reserves are private land. Permission must be obtained from the local Indian business office in order to hunt on or across these lands.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CABINS

► While in the field you may encounter cabins. These belong to someone engaged in a legitimate business such as trapping or guiding. They are private and are not to be entered, damaged or disturbed

SITE and ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Several laws govern access:

1. Trespass Act

The provincial *Trespass Act* limits public access to enclosed private or leased land. Private or leased property is considered enclosed if any one of the following conditions are met:

- there are clearly visible signs prohibiting trespassing posted at each ordinary access point; or
- the property is surrounded by a lawful fence; or
- the property is surrounded by a natural boundary such as a riverbank or a 4 1/2 foot hedge.

In some areas local clubs may have

arrangements with landowners to exclude other hunters and may post No Hunting or No Trespassing signs.

2. Forest and Range Practices Act

It is illegal for individuals to cause environmental damage. Irresponsible off-road vehicle use can disturb soil and destroy plants, risk watershed and water source quality, threaten or kill wildlife, introduce invasive plants and reduce forage. Environmental damage includes any change to soil that adversely alters an ecosystem. Individuals found to have caused environmental damage may be fined \$575. More serious cases of damage could lead to penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or a year in jail.

While travelling on a Forest Service Road, operators of ATVs are required to hold a valid driver's licence and carry a minimum of \$200,000 third-party liability insurance.

3. Off Road Vehicle Act

The *Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Act* applies to ORVs on Crown land and prescribed private land. ORVs include ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, side-by-sides and on-highway vehicles (under 4,536 kg). Mandatory registration applies to ORVs. The plate or sticker must be clearly displayed on the front, back or left side of the ORV.

Mandatory safety laws apply to all ORVs; this includes helmets for ride-astride ORVs and seatbelts (if installed). People under 16 must be supervised by an adult at least 19 years.

For more information about the ORV Act, visit the ministry's website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/land-use/crown-land and the BC Laws website: www.bclaws.ca/.

Call the Natural Resource Violations Hotline at 1-844-NRO-TIPS (1-844-676-8477) if you witness a contravention.

4. Wildlife Act

► A person is not permitted to hunt on

cultivated land or on Crown land which is subject to a grazing lease while the land is occupied by livestock, without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of the land.

► There are 2 types of motor vehicle restrictions under the *Wildlife Act*, and all types can be seasonal or year-round.

1) **Motor Vehicle Closed Area:** Prohibits the use or operation of a motor vehicle and e-bike. These prohibitions can be for all motor vehicles, or specific to ATVs/e-bikes or snowmobiles.

2) **Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area:** The operation of motor vehicles and e-bikes to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited. These prohibitions can apply to all motor vehicles, or be specific to ATVs/e-bikes or snowmobiles.

For full definitions and detailed regulations, visit *Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulations of the Wildlife Act*.

See definitions section for vehicle types.

NO HUNTING and NO SHOOTING AREA

Federal Firearms Legislation

- ▶ A BC hunting licence does not give authority to carry a firearm.
- ▶ For information on the Canadian Firearm Licence contact Canadian Firearm Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or visit the website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaff.

No Shooting or Hunting Areas

- ▶ It is unlawful to hunt or discharge a firearm within 100 metres of a church, school building, school yard, playground, regional district park, dwelling house, or farm or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals. An owner or occupier of land, or an employee of an owner or occupier are exempted near a dwelling house or farm or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals, for the purposes of slaughtering livestock.

No Shooting Areas

- ▶ It is unlawful to discharge a firearm in a No Shooting Area (see Definitions section). No Shooting Areas are open to the use of bows (including crossbows) unless specifically restricted (see regional sections).

HIGHWAY NO SHOOTING OR HUNTING AREAS

- ▶ It is unlawful to discharge a firearm across or to discharge a firearm or hunt within the road allowances of all numbered highways and any two lane or greater public road in B.C. that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (or their contractors), the federal government or another province or territory. The road allowance extends:

- 15 metres on either side of the middle of a road with less than three lanes, or
- 15 metres from the edge of the paved surface of a highway with three lanes or more, or
- to the boundary of private or cultivated land, whichever comes first.

- ▶ These restrictions address safety concerns that have been expressed by many residents living in previously unrestricted rural areas. Use common sense and if in doubt, don't shoot!

NOTE: Other closures that may be more restrictive on some highways or roads are listed below or under the Regional Schedules.

Hwy 99 No Shooting Area

- ▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400 metres west of the road allowance and 1 km east of the road allowance of Hwy 99 between the northern boundary of the District Municipality of West Vancouver and the Southern Boundary of the District Municipality of Squamish.

Hwy 118 No Shooting Area

- ▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400 metres on either side of the road allowance of Hwy 118 (Topley Landing Road) between the intersection of Hwy 118 and Hwy 16 at Topley Landing and Granisle in the Skeena region.

400 METRE SINGLE PROJECTILE (FIREARM) PROHIBITED AREAS

- ▶ Several major or heavily populated routes in the province have an additional 400 metres area bordering the road allowance in which the discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited. The discharge of a shotgun using shot only is permitted.
- ▶ The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within 400 metres (1/4 mile) on either side of the road allowance of following portions of the highways and roads in British Columbia listed below:

- Hwy 5** (Coquihalla Highway) between Hope and the junction of Hwys 1 and 5 at Kamloops;
- Hwy 6** between Bench Cr. and Banting Cr.;
- Hwy 16** between the boundary of the City of Prince Rupert and the British Columbia - Alberta interprovincial boundary;
- Hwy 27** from the junction with Route 16 (Yellowhead) west of Vanderhoof to Fort St. James;

- Hwy 29** between the intersection of Hwy 29 with Hwy 97 in the vicinity of the Village of Chetwynd and the intersection of Hwy 29 with Hwy 97 in the vicinity of Charlie Lake, Peace River Land District;

- Hwy 35** between Francois and Burns Lake;

- Hwy 37** between the intersection of Hwy 37 with Hwy 16 and the boundary of the District of Kitimat;

- Hwy 37** between the Skeena River Bridge at Kitwanga Post Office, Cassiar Land District, and the intersection with the Yukon border;

- Hwy 37A** between the intersection of said highway and Hwy 37 at Meziadin Junction and the boundary of the District of Stewart at Bitter Creek;

- Hwy 39** from the junction with Hwy 97 north of McLeod Lake to its intercept with the municipal boundaries of the City of Mackenzie;

- Hwy 97** those portions of the Cariboo Highway from Cottonwood River to Prince George, the John Hart Highway from Prince George to Dawson Creek, and the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to Lower Post;

- Hwy 113** between Terrace and Kincolith (Gingolx).

- Canyon Drive (Road 520)** between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam;

- Twelve Mile Road (Road 190)** between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek.

400 METRE NO HUNTING OR SHOOTING AREAS

- ▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400 metres (1/4 mile) of the road allowance of the following highways:

Highways in all Provincial Parks - see page 11 for information on prohibition for hunting and the discharge of firearms/bows in BC Parks.

Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Highway) between Hope and Manning Park, Manning Park and Princeton.

Hwy 97C (Okanagan Connector; Phase III) between its junction with Hwy 97 near Peachland and its junction with Hwy 5 near Aspen Grove.

Hwy 99 (Sea to Sky Highway) between northern boundary of the District of Squamish to the southern boundary of the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

Callaghan Road between the north-west corner of the Resort Municipality of Whistler to the gate at the Whistler Olympic Park.

WHAT IS "WILDLIFE"?

► All native species of animals in the province, excluding invertebrates and fish as well as several non-native species, have been designated as wildlife, giving them full protection under provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 488. These species may not be hunted, killed, captured, kept as pets or used for commercial purposes unless specifically allowed by regulation or by authority of a permit.

► Schedule B and C wildlife are known to destroy property and/or are detrimental to native wildlife. These species have fewer restrictions regulating their hunting, killing or capturing. Any capture or killing of these species must still abide by provincial laws regarding the humane treatment of animals.

► Schedule B lists animals that may be captured or killed on private land only for the specific purpose of protecting property; no hunting licence or open season is required. On Crown land a person must abide by the open seasons for Schedule B species (see Regional Schedules for open seasons). Schedule B species include coast mole, snowshoe hare, lemmings, bushy-tailed woodrat, deer mice, porcupine, northern pocket gopher, yellow-bellied marmot, woodchuck, Columbian ground squirrel, striped skunk, raccoon, and spotted skunk.

► For all Schedule C species there are no closed seasons or bag limits. Furthermore, there are no requirements to remove edible portions or report the killing to an officer. Schedule C birds may be hunted using electronic calls.

► You do not need a hunting licence to capture, hunt or kill the following Schedule C wildlife: American bullfrog, green frog, snapping turtles, North American opossum, eastern cottontail, European rabbit, nutria, gray squirrels, fox squirrels, house sparrow, European starling, and rock dove (domestic pigeon).

► **You do need** a hunting licence to hunt the following Schedule C wildlife **UNLESS** you are hunting them on your property or they are damaging your property: Northwestern Crow, American Crow, black-billed magpie, brown-headed cowbird.

► Feral Pigs (see definition section): a hunting licence is required to hunt feral pigs on Crown land. It is an offence to possess or transport a live feral pig with the exception of a person who was the owner of the feral pig, or an agent of the owner, for the purpose of recapture and returning it to captivity or control.

► All other hunting related regulations apply, for example, prohibited hours for hunting, motor vehicle restrictions/prohibitions, no hunting areas, no shooting areas, prohibition on trafficking in wildlife meat, etc.

► If a person injures wildlife listed in Schedule B or C, the person must kill that wildlife.

EAR TAGS AND COLLARS

► Please **DO NOT AVOID** hunting animals with ear tags or collars, unless specified

under regional sections in the synopsis. This will ensure that biologists acquire accurate data on mortality rates. If you kill a marked animal, please contact your local Ministry office with the number on the ear tag or collar because the meat may not be safe to eat if immobilization drugs were used. Ear tags and collars must be returned to the Ministry office.

ILLEGAL GUIDING

► The *Wildlife Act* defines "guide" as: "a person who for compensation or reward received or promised, accompanies and assists another person to hunt wildlife".

► It is unlawful to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licensed to do so.

► A person must possess a valid British Columbia Guide Outfitter Licence or Assistant Guide Authorization in order to legally guide hunters. The government licences guides to ensure that their activities can be closely monitored and regulated.

► MoE intends to increase its enforcement efforts to stop illegal guiding. A person who guides without the proper authorization commits an offence. A person who uses the services of an illegal guide may, as a party to the offence, be charged and convicted of the same offence.

ILLEGAL TRANSPORTING

► The definition of "transporter" in the *Wildlife Act* Commercial Activities Regulation is: a person who, for money or other compensation, transports a hunter to, from or between locations so that the hunter can hunt but does not include a person who operates a scheduled commercial flight or a chartered aircraft unless the person also provides ground transportation, accommodation or other ground services to the hunter.

► A person must not act as a transporter unless the person holds a transport licence or a guide outfitter licence issued under section 15 of the *Wildlife Act*.

PENALTIES

► We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource!

IT'S UNLAWFUL

1. To make a false statement to an Officer, Conservation Officer, or Constable.
2. To capture, possess or keep in captivity any live wildlife without a permit.
3. To possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except those designated by regulations, (i.e., crows, house sparrows, cowbirds, magpies, rock doves or European starlings or their egg or nest).
4. To buy or sell migratory birds (or their eggs or nests).
5. To traffic in live wildlife, wildlife meat or offer to do so except as authorized by permit.

6. To traffic in dead wildlife or a part of wildlife except when the wildlife was lawfully killed in B.C. during an open season under the *Wildlife Act* or lawfully brought into B.C., or when trafficking in cast antlers or when the wildlife or part of wildlife has been processed into a product that no longer resembles the original wildlife or part.
7. To dump, discard or dispose of litter.
8. To shoot, hunt or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle except under permit.
9. To deface any notice posted under authority of the *Wildlife Act*.
10. To damage or interfere with a lawfully set trap.
11. To hunt a female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female mountain goat in a group with one or more kids.
12. To hunt a Black Bear less than 2 years old or any bear in its company.
13. To hunt the white or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the Black Bear.
14. To hunt a cougar kitten (any cougar with spots or under 1 yr of age) or any cougar accompanying it.
15. To hunt a lynx or bobcat accompanied by one or more lynx or bobcat.
16. To kill or wound wildlife by accident or to protect life or property and fail to promptly report the killing to an Officer.
17. To kill wildlife while in the process of committing offences against any statute including, but not limited to, the *Wildlife Act*. Examples would be wildlife taken while trespassing on private property or on mine property in violation of the Mine Safety Code.
18. To intentionally feed or attempt to feed dangerous wildlife (cougar, coyote, wolf and bear), except when lawfully engaged in hunting or trapping where baiting is authorized (cougar, coyote and wolf only).
19. To hunt bears by placing bait or by using a dead animal or using part of it as bait.
20. To shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or a boat propelled by a motor.
21. To hunt migratory birds from a power boat, unless the boat is beached, resting at anchor or fastened within or tied immediately along side a fixed hunting blind.
22. To use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle or other mechanical device to herd or harass wildlife.
23. To hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
24. **To hunt big game with any weapon other than a rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loader or bow (includes longbow or crossbow).**
25. To discharge, carry or have in possession a firearm containing live ammunition in its breech or in its magazine attached to the firearm, in or on a railway car, motor vehicle, sleigh, aircraft, bicycle or other conveyance.
26. To carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind.

27. To use a wireless camera for the purposes of hunting from Aug. 1 to Dec. 10.

28. To hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by a helicopter.
29. To use a helicopter while on a hunting expedition.
30. To hunt wildlife from an aircraft or within 6 hours of being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
- 31. To hunt using information on the location of wildlife that is obtained by means of an aircraft.**
- 32. To share or assist in sharing, information on the location of wildlife that is obtained by means of an aircraft, and shared for the purpose of hunting wildlife.**
- 33. To operate, possess or use information that a drone obtains during a hunting expedition, or less than 6 hours before the start of a hunting or trapping expedition.**
34. To hunt game, except migratory game birds (see #31), from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. To find out the time of sunrise and sunset, consult a local newspaper or the following website: www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/sunrise/index.html. The responsibility remains with the hunter to make the determination of sunrise and sunset in the field based on existing terrain and circumstances.
35. To hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
36. To hunt wildlife by the use of, or with the aid of, a light or illuminating device
- 37. To use or possess infrared optics on a hunting expedition.**

38. To use poison for the hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any wildlife.
39. To use recorded or electronic calls to hunt wildlife except Wolf, Coyote, Cougar, Lynx or bobcat or any bird listed in Schedule C (see "What is Wildlife?" Section).
40. To use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
41. To hunt migratory game birds within 400 m of any place where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least 7 days.
42. To kill wildlife (with the exception of a fur bearing animal other than a Black Bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions (see definitions section) to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the edible portions if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to a recipient who complies with the requirement. Edible portions do not include meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking. Of a furbearing animal other than a Black Bear, the hide must be removed to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter; the owner or operator of a cold storage plant or to a taxidermist, tanner or a fur trader. A person who kills a furbearing animal is exempted from the requirement to remove the hide if that

person transfers possession of the wildlife to another person who complies with the requirement.

43. To interfere with or obstruct a person licensed or permitted to hunt, guide or trap while that person is lawfully so engaged.
44. To hunt wildlife with a handgun.
45. To hunt game while accompanied by, or with the use or aid of, domestic goats or sheep province-wide and camelids in Regions 6, 7A, and 7B (excluding Haida Gwaii), including as pack animals.
46. To possess and or traffic in bear galls, including any part or derivative of the gall bladder (or bile), and male bear genitalia (hunters are not committing an offense if they remove the gall bladder from the carcass and leave the gall bladder at the kill site, or, if they move the bear from the kill site and they, within 48 hours, dispose of the gut pile including the gall bladder).
47. To traffic in bear paws separated from the carcass or hide, although possession of bear paws under lawful authority of a licence or permit is allowed for personal and ceremonial use.
48. To use any part or derivative of a deer, elk, moose or caribou, sourced from outside of B.C., for the purpose of hunting or trapping.
49. To hunt without carrying all species licences, including cancelled species licences, issued during the licence year.

HUNTER NOTICE Accidental Illegal Harvest

What should you do if you harvest an animal in error?

Mistakes happen. Either through poor judgement, inexperience or at times through a series of unavoidable circumstances, each year animals are mistakenly killed. Many are self reported but many more are left in the bush to rot. The Conservation Officer Service (COS) wants to encourage those who make such a mistake to come forward. In circumstances where such animals are recovered by the COS the meat will be distributed and utilized by those in need.

Hunters who self report such kills will be viewed in a different light than those who intentionally kill an illegal animal or fail to report the matter. The COS believes that the true test of a hunter is not

whether or not a mistake is made, but how he/she deals with that mistake.

All self reported unlawful kills will be investigated and the appropriate action will be assessed by the officer.

What should you do?

Immediately cancel your species licence and mark in ink on the species licence page that your intention is to self report.

- If you have telephone service, call the RAPP number and seek direction from a Conservation Officer.
- If you are within close proximity of a phone but it will require some traveling, field dress

that animal to prevent spoilage, leave the carcass at the scene and go to a location where a call to the RAPP number can be made.

- If you are in a remote location and telephone contact is not possible, field dress that animal to prevent spoilage, care for the carcass until you enter a location where a phone call to the RAPP number can be made.

RAPP 1- 877-952-7277



Legal Hunting Methods and Provincial Bag Limits

	Firearms			Archery	Provincial Bag Limits (applies to all licenced hunters)
	Rifles		Shotguns		
Note: Some hunts and areas have specific restrictions. See region's section for descriptions	Rimfire	Centrefire			
BIG GAME					
Bison	No	Yes ⁷	No	Bow E	1
Black Bear ⁶	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	2*
Bobcat	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	5*
Caribou	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Cougar	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	2*
Deer	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	3*(see Deer Licences section)
Elk	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Lynx	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	1
Moose	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Mountain Goat	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Mountain Sheep	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Wolf	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	3*
Wolverine	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	1
SMALL GAME					
Upland Game Birds	Yes ²	Yes ³	Yes	Bow B, C, D	Turkey Region 4* and 8* Upland Game Birds - see next page
Other Small Game (includes Coyote)	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹ for Coyote	Bow B, C, D	Snowshoe hare. 10/day Raccoon, Skunk, CoyoteNBL*
MIGRATORY BIRDS					
Migratory Game Birds	No	No	Yes ^{4,5}	Bow D	Ducks. see next page* Geese see next page*

***See regions' sections for regional bag limit. Regional bag limits apply to all licenced hunters.**

NOTES

- 1** shotgun must have a bore size of 20 gauge or larger and use shells of shot size No. 1 Buck or larger.
- 2** grouse, ptarmigan or turkey only.
- 3** grouse or ptarmigan only.
- 4** possession or use of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited, except for pigeons or doves. See page 17.
- 5** shotgun must not be loaded with single projectile or be larger than 10 gauge; must not use more than 1 shotgun while hunting migratory game birds, unless each shotgun in excess of one is disassembled or unloaded and encased.
- 6** bear may not be hunted by placing bait or by using a dead animal or part of it as bait
- 7** ammunition to hunt bison must be constructed with a 175 grain or larger bullet, which retains 2,712 joules (2,000 ft lbs) or more energy at 100 m.
- 8** A person may snare snowshoe hare during the open season if they have a hunting licence and completed the trapper education course. The snare must be non-braided, no heavier than 20 gauge, and without a locking device.

ARCHERY

- Bow A (Crossbow)**(does not include compound crossbow) - Must have a pull of no less than 68 kg (150 lbs) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, the bolt (quarrel) must have a broadhead of at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow B (Crossbow)** (does not include compound crossbow)- Must have pull of no less than 55 kg (120 lbs) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, the bolt (quarrel) must have a broadhead of at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow C (Compound Crossbow)** - Must have pull of no less than 45 kg (100 lbs) at a peak weight or bolt weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, must have an arrow with a broadhead at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow D (Longbow, Recurve, Compound)** - Must have pull of no less than 18 kg (40 lbs) within the archer's draw length. For big game, must have an arrow with a broadhead at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow E (Bison only)** - For bison, the bow (does not include compound crossbow) must have a pull no less than 22.6 kg (50 lbs) within the archer's draw length, an arrow greater than 26 g (400 grains) in weight, and a broadhead greater than 8.1 g in weight and 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at its widest point.

Legal Hunting Methods

Check regional sections for open seasons, additional restrictions and regional bag limits.

Firearms

► It is unlawful to hunt with a firearm that has an electronically controlled firing mechanism.

► It is unlawful to use a firearm that is designed, altered or intended to be aimed and fired by the action of one hand **or** that has a barrel less than 305 mm in length.

► It is unlawful to hunt or trap with a rifle using a full metal jacketed non-expanding bullet, or a tracer, incendiary, or explosive bullet.

► It is unlawful to hunt or trap with a shotgun using a tracer or incendiary shot shell.

► It is unlawful to hunt or trap with a set gun or with a pump, repeating or auto loading shotgun unless the magazine contains a plug that is incapable of holding more than 2 cartridges. Where the use of a shotgun is allowed for hunting or trapping big game, an unplugged shotgun holding more than 2 cartridges and firing single projectiles only (slugs) may be used.

► A muzzle loader containing powder and shot in the barrel but unprimed (i.e., no powder in the pan of a flint lock or no cap in the nipple of a percussion lock) is not considered a loaded firearm under the Criminal Code (Canada).

Retrieval

► No person shall kill, cripple or wound game without making all reasonable effort to locate, dispatch, retrieve and include it in his/her bag limit.

► It is lawful for a person to retrieve a dead or injured game animal with the assistance of a power boat provided no person in the power boat is in possession of a loaded firearm.

Falconry

► Falconers, with a valid possession permit, may hunt small game with the use or aid of raptors throughout the Province during the regular open season or during bow only seasons subject to the applicable bag limits as indicated in the regional schedules, as long as they have acquired the necessary hunting licence(s).

Dogs

► The use of dogs is permitted in the hunting of all game, but dogs must be on a leash when used to hunt deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou. Unleashed dogs may be used to hunt small game, lynx, bobcat, black bear or cougar. Any person may train dogs by allowing them, under supervision, to pursue game birds from Aug 1-Apr 30.

► It is unlawful to cause or allow dogs to pursue furbearers under the authority of a trapping licence.

Provincial Bag & Possession Limits

► It is unlawful to continue to hunt game species on a day in which the daily bag limit of that species has been taken, or, on the day or subsequent to the day in which the seasonal bag limit for that species of game has been taken.

► In the regional schedules, NBL means No Bag Limit (no maximum number of a species or type of wildlife that a person may take or kill)

► An entry such as "2(1)" used for ungulates means the season bag limit is two animals of that species, one of which may be antlerless. An entry such as "10(20)" for game birds means the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20.

► The table on the previous page indicates the maximum number of animals which a hunter may take in the province in one licence year (April 1 to March 31). Exceptions to the provincial bag limits may apply to some species in some regions. Provincial bag limits may be achieved by hunting in one or more regions provided the regional bag limits are not exceeded.

► The daily bag limit for **ducks** in aggregate is 8, except for restricted species: Pintail, Goldeneye, Harlequin and Canvasback.

► The daily bag limit for Canvasback is 4, Northern Pintail is 4, Goldeneyes is 2 and Harlequins is 2. Please see regional sections.

► The daily bag limit for Canada and Cackling geese in aggregate is 10.

► The daily bag limit for White-fronted Goose is 5.

► The daily bag limit for Snow and Ross's geese in aggregate is 5 except for MUs 2-4 and 2-5 where 15 Snow Geese may be taken.

► The possession limit for all **migratory game birds** at all times (including while hunting, returning from hunting or at a residence) is three times the daily limit. For ducks, not more than twelve may be Northern Pintails or Canvasbacks. Not more than six may be Goldeneyes or Harlequin.

► The possession limit for all **upland game birds** while hunting or returning from hunting is three times the daily limit except for Sharp-tailed Grouse (Regions 3, 5 & 7B) and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit.

Deer Bag Limits - Explained

One of the most common questions that wildlife staff receive is about deer bag limits and deer species licences. On the surface it seems confusing, with provincial bag limits vs. regional bag limits, buck limits vs. antlerless bag limits, aggregate bag limits, individual bag limits for species, and species licences for mule (black-tailed) and white-tailed deer. Once the system is broken down into its parts it is straight forward.

There are two classes of bag limits, Provincial and Regional, neither of these bag limits can be exceeded.

1) **The Provincial bag limit for deer is 3** (not including Haida Gwaii). Hunters may not harvest more than 3 deer in one licence year, **but only 1 may be a mule (black-tailed) deer buck from Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B and 8 combined.** Hunters

may harvest 3 white-tailed deer (if they purchase 3 white-tailed deer licenses), **or** 3 mule (black-tailed) deer (if they purchase 3 mule (black-tailed) deer licenses), or a combination of white-tailed and mule (black-tailed) deer (1+2 or 2+1) providing they do not exceed the provincial limit of 3 **and not more than 1 mule (black-tailed) deer buck from Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B and 8 combined.** The reason hunters may purchase more than 3 deer licenses in total is to provide

hunters with the flexibility to harvest any combination of white-tailed or mule (black-tailed) deer up to a maximum of 3.

2) Regional bag limits are implemented to limit the number of a species or sex of deer that may be harvested per hunter per year in response to local conditions. If a hunter harvests the maximum number of a species or sex of deer within a region, they can no longer hunt deer within that region. They can, however, continue to hunt and harvest deer in other regions until they reach the provincial bag limit of 3.

The following table outlines the provincial and regional bag limits for deer. Deer bag limits on Haida Gwaii are not covered in this article, as they are a unique case.

Region	Mule (Black-tailed) Deer			White-tailed Deer			Combined All Deer	
	Bucks	Antlerless	Total	Bucks	Antlerless	Total	Regional Bag Limit	Provincial Bag Limit
1	2	2	3	0	0	0	3	3
*2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	
3	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	
4		0	1	1	1	2	2	
5		1	2	1	1	2	3	
**6		1	2	1	1	2	3	
7A		1	1	1	1	2	3	
7B		1	1	1	1	2	2	
8		1	1	1	1	2	3	

Hunters cannot harvest deer in excess of the sex, species, regional, or provincial bag limits

* Some exceptions apply

** Table does not include deer bag limit for Haida Gwaii/QCI

WILDLIFE HEALTH

WILDLIFE HEALTH

Wildlife health is closely linked to environmental, domestic animal and human health. Assessment of wildlife health benefits everyone. Your observations about how wild animals appear and behave can provide information on B.C. wildlife population health and their sustainability. Videos, photos and written/verbal descriptions may be valuable. For more information on/contacts for wildlife health see: www.gov.bc.ca/wildlifehealth or the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative website at: www.cwhc-rscf.ca.

HUMAN HEALTH

For threats to human health, (e.g., West Nile virus, parasites and Lyme's disease), pick up a copy of Diseases You Can Get from Wildlife from a government office or visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildlifehealth. For more information on specific diseases see: BC Centre for Disease Control website: www.bccdc.ca/health-info. Note information on the recently recognized parasite, *Echinococcus multilocularis*.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal brain disease found in species of the deer family (cervids). Animals can test positive but not appear sick since signs take months to develop after infection. In advanced stages of the disease weight loss, behaviour changes, drooling, poor coordination and trembling may be seen. If you observe a cervid with these signs please report them and their location to the Conservation Officer Service through the RAPP Line (1-877-952-7277) or to the B.C. Wildlife Health Program at cait.nelson@gov.bc.ca.

CWD has not been found in B.C. but continues to spread in all jurisdictions where it is present. The disease is present, mostly in deer, in Alberta and northwestern Montana. The B.C. CWD Program was created in 2000 and focuses on preventing the entry of CWD into B.C.. Hunters can help by not using products that contain deer urine. All body fluids of CWD positive animals can contain CWD prions that can contaminate the environment. If you hunt deer, elk or moose in jurisdictions with CWD, please follow regulations and do not return with intact carcasses. Infected tissues can also contaminate the environment and bring CWD to B.C.. Debone or process carcasses and leave high risk tissues (brain, spinal cord, lymph nodes and organs) behind.

Surveillance for CWD is critical for early detection and limiting negative impacts of this disease on cervid populations. If you hunt deer, elk or moose, please submit the head for sampling. Submission of harvested deer heads for CWD testing is mandatory in the highest risk areas of B.C.. Learn about how to submit heads and more about the BC CWD Program at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease or scan the QR code:



BIRD HEALTH

Reports of sick and dead wild birds are of interest to several government agencies and bird enthusiasts. If you find a dead wild bird – please participate in our BC Interagency Wild Bird Mortality Program. What to report: 3 or more dead birds in the same geographic location or individual birds of the following species; species at risk, water-associated birds or raptors. For more information see: www.gov.bc.ca/wildlifehealth or call 1-866-431-BIRD (2473).

ONLINE SERVICES FOR HUNTERS

The Province has introduced a new online service for hunters. The BC Hunting online service is designed to improve the overall efficiency of hunter services. You can use the online service to obtain your Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) and credentials, apply for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH), hunting licences, a permit to accompany non-residents or non-resident aliens to hunt big game, guide outfitter licences, track the status of your LEH application(s) and view your LEH authorization.

You can access the BC Hunting online service at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting. You will need a Basic or Personal BCeID to sign on.

Don't want to use the online service:

We're happy to accommodate you. Just drop into any Service BC or FrontCounter BC location or call the FrontCounter BC Contact Centre at 1-877-855-3222. If you are a resident hunter who already holds a FWID, you can apply for hunting licences and LEH at participating licence vendors.

Your Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID):

Your FWID is a permanent number linked to your personal online profile, and will be your passport to hunting services. The FWID replaces the older BC Hunter Number card. **There is no cost to get your FWID.**

Already have a Hunter Number:

We have already created your Fish and Wildlife profile and assigned you a new FWID with your credentials. Your new FWID will be your old Hunter Number with three extra digits.

You can obtain your FWID by logging onto BC Hunting and entering your Hunter Number, Last Name, and Date of Birth. You can also visit any Service BC, FrontCounter BC, or participating vendor, or call the FrontCounter BC Contact Centre at 1-877-855-3222.

Don't have a Hunter Number or FWID:

You'll need to register for your FWID and credentials. You can register for your FWID online or in person at any Service BC or FrontCounter BC location.

NOTE: It can take up to three business days to process your credentials application.

ROYALTY FEES

► It is unlawful to offer for sale the pelt or skin from a furbearing animal taken under a hunting licence in a prescribed open season unless a royalty on the pelt or skin has been paid to the Province.

► If the hunter sells the pelt of a furbearing animal to a licensed Fur Trader, they are exempt from paying the royalty.

► Every holder of a valid hunting licence who lawfully kills a furbearing animal is exempt from paying the prescribed royalty fee unless he offers the pelt for sale. See current Trapping Regulations for royalty fees. Payment of a royalty fee is required only upon the initial sale of the pelt. Furbearing animals may only be hunted where an open hunting season is declared.

► The permit holder who accompanies a non-resident and/or non-resident alien (see Definitions section) under a Permit to Accompany must submit royalty fees, within 30 days after the hunt has ended, for each animal taken by the non-resident and/or non-resident alien. See website for list of royalty fees www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca.

► A guide outfitter is exempt from having to pay royalty fees (Section 69 of the *Wildlife Act*) in relation to animals taken by a resident hunter guided by or on behalf of the guide outfitter.

► Royalty fee payments may be submitted by mail or courier with cheque (payable to the Minister of Finance), money order or credit card to any FrontCounter BC location. Locations available at www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca.

POSSESSION & TRANSPORTATION

Game Birds

► Anyone who possesses or transports a game bird must leave attached to the carcass one feathered wing.

Big Game

► It is unlawful to possess or transport a big game animal that was killed unintentionally by accident or collision, or was illegally killed.

► It is prohibited to possess the head, hide, hoof, spinal column, internal organ or mammary gland of any animal of the family Cervidae (deer, elk, moose) that was killed outside British Columbia. Possession of an out-of-province Cervidae hide that has been treated in a manner that removes all tissue, or antlers or parts of skulls that have had all tissues removed is permitted.

► Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of the following animals must leave naturally attached to the carcass or one part of the carcass in the person's possession the following listed parts:

NOTE: To improve enforceability and simplify regulations, the option to use antlers to prove sex and species while transporting harvested wildlife is no longer available.

Please refer to the section below for the new requirements while transporting harvested wildlife from the kill location to a meatcutter, owner or operator of a cold storage plant, or the hunters normal dwelling place. A person must, while returning from hunting, keep the antlers or horns of wildlife killed during an antler/horn restricted season (e.g., 6 pt, full curl, spike-fork, etc.) and the species licence under which the wildlife was killed, together and available for inspection by an officer.

- (1) For **caribou, elk or moose**, the animal's tail or another readily identifiable part of the hide not less than 6 cm², AND:
 - (i) If the animal is male, a testicle or part of the penis,
 - (ii) If the animal is female, a portion of the udder or teats.
- (2) For **deer**, the unskinned tail, AND:
 - (i) If the animal is male, a testicle or part of the penis,
 - (ii) If the animal is female, a portion of the udder and teats.
- (3) For **bison, mountain goat or mountain sheep**:
 - (i) If the animal is male, a testicle or part of the penis.
 - (ii) If the animal is female, a portion of the udder or teats.

► The above sections (1) - (3) do not apply if a person possesses a portion of a carcass or hide which they did not kill, provided that:

- 1) they possess the portion of carcass or hide for the purpose of transporting it to their residence, a meatcutter, a cold storage plant or a Compulsory Inspector; AND
- 2) they have a Record of Receipt as described in the Transporting Wildlife section (page 24), AND
- 3) the person who killed the wildlife possesses a portion of the carcass or hide with the parts attached as described in sections (1) - (3) on this page.

Removing Evidence of Sex & Species

Evidence of species and sex may be removed from the carcass or the hide of game:

- after it arrives at a person's normal dwelling place and is butchered and stored there for consumption on the premises,
- after it is taken to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant, or
- after it has been inspected by a qualified Compulsory Inspector.

NOTE: It is not an offence to possess bear genitalia attached to the hide or carcass, and, after it is no longer needed on a bear carcass as evidence of sex, the genitalia may be removed from the hide at the above locations if immediately destroyed and disposed of at that location. Leaving evidence

of species and sex on the carcass will not spoil or in any way contaminate the meat.

Transporting Wildlife

All persons who possess, transport or ship wildlife meat or parts of wildlife within the Province of British Columbia must have with them the species licence under which the animal was taken by that person, or, if the animal was taken by another person, a Record of Receipt of the wildlife (see page 24) showing:

- the date and place of receipt,
- the name and address of the person who killed the animal, or from whom it was acquired,
- the name and address of the person to whom the wildlife parts are to be delivered,
- the Fish and Wildlife ID or permit number of the person who killed the animal,
- the species licence number under which the animal was taken, and
- the species and sex of the animal taken.

Anyone having wildlife butchered and packaged should obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:

- the Fish and Wildlife ID, the species licence number, and the species, and sex of the animal taken.

DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES OR WILDLIFE PARTS

► Carcasses or part of a carcass of an animal or fish are included in the *Wildlife Act* definition of an **attractant**. Other than for the purpose of hunting in accordance with the provisions of the *Wildlife Act* and regulations, it is prohibited to provide, leave, or place an attractant in, on or about any land or premises where there are or where there are likely to be people in a manner in which the attractant could attract dangerous wildlife to the land or premises and be accessible to dangerous wildlife. A person that commits an offence under this provision is liable, on a first conviction, to a fine up to \$50,000 and/or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months.

Game Check

► All hunters, with or without game, when encountering temporary checking stations operated by an officer, are required by law to stop and report. Their compliance with wildlife and firearms laws will be determined.

EXPORT FROM THE PROVINCE

► It is unlawful to export wildlife from B.C. unless you have a valid export permit or are exempted from holding an export permit

► An export permit is required if the animal is exported more than 1 year after the date of kill.

► An export permit is required if the hunter **does not** accompany their animal while exporting it from the Province, regardless of the date of kill.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION and REPORTING

Compulsory Inspection and Compulsory Reporting are a requirement for specific game species under the **Wildlife Act** Hunting Regulations. These species are submitted for the purposes of data collection and enforcement. The Compulsory Inspection process includes taking measurements and/or parts of the animals for scientific analysis and provides wildlife managers with valuable information about the sex, age and condition of animals being harvested. Compulsory Inspections in concert with other data collection methods enable managers to set more specific hunting regulations. Without adequate information, the risk of over harvests would increase, thereby requiring managers to set more conservative harvest levels in order to protect animal populations.

Compulsory Inspections for hunter harvest are provided in some regional offices and some are provided through independent, qualified inspectors throughout the province.

All Compulsory Inspectors have completed a training course and have been appointed under the **Environment Management Act** by the Chief Conservation Officer.

The Compulsory Inspector locations are listed on the regional maps of each region. **Appointments must be arranged by the hunter for all compulsory inspections.** For Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Sections' front page maps.

For more information, please contact the appropriate Ministry Regional Office or the Ministry website www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection may include, but is not limited to:

1. the hunter's or taker's name, address, telephone number; and FWID,
2. the location and date of the kill,
3. the species and sex of the animal taken or killed, and
4. the licences and LEH authorizations which authorized the taking or killing.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

Compulsory Inspectors will not complete the compulsory inspection unless ALL information and parts are submitted and able to be collected.

Hunters are requested to submit unfrozen wildlife parts. Hunters are not in legal possession of the wildlife unless they comply with compulsory inspection requirements. Hunters must provide the cancelled species licence (paper copy only) and, if applicable, the LEH authorization (electronic or paper copy), prior to the inspection being performed.

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to a compulsory inspector for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (e.g., tooth) **within 30 days** of the kill (see note regarding trapping exemption below).

The following species of game must be

submitted to a regional compulsory inspection centre:

- mountain goat • mountain sheep
- caribou
- cougar in any MU, see below for extra requirements in Regions 4 and 6
- elk in Regions 1 and 2, and MUs 4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37 and 4-38, 5-2, 6-4, 6-8, and 6-9
- moose in Regions 3 (spike-fork bull under the GOS only), 4 and 8 and MUs 5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-14, MUs 6-1 to 6-11, 6-15, 6-17 to 6-30, 7-51 to 7-53

- black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13
- lynx and bobcat in Region 4

1. Mountain goat and mountain sheep must be submitted to a compulsory inspector within 30 days and before December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
2. Persons who gain the written approval from a Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt.
3. Persons who use the service of a licensed guide for the purpose of hunting a caribou, or an elk in Region 2, must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt of the continuous season in which the animal was taken.
4. Persons who use the services of a licensed guide for the purpose of hunting a mountain goat, or mountain sheep must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken, and by December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
5. Persons who take a cougar in Region 4 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 4 within 4 days of the kill.
6. Persons who take a cougar in Region 6 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 6 within 4 days of the kill.
7. Persons who take a black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 must submit the animal for inspection within 10 days of the kill and before exporting from the province, whichever occurs first.

PARTS REQUIRED

For mountain sheep (i.e., Dall's, Stone's, California or Rocky Mountain):

- the portion of the skull (preferably skinned) that includes, naturally attached to the skull, the nasal bones, the entire eye-socket, the horns and the associated connective bone structure,
- the horns for insertion of a numbered aluminum plug by an officer; and
- for thinhorn sheep (i.e., Dalls' and Stone's) an incisor tooth.

Mountain Sheep
(Bighorn & Thinhorn)



For mountain goat:

- the horns and for males, a testicle or part of the penis; for females, a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

For black bear, lynx, cougar, and bobcat:

- the skull and the hide bearing:
- for males, a testicle or part of the penis, or
- for females, a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

For caribou:

- the incisor (front) tooth, the antlers, and for a caribou without at least one main beam measuring over 60 cm (24 inches) in length, the hide with evidence of sex naturally attached.

For elk and moose:

- an incisor (front) tooth, and
- for males, the antlers naturally attached to a portion of the upper skull, or
- for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

A person who takes or kills the following species in any Management Unit:

- lynx in regions 3, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, or 8
- wolverine (excluding region 4)
- bobcat (excluding region 4)
- wolf in regions 1 and 2
- elk in MU 6-12 and 6-13
- feral pig anywhere in B.C.

must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail to the Wildlife and Habitat Branch:

1. the place and date of the kill,
2. the number of days hunted before the animal was killed, and
3. the sex of the animal.

In addition to the above, a person should also provide their name, address, telephone number and FWID.

Compulsory Reporting forms are available online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting. There are four options to provide wildlife staff with the required information. The report can be:

- 1) Submitted in person to any FrontCounter BC office <https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/locations>.
- 2) Reported by phone to (778) 698-9203.
- 3) Mailed to:

Compulsory Reporting
PO Box 9374 Stn Prov Gov
Victoria BC V8W 9M4

- 4) Scanned and emailed to **FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca** insert "Compulsory Reporting" in the subject line of the email.

Please note that tooth samples are not required for Compulsory Reporting.

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to furbearing animals taken by trapping. See page 92.

► An export permit is not required if the hunter accompanies their big game within 1 year of the kill AND provides the cancelled species licence and (where Compulsory Inspection is required) the Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet.

► An export permit is not required if the export of the animal originates in a jurisdiction outside of B.C., is only transported through B.C. to its final destination outside of B.C. and the export documentation from the originating jurisdiction accompanies the animal.

► In the case of an animal covered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (C.I.T.E.S.), a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit may be required (see C.I.T.E.S. section for list of animals requiring C.I.T.E.S. Export Permits). U.S. residents, please refer to C.I.T.E.S. section for additional information on Black Bear exports.

► Hunters planning to hunt in MUs 7-19 or 7-20 and accessing B.C. by way of the Alberta border should contact FrontCounter BC (see page 24) to obtain export permits for Compulsory Inspection species prior to starting their hunt.

► When a big game animal has been processed by a taxidermist, a tanner or meatcutter, it may be exported with an export permit to the hunter who lives in another province or in another country.

► British Columbia is part of a North American system of recording wild sheep identification and hence all sheep horns harvested in the province must be inspected by a qualified Compulsory Inspector and a numbered plug inserted in one of the horns.

► Where a hunter or taxidermist, tanner

or meatcutter has any doubt or questions about how to proceed under any circumstances which are not covered in the foregoing, he or she should contact the Wildlife and Habitat Branch or a Ministry regional office as soon as possible.

► Hunters possessing a **moose**, mountain goat, mountain sheep or caribou harvested in B.C., who must drive through the Yukon and back into B.C. in order to submit the animal for compulsory inspection, are exempt from obtaining an export permit for this purpose.

C.I.T.E.S.

► The "Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species" (C.I.T.E.S.) requires that a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit be obtained for the export out of Canada of all bears, cougar, lynx, bobcat, wolf, sea otter, or river otter or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from B.C. may be obtained by applying to **www.front-counterbc.gov.bc.ca**. For assistance with your application contact FrontCounter at 1-877-855-3222. For all other CITES listed species contact CITES Canada directly at **www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/convention-international-trade-endangered-species/permits/application-forms.html**.

► A person who is ordinarily a resident of the United States may export a Black Bear hunted by the person, if it is in a fresh, frozen or salted condition and the person is exporting only the hide, the hide with paws and claws attached, the skull, or the meat excluding any organs, without obtaining a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit.

TAXIDERMISTS, TANNERS, MEATCUTTERS, FUR TRADERS AND COLD STORAGE PLANT OPERATORS

► Many hunters wish to have trophies mounted for display in their homes, or to have the hides tanned for leather and other articles, while an even larger number use the services of a professional meatcutter or cold storage plant operator. These businesses are required under the **Wildlife Act** and regulations to keep records of their transactions.

► The regulations state that the following information must be recorded:

- (a) the total number of wildlife or parts of them of each species acquired,
- (b) the date of receipt of the wildlife or parts of them,
- (c) the name and address of the person from whom wildlife or parts of them were acquired, and
- (d) the legal authority that the person claims to have to possess the wildlife or parts of them.

For example, the serial number, date and type of licence under which the wildlife or part of it was taken.

► In addition to the above, a meatcutter or an operator of a cold storage plant, must immediately upon receiving wildlife or wildlife parts, record what was received, whether directly or through an agent, describing:

- (a) the species and sex of the wildlife or wildlife parts, and
- (b) the Management Unit from which the wildlife or wildlife parts were taken.

► In order to fulfill these requirements, when the hunter takes the parts of the animal to the business concerned, he or she must have the following documentation with them:

1. His or her hunting and species licences with the appropriately cancelled species licence.
2. Limited Entry Hunting Authorization, if required in order to hunt the animal.
3. Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet, which confirms that the animal has been inspected by a **Wildlife Act** officer, where such an inspection is required.
4. His or her trapping licence, if the animal was taken under that authority.
5. The valid permit that allows possession of the animal if a permit is required in exceptional circumstances.

► Presentation of this documentation helps to protect the recipient, i.e., the taxidermist, tanner or meatcutter; from prosecution for illegal possession; it is required by law, and a "paper trail" exists should an investigation be required. In addition, some taxidermists, as agents for their clients, present the neces-

sary parts of game animals for compulsory inspection by a **Wildlife Act** officer, when the hunter is unable to do so personally. In such cases it is mandatory that the hunter provide the taxidermist with all the information required for the inspection, including the location of the kill. If such information cannot be produced by an agent, then the animal may be seized by a conservation officer or constable until all the documentation is provided. Difficulties in such situations occur often enough that hunters should take special care to ensure that all information is available to an inspecting officer.

NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXIDERMISTS AND TANNERS

Effective April 1, 2018 a taxidermist or tanner who receives a grizzly bear or grizzly bear parts for processing MUST report to government within 10 days of receipt by recording details in a special online grizzly bear registry. For instructions, please see the Quick Reference Guide titled "How to Submit a Grizzly Bear Registry Report" on the Wildlife and Habitat Branch website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/about-bc-hunting-online/quick-reference-guides.

The requirement to record and report grizzly does not require reporting to government of all grizzly parts that are part of an existing inventory held prior to April 1, 2018. It applies only to all grizzly bear or parts of grizzly bear received on or after April 1, 2018 whether directly or through an agent. A taxidermist or tanner may also visit a FrontCounter BC office in person to access the online registry to report the parts they have received. Do not take the parts to the FrontCounter BC office.

SUBMITTING YOUR HUNTER SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE

► The single largest source of hunter activity and game harvest information is the annual Hunter Sample Questionnaire. Every January, a large portion of the B.C. residents who have purchased a hunting licence in the previous year are sent a questionnaire referring to the species for which a particular licence was purchased. Hunters who have purchased several species licences may receive questionnaires for more than one species and are asked to respond. Replies from those who did not hunt that season, or who were unsuccessful, are just as valuable to wildlife managers as the information from hunters who did have successful hunts. In addition to the standard questionnaire procedure, the Wildlife and Habitat Branch will contact some

hunters by telephone.

► Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, and compulsory reporting all provide valuable information for wildlife managers across the province. From this information, managers can determine who is hunting, where they are hunting, and other important wildlife information.

► This information enables managers to set specific hunting regulations on a year to year basis, reducing heavy harvests in some areas and extending the season in others, to ensure harvest sustainability and balance the needs of the animal population against the desires of the public.

► Without adequate information, managers must set conservative harvest levels to ensure that an overharvest does not occur.

The manager's choices are then limited to restricting harvest by closing areas, reducing season lengths, or applying Limited Entry Hunting.

► It has been noticed that survey information submitted for upland game birds often contains errors misidentifying the MU location or species. Upland game bird hunters are asked to take care recording their harvest to help improve the quality of data received.

► For more information on the Harvest Questionnaire, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/harvestquestionnaire/faq.html.

► Good information makes for good game management and good hunting!

Record of Receipt for Transporting Wildlife

Date: _____ Place of Receipt: _____

Species: _____ Species Sex: _____

Name, Address and phone of person who killed the animal: _____

Fish and Wildlife Identification Number of person who killed the animal: _____

Species Licence Number under which the animal was taken: _____

Name and Address of the person to whom the wildlife parts are to be delivered: _____

Signature of hunter: _____ Witness: _____

For wildlife or parts of wildlife destined for taxidermists, tanners, meatcutters, fur traders and cold storage plant operators the following information is required.

Date of kill: _____

Fish and Wildlife Identification Number: _____ Compulsory Inspection Number (if applicable): _____

In addition to the above, a meatcutter or an operator of a cold storage plant, must immediately upon receiving wildlife or wildlife parts, record what was received, whether directly or through an agent, describing:

Species: _____ Species Sex: _____

Management Unit in which the species was harvested: _____

WILDLIFE PERMITS & COMMERCIAL LICENCES

FrontCounter BC processes fish, wildlife, and park use permit applications through their 30 regional offices. FrontCounter BC office locations and contact information can be found on the FrontCounter BC website at www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca by clicking on the 'where' button. Clients can also contact the FrontCounter BC Contact Center with enquiries at 1-877-855-3222.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

Minimizing the female (nanny) harvest of mountain goats is an important conservation action. Previously, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has addressed concerns with the harvest of females through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male mountain goat (billy). While the proportion of females in the harvest has decreased, there continues to be concerns over the high harvest of female mountain goats in some areas. In order to address this concern, a regulation was implemented in 2010 that states

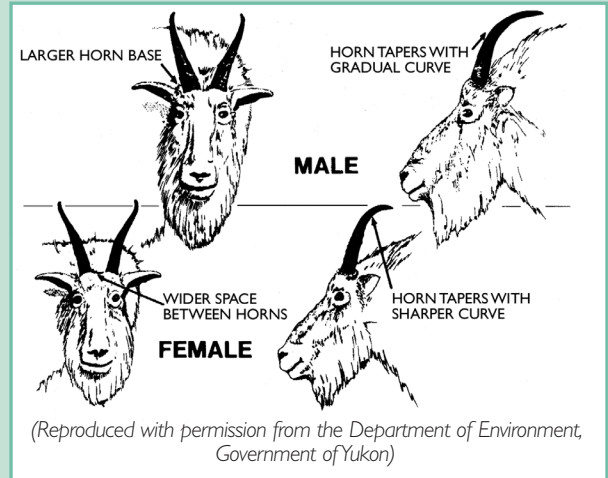
“It is unlawful to hunt a female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female mountain goat in a group that contains one or more kids.”

This regulation does not protect all female mountain goats as a solitary female mountain goat, or a female mountain goat

within a group of goats that does not contain kids, would still be legal to harvest. For a more detailed rationale for this regulation, see our website www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/docs/MtnGoatfemales.pdf.

For more information on how to distinguish between a billy and a nanny visit <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=J8gUaMx8G7I>, after watching the video test yourself on mountain goat sex identification at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz_id=3.

The “Management Plan for the Mountain Goat in British Columbia” contains detailed



information on managing mountain goats in B.C., and is available for downloading at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/recovery/management_plans/MtGoat_MP_Final_28May2010.pdf

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

A person must, while returning from hunting, keep the antlers or horns of wildlife killed during an antler/horn restricted season (e.g., 4 pt, 6 pt, full curl, spike-fork, etc.) and the species licence under which the wildlife was killed, together and available for inspection by an officer.



REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS (RAPP)

Dial Toll Free, **1-877-952-7277 (RAPP)**, or Report Violators

Online at: **<http://gov.bc.ca/RAPPHotline>**

Helping the **Conservation Officer Service** Stop, Solve and Prevent Environmental Crimes

**Available 24/7,
leave a secure tip to report:**

Violations of Fisheries, Wildlife or Environmental Protection Laws.

Wildlife-human conflicts where public safety is at risk.

How Can I Help?

1. **Never** confront a suspect.
2. **Record:** suspect/vehicle information, type of violation, location, date and time.
3. **Report** as soon as possible.

R.A.P.P.

Report All Poachers and Polluters

Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline

1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

Cellular Dial - #7277



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

www.rapp.bc.ca



For violations related to tidal recreational fisheries and in-river salmon fisheries, contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) at 1-800-465-4336

The BC Wildlife Federation pays rewards up to \$2000 for information leading to the charges of persons who have: violated laws related to the protection of fish, wildlife, or the environment; or damaged the property of companies or individuals who provide access to hunters and anglers.

REGION 1

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season
 changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Haida Gwaii
Ministry Regional Office, Nanaimo: (250) 751-7220

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Campbell River, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni,
 Port McNeill, Queen Charlotte City, and Victoria

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

- I. Closure of Saltspring Island raven general open season.

NOTICE! GRIZZLY BEARS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

There have been a number of Grizzly Bear sightings on northern Vancouver Island in recent years. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken and hunters are reminded that there is no open season for Grizzly Bears in B.C. Please report any sightings of a Grizzly Bear on Vancouver Island (which would be brown in colour compared to the uniformly black colour of Black Bears on Vancouver Island) to the Nanaimo Regional office, (250) 751-7220, or the 24 hour call center line at 1-877-952-7277. For more information on bear safety visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife/bears/bear-smart

For information on Wildlife
 Permits and Commercial Licences,
 please see page 24.

Hunting regulations for Mule (black-tailed) deer and Fallow deer are very different. Please ensure that you are informed and able to distinguish between the two species when hunting.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 1

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is three, of which only two may be antlerless from Special Areas Only and only 2 may be bucks.

Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue (sooty) and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See page 17 for additional information on bag limits.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

★ **Year-round Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):**

- ★ The Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area in MU 1-5 (see Map A19)
- ★ Willow Creek in MU 1-6 (see Map A20)
- ★ Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain (in order to protect the habitat for Vancouver Island Marmots)

※ **ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area (See page 12):** Nanaimo River Camp (Zone B of MU 1-5) in the watershed of the Nanaimo River from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (see Map A17).

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- ▶ Antlerless deer hunters please review

the regulations carefully. There is no open season for antlerless deer in areas where rifles are permitted in Region 1 except by way of LEH in a portion of MU 1-15 and for youth hunters in MU's 1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, and 1-6. Please refer to special seasons in special shotgun or bow only portions of MU's 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-15: see Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23 and Map A35.

▶ Hunters should be aware of No Hunting and No Shooting Areas described on page 13. Hunters are also responsible for identifying and complying with community/municipal No Shooting bylaws. Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are not included in this synopsis. For more information, contact individual municipalities.

▶ No hunting of black bears within 800 metres of the intersection of Beaver Cove Road and Telegraph Cove Road in MU 1-11

▶ Hunters are reminded that the Nanaimo River estuary is within city limits. A municipal bylaw restricts hunting to only a portion of the estuary and only during migratory bird seasons. Maps of the area open to hunting are available for viewing at the Ministry Regional Office in Nanaimo, or from the City of Nanaimo.

▶ The discharge of rifles is prohibited in MU 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island and James Island (and except by permit elsewhere). Note: No Shooting or Hunting areas in MU 1-1, Maps A1 to A6.

▶ Nanoose Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-5) - From the mean high water mark at the southeast corner of the Qualicum National Wildlife Area east to the mean high water mark on the Department of Defence property line and the shore area between these points (400 metres out onto the water from the mean high water mark).

▶ Qualicum National Wildlife Areas (MU 1-6) - Hunting, trapping, fishing or

the possession of any firearm (*Canada Wildlife Act*) is prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (604-350-1950) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 metres on either side of the midline of Westcan Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 metres seaward from, and including the paved area of Westcan Terminals Port site (situated in MU 1-4). See Map A11.

▶ Cowichan River No Shooting Area (MU 1-4). The discharge of firearms is Prohibited within 100 metres of the high water mark of the Cowichan River from a point starting on the River immediately north of the Holt Creek Trailhead upstream along the Cowichan River to the Municipality of Lake Cowichan.

Gulf Islands Special Hunting Area

▶ Gulf Islands special hunting area comprised of Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6) and all islands within MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island).

▶ The majority of these islands are comprised of private land and National Park. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt. There is no hunting within Gulf Islands National Park.

▶ Hunters must have \$100,000 or more in public liability and property damage insurance while hunting unless guided by a guide outfitter or assistant guide.

▶ All persons 18 years of age or older hunting on the Gulf Islands Special Hunting Area **are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Area Licence;** available at Service BC, FrontCounter BC, participating vendors or online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

▶ Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Area Licence.

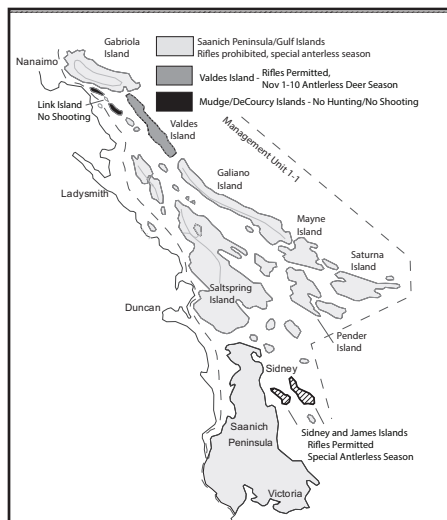
▶ No open season for upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

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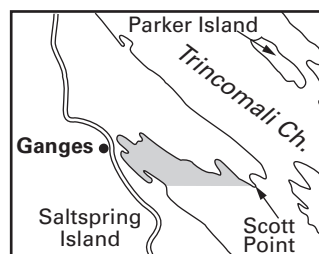
▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼I-1 to I-15	Bucks	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Special Areas Only	See Maps A1, A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, A35	Antlerless	★Aug 25 - Sept 9 (bow only) *Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Youth Only**	I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only	▼★I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Youth Bow Only**	★ I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	1
▼ A portion of MU I-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.				
* On Denman and Hornby Island season the date is Oct 5 - Dec 10. ** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18				
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 (except Gabriola Island), in zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
FALLOW DEER	I-1 to I-7	Either sex	No Closed Season	NBL
Species licence not required for fallow deer.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	I-14, I-15		Sept 10 – Nov 30	1
Compulsory Inspection Required.				
BLACK BEAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 – Dec 10	2
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
Bow Only	★I-1 to I-15		Aug 25 - Sept 9	
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1(except Gabriola Island) or in zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
WOLF	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	3
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
All wolf taken in Region 1 must be Compulsory Reported.				
COUGAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.All cougar taken in Region 1 must be Compulsory Inspected.				
RACCOON	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	I-14, I-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	NBL
A person who kills an opossum is requested to submit the carcass to an officer of the Wildlife Program at a regional or district office and provide the following information: location of the kill, date of kill and sex of animal.				
GROUSE: SOOTY (Blue) & RUFFED	I-1 to I-15		Sept 1 - Dec 31	5 each (15 each)
Bow Only	I-1 to I-15		Aug 20 - Aug 31	
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1, except Gabriola Island or in zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17.				
PTARMIGAN	I-14, I-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	I-1 to I-15		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
No open season on mountain quail.				
PHEASANT	I-1 to I-9	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
TURKEY	I-1 to I-7	Any Turkey	No Closed Season	NBL
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	I-1 to I-15		Sept 15 – Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	I-3, I-8 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 12, 2021	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Oct 9, 2021 - Nov 21, 2021	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Dec 18, 2021 - Jan 9, 2022	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Feb 10, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
	I-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Oct 9, 2021 - Oct 18, 2021 Dec 18, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021 Feb 19, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
▲ Season dates do not apply for the Ex-Dinsdale property in MU I-4; see specific Ex-Dinsdale property season dates and Map A11.				
+ There is no Sept 4 - Sept 12 season in Cowichan Bay, see Map A11				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	I-1 to I-15		Oct 2, 2021 - Oct 3, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				

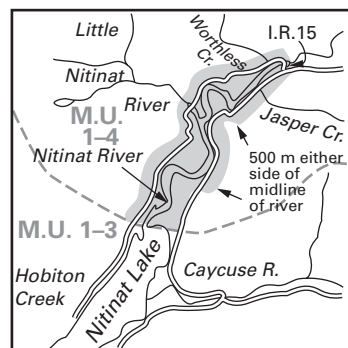
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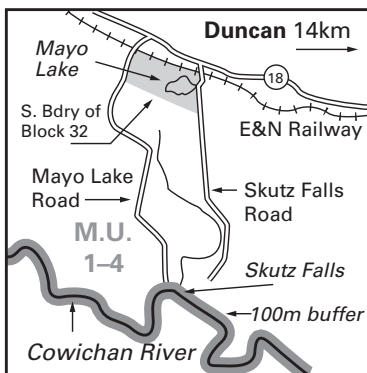
Map A1 Saanich Peninsula/Gulf Islands
Firearms/hunting restrictions and special antlerless season
Sidney and James Islands.



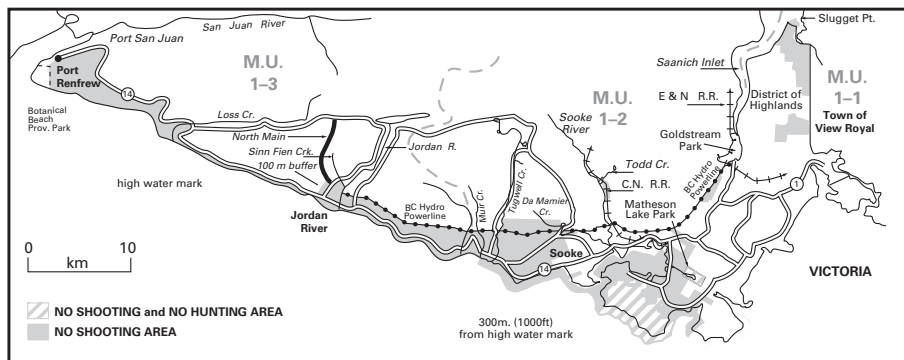
Map A2 Ganges
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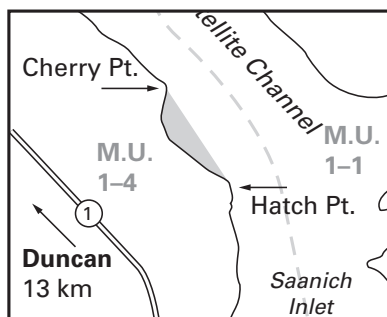
Map A8 Nitinat River - No Shooting or
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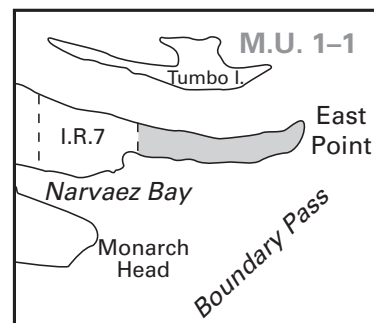
Map A12 Mayo Lake - No Shooting Area
(MU 1-4). Note: Cowichan River No
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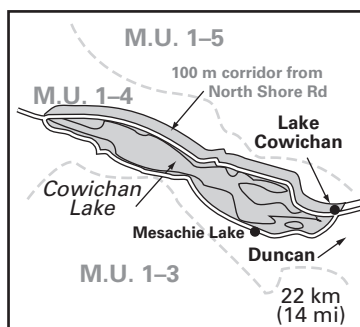
Map A5 Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



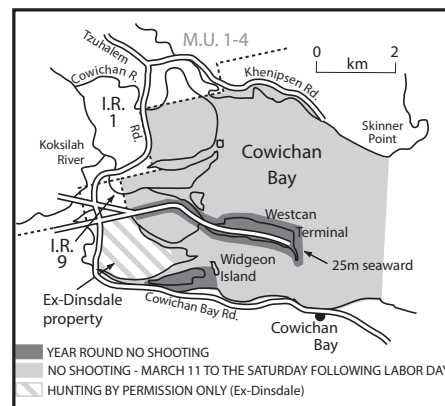
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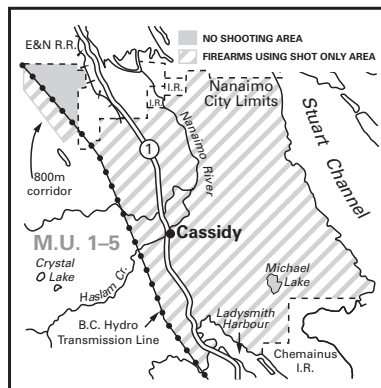
Map A6 Saturna Island - No Shooting or
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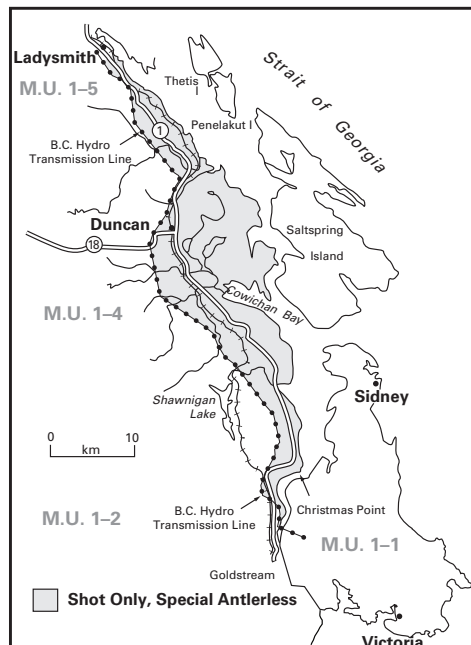
Map A9 Cowichan Lake - No Shooting or
Hunting Area (MU 1-4).



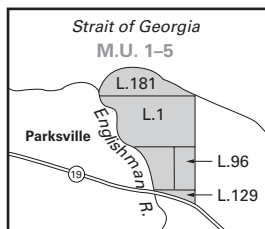
Map A11 Cowichan Bay (MU 1-4) No Shooting
Area, Seasonal No Shooting Area and Ex-Dinsdale
Property.



Map A13 Nanaimo/Ladysmith - No Shooting
Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using
Shot Only Area (MU 1-5) and special antler-
less mule deer season (east of the powerline).
Michael Lake No Shooting Area on Michael
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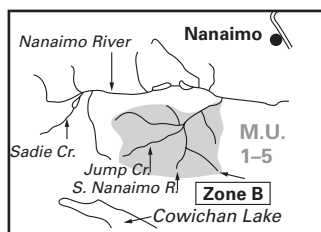
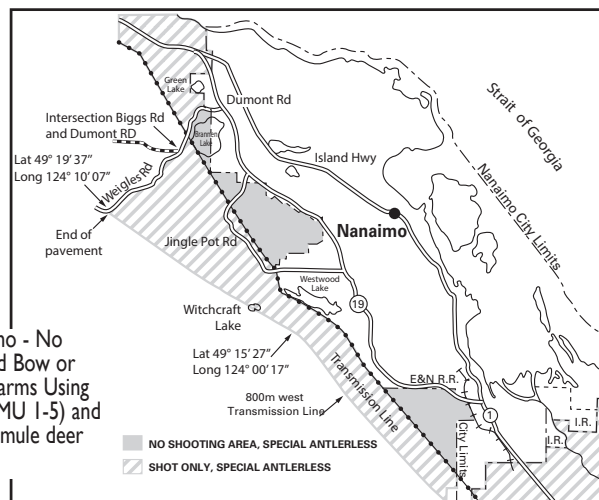


Map A15 Ladysmith/Malahat - Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.

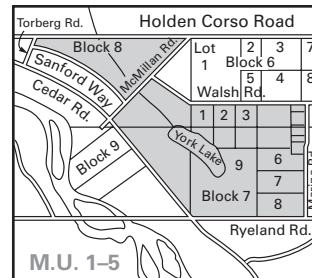


Map A14 Englishman River - No Shooting Area (MU 1-5).

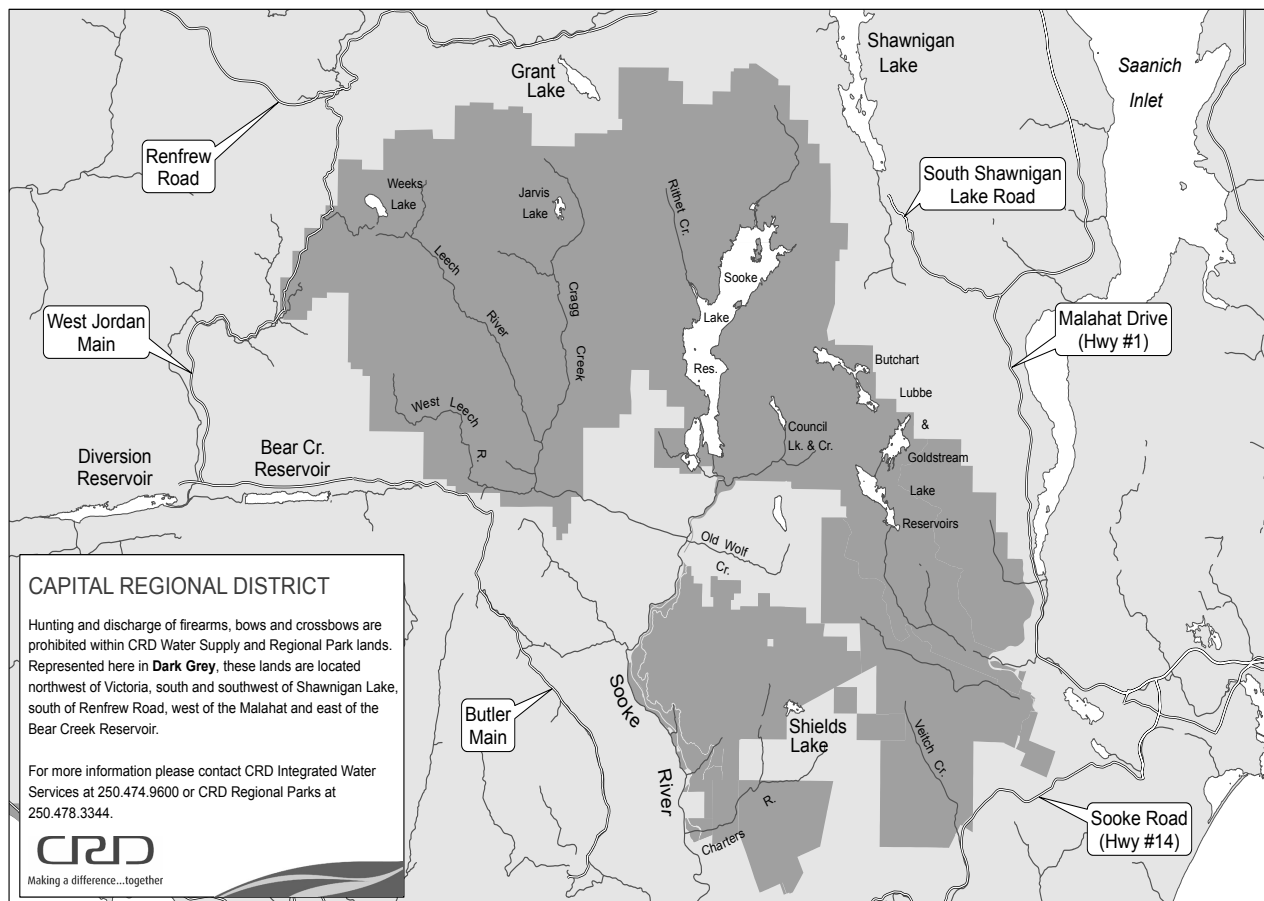
Map A16 Nanaimo - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.



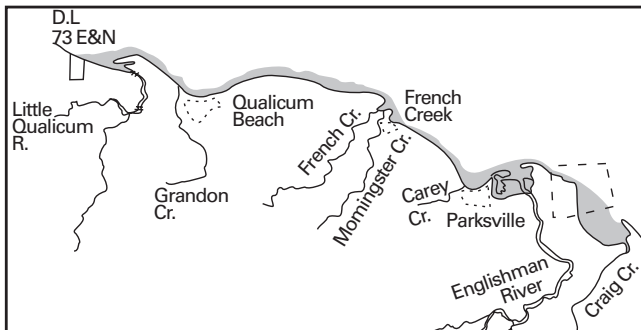
Map A17 Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles, **electric bicycles**, and ATV's (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (MU 1-5) in the watershed of the S. Nanaimo River.



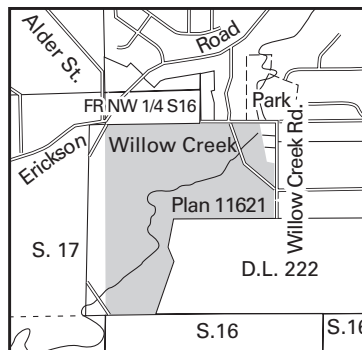
Map A18 York Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 1-5).



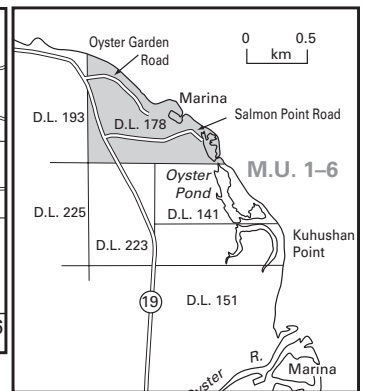
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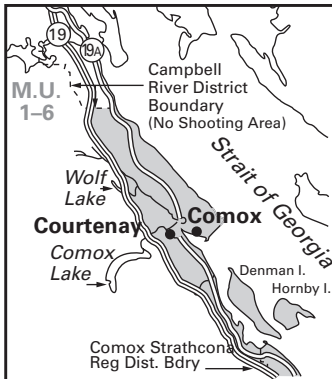
Map A19 Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (MU 1-5) Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



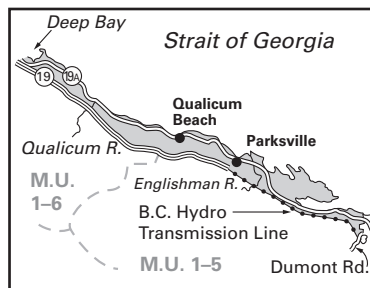
Map A20 Willow Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 1-6).



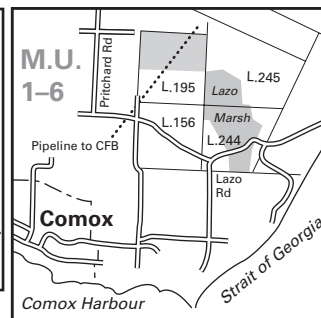
Map A21 Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



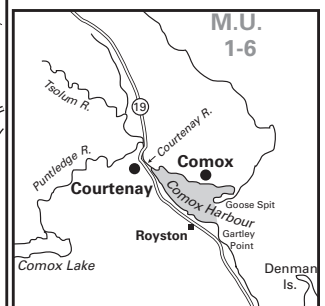
Map A22 Courtenay/Campbell River - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season. Gulf Island Special Licence is required on Denman and Hornby Islands - see page 28.



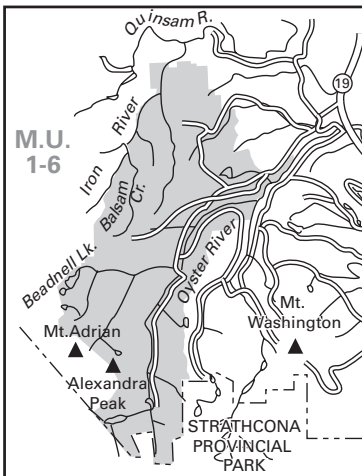
Map A23 Qualicum/Parksville - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 1-5, 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season.



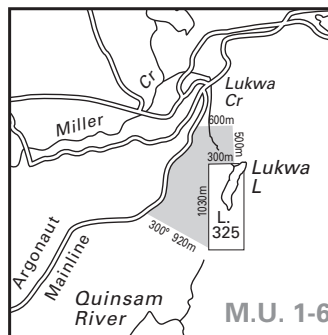
Map A24 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



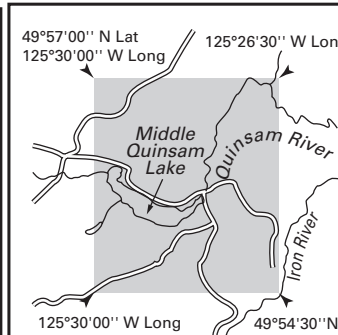
Map A25 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



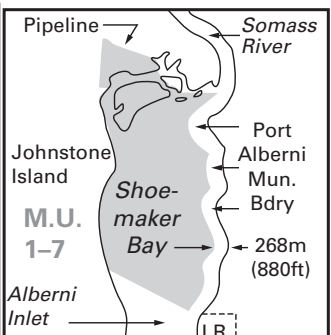
Map A29 Iron River/Oyster River Special 2 Point or better (and Youth Only antlerless) Mule Deer Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



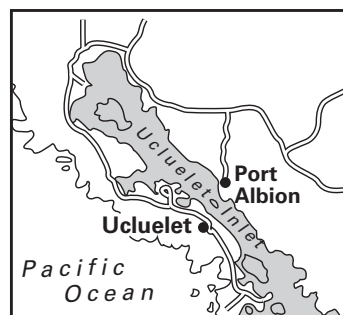
Map A26 Lukwa Lake No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



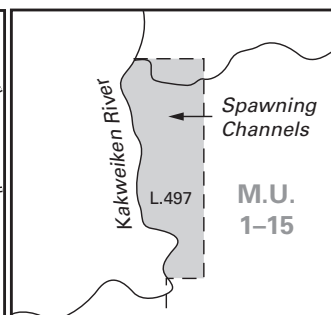
Map A27 Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



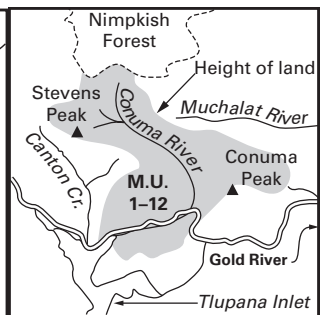
Map A28 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-7).



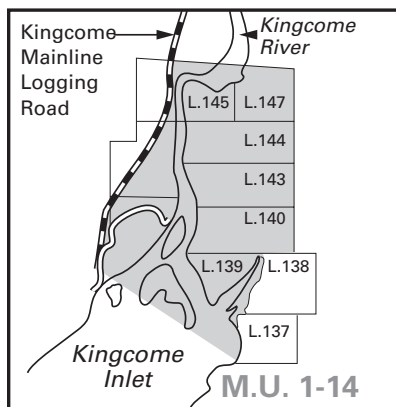
Map A30 Ucluelet Inlet No Hunting or Shooting Area (MU 1-8).



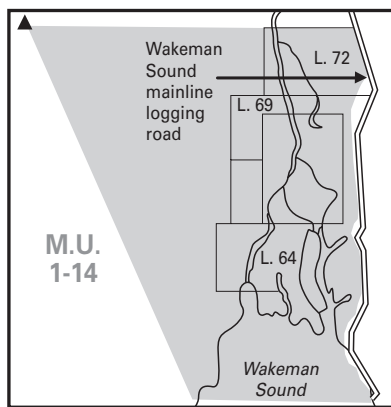
Map A31 Kakweiken River Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).



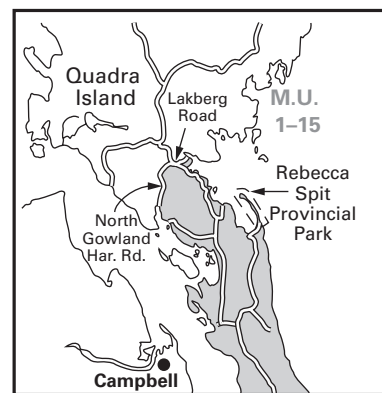
Map A32 Conuma Watershed Bow Only Area (MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



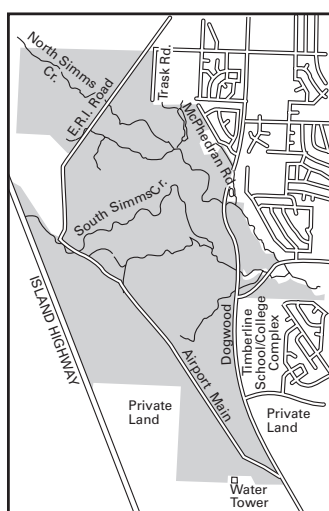
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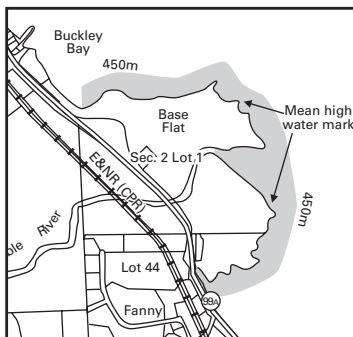
Map A34 Wakeman Sound Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-14).



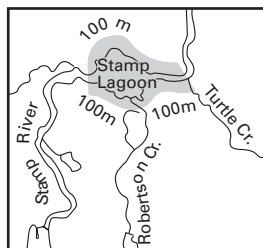
Map A35 Quadra Island Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-15) and special antlerless mule deer season.



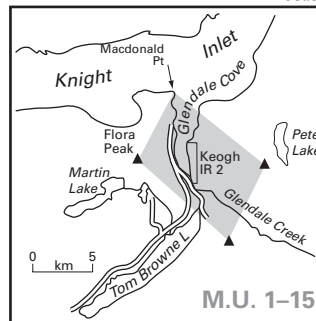
Map A36 Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



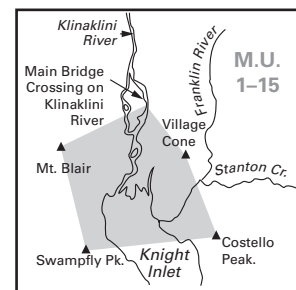
Map A37 Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



Map A41 Stamp Lagoon Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-7).



Map A38 Glendale Cove Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).



Map A40 Knight Inlet Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).

NOTICE! SHOT BAN

The use of toxic (lead) shot for hunting waterfowl has been prohibited in British Columbia since 1995 and in Canada since 1997. The ban applies to all ducks, geese, coots and snipe.

It does not apply to upland game birds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland game birds (pigeons, doves), ravens (where seasons exist), or target shooting, although a local restriction may be implemented if there is a conflict with an important wetland.

Federal regulations currently identify steel shot, bismuth shot, tungsten-iron shot, tungsten-bronze-iron shot, tin shot, tungsten - matrix shot, and tungsten-polymer shot as the only non-toxic shot permitted for use on waterfowl, coot and snipe. Hunters are advised to contact the CWS Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta (604-350-1950) for more details.

REGION 2

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season
changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
Please see Notice on
page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Langley, Agassiz, Squamish, Sunshine Coast

Ministry Regional Office, Surrey: (604) 586-4400

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

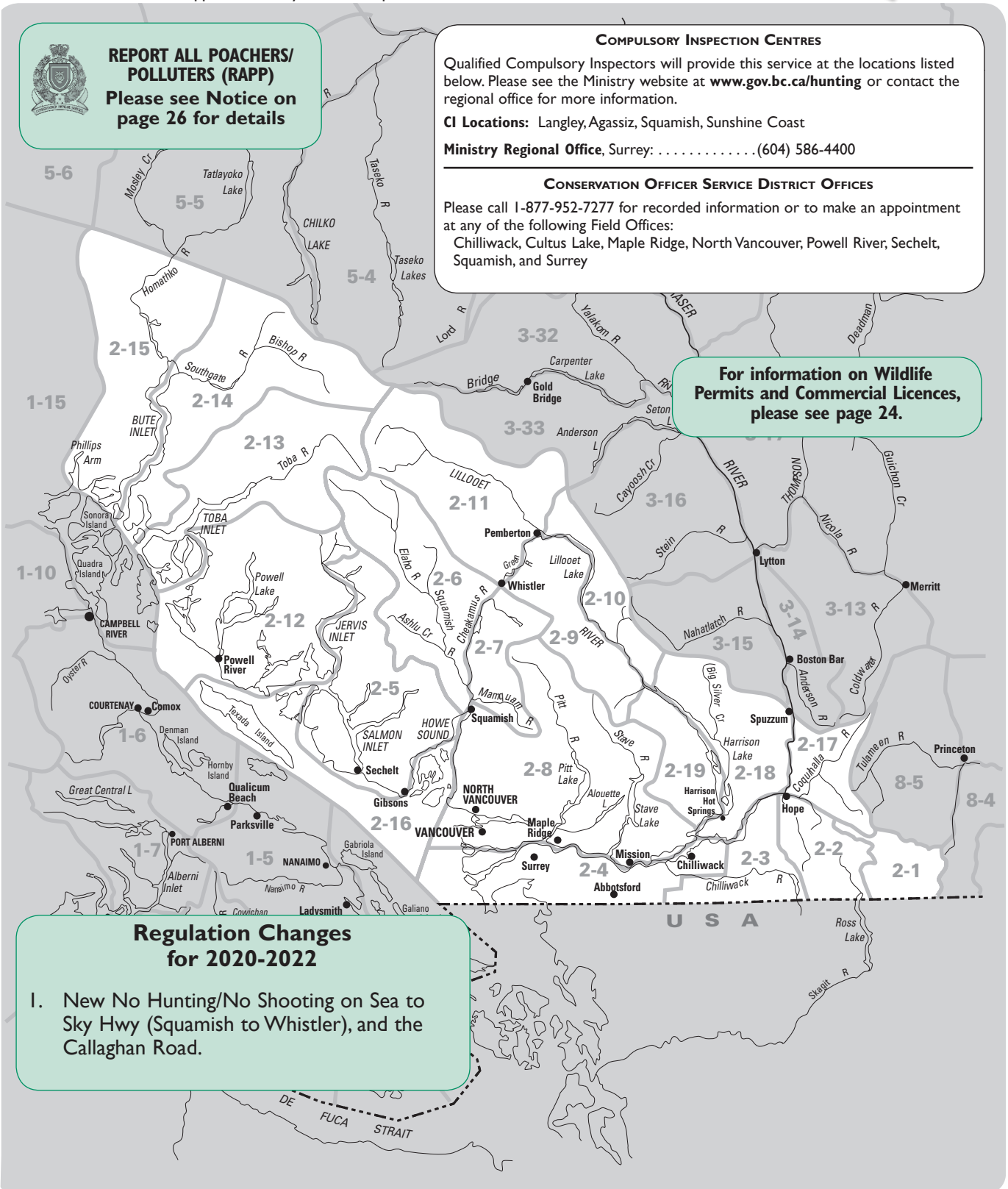
Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Chilliwack, Cultus Lake, Maple Ridge, North Vancouver, Powell River, Sechelt, Squamish, and Surrey

**For information on Wildlife
Permits and Commercial Licences,
please see page 24.**

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

- I. New No Hunting/No Shooting on Sea to Sky Hwy (Squamish to Whistler), and the Callaghan Road.



REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Black Bear: The regional bag limit for black bear is two.

Deer: Unless otherwise indicated, the bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two.

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for sooty/ dusky (blue), spruce and ruffed grouse is ten.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Unless lawfully hunting or trapping, the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m of select roads in the Fraser Valley Regional District. For a map of the firearms restrictions visit www.fvrd.ca/noshootingareas.

► No person shall use lead shot for any purpose when discharging a firearm on any dyke or on the water side (seaward or river side) of any dyke in the municipality of Delta, or on any foreshore dyke facing Mud Bay in the city of Surrey.

► Fraser Valley Special Area - Hunters should take note of the special licence area in the Fraser Valley (see Map B10). These special licences are available through Service BC, FrontCounter BC, participating vendors and online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

► No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 13 and regional maps.

► Burns Bog (MU 2-4) No Hunting or Trapping Area - no hunting or trapping in the Burns Bog Partnership Lands.

► Bowen Island No Shooting Area (MU 2-16) - contact the Bowen Island Municipal Clerk (604-947-4255) for important information on municipal bylaws (including those for use of bows) that also cover this area.

► Bowen Island No Hunting Area (MU 2-16) - within 150m of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house or farm building.

► Vancouver Harbour: The discharge of firearms

is prohibited in Burrard Inlet east of a straight line drawn from Point Grey to Point Atkinson (Lighthouse Park).

► A small population of white-tailed deer has become resident to the Herrling Island area (MU 2-3) near Hope, BC. Hunters are reminded that there is no open season for white-tailed deer in this area.

► Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area (MU 2-4) is closed to snipe hunting. This includes all foreshore areas seaward of the dykes surrounding Boundary, Mud and Semiahmoo Bays.

► Whistler Olympic Park No Hunting Area. Hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of Whistler Olympic Park.

► **Sea to Sky Hwy./Callaghan Road – No Hunting and No Shooting Area within 400m of the following road allowances:**

- Hwy 99 between the northern boundary of the District of Squamish and the southern boundary of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, and
- Callaghan Road between the northwest corner of the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the gate at Whistler Olympic Park.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Information signs are posted or gates are placed at the points for motor vehicle closures. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact local Ministry offices for details.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Area (See page 12):** April 1 to June 15, unless otherwise indicated.

MU 2-4

★ Bert Brink Wildlife Management Area - effective year-round.

MU 2-6

★ beyond the bridge crossing at 50.5 mile of the Elaho G-Main Forest Service Road (FSR).

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Pikett Creek located at 30 mile on the Ashlu Creek North FSR.

MU 2-8

★ Pitt Addington Marsh - effective year-round

MU 2-9

★ beyond the bridge crossing over an unnamed creek located 5 km north of the bridge crossing over North Sloquet Creek on the North Sloquet Creek FSR.

MU 2-11

★ Lillooet South FSR west of the 2 km mark; April 1-June 15, Sept 16-Nov 30.

★ Birkenhead Lake FSR west of the junction with Branch 10 (at approx. 14 km); July 15-Oct 31.

★ beyond the first bridge crossing over South Creek on the South Creek FSR

★ on the Salal Creek FSR beyond 3 km North of the junction of the Upper Lillooet North FSR and the Salal Creek FSR

★ in the Phelix Creek FSR beyond the junction of Phelix Creek FSR and the Blackwater Creek FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Delilah Creek on the North Creek FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Hotsprings Creek on the Meager Creek South FSR

★ beyond the gate located at 9 km on the Meager Creek North FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Tenquille Creek on the Birkenhead FSR

★ Prohibited year-round beyond the bridge crossing over the Ryan River located 8 km on the Ryan River FSR

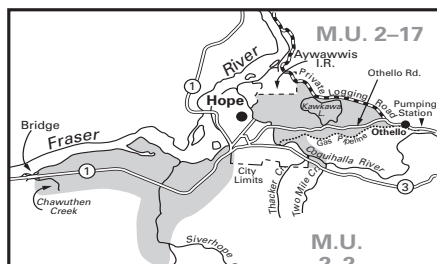
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► Refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

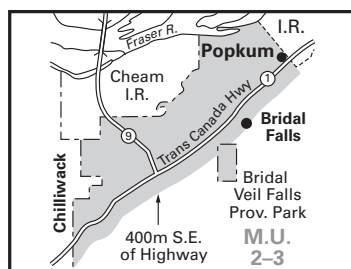
LOWER MAINLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	2-2 to 2-4, 2-6 to 2-8, 2-13 to 2-15, 2-17 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2	
	2-9 to 2-11	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2	
	2-5, 2-12	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1	
	2-16	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	▲2	
	2-16	Antlerless	Nov 5 - Nov 20	▲1	
	**2-11	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1	
	Youth/Senior Only**				
	Youth Only*	2-16	Antlerless	Oct 21 - Oct 31	▲1
	Bow Only	2-2 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	▲2
	Bow Only	★2-16	Bucks	Sept 1 – Dec 15	3(2)
Bow Only	★2-16	Antlerless	Nov 5 - Dec 5	3(2)	
Bow Only	★2-16	Either Sex	Jan 1 - Jan 15	3(2)	
Bow Only	♦2-16	Either Sex	Dec 16 - Jan 15	3(2)	
▲ In those portions of MU 2-16 being Bowen Island and Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(2). *Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
★ Season applies to Bowen Island only. See Notice to Hunters. ♦ Season applies to Texada Island only.					
** Season applies only to portions of MU 2-11. See maps B14 and B21A. This area is almost entirely privately owned property and hunters are reminded to get permission before hunting or accessing private property ***Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older.					
MOUNTAIN GOAT	2-5		Sept 10 - Oct 15	1	
★ See Map B9.	★2-6		Sept 10 - Sept 30		
▼ See Maps B17, B19 Compulsory Inspection required.	▼ 2-12 to 2-15		Sept 10 - Oct 31		
BLACK BEAR	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Nov 30	*2	
	2-2 to 2-19		Apr 1 - June 15		
Bow Only	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9		
* The bag limit for black bears is two per license year (Apr 1-Mar 31)					

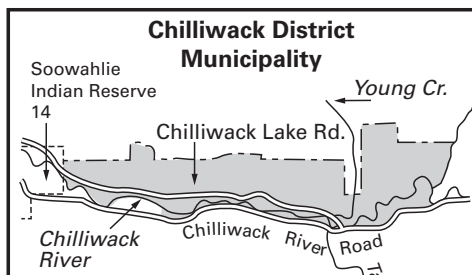
LOWER MAINLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
WOLF	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16		Sept 10 - Mar 31	3
	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16		Apr 1 - June 15	
Compulsory Reporting required.				
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - June 15	NBL
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-5 to 2-19		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
Compulsory Reporting required.				
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	2-2 to 2-19		Apr 1 - June 15	
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
GROUSE SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	10 (30)
	Bow Only 2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
PTARMIGAN	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	5 (15)
	Bow Only 2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
PHEASANT	2-4, 2-8	Cocks	Oct 9 - Nov 30	2 (6)
Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	10 each (30 each)
Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to Snipe hunting.				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
BRANT	2-4		Mar 1, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	3 (9)
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 2, 2022	5 (15)
	2-2 to 2-19		Feb 20, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
▲ Daily bag and possession limits for Snow Goose only in MUs 2-4 and 2-5 are 15 (45)				
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 12, 2021	10 (30)
	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 9, 2021 - Nov 21, 2021	
	2-2 to 2-19		Dec 18, 2021 - Jan 9, 2022	
	2-2 to 2-19★		Feb 10, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
★ The open season in MU 2-4 DOES NOT apply to the area 100 metres on either side of any dyke in the Municipality of Delta, other than Westham Island.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE (excluding Brant)	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 2, 2021 - Oct 3, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



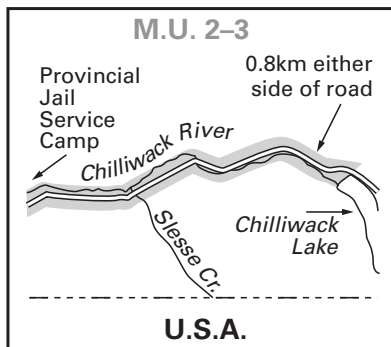
Map B1 Hope - No Shooting Area (MUs 2-2 and 2-17).



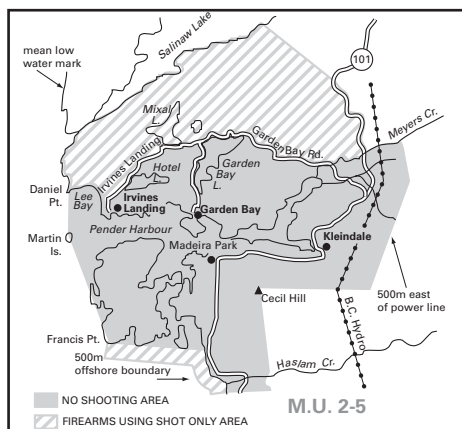
Map B2 Popkum - No Shooting Area (MU 2-3).



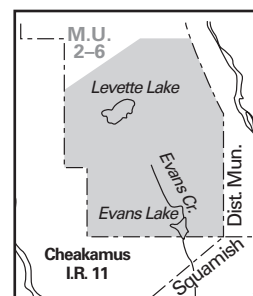
Map B3 Chilliwack Valley - Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 2-3).



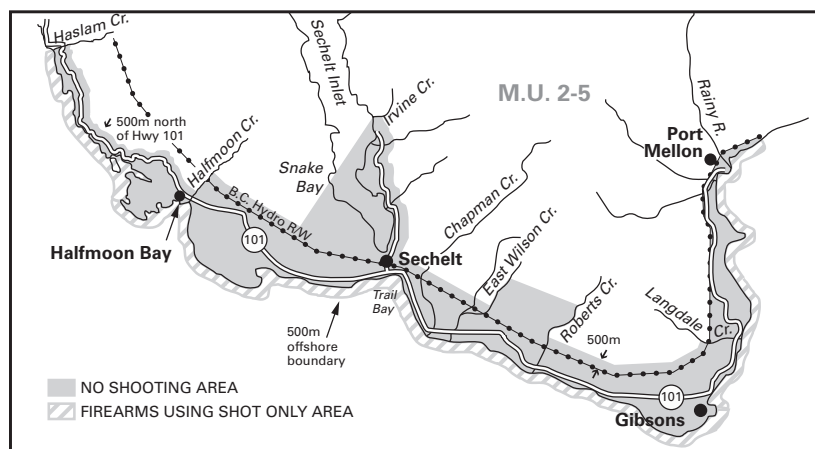
Map B4 Provincial Jail Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (MU 2-3).



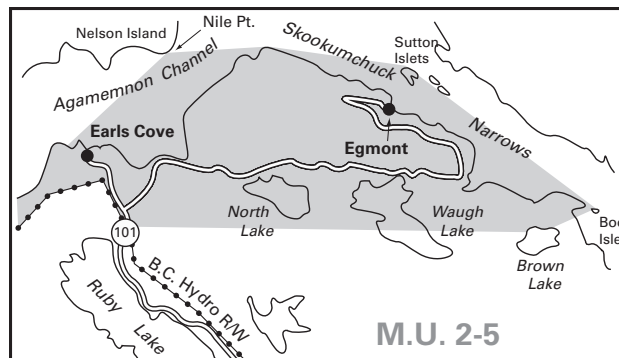
Map B5 Pender Harbour - No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 2-5).



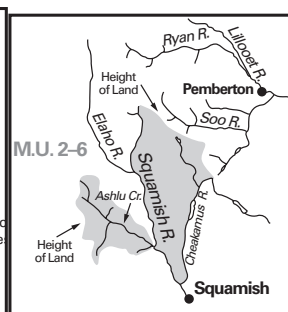
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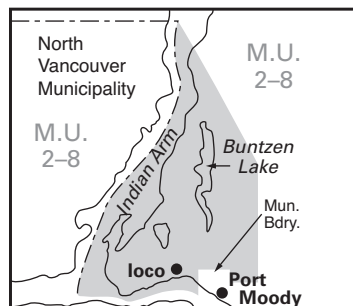
Map B7 Sechelt/Gibsons - No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 2-5).



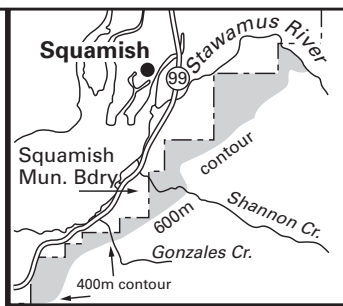
Map B8 Waugh Lake/Skookumchuck - No Shooting Area (MU 2-5)



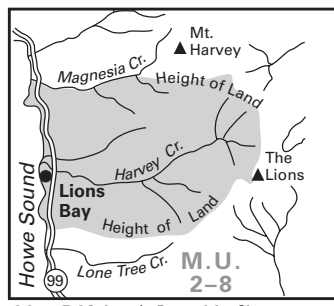
Map B9 Ashlu - Squamish Rivers Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 2-6).



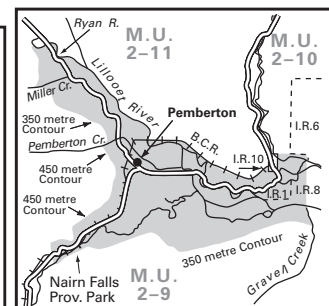
Map B11 Buntzen Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 2-8).



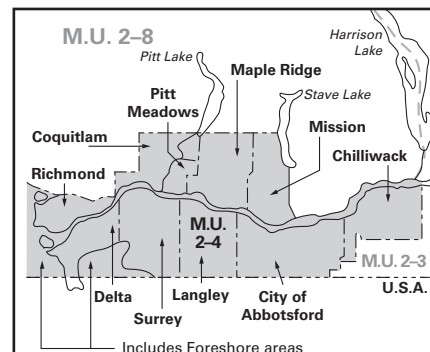
Map B12 Squamish - No Shooting Area (MU 2-8).



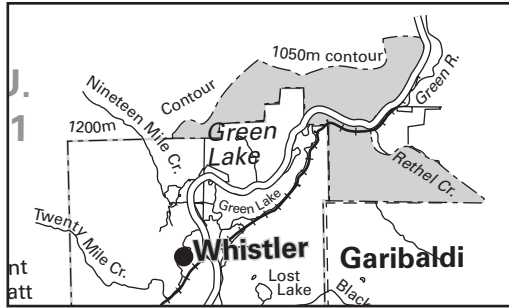
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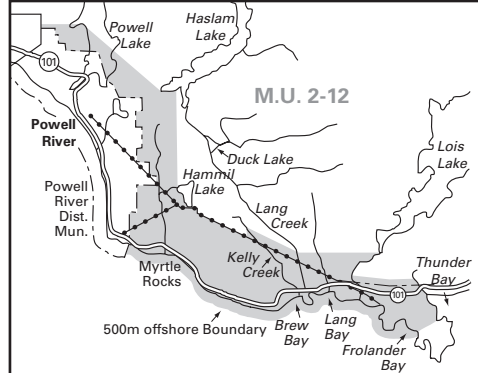
Map B14 Pemberton - Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 2-9, 2-10 and 2-11).



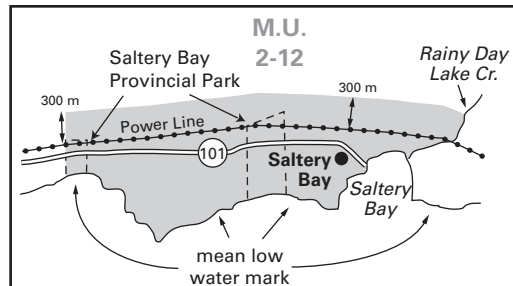
Map B10 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) (MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within MU 2-4 and those portions of MU 2-8 within the corporate limits of the corporation of the district of Pitt Meadows, the corporation of the district of Mission, the corporation of the district of Coquitlam are required to purchase a Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence in addition to other Provincial licences and for hunting migratory game birds, the Migratory Bird Licence. \$1,000,000.00 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance is required.



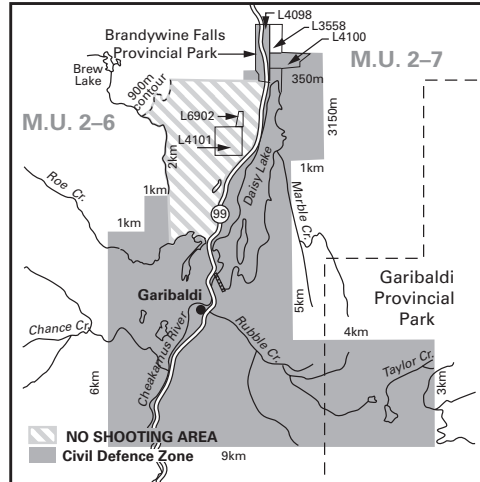
Map B15 Whistler - No Shooting Area (MUs 2-09 and 2-11)



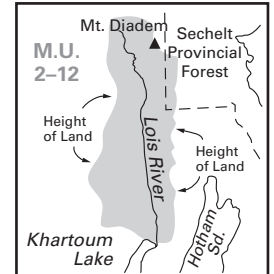
Map B18 Powell River Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 2-12).



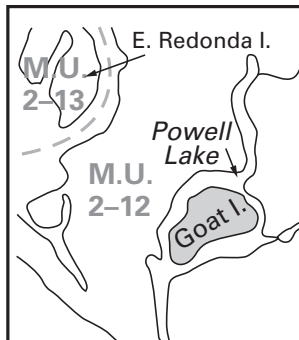
Map B21 Saltery Bay - No Shooting Area (MU 2-12).



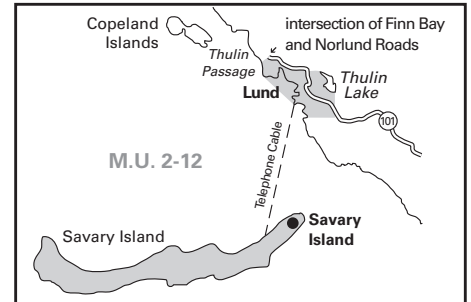
Map B16 Garibaldi - No Shooting Area and Garibaldi Civil Defence Zone (MUs 2-6 and 2-7). This is a high risk slide area. Persons who hunt or trap in this area do so at their own risk.



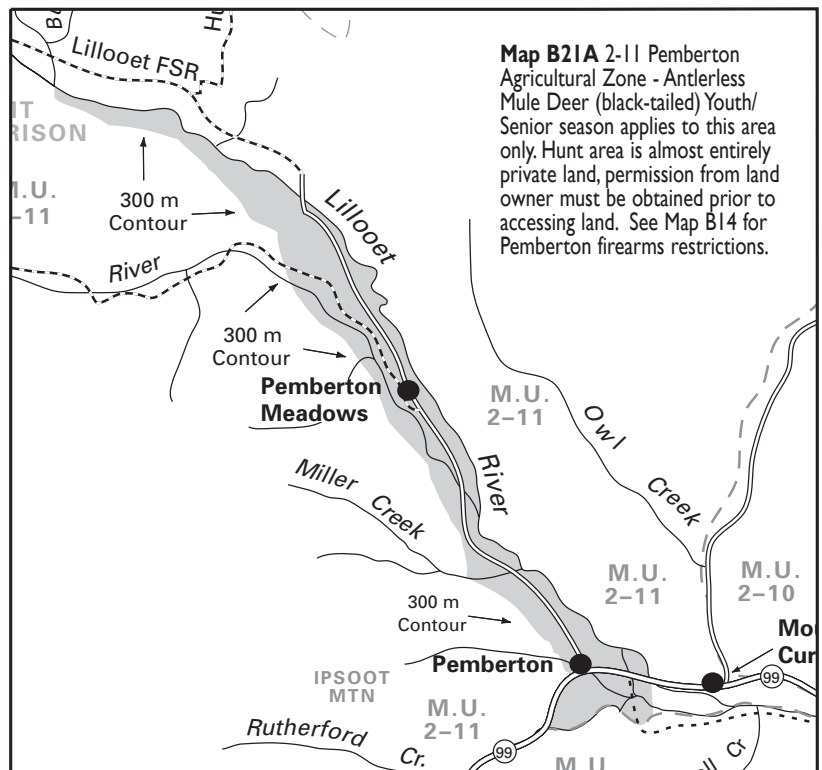
Map B17 Lois River Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 2-12).



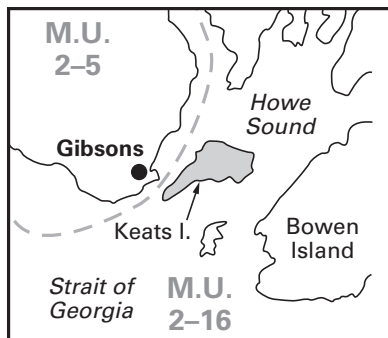
Map B19 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 2-12).



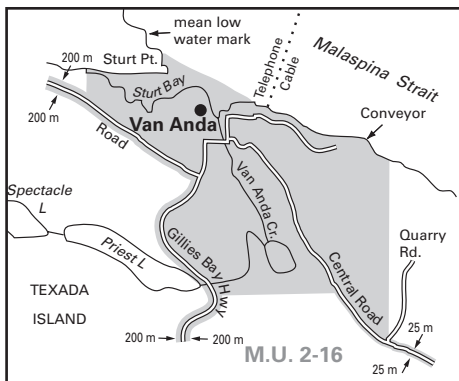
Map B20 Lund - No Shooting Area and Savary Island Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 2-12).



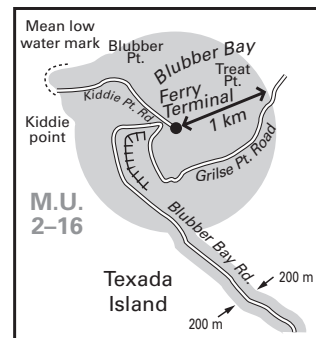
Map B21A 2-11 Pemberton Agricultural Zone - Antlerless Mule Deer (black-tailed) Youth/Senior season applies to this area only. Hunt area is almost entirely private land, permission from land owner must be obtained prior to accessing land. See Map B14 for Pemberton firearms restrictions.



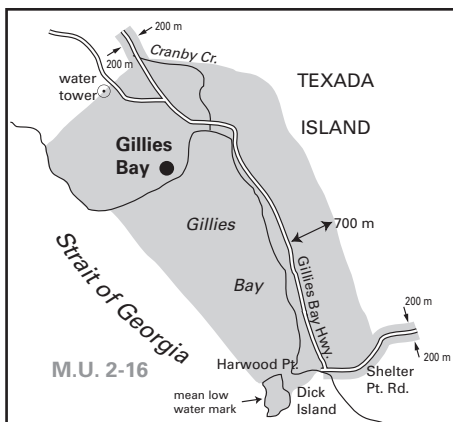
Map B22 Keats Island (MU 2-16). The discharge of rifles is prohibited.



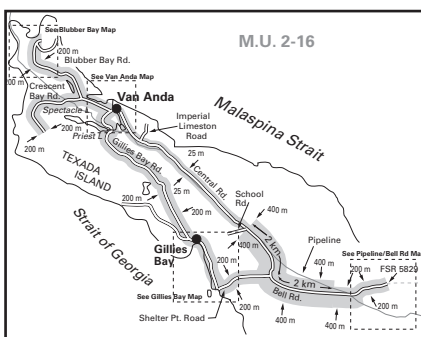
Map B23 Vananda - No Shooting Area (MU 2-16).



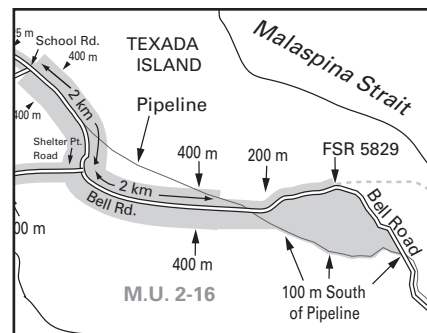
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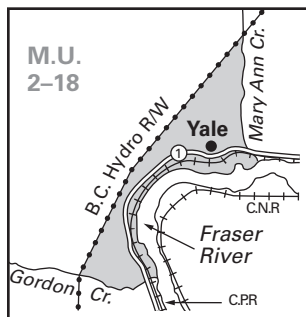
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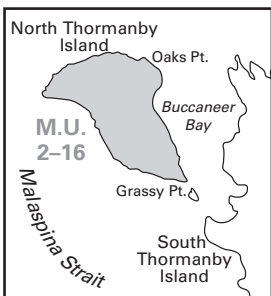
Map B26 Central Road/ Shelter Point Road No Shooting Area (MU 2-16).



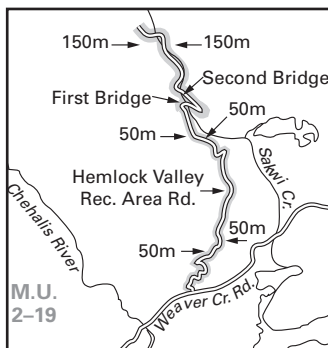
Map B27 Pipeline/Bell Road - No Shooting Area (MU 2-16).



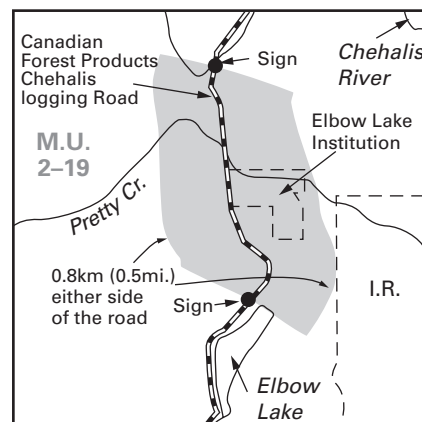
Map B28 Yale - No Shooting Area (MU 2-18).



Map B29 North Thormanby Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 2-16).



Map B30 Hemlock Valley - No Shooting Area (MU 2-19).



Map B31 Elbow Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 2-19).



NOTICE! TO HUNTERS



In-season regulation changes are posted on the Wildlife and Habitat Branch website

Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations. Please check our website for in-season changes before your hunt: **www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/hunting/news**

Or subscribe to the Corrections and Updates page. See Page 2 for details.

THE WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Horn Curl Education

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia (WSSBC) has partnered with the British Columbia

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) to develop a Sheep Horn Curl Education Program for hunters to ensure harvested wild sheep are of legal size. The WSSBC and FLNRORD are concerned about the increase in illegal sheep killed in British Columbia, in some cases as a result of poor age or horn length estimation.

Illegal kills may threaten individual herds or populations and result in hunting restrictions in specific areas.

Recognizing the need to limit the illegal sheep harvest in British Columbia, the WSSBC with the support of FLNRORD, created a Sheep Horn Curl Education Program. The program is divided into two sections: an informational component, and a test component. All sheep hunters should review the Sheep Horn Curl Education Program and take the horn curl test. Even experienced sheep hunters will find it a helpful review. Please go to <http://wildsheepsociety.homestead.com/HornCurlTest.html>, click on the Education Page button, review the Sheep Horn Curl Education information and take the Horn Curl Test.

Wild and Domestic Sheep Contact

Wild sheep herds can suffer catastrophic

die-offs, compounded by slow recovery periods from respiratory disease (pneumonia) transmitted from domestic sheep and goats. There are no treatments or preventative measures other than physical separation. With funding from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, ArdCorp, and the Wild Sheep Society of BC, the BC Sheep Separation Program is working with domestic sheep farmers in high-risk areas in the Kootenay, Okanagan and Thompson Regions to reduce the risk of contact between domestic and wild sheep.

To report any interactions between wild sheep and domestic sheep or goats call the RAPP Line 1-877-952-7277.

For more information on the BC Sheep Separation Program, contact Program Coordinator Jeremy Ayotte on 250-804-3513 or e-mail jeremy.ayotte@gmail.com. Good luck and happy hunting!

REGION 3

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season
 changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Harmonized coyote seasons region-wide.
2. Expansion of the ATV for Hunting Closure in MU 3-17.

For information on Wildlife
Permits and Commercial
Licences, please see page 24.

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

The Stake Lake cross country ski trails are closed to unauthorized vehicles, motorbikes, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles – effective all year.. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/legislative-authority/recreation-orders> for more information.

The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited on that portion of Lac du Bois Grasslands Protected Area or Crown lands that are within the City of Kamloops municipal boundary. Hunters can view a map of the municipal restriction at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/lacdubois_grass/lacdubois.pdf.

Wildlife biologists are seeking voluntary tooth and data submissions from black bears harvested in Region 3. The tooth, sex, date, and location of the harvested bear aids in wildlife management. Contact Sean.O'Donovan@gov.bc.ca for more information.

**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

Bovine Tuberculosis Testing

Submit deer, elk and moose heads from MUs 3-12, 3-19 and 3-20 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing.
 See details at www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis.

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet, and Merritt

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest will now be provided by both qualified Compulsory Inspectors, for species other than mountain goats and mountain sheep, at the locations specified below and by appointment, for all species, at the Region 3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Kamloops office. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for more information.

CI Locations: Kamloops, Merritt, Salmon Arm

Thompson Region

1259 Dalhousie Drive

Kamloops BC V2C 5Z5: (250) 371-6200

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under LEH only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two, either sex.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis; they will be available online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/snowmobiling-in-bc>

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):**

- ★ The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 3 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.
- ★ Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 to Nov 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1.
- ★ Skull Mountain Special Resource Management Zone (MU 3-28) other than indicated open roads (see Map C13) or under permit Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.
- ★ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C14.
- ★ Dewdrop/Rosseau WMA (MU 3-29). See Map C15.
- ★ Porcupine Meadows Park (MU 3-29). See Map C16.
- ★ Above 1920 m elevation in MU 3-16 and 3-32 in the following areas:
 - Cayoosh Mountain Range
 - Shulaps Mountain Range
 - China Head Mountain (excluding Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
 - Nine Mile Ridge
 - Red Mountain - French Mountain
 - Hogback Mountain
 For a map of these areas please visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis

★ Clinton Creek Watershed (MU 3-31). See Map C19. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals (restricted to Clinton Creek Access Road).

★ Spruce Lake area in MU 3-32. See Map C20.

★ Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 metres in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between Dec. 1 and May 31). See Map C22.

★ Texas Creek watershed (MU 3-16), upstream of 3 km on the Texas Creek Forest Service Road closed from Apr. 15 to **November 30**.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):**

- Greenstone Mountain Burn (MU 3-19) (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road). See Map C5.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):**

- year-round in 3-45, 3-46, and April 1 to Dec 14 in MU 3-28. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

◆ **ATV for Hunting Closed Areas:**

- from September 1 to December 10 in MUs 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, **and that portion of MU 3-17 shown on Map C3.**

MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITIONS IN RESPONSE TO 2021 WILDFIRES

★ **Approximately 560,000 hectares within the Thompson-Okanagan region have been closed year-round to all motor vehicles to mitigate concerns from the wildfires of 2021. Some roads are exempted from the closure. See Maps at [gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions).**

- **Sparks Lake: in portions of M.U.s 3-28, 3-29, and 3-30.**
- **Momich Lake: in portions of M.U.s 3-36 and 3-37.**
- **Tremont Creek: in portions of M.U.s 3-18 and 3-19.**
- **Hunakwa Lake: in portions of M.U. 3-36.**
- **Crazy Creek Gorge FSR: in portions of M.U. 3-36.**
- **McKay Lake: in portions of M.U. 3-32.**

- **Mowhokam Creek: in portions of M.U. 3-14.**
- **Lytton Creek/George Road: in portions of M.U.s 3-13, 3-14, 3-17, and 3-18.**
- **Two Mile Road: in portions of M.U.s 3-34.**
- **July Mountain: in portions of M.U.s 3-13.**
- **White Rock Lake: in portions of M.U.s 3-12, 3-20, and 3-26.**

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Cattle grazing takes place on both public and private land. To keep cattle in the correct pasture, it is important that hunters leave gates and fences as they are found. Hunters should read the Access Restrictions section for more information about private property.

► Hunters should note firearms restrictions in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section page 13 and regional maps.

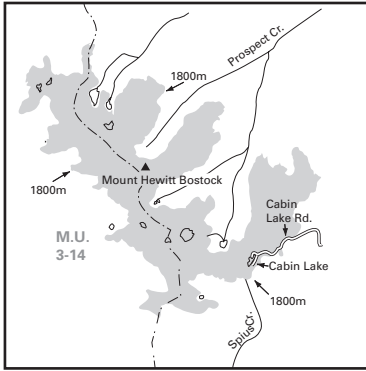
► Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Park).

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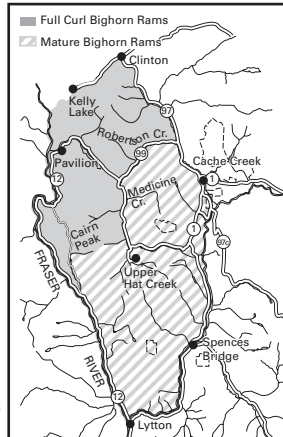
► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

THOMPSON GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

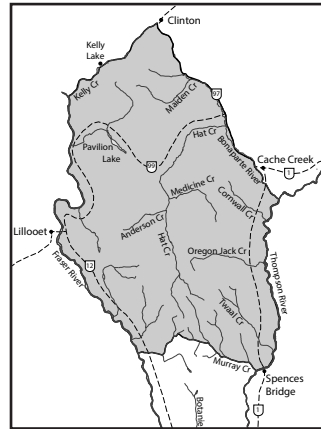
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
▲ See Definitions Section: Mule Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 – Dec 10	2
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	3-34 to 3-38, 3-40 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	3-15 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-33	*Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Nov 15	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-39	*Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	
* See Definitions Section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required for all moose harvested through the general open season.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17*, 3-31, 3-32+	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	3-17*	Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 – Oct 20	
* A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C2. + A portion of MU 3-32 is closed to Mountain Sheep hunting. See Map C21. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20		Sept 10 - June 15	3
	3-17, 3-26 to 3-44		No closed season	NBL
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
	3-34 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31	
	Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions Section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.			
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	*3-30, 3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)
* There is no open season for sharp-tailed grouse in that portion of MU 3-30 south of the Scottie Creek Forest Service Road (5040 FSR). See Map C18				
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 – Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESSE: SNOW, ROSS'S and WHITE-FRONTED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	5 (15)
GEESSE: CANADA and CACKLING	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10, 2021 - Sept 20, 2021	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Mar 1, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESSE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 5, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



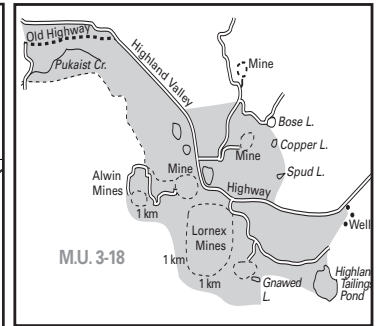
Map C1 Stoyoma Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 3-13 and 3-14) above 1800 m elevation from May 1 - Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



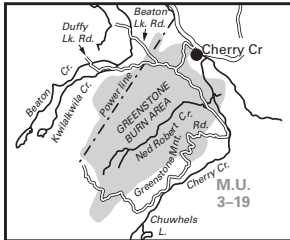
Map C2 Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (MU 3-17).



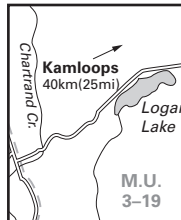
Map C3 ATV for Hunting Closed Area (portion of MU 3-17).



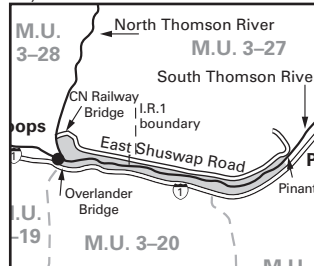
Map C4 Highland Valley No Shooting Area (MU 3-18).



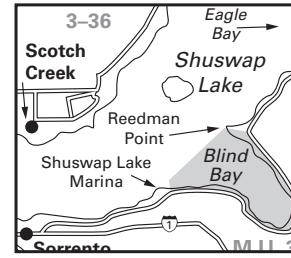
Map C5 Greenstone Mt. Burn Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area (MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



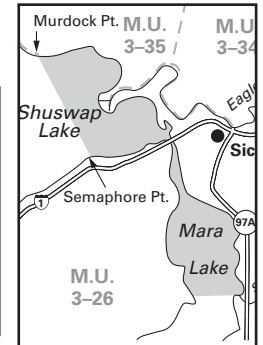
Map C6 - No Shooting Area (MU 3-19).



Map C7 Kamloops - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).

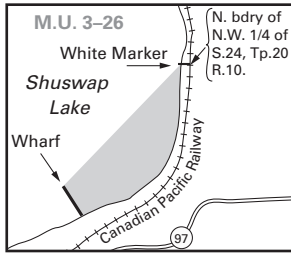


Map C8 Blind Bay - No Shooting Area (MU 3-26).

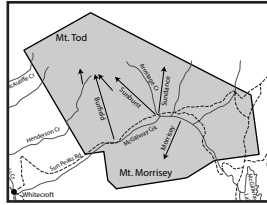


Map C9 Sicamous - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).

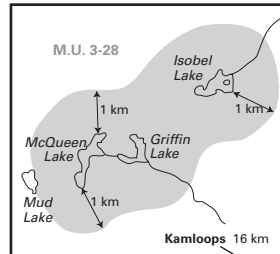
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 3



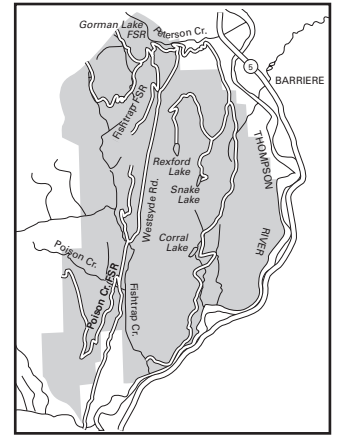
Map C10 Salmon Arm - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 3-26).



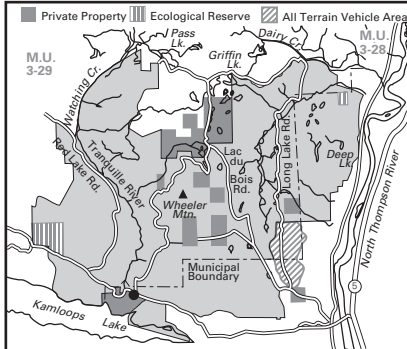
Map C11 Sun Peaks - No Shooting or Hunting Area 400 metres from existing ski lift, run, facility or development of the Sun Peaks Resort (MU 3-27).



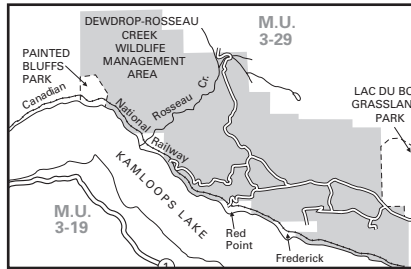
Map C12 McQueen Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 3-28).



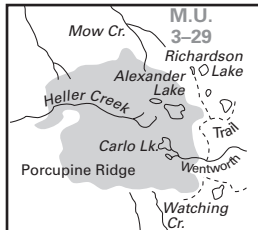
Map C13 Skull Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-28). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. All other roads closed from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.



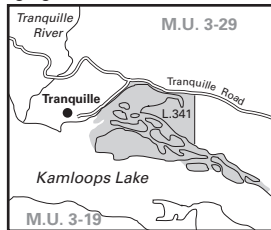
Map C14 Lac du Bois Grasslands Park (MUs 3-28 and 3-29). Vehicle access restricted to highlighted roads except as posted.



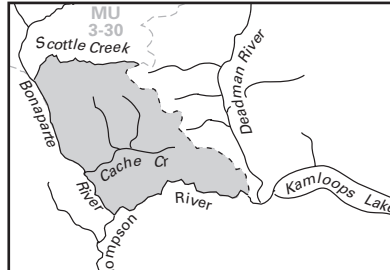
Map C15 Dewdrop/Rosseau Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-29). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



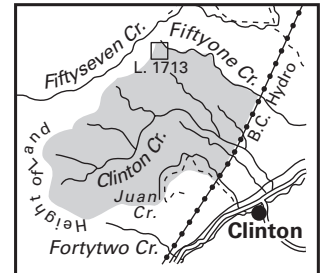
Map C16 Porcupine Meadows Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Motor Vehicle Closed Area. Snowmobiles allowed from Dec 15 to April 15.



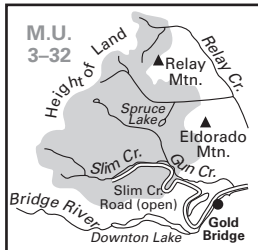
Map C17 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area - No Shooting or Hunting Area (Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)



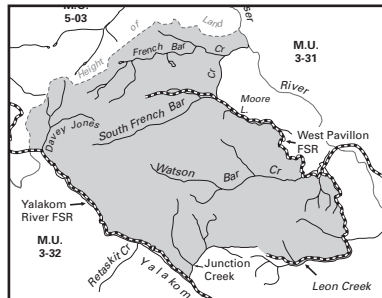
Map C18 Sharp-tailed Grouse closed area (MU 3-30).



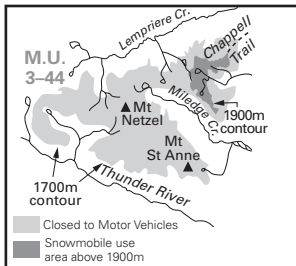
Map C19 Clinton Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-31).



Map C20 Spruce Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (Spruce Lake Protected Area in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map C21 Camelsfoot - Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 3-32).



Map C22 Milede, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-44). Snowmobile use allowed in area shown (above 1900 metre contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.

REGION 4

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season
 changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Creston, Revelstoke, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood, Cranbrook, Fruitvale, Nakusp

Ministry Regional Office, Cranbrook:(250) 489-8540
 Nelson(250) 354-6333

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:
 Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Invermere, Nelson, and Golden

**Regulation Changes
for 2020-2022**

1. Closure of the cougar pursuit only season.
2. Amendments to 21 Motor Vehicle Prohibited Areas in the East Kootenay.
3. Shorten west Kootenay bull elk season.
4. Closure of the antlerless white-tailed deer season in the West Kootenay, and shortening of the season in parts of the East Kootenay.
5. Liberalized seasons and bag limits for turkey.
6. Removal of requirement for wolf compulsory inspection.
7. Replace GOS with LEH for goat in portions of MUs 4-36 and 4-37.

**NOTICE!
TO HUNTERS**

Hunters can produce their own maps through iMap BC available at www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/.

Hunters are reminded that restrictions apply to Recreation Sites (e.g., Cranbrook Community Forest). See Recreation Sites and Trails on page 11.

Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/access.htm OR by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.

Recreation Access Management Plans

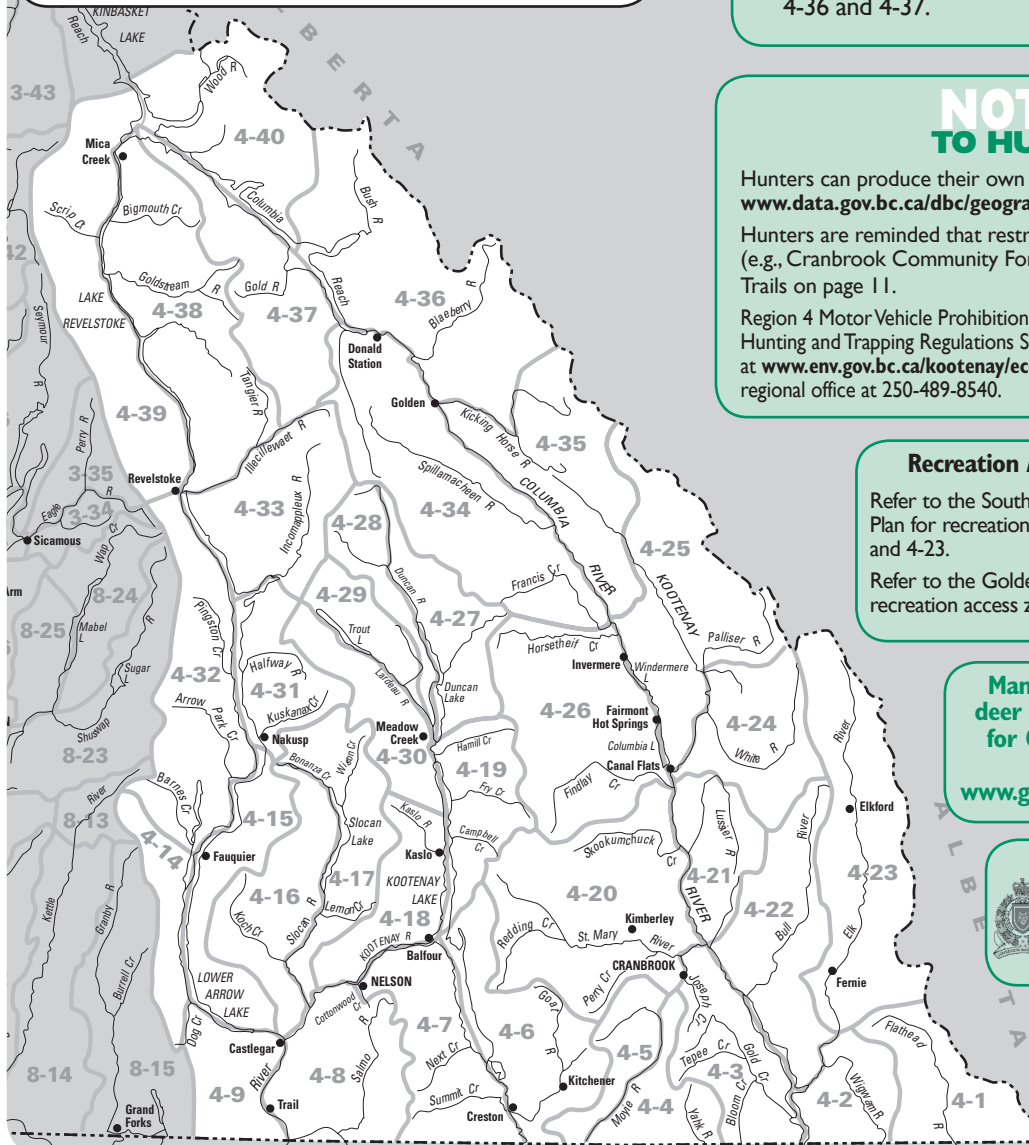
Refer to the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23.

Refer to the Golden Backcountry Recreation Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40.

Mandatory submission of mule deer and white-tailed deer heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at:
www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease

**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on page 26 for details

**For information on
 Wildlife Permits and
 Commercial Licences, please
 see page 24.**



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 4

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is one.

Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar is two, except in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-9 to 4-27, 4-32 to 4-37 and 4-40 where the bag limit is one.

Coyote: No bag limit (NBL).

Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is three.

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. The bag limit for white-tailed is two; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck.

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.

Turkey: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is **three**. Only one turkey may be taken in the spring and only **two** turkey may be taken in the fall.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► **It is unlawful to intentionally feed or bait ungulates or turkeys in the Kootenay Region, except under permit.**

► Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/accessmaps.htm OR by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.

► Several animals have been radio-collared for research in the Kootenay Region. These animals provide data on survival rates, habitat use, and migratory behaviour. If you harvest a radio-collared animal, please return the collar to the Ministry office in Cranbrook or Nelson to ensure the necessary information is collected.

No Shooting Areas:

► The discharge of firearms is prohibited on or within 50m of either side of the Whiteswan FSR from Inlet Creek Campground on Whiteswan FSR to White River bridge crossing and the Whiteswan FSR/White-Moscow main junction to the Moscow/Home Basin Campground junction. Total road length approximately 4.9km.

► See firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region's maps on pages 52-54.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Access Permits are required for hunting or fishing activities on the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. For more details on acquiring permits visit www.crestonwildlife.ca or call 250-402-6900.

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► That portion in MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: DD5116 or DL 132

including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches #1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited April 15 to July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. "Waldo Cove Road" is open year-round.

► Public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year-round.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following areas (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12).

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):** Year-round, unless indicated otherwise.

Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12): designated areas where the operation of all motor vehicles, including **electric bicycles**, to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

* Year-round

◆ closed Apr: 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Feb. 28

✕ closed Sept 1-June 30

▼ closed Apr: 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Nov. 30

♣ closed Sept. 1-Nov. 30

Region-wide Snowmobiles for Hunting

Closed Area (See page 12): The use of snowmobiles to hunt, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the entire Kootenay Region from Apr. 1-Nov. 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

MU 4-1

★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)

★ Upper Flathead

★ East Flathead

MU 4-2

★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge

★ Galton Range.

★ Upper Wigwam River drainage

◆ The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) upstream of 34.8 km on the Windfall Creek Road.

✕ Soowa Mountain

MU 4-3

◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road

◆ Elizabeth Lake (Map D2)

★ Linklater Creek (AMA)

♣ Linklater Creek (MVHCA)

MU 4-4

▼ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing south-westerly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek and including the western slopes of Mt. Mahon and the

Manson Creek watershed.

MU 4-5

▼ Irishman Cr watershed upstream of Hwy 3/95

✕ Lamb Creek

MU 4-6

★ Channel Road northwest of the pullout located at 49° 12' 21" N and 116° 35' 41" W, seasonal closure from Mar 15-Apr 30 and Aug 15-Oct 15.

★ the watershed of Leadville Creek upstream of the 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road.

Snowmobiles and trappers are exempt.

★ the southern and eastern facing slopes of the Sanca Creek Watershed above the Sanca Creek Forestry Road.

MU 4-7

▼ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgely Mountain Road at the 1425 metre (4700 ft) elevation

★ all areas north of Corn Creek in the Corn Creek watershed, upstream of Acorn Creek, including Buckworth Creek, closed from Sept 1 to June 1. Corn Creek FSR is open.

MU 4-9

▼ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 metre elevation

◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-14

♣ commencing on the north side of Peter Creek bridge crossing and includes both Faith and Peter Creek watersheds

MU 4-15

▼ Commencing at 11 km on the Rialto Cr FSR and above the 760 metre contour in the watersheds of Tulip Creek in the west to Rialto Creek in the east including all watersheds in between (Syringa, Allendale, Yarrow and several unnamed) and including areas within Syringa Provincial Park.

♣ Deer Creek Road:

- commencing at 19 km on the Deer Cr. FSR including all roads/trails on Cougar Ridge),
- commencing at 23 km on the Rusty Cr. FSR and including Twobit, Sunshine, Gladstone Hutchinson and Sangrida watersheds above 750 m.

MU 4-18

* Grohman Creek Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area

★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15

◆ the watershed of Sproule Creek and commencing at the start of the Sproule Creek FSR, and not including that portion of the Smallwood FSR located within the Sproule Creek Watershed.

MU 4-20

★ Wycliffe Conservation Properties District Lots 6034, 6667 and 7318

★ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Baribeau Creek Road snowmobiles and trappers are exempt

◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek

◆ the watershed of an unnamed creek (locally known as Patrick Creek) flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road

- ◆ the watershed of Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 kilometre from its confluence with Greenland Creek
- ★ Cherry Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Rd crossing
- ◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 kilometre upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek Bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek

MU 4-21

- ◆ the watershed of the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek
- ★ Premier Ridge
- ★ **Portions of Lewis Creek. See Map at gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions**
- ✕ Island Pond

MUs 4-22, 4-23 and 4-24

- ✕ White River and Bull River

MU 4-22

- ★ Baynes Lake area (Map D15)
- ★ Powerplant area
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay land District
- ★ the watershed of North Galbraith Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence
- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower; Little Tower; Swanson Creek; Harrison Creek and Haynes Creek. The main Harrison Creek FSR open to motorized use for hunting. All roads leading off main Harrison Creek FSR above 67 km are closed to motorized use for hunting. All other roads within this MVHC remain closed to motorized use for hunting.
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek upstream of 3.5 km on Burton Creek FSR
- ◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Little Sand Creek and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimster Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Iron, Lime and **Oveson** Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

MU 4-23

- ◆ Barnes Lake (except snowmobiles)
- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area
- ★ Grave Prairie area
- ★ Corbin Creek
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed). Snowmobiles prohibited above 1900 m on Mt. Bleasdel/Abby Ridge. Snowmobiles continue to be allowed elsewhere within this AMA.
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area.

MU 4-24

- ★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Park
- ◆ Blackfoot Creek watershed upstream from 38 km on the Blackfoot Creek Road
- ◆ Fenwick Creek watershed upstream from 50 km on the Fenwick Creek Road
- ◆ Elk Creek watershed upstream from the White Rock Forestry Access Road

- ◆ the watershed of Nilksuka Creek upstream of the North White River haul road
- ◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation
- ◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34 and 4-35

- Use of a conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt from the regulation, and the following rights of way are also excluded from this regulation:
 - Horsethief Creek Forest Service Road #5467.01 located at Radium
 - Plan 22153 of DL 11383 located at Brisco
 - Plan 26T1689 of DL 2566 located at Spillimacheen
 - Spillimacheen Forest Service Road # 7752.01 located at Parsons
 - Canyon Creek Road located at Nicholsen
 - The Dogtooth Rd located at Golden (Map D22)

NOTE: Boats operating within the Columbia Wetland Wildlife Management Area are subject to the **Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation** (SOR/2007-127); Schedule 2 (Part 2, Items 100 & 100.1), Schedule 6 (Part 1, Item 23) and Schedule 7 (Part 2, Item 10), under the *Canada Shipping Act*. <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-120/index.html>

MU 4-25

- ★ Stoddart Creek area
- ★ Columbia Lake area
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road
- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 27.3 km on the Cross River Road, and on side roads further than 100 m road distance from the Cross River main line between 20.4 km and 27.3 km
- ◆ the watershed of Pedley Creek
- ◆ North fork of Dry Creek watershed upstream from 19.6 km on Dry Creek Rd
- ◆ the upper watersheds of Madias Creek and Tatley Creek upstream from the easterly boundary of the Columbia Lake Indian Reserve

MU 4-26

- ★ Hoodoo Conservation Property
- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay
- ★ the watersheds of Dutch Creek and the unnamed drainage between the drainages of Dutch Creek and Brewer Creek above the Dutch/Brewer Creek forest access road and the drainages of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorald Creek
- ◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of subplot 137, Kootenay Land District

MU 4-29

- ◆ the easterly watershed of the Lardeau River between the northerly boundaries of District Lots

7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct. 20 to Dec. 10.

MU 4-30

- ★ the Duncan-Lardeau area, highway 31 is open year-round

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed on the north east side of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 km marker on east Barnes Creek Main, south of the height of land with Keefer Lake and south of the height of land with Fife Creek. The closure on the Fife Creek side commences at the height of land on Branch 40 by way of Fife Creek FSR

MU 4-34

- ★ Holt and Lang Creek area. The Holt Creek closure begins at approximately 4.8 km on Holt Creek Road. The Lang Creek closure begins at approximately 3.4 km on the Lang Creek Road.

MU 4-35

- ◆ the drainages of Ice River and the easterly watershed of Beaverfoot River upstream of Ice River:

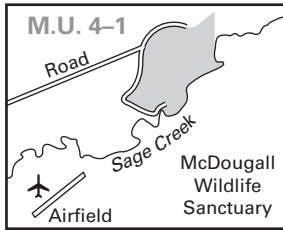
MU 4-38

- ◆ the watershed of Downie Creek including the Sorcerer Creek drainage, upstream of the 15 km sign on the Downie Creek FSR.

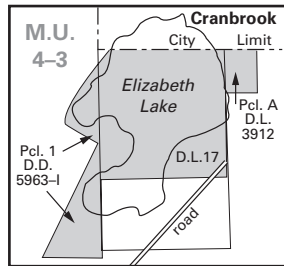
KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	1
Youth Only*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
▲ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 48. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. Mandatory submission of mule deer heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	4-1 to 4-6, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Antlerless	Oct 21 - Oct 31	1
Youth Only*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	**Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2
Youth Only*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	**Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	2
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ** The bag limit for white tailed deer is 2; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck. Mandatory submission of white-tailed deer heads for CWD testing in highest risk areas. See details at: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease				
ELK	4-1 to 4-7, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37, 4-38	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 5	
Bow Only	*(4-6, 4-7, 4-23)	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	▲Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to only portions of these MUs. See Maps D4 and D8 for details. ▲ See Definitions section: Bull. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required for MUs 4-08, 4-09, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-37 and 4-38				
MOOSE	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	★Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Oct 31	
Bow Only	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 19	
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 14	
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-1, 4-2, 4-21, 4-23, 4-24, ▲4-25, ★4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 25	1
▲ In that portion of MU 4-25, excluding Mt Assiniboine Park (Map D24). Compulsory Inspection required. ★ See Mountain Sheep closed area in MU 4-35 (Map D29)				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	4-28 to *4-30, 4-37 (open season north and west of Windy Creek), 4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
* Portion of MU 4-30 only (Map D27). Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1 - June 30	
	▲ 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Aug 31	
Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
▲ Restricted to private land only, hunter must obtain permission from land owners prior to access.				
WOLF	▲ 4-5 to 4-8, 4-17, 4-18, 4-20, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-37 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Jun 15	NBL
	▲ 4-1 to 4-4, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-16, 4-19, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-36		Sept 10 - Jun 15	3
▲ In those portions of MUs 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 in the East Kootenay Trench and MUs 4-4 to 4-7, below 1100 m in elevation, there is no closed season.				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
LYNX	4-1, 4-2, 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-21 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Dec 31	1
	4-3 to 4-5, 4-20		Dec 1 - Dec 31	
Compulsory inspection is required.				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
Compulsory Inspection required.				
COUGAR	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36		Sept 10 - Feb 28	1
	4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39		Sept 10-Mar 31	2
	4-9 to 4-19, 4-27, 4-32, 4-33, 4-37, 4-40		Sept 10-Mar 31	1
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	NBL
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.				
PHEASANT	4-6, 4-7	Cocks	Oct 15 - Nov 30	Daily Limit: 3
Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12				
PTARMIGAN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)
RAVEN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	5

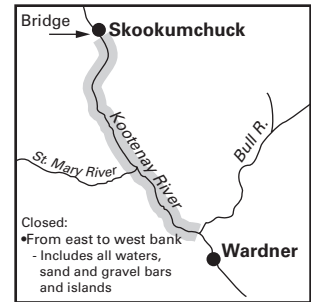
KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
TURKEY	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	1
	4-1 to 4-4, 4-14 to 4-24, 4-26 to 4-40	Any turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	*2
	4-5 to 4-9, 4-25	Any turkey	Oct 1 - Nov 30	
	Bow Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	
* The aggregate bag limit for turkey is 3, only one may be taken in the spring and two in the fall.				
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40*		Sept 10, 2021 - Dec 23, 2021	10 (30)
* There is no open season on Canada geese and cackling geese in that portion of MU 4-3, 4-20, 4-21 and 4-22 contained between the east and west banks of the Kootenay River, including all waters, all sand and gravel bars and all islands between the confluence of the Kootenay and Bull Rivers and the Highway No. 95 bridge at Skookumchuck (See Map D3).				
Hunters, please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1.				
Access permit is required for hunting activities in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, for more information, phone 250-402-6900 or www.crestonwildlife.ca				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 5, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



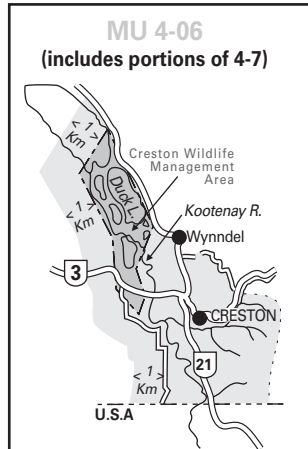
Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 4-1). No Shooting, Hunting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



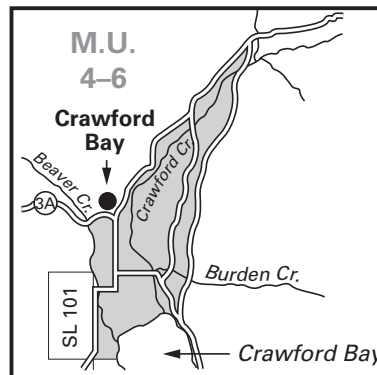
Map D2 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, Shooting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (MU 4-3).



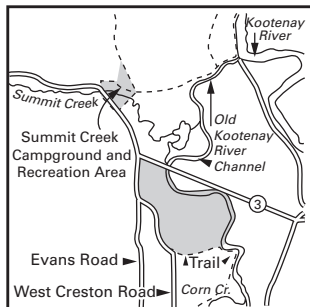
Map D3 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21 and 4-22).



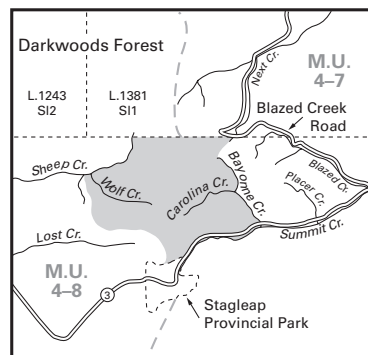
Map D4 Antlerless elk. Includes portions of MUs 4-6 and 4-7.



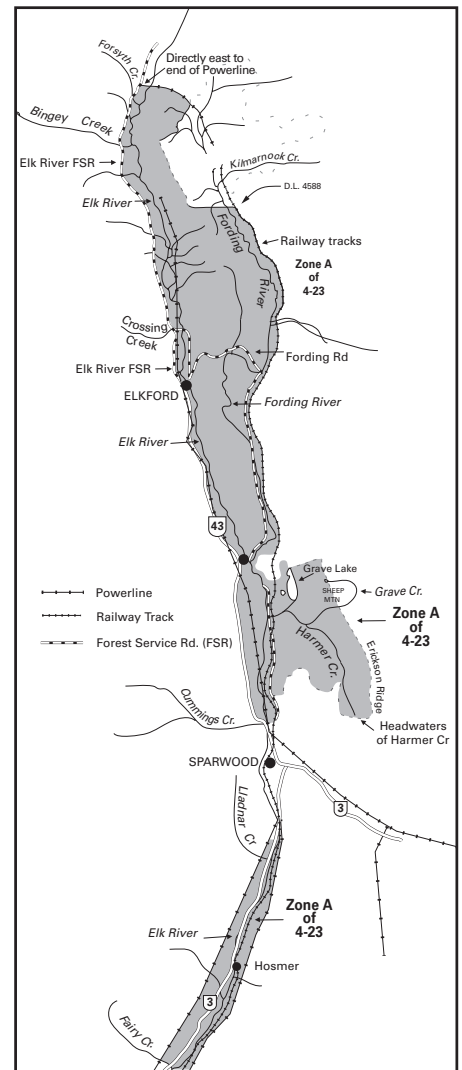
Map D5 Crawford Bay No Shooting Area (MU 4-6).



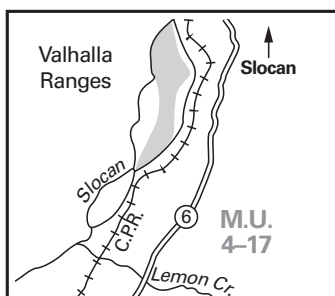
Map D7 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (MU 4-7).



Map D9 Selkirk No Shooting Area (MUs 4-7 and 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou.



Map D8 Antlerless elk. Includes portions of 4-23. Detailed map available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>. There are several hunting/firearms restrictions in MU 4-23 (see Map D16).

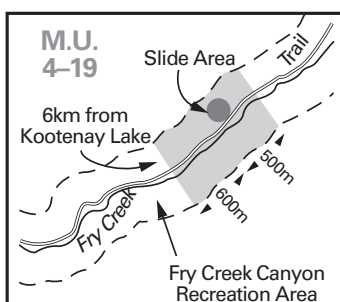


Map D10 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-17).

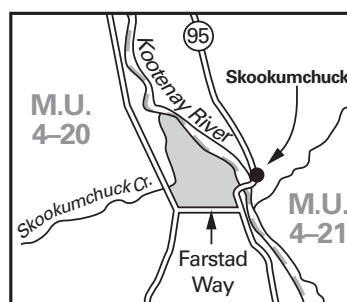


Map D11 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-19).

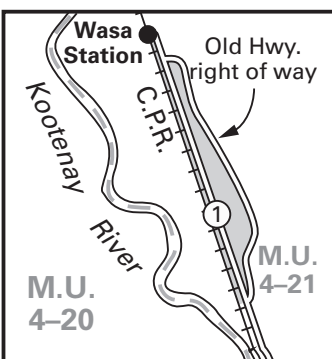
Region 4 Motor Vehicle Prohibition Maps are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/accessmaps.htm OR by contacting the regional office at 250-489-8540.



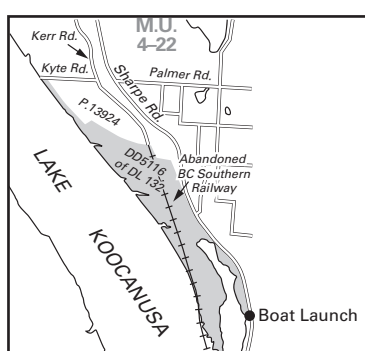
Map D12 Fry Creek No Shooting Area (MU 4-19).



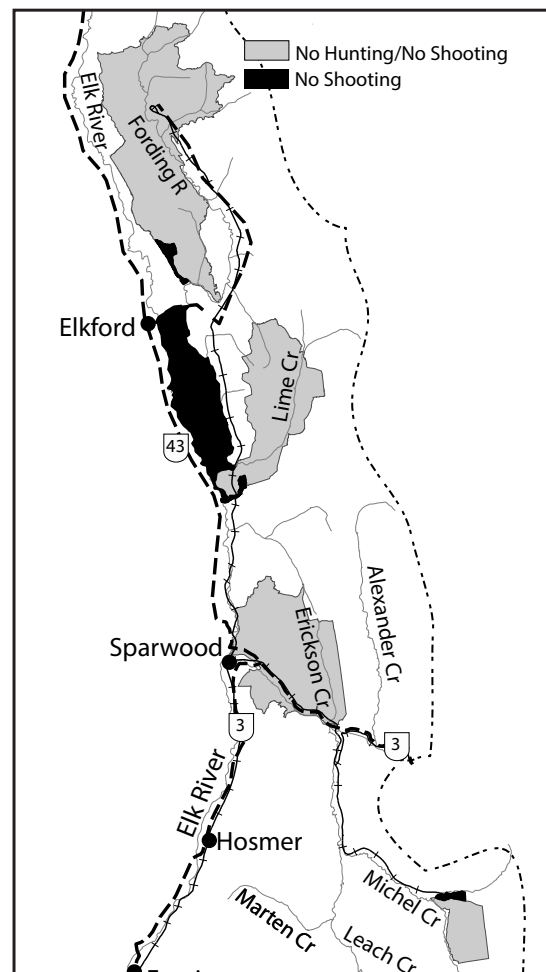
Map D13 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (MU 4-20).



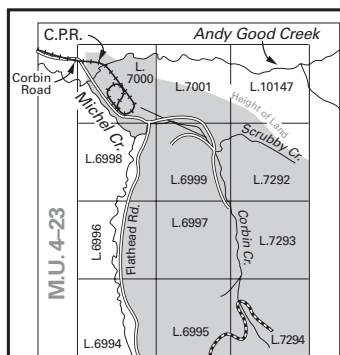
Map D14 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 4-21) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



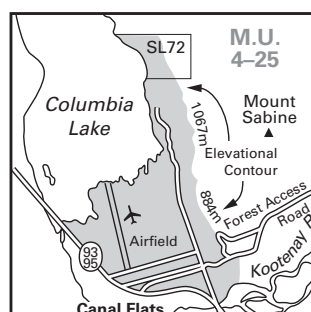
Map D15 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). That portion of MU 4-22 within the following described boundaries: DD5116 of DL132 including sand peninsula. Motorized use prohibited all year. Excluding public beaches #1 and #2, public access by land, water or air is prohibited April 15 to July 15. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to July 31. Boat launch ramp open only for launching watercraft not for use to access foreshore. "Waldo Cove Road" is open year-round.



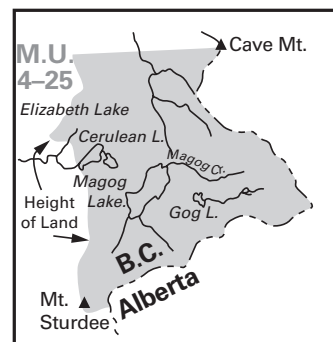
Map D16 Fording River, Greenhills, Line Creek, Elkview, Coal Mountain Operations No Hunting/No Shooting and No Shooting Areas (MU 4-23) are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry. Detailed maps for each mine are available at gate houses.



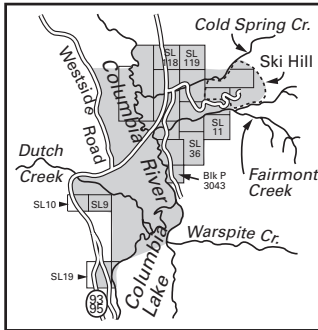
Map D17 Teck Coal Limited Coal Mountain Mine No Shooting Area (MU 4-23).



Map D18 Canal Flats Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 4-25).



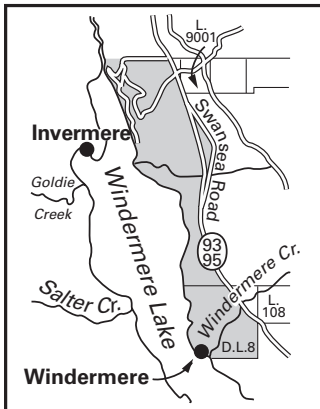
Map D19 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (MU 4-25).



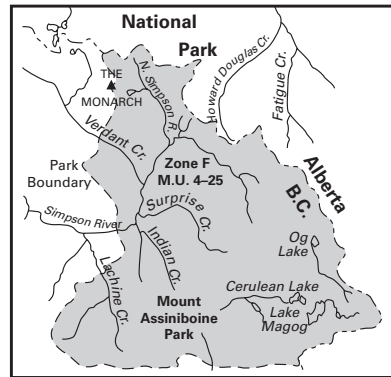
Map D20 Fairmont No Shooting Area (MU 4-25).



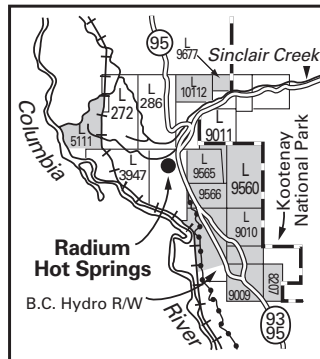
Map D21 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (MU 4-25).



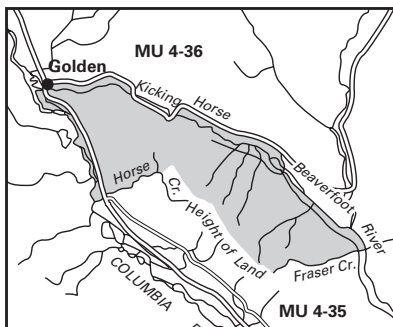
Map D23 Windermere No Shooting Area (MU 4-25).



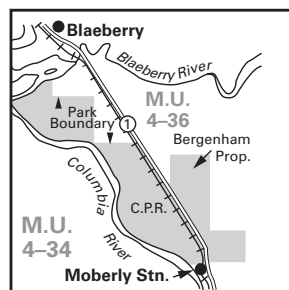
Map D24 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area (MU 4-25). Note a portion of this zone is closed to hunting (see map online).



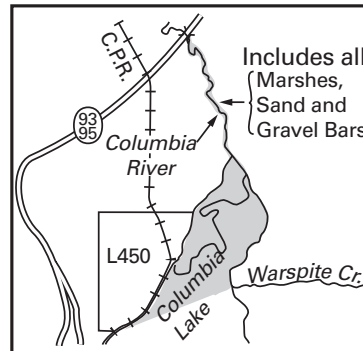
Map D26 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 4-25 and 4-35).



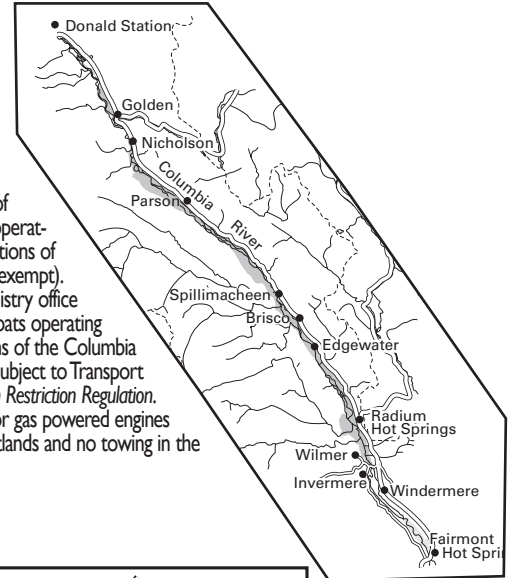
Map D29 Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35 south of the river and MU 4-36 north of the Kicking Horse River).



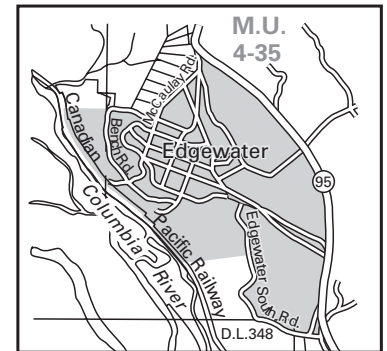
Map D30 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.



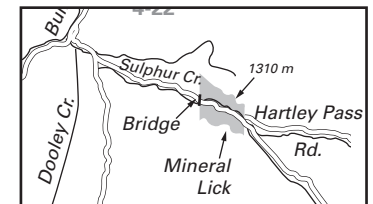
Map D25 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (MUs 4-25 and 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



Map D22 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MU 4-25). Closed to use of any conveyance which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). Contact Cranbrook Ministry office for more information. Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River and wetlands are subject to Transport Canada's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation. No boats with electric or gas powered engines are permitted in the wetlands and no towing in the main channel.



Map D28 Edgewater No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 4-35).



Map D31 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3 metres of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 metre elevation level of either side of that road.

Wild Sheep and Disease

Across most of their historic range in western North America, bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*), declined significantly between the mid-1800s and the mid-1900s. The causes of the decline included over harvesting as well as habitat alienation and health issues. Recovery efforts resulted in population increases in many areas, but not to historic levels. Bighorn sheep in B.C. remain on the BC Conservation Data Centre's provincial blue-list (i.e., the list of ecological communities, and indigenous species and subspecies of special concern in B.C.), partly because of their vulnerability to disease.

Wild sheep in general, both bighorn sheep and thimhorn sheep (*Ovis dalli*), are susceptible to a variety of infectious organisms, in particular those that cause respiratory diseases or pneumonia. Respiratory disease in wild sheep can occur “naturally” and includes infection by their own species of lungworms as well as bacteria. However, the syndrome of severe, life threatening pneumonia is associated with bacteria that include specific strains of *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*. These bacteria are carried by domestic sheep/goats where they may or may not cause disease due to adaptations from thousands of years of domestication. When wild sheep are exposed to such organisms they do not develop effective immune responses and pneumonia outbreaks can result in die-offs, affecting 5-95% of the herd. The disease may persist in survivors, resulting in years of low lamb survival and population declines. Research efforts have confirmed to North American wild sheep managers that physical separation of wild and domestic sheep/goats is the only management tool currently available to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

To assist in maintaining this separation, producers of domestic sheep and goats on private land in areas shared by wild sheep are encouraged to better understand this issue and to work with wildlife managers (see www.wafwa.org/Documents%20and%20Settings/37/Site%20Documents/Working%20Groups/Wild%20Sheep/Publications/Rec_For_DS_and_GT_Management_in_WS_Habitat.pdf). Options recommended in the publication include switching species to other domestic livestock, using fencing practices that prevent nose-to-nose contact between wild sheep and domestic sheep and goats, employing effective livestock guardian dogs and controlling movements of domestic sheep and goats in areas where they may attract, or be attracted to, wild sheep.

If you observe wild sheep displaying potential signs of poor health (i.e., excessive coughing, running noses, diarrhea, lethargy), or wild sheep that are in the same pasture as domestic sheep and goats, please report it to the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277, or the local FLNRORD Regional Office.

For more information on wild sheep and diseases, please see the documents and webpages developed by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (www.wafwa.org), the Wild Sheep Foundation (www.wildsheepfoundation.org) and the Wild Sheep Society of BC (www.wildsheepsociety.com). Further, see the Wild Sheep Society of BC's article in this synopsis on the collaborative BC Sheep Separation Program.

REGION 5

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season
 changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Removal of the 400m single projectile prohibition on the highway between Bella Coola and Tweedsmuir Park.
2. Revisions to bighorn sheep seasons in MU 5-4.
3. Rescind the Motor Vehicle for Hunting prohibition in MU 5-12.
4. Harmonized ATV/Snowmobile for Hunting Prohibitions in the Chilcotin.
5. Removal of the Doc English Gulch and Moffat-Spokin Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closures.
6. Closure of black bear season in Mussel Inlet, and shortened black bear seasons within 1km of Korich River, Kainet River, Lard River, and Salmon Bay.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
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 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

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Licences, please see page 24.**



COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Williams Lake, Bella Coola

Ministry Regional Office:

Williams Lake (MU's 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15): (250) 398-4530
 Nanaimo (MU's 5-7 to 5-11): (250) 751-7220

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Bella Coola, Quesnel, 100 Mile House and Williams Lake

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the Tsilhqot'in Nation a declaration of Aboriginal title. As a result, the status of these lands has changed and they are not publicly available for hunting at this time. Hunters are advised not to enter the Tsilhqot'in title area for the purpose of hunting. For a high resolution map of the Tsilhqot'in Title area please go to https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishing-and-hunting/important-notices/leh_scsa_36x48_5-5_legal_disclaimer.pdf

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 5

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and white-tailed deer are under Limited Entry Hunting only.

► **Wolf:** The bag limit for wolf is 3, except in MU's 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15 where there is no bag limit.

► **Bobcat:** The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

► In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all caribou taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Inspected. All moose taken in MUs 5-3 to 5-6 and 5-10 to 5-14 must be Compulsory Inspected. See page 21 for requirements.

FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

► No Shooting Areas: note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section on page 13.

► **No Shooting Areas** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the following areas:

- ☞ 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E1.
- ☞ Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E2.
- ☞ Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E4.
- ☞ Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake) (MU 5-2) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms - see Map E5.
- ☞ Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E3.
- ☞ Nekite River Spawning Channel (MU 5-7) - Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.
- ☞ Snootli Creek Park (MU 5-8)
- ☞ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9) - see Map E15.
- ☞ Stum Lake (MU 5-13) - Between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Stum (Pelican) Lake Park. The area includes all of Stum Lake below the high water mark and all of the islands.
- ☞ Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15) - see Map E23.

Ⓐ **Quarter Mile Single Projectile (Firearm) Closed Areas** The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile within 400 metres (1/4 mile) on either side of the road allowance is prohibited in the following areas. Use of firearms using shot permitted:

Ⓐ Robertson Road and any side roads (MU 5-2) from its intersection with Hwy 97 at DL 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersec-

tion with Hwy 97 at the village of McLeese Lake.

- Ⓐ Tatlayoko Road (MU 5-5) - either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.
- Ⓐ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (MU 5-5) - see Map E12.
- Ⓐ West Fraser Road (MU 5-13) - south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just north west of Rudy Johnson Bridge), see Map E19.
- Ⓐ Tibbles Road - see Map E18.
- Ⓐ West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-13. See Map E19.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters. It is the hunter's responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles, including electric bicycles, for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

✕ **ATVs and Snowmobile Closed Areas (See page 12):** year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

■ **ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles and electric bicycles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MU 5-2

- Access to Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the *Mines and Trespass Acts*.
- ★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

MU 5-3

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to Nov 30.
- ▲ Gaspard-West Churn Forest Service (3200) Road - restricted south of the junction of this road and Stobart Creek (bridge).
- ▲ Gaspard-Churn Creek Forest Service (2800) Road (including any side roads) - restricted south of Kilometre 35 of this Road.
- ★ Churn Creek Protected Area - Motor Vehicle Closed Area except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E8.
- ✕ Gaspard-Churn Creek except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E7.
- ★ Red Mountain & French Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area above the 1920 metre elevation.

MU 5-4

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to Nov 30.
- ▲ Groundhog FSR and any side roads, southerly from the 15.5 km point.
- ▲ Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and any side roads, westerly from the intersection of Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and Groundhog Creek.
- ▲ Battlement Ridge Mining Road - entire road, Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 only.
- Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See Map E9.

MU 5-5

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to Nov 30.
- ▲ Valleau Creek - see Map E11.
- ★ Potato Mountain - Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, except in Ts'il'os Park. See Map E10.
- ★ **Chilko-Newton Rd, from Henry's Crossing to Gwe Da Ts'ih Campground, Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.**

MU 5-6

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to Nov 30.

MU 5-8

- ▲ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.

MU 5-12

- ▲ Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from 66.5 km.
- ▲ Beef Trail Road.
- ★ Corkscrew Road - Except for industrial forestry purposes.
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to **Nov. 30**.

MU 5-13

- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to **Nov. 30**.

MU 5-12 and 5-13

- ★ Itcha Ilgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E25 (does not apply to a person who uses or operates a motor vehicle, except a snowmobile, for a commercial purpose other than hunting).

MU 5-14

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to **Nov 30**.
- ★ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E20. Commercial vehicles allowed for purposes other than hunting.

MU 5-15

- ★ Eureka Peak - Motor Vehicle Closed Area applies to the operation of all vehicles for any purpose - see Map E21. Snowmobiles are allowed in portions of the Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure from Dec 1 to Apr 30 - see www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/snowmobile-closures/.
- ▲ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from

the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.

- ▲ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road (South side of Crooked Lake) and any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.

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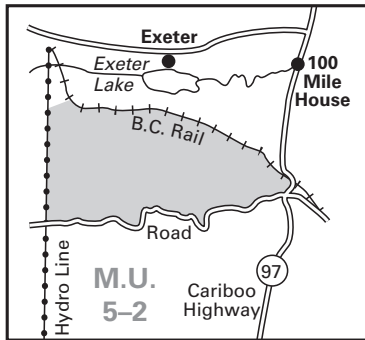
- ▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

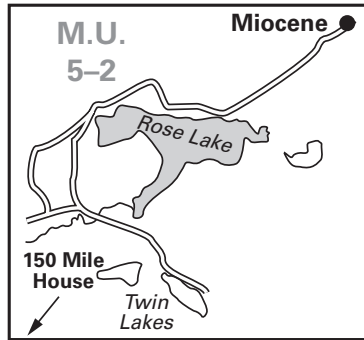
- ▶ **There is no open season for black bears in those portions of MU 5-9 being Mussel Inlet Special Management Area.**

CARIBOO GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

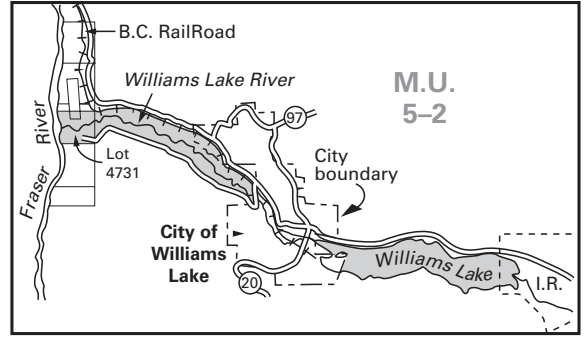
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1	
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30		
	5-7 to 5-9	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31		
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks		Sept 1 - Sept 9
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks		Dec 1 - Dec 10
Bow Only	5-8, 5-11▲	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 24		
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E17.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1	
Youth Only*	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10		
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
Compulsory Inspection required.					
MOUNTAIN GOAT	*5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	
* See Maps E10, E14, E22. See LEH. Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10*, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2	
	5-1 to 5-10*, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - June 30		
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-11		Apr 1 - May 31		
* Parts of 5-9: Mussell Inlet Special Management Area is closed to black bear hunting. Open season for black bear within 1km of Korich River, Kainet River, Lard River and Salmon Bay is Apr 1 to Apr 30 and Oct 16 to Nov 30.					
WOLF	5-7 to 5-9		Apr 1 - June 15	3	
	5-7 to 5-9		Aug 1 - Mar 31		
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season		
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL	
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1	
Compulsory Reporting required.					
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Apr 30	2	
	5-11		Nov 15 - Mar 31		
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1	
Compulsory Reporting required.					
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)	
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL	
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.					
GROUSE: SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)	
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.					
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)	
See closed areas in MUs 5-3 and 5-14, Maps E7 and E24.					
PTARMIGAN	5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 1	5 (15)	
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	5-3		Sept 10 - Nov 20	5 (15)	
RAVEN	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Mar 1 - Mar 31	5	
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - May 31		
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.					
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021	10 each (30 each)	
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021	8 (24)	
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.					
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S,	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021	5 (15)	
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021		
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021		
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)					
DUCKS and GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 11, 2021 - Sept 12, 2021	★	
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.					



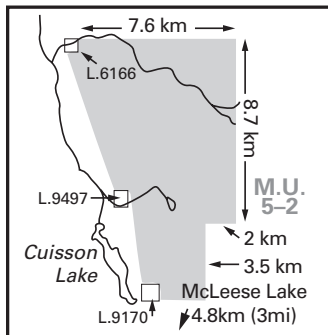
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



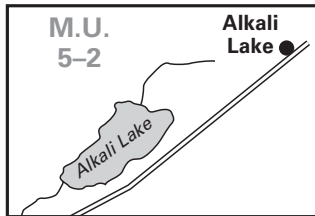
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



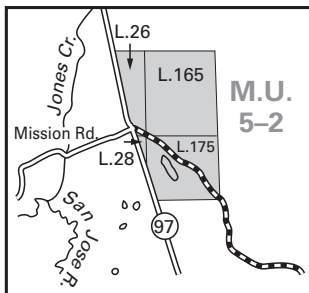
Map E3 Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2).



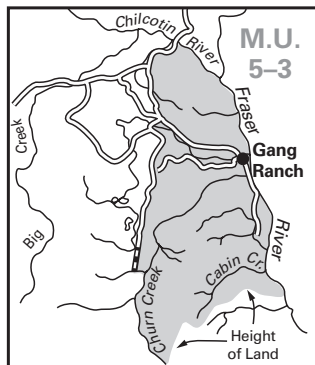
Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No shooting area (MU 5-2).



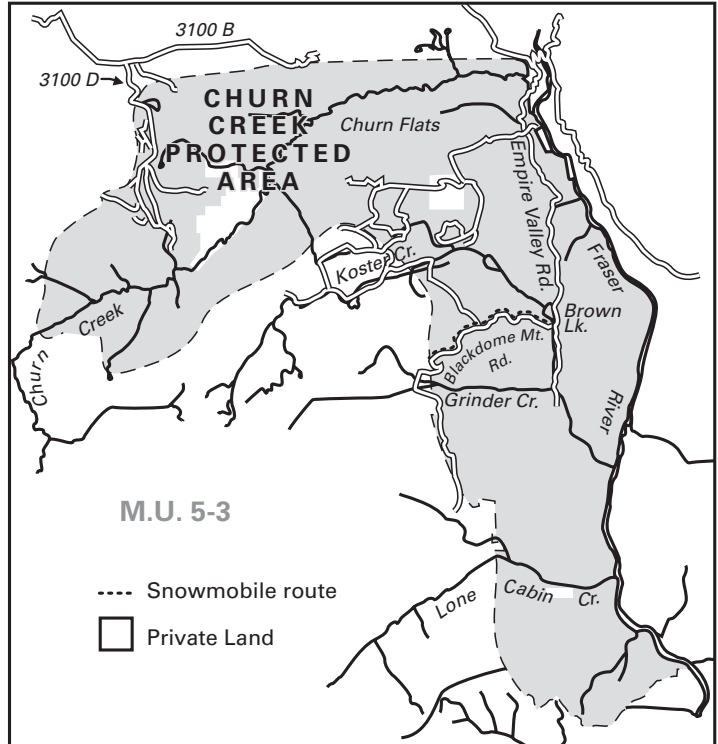
Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (MU 5-2). No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



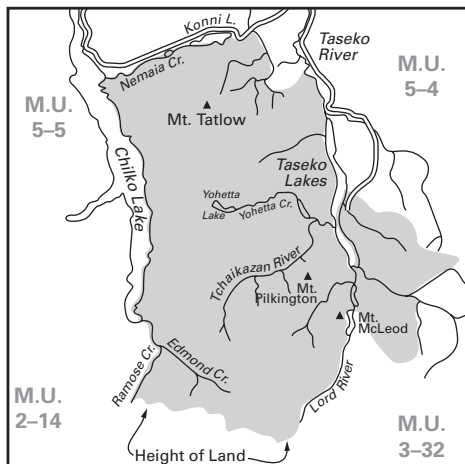
Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-2). Road shown as dashed line is open.



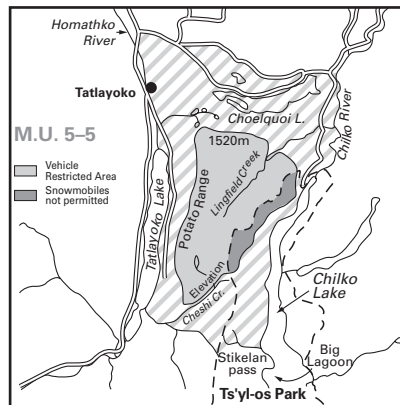
Map E7 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (MU 5-3).



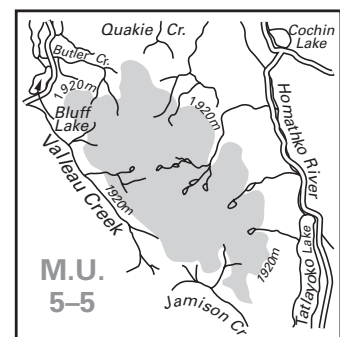
Map E8 Churn Creek Protected Area (MU 5-3). Motor Vehicle Closed Area except on designated roads.



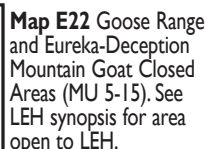
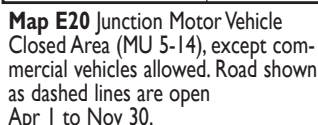
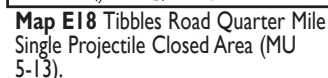
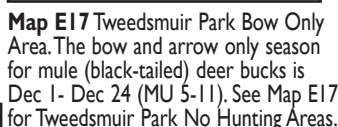
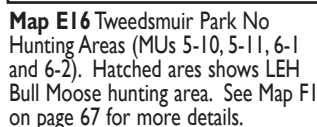
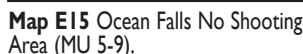
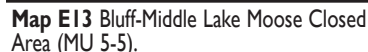
Map E9 Taseko-Chilko Lake ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area (MU 5-4).

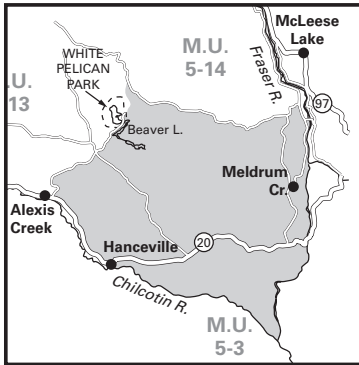


Map E10 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 metre elevation in this area, year-round. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Mar 31 except in Ts'yl-os Park.

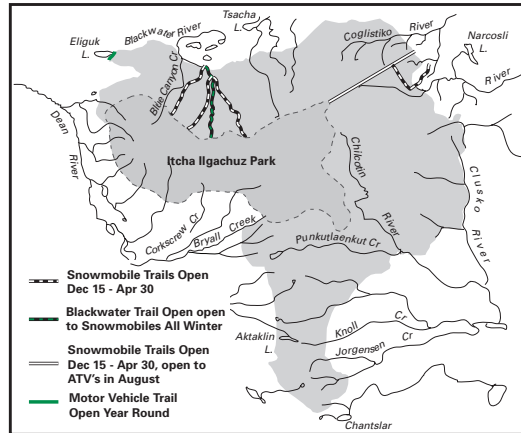


Map E11 Valleau Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-5).





Map E24 Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (MU 5-14).



Map E25 Itcha Ilgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 5-12 and 5-13). Closed year-round to the operation of motor vehicles except: ATV trail to the north-eastern edge of Itcha Ilgachuz Park open in August; snowmobile trails open from Dec 15-Apr 30 except the Blackwater Trail which is open to snowmobiles as soon as passable; motor vehicle track on the north western edge open all year. Commercial vehicles are exempt for purposes other than hunting.

NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

In order to ensure the sustainability of bear hunting, bear hunters are requested to:

1. Be patient. Don't shoot the moment you see a bear!
2. Observe carefully and select an adult, male bear. Bears can look deceptively large. Adult males have larger home ranges and will tend to be encountered less frequently than females and younger males.
3. Be aware that there is no open season on any bear less than two years old or any bear in its company (i.e., the sow). Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.
4. Be aware there is no open season on grizzly bear or white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.

Small/Young Bears

- Appear to be "all legs".
- Frequently look over shoulder or turn around.
- More streamlined, pointed head.
- Ears look larger and closer together.
- Neck appears longer and thinner.
- Ears-to-nose lines form a skinny triangle



5. Contact the nearest Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio-collared bear. See Ear Tags and Collars section, page 14.

Large/Adult Male Bears

- Stocky legs
- Massive body with belly that hangs closer to the ground
- Slower, more deliberate movements
- Large, rounded head (like a basketball)
- Ears look smaller
- Thicker neck
- Ear-to-nose lines form an equilateral triangle



For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Closure of caribou general open season in MU 6-27.
2. Clarification of moose hunting boundaries in MUs 6-22 to 6-24.
3. Revised No Shooting boundaries for the Smithers Community Forest and Hudson Bay Mountain.
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CI Locations: Atlin, Dease Lake, Smithers and Terrace
Ministry Regional Office: Smithers:(250) 847-7260
 Nanaimo: (MU's 6-12 and 6-13)(250) 751-7220

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REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit and possession limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, of which only one may be a buck and only one may be antlerless, except in MUs 6-12 and 6-13, where the bag limit is 15 and possession limit is 5. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Cougar:** The bag limit for cougar is 1.

► **Black Bear:** The bag limit for black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 1 per licence year.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

▼ Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife is prohibited in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30 year-round.

► Snowmobiles may be used as transport vehicles while hunting wildlife, transporting wildlife, transporting equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife in MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-7, 6-10 to 6-14 and 6-16 to 6-29.

► The use of snowmobiles is permitted to transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies or transport hunter to and from the location of wildlife in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30 from Dec 16 to Mar 31 only.

Year-round Motor Vehicle Closed Area (See page 12):

Year-round above 1400 metres in elevation on Tsatia Mountain (MU 6-20), Klastine Plateau (MU 6-21), Level Mountain (MU 6-22, 6-26) and Gnat Pass on the east side of Hwy 37 (MU 6-19). This applies to both road and off-road areas.

Seasonal Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12)

From May 1 to Nov 15, the operation of all motor vehicles is only allowed within 400 metres on either side of the road/trail, or 10 metres on either side of the road/trail as stated, when the road/trail is accessed from the point of commencement as described below:

► Jade/Boulder Mining Access Road (MU 6-19), commencing at the junction of that road and Hwy 37 to the height of land at Cariboo Pass that separates the watershed of the Turnagain River from the watershed of the Tanzilla River.

► Middle Range Road (MU 6-19), commencing at the junction with Jade/Boulder Road, to 400 m from the ends of the trail at N 58° 20' 48.36" and W 129° 36' 49.44"; N 58° 19' 5.90" and W 129° 37' 18.84"; and N 58° 19' 27.42" and W 129° 42' 28.74".

► Goldpan Road (MU 6-23), commencing at the junction with Hwy 37, to where it crosses Little Eagle River.

► Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24), commencing

at N 58° 48' 12.36" and W 130° 8' 56.21", to a point 400 metres beyond the end of both roads, and including the road leading to Porcupine Lake.

► Hot Lakes Road (MU 6-24), commencing at Highway 37 to N 59° 29' 1.8" and W 129° 38' 3.6" (start of alpine), then within 10 metres of either side to 10 metres from the end of the trail at N 59° 30' 13.5" and W 129° 32' 12.0".

► Cassiar Townsite/Quartzrock Creek Access Trail (MU 6-24), commencing at the junction of Quartzrock Creek Road and Highway 37 to N 59° 22' 37.53" and W 129° 42' 37.97" (height of land), then within 10 metres of either side of the trail and side trails to 10 metres from the end at N 59° 19' 34.74" and W 129° 50' 25.75".

► Midway Mine Access Trail (MU 6-24), commencing at N 59° 55' 39.96" and W 130° 26' 13.44" to 400 metres from its end at a point 5 km north of the Little Rancheria River: See Map F33.

► One Ace mountain mining Access Road (MU 6-24), commencing near the junction with Highway 37 at N 59° 52' 49.51" and W 129° 10' 13.0" to 400 metres from the end of the trail and side trails at N 59° 48' 37.55" and W 129° 36' 53.89"; at N 59° 50' 5.76" and W 129° 37' 56.09"; and N 59° 55' 35.54" and W 129° 32' 13.82".

▲ Netalzul Mountain Area Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 6-8) above 1500 metres from Oct. 1 to Apr. 30 (see Map F6).

◆ Telkwa Mountains Area (MU 6-9) year-round Motor Vehicle Closed Area with the exception of Grizzly Plateau (open Nov. 1 to April 30) and the Meat Cache (open Dec. 14 to April 1). See Map F10.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Hunters may encounter locked gates that prevent access to certain areas. Most gates have been erected legally as part of local planning processes. Hunters should check with local government ministries and/or logging companies on gate locations or other restrictions.

► First Nations wish to urge hunters to use caution and respect when hunting in traditional territories in the Skeena Region. Please watch for local residents and leave your campsites clean.

► Mule deer hunters are strongly encouraged to submit a front incisor tooth (including the root) and a photograph of the antlers to any Skeena Ministry office [Regional office: 3726 Alfred Avenue, Smithers (drop off tooth - please do not mail)]. A lack of harvest data increases the risk that mule deer seasons will become more restrictive.

► The Nisga'a Government wishes to urge hunters to use caution when hunting in the Nass Valley, because there may be a large number of people picking mushrooms during the hunting

season.

► Access to the Endako Mines and Huckleberry Mines Sites (MU 6-4) is prohibited under the *Mines and Trespass Acts*.

► Hunters should check regional maps for No Shooting and No Hunting Areas that might apply in areas they wish to hunt (pages 67 - 71). Hunters should note closures in the No Shooting and No Hunting Areas section on page 13.

► Hunters should be aware that the discharge of a firearm is prohibited within 400 metres of either side of the road allowance of Granisle Highway (Hwy 118) between Topley and Granisle (MU 6-8).

► The hunting of all wildlife is prohibited within 2 km of either side of the Muddy Lake/Golden Bear Access Rd (MUs 6-22, 6-26).

► White and blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear are closed to hunting. Note that these animals are rarely pure in colour and are usually somewhat dirty. Hunters should pass up any very light-coloured black bear.

► Lucy Island (in the vicinity of Langara Island, Haida Gwaii) is a Wildlife Sanctuary and hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are prohibited (MU 6-13).

► Please avoid shooting collared wildlife. See page 14.

NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

► There is no open season for black bears in those portions of MU 6-3 being Gribbell Island, Kitasoo Spirit Bear Conservancy on Princess Royal Island, or within 1 km of the Whalen Estuary on Princess Royal Island.

NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS

► There is no open season for moose during the period Sept. 25 to Oct. 10, within 400 metres of the shore of and over that portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Lake (also known as Burial Island), and including Shaman Island (MU 6-25). See Map F35.

NATIONAL PARKS

► Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks this includes Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site.

BC PARKS

► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.



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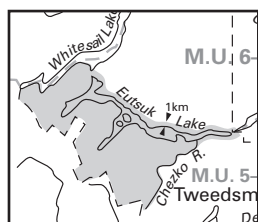
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SKEENA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

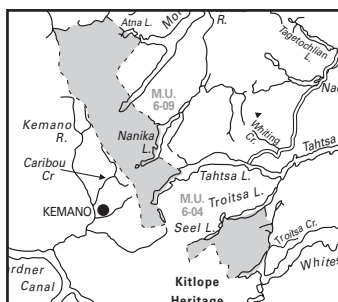
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	6-12, 6-13	Bucks	June 1 - Feb 28	◆15 (15)	
	6-12, 6-13	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Feb 28		
	▼6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Sept 10 – Sept 30		
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	▼6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 19		
	6-7 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Oct 20 - Nov 30		
	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-6	4 Point Bucks★	Oct 20 – Nov 15		
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10		
	6-7 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Dec 1 - Dec 10		
Bow Only	6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Antlerless	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1	
▼See Notice to Hunters, page 65, regarding request for harvest data. ★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ◆ The possession limit for deer in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 5 - see Deer Licences section on page 8.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1	
Youth Only*	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9		
Bow Only	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9		
Bow Only	6-3, 6-7 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Either Sex	Dec 1 – Dec 20		
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
MOOSE	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls	Oct 20 - Oct 22	1	
	▲▼6-17 to 6-29	Bulls	Aug 23 - Oct 31		
	▼6-25**, 6-27**	Bulls ♣	Aug 23 - Sept 15		
	◆6-19, ◆6-23, 6-28+, 6-29+	Bulls ♣	Sept 1 - Oct 31		
	6-21 to 6-24★	Bulls ♣	Sept 1 - Sept 30		
	6-21 to 6-24★, ▼6-25**, 6-27**	Bulls ♣	Oct 16 - Oct 31		
	Bow Only	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls		Sept 1 - Sept 9
	Bow Only	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls		Nov 16 - Nov 20
Compulsory Inspection required for Moose taken in MUs 6-1 to 6-11, 6-15, 6-17 to 6-30. + Antler restricted season applies to those areas within the Haines Highway area only, see Map F41. ▲ Hunters Note: Parts of several MUs have special regulations, are closed to Moose hunting or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F14, F35, F43, F44, F45, F46; the bull moose season in that portion of MU 6-2 within Tweedsmuir Park is Oct. 20 to Nov. 15, see Map F1; the bull moose season in those portions of MUs 6-3 and 6-11 outside of the Smithers LEH Area is Sept. 10 to Nov. 15, see Map F14 ▼ A portion of MU 6-25 is closed to hunting of moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10. See Notice to Moose Hunters page 65, see Map F35. ** This antler restricted season applies to those areas within the Atlin Lake Moose Area only, see Map F46. ◆ This antler restricted season applies to the cross hatched area of Map F44. ★ This antler restricted season applies to those areas within the Dease River/Liard River Moose Area and Iskut River Moose Area, see Maps F44 and F45. ♣ Open only for bull moose (a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("Spike-fork bull moose"), (b) having antlers with at least three point (tines) on one brow palm ("Tripalm bull moose") or (c) having at least one antler with a minimum of 10 points (tine), including the brow palm. See definitions section: Moose. The antlers must accompany the species licences, see Maps F41, F44 and F46.					
Detailed maps are available online at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis#maps					
ELK	6-13	Bulls	Sept 15 - Nov 15	1	
Bow Only	6-13	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 14		

SKEENA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	6-17, ▲6-18 to 6-26, ★6-27	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
★ A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F37. ▲ Parts of several MUs are open by LEH authorization only and/or have special restrictions. See Maps F27, F28, F31, F37 and F39. Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	▲6-7, 6-17 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
	▲6-3, 6-11, 6-14 to ★6-16, ★★6-9, +6-4		Aug 1 - Nov 15	
	*6-14		Aug 1 - Feb 28	
Aug. 15-Oct. 19 Bow Only Season in part of MU 6-8 - see Map F4. * Part of MU 6-14 only see Map F22. ▲ Parts of several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F13, F22, F24, F28, F30, F31, F32, F34, F39 and F40. ★ Portion of 6-16 closed. See Map F24. ★★ Part of MU 6-9 only, see Map F2. + Part of MU 6-4 only see Map F2. Compulsory Inspection required				
CARIBOU	*6-17 to *6-20, *6-22 to 6-26▲	★5 point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
Compulsory Inspection required. ★ See Definitions section: Caribou. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ Parts of MUs 6-18, 6-25 and 6-26 closed to Caribou hunting, see Map F25 and Map F39. * Parts of MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-25 and 6-26 are open by LEH authorization only, see Maps F27 and F36				
BLACK BEAR	▲6-1 to 6-11+, 6-14 to 6-30		Aug 15 - Nov 30	2
	▲6-1 to 6-11+, 6-14 to 6-30		Apr 1 - June 30	
+ Parts of 6-3: open season for black bear within 1km of Bolin Bay, Butedale, Green Lagoon, Khutze Estuary is Apr 1 to Apr 30 and Oct 16 to Nov 30 ▲ Parts of MU 6-3: Gribbell Island, Kitsoo Spirit Bear Conservancy, the Whalen Estuary and all lands within 1 km of the estuary are closed to black bear hunting.				
WOLF	6-1 to 6-30		★ Aug 1 - June 15	3
★ In that portion of MUs 6-1 and 6-2 being Tweedsmuir Park, the open season for wolf is Sept 1 - Mar 31				
COUGAR	6-1 to 6-11		Sept 10 - Apr 30	1
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required. The cougar season will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that during the current licence year the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 5.				
COYOTE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Mar 31	10
WOLVERINE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 15 - Feb 28	1
LYNX	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15 to 6-30		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
RACCOON	6-12, 6-13		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	6-1 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
GROUSE: SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 10 - Nov 15	10 (30)
	6-12, 6-13		Sept 10 - Nov 15	5 (15)
	Bow Only 6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Sept 9	10 (30)
	Bow Only 6-12, 6-13		Sept 1 - Sept 9	5 (15)
	The daily aggregate bag limit in MUs 6-1 to 6-11 and 6-14 to 6-30 is 10 and the aggregate possession limit is 30 The daily aggregate bag limit in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 5 and the aggregate possession limit is 15			
PTARMIGAN	6-1 to 6-6, 6-8 to 6-11, 6-15 and 6-30		Aug 15 - Feb 28	5 (15)
	6-7, 6-14, 6-16 to 6-29		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept 1 - Sept 3, 2021 / Sept 6 - Nov 30, 2021		10 each (30 each)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 13, 2022		
DUCKS	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept 1 - Sept 3, 2021 / Sept 6 - Nov 30, 2021		8 (24)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 13, 2022		
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept 1 - Sept 3, 2021 / Sept 6 - Nov 30, 2021		5 (15)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 13, 2022		
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept 1 - Sept 3, 2021 / Sept 6 - Nov 30, 2021		5 (15)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 13, 2022		
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept 1 - Sept 3, 2021 / Sept 6 - Nov 30, 2021		10 (30)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 13, 2022		
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 5, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



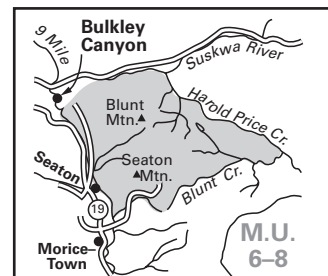
Map F1 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (MUs 6-1 and 6-2). The general open hunting season for bull moose in that portion of 6-2 located within Tweedsmuir Park is Oct 20 to Nov 15.



Map F2 General Open Season Areas for Mountain Goat (portions of MUs 6-04 and 6-09)

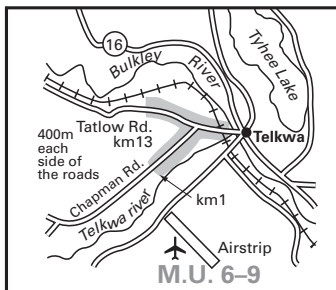


Map F3 Babine River No Shooting Area (year-round) 1 km on either side of river (MU 6-8).

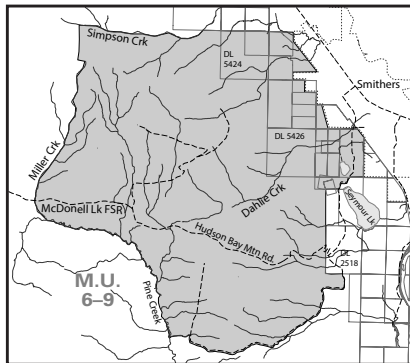


Map F4 Blunt Mountain Special Bow Only Season (MU 6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 to Oct. 19.

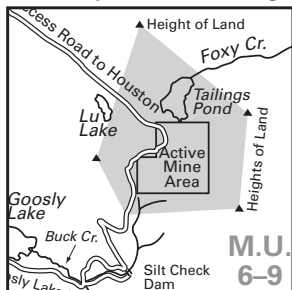
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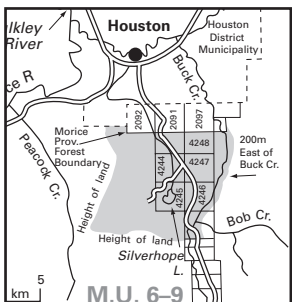
Map F5 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area
0.4 km either side of road (MU 6-9).



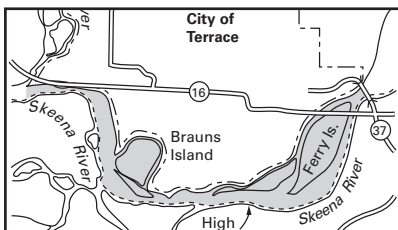
Map F9 Hudson Bay Mountain and Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (MU 6-9).



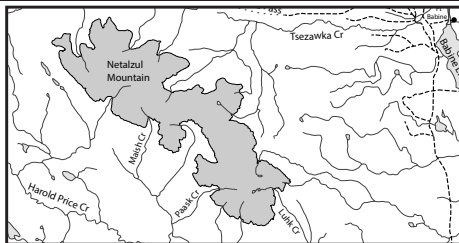
Map F11 Equity Mines Property No Shooting Area (MU 6-9).



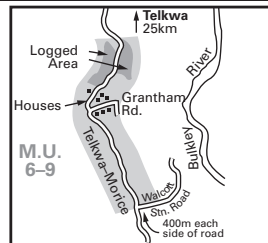
Map F12 Houston Community Forest No Shooting Area (MU 6-9).



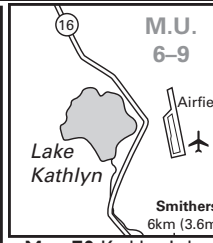
Map F15 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (MUs 6-11 and 6-15).



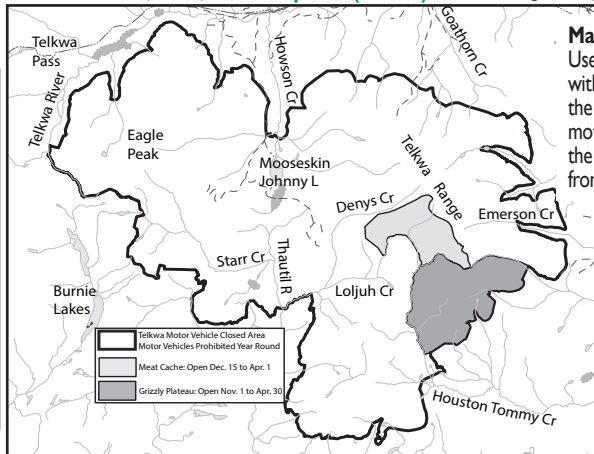
Map F6 Netalzul Mountain Motor Vehicle Prohibition above 1,500m, Oct. 1 - Apr 30. (MU 6-8)



Map F7 Grantham Road No Shooting Area (MU 6-9).

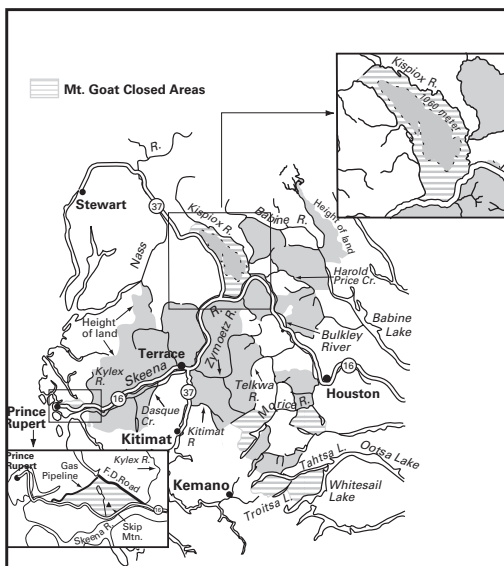


Map F8 Kathryn Lake No Shooting Area (MU 6-9).

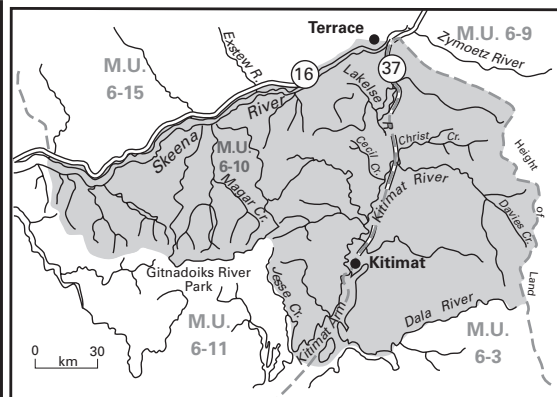


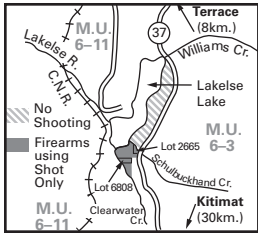
Map F10 Telkwa Mountains Area (MU 6-9)
Use of motor vehicles prohibited year-round with the exception of Grizzly Plateau and the Meat Cache. Grizzly Plateau is open to motor vehicles from Nov 1 to Apr 30 and the Meat Cache is open to motor vehicles from Dec 14 to Apr 1.

Map F14 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting area (MUs 6-10 and portions of 6-3 and 6-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Oct 20 to Oct 22 only. For those portions of MUs 6-3 and 6-11 that are outside of the shaded Smithers Bull Moose LEH area, the general open season for bull moose is Sept 10 to Nov 15.

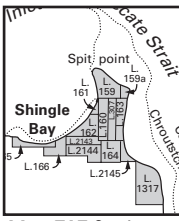


Map F13 Skeena and Babine Mtn. Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only areas (MUs 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15 and 6-30) and Mountain Goat Closed Area in MU 6-30.
Note: no open season for mountain goats on Skip Mountain (MU 6-14).

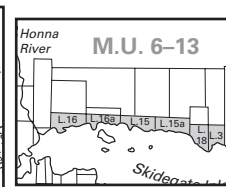




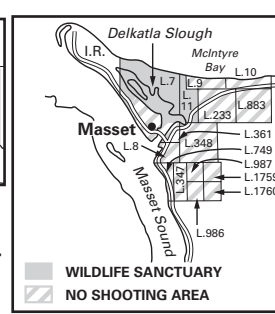
Map F16 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 6-11).



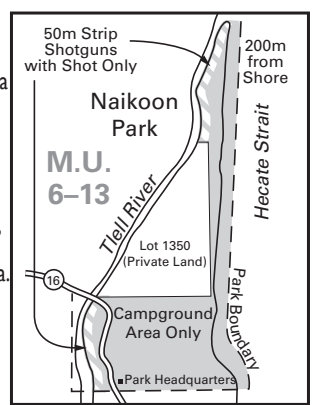
Map F17 Sandspit No Shooting Area (MU 6-12).



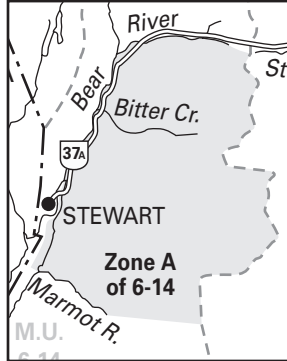
Map F18 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (MU 6-13).



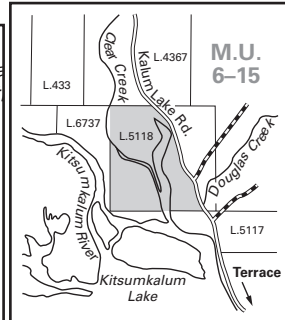
Map F19 Masset No Shooting Area (MU 6-13) and Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



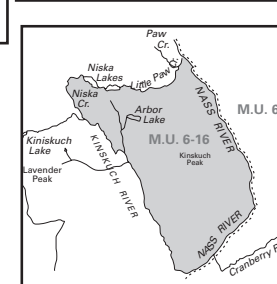
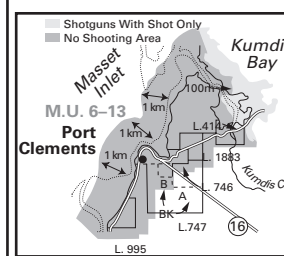
Map F21 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 6-13). The 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tlell River are open for Firearms Using Shot Only as indicated on map (closed along Hwy).



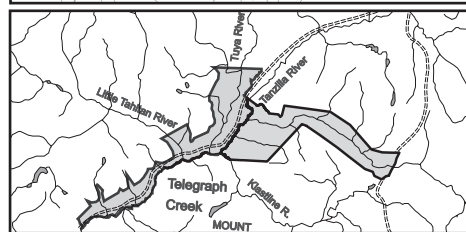
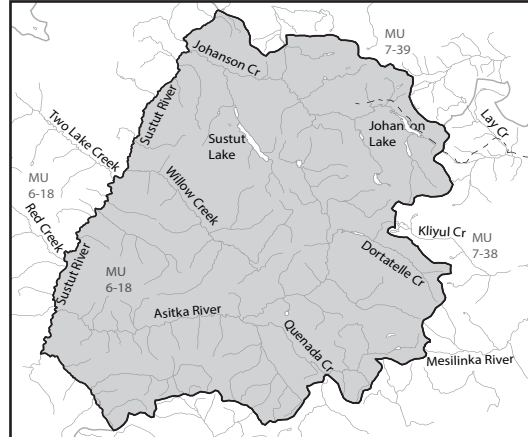
Map F22 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Area. This portion of MU 6-14 is open Aug 1 - Feb 28



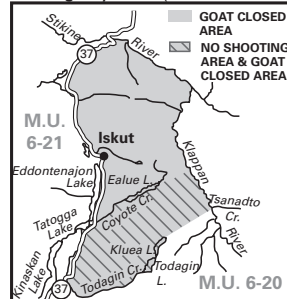
Map F23 North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 6-15).



Map F25 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in parts of MU 6-18

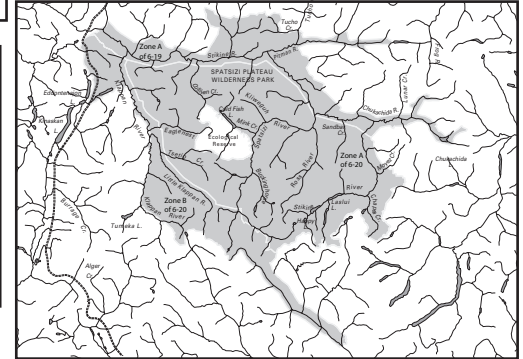
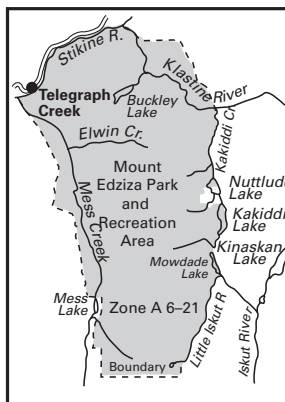


Map F27 Spatsizi Mountain Sheep and Caribou Limited Entry Hunting only areas (MUs 6-19 and 6-20). See Map F29.

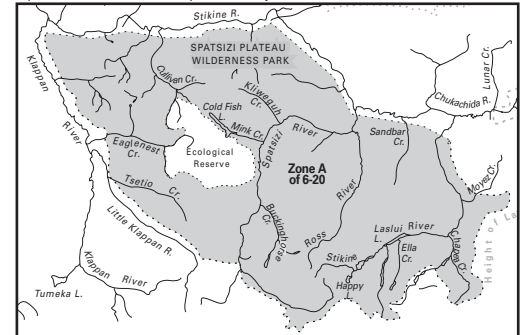


Map F28 Todagin Mountain No Shooting/ Archery only Area and Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 6-20). See page 65 for mining access road restrictions.

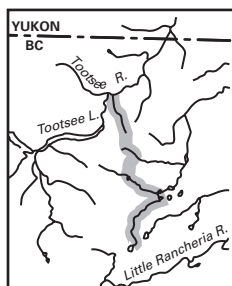
Map F31 Mt. Edziza Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only areas (MU 6-21).



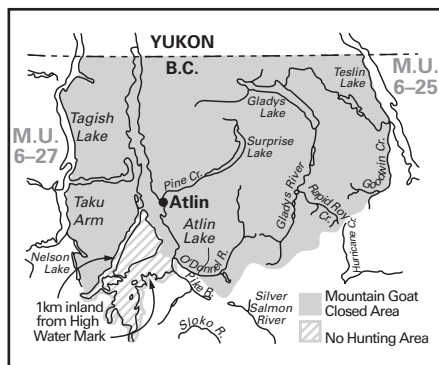
Map F29 Spatsizi (-Gladys Lake) Ecological Reserve No Hunting Area (MU 6-20). Cold Fish Lake Camp No Shooting Area: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1 km of Cold Fish Lake Camp.



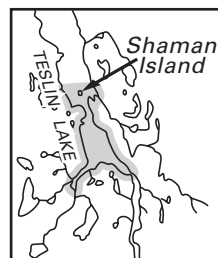
Map F30 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area. The Dawson area (shaded) is general open season for Mountain Goat (MUs 6-19 and 6-20).



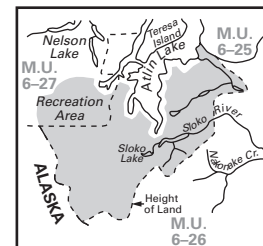
Map F33 Midway Mine Access Trail (MU 6-24). See page 65.



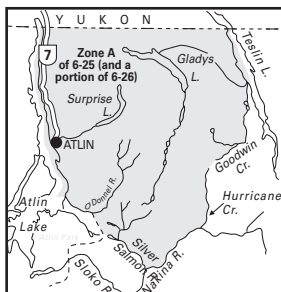
Map F34 Atlin Mountain Goat Closed Area and No Hunting Area (MUs 6-25, 6-27).



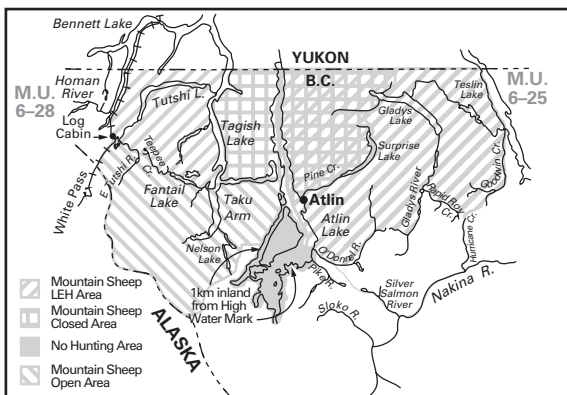
Map F35 Teslin Lake Moose Closed Area (MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 with 400 metre of the shore of and over the portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (Burial Island) and including Shaman Island.



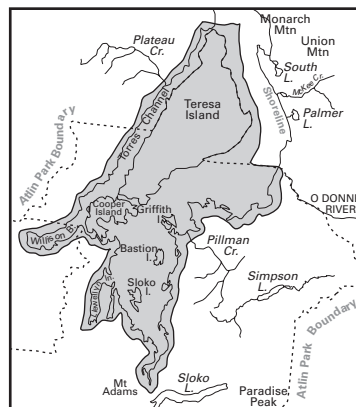
Map F39 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (MUs 6-25, 6-26 and 6-27).



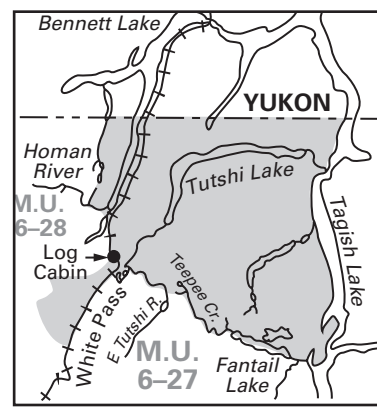
Map F36 Atlin Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



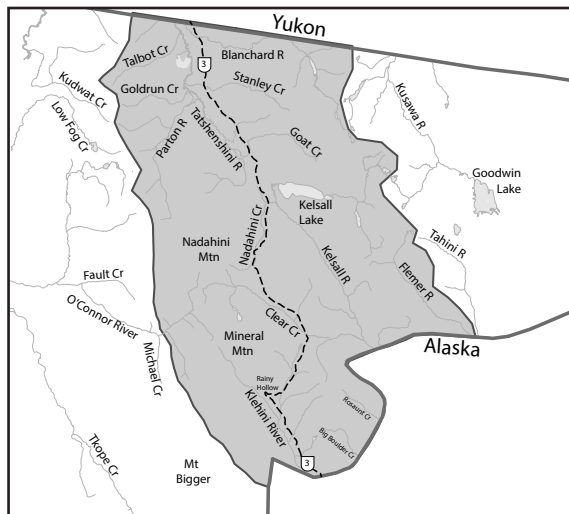
Map F37 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area (MUs 6-25 and 6-27).



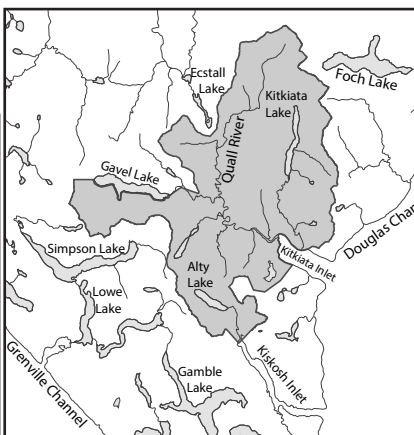
Map F38 Atlin Park No Hunting Area in portions of MUs 6-25 and 6-27.



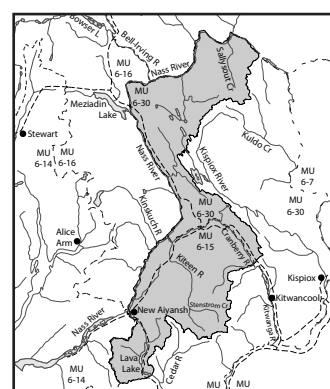
Map F40 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (MUs 6-27 and 6-28).



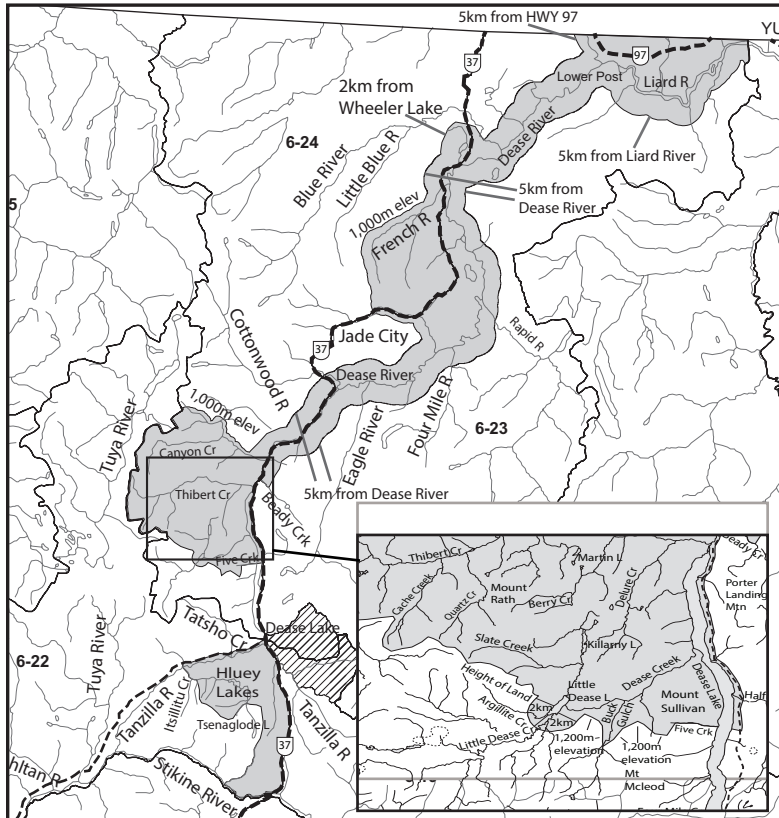
Map F41 Haines Highway Area Moose Restricted Area, August 23-31 open for any bull. September 1 - October 31 open for spike-fork, tri-palm, or 10 point bull only (MUs 6-28 and 6-29).



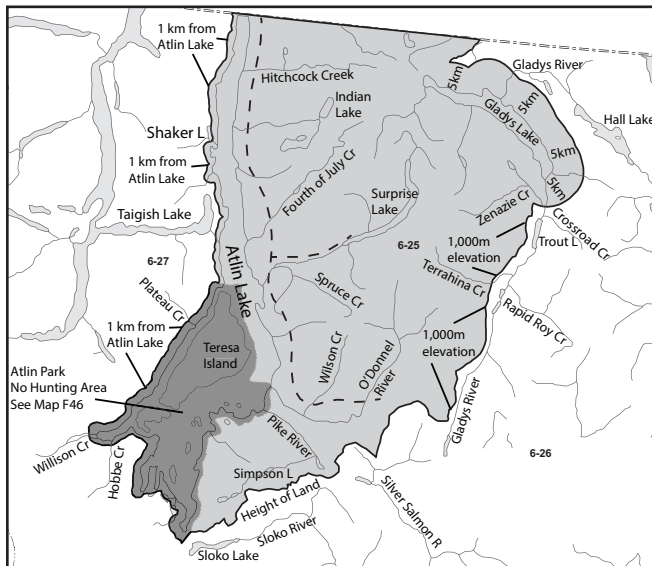
Map F42 K'waal Kitkiata No Hunting Area from January 1 to October 31.



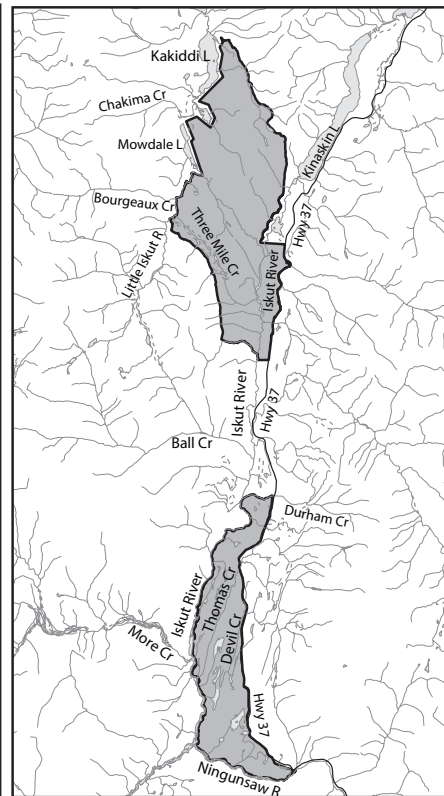
Map F43 Moose No Hunting Areas (portions of MUs 6-15 and 6-30).



Map F44 Dease River/Liard River/Jade Boulder Moose Area (MUs 6-19, 6-22, 6-23 and 6-24)



Map F46 Atlin Lake Moose Area (MUs 6-25 and 6-27)



Map F45 Iskut River Moose Area (MU 6-21)

Iskut River, Dease/Liard Rivers, and Atlin Lake Moose Areas Hunting Seasons

Jade/Boulder (grey cross hatch portion of Map F44):

Aug. 23-Aug 31: Any Bull

Sept. 1-Oct. 31: Spike-fork, tripalm, 10 point

Dease River/Liard River and Iskut River (Maps F44 and F45):

Aug. 23-Aug 31: Any Bull;

Sept. 1-Sept. 30, Oct. 16-Oct. 31: Spike-fork, tripalm, 10 point

Oct. 1-Oct. 15: No Moose Hunting

Atlin Lake (Map F46):

Aug. 23-Sept. 15, Oct. 16-Oct. 31: Spike-fork, tripalm, 10 point

Sept. 16 - Sept. 30: Any Bull

Oct. 1 - Oct. 15: No Moose Hunting

Oct. 16 - Oct. 31: Spike-fork, tripalm, 10 point

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Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season changes
prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Prince George, McBride, Vanderhoof

Ministry Regional Office, Prince George: . . . (250) 614-7400

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Mackenzie, Prince George and Vanderhoof

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

McLeod Lake Indian Band asks hunters to respect their Treaty Settlement Lands. Access to these lands require permission from the local Band Office and it is the hunter's responsibility to be aware of these Treaty Settlement Lands / Indian Reserves. For more information visit <https://www.mlib.ca/departments/land-referral/land-referral-overview/hunter-information>.

For persons hunting in MUs 7-29 (north of Nation River), 7-37 or 7-38 you will be within the traditional territory of the Tsay Keh Dene Nation. For persons hunting in MUs 7-39 to 7-41 you will be within either the traditional territory of the Kwadacha or Tsay Keh Dene Nation depending on your location. Before you hunt, please check at the appropriate Nation's office, by phone or email, to receive important information pertinent to their safety and environmental concerns.

Tsay Keh Dene Nation (TKDN) offers a voluntary Licensed Hunter Registration System for those hunting in TKDN territory. This system informs the Nation of hunting and harvest statistics while providing a safety and communication resource for hunters. To access the system, we ask hunters to please visit <http://fishandwildlife.tsaykeh.com/register/>. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the department of Lands, Resources, and Treaty Operations manager Evan MacKinnon at evan.mackinnon@tkdb.ca or (250) 562-8882.

If you will be hunting in the Kwadacha Nation's territory, contact Shawna Case, Lands and Resources Officer, in Kwadacha at (250) 471-2302 or kfnref@gmail.com or visit www.kwadacha.com for more information.

For information on Wildlife
Permits and Commercial
Licences, please see page 24.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

- I. Adjusted boundaries for the mountain goat closures on Driftwood, Blanchet, and Mitchell Mountain Ranges (MUs 7-27 and 7-28).



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
Please see Notice on
page 26 for details

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer in Region 7A is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), ruffed is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they are available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Vanderhoof Access Management Plan is available at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/land-use/land-use-plans-objectives/omineca-region/vanderhoof-lrmp/vanderhoof-amp

► There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region. See definitions of "motor vehicle", "ATV" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

► Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12 and regional maps).

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12).**

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles, including **electric bicycles** for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended

for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

◆ **ATVs for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles and **electric bicycles**) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of snowmobiles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-39

▼ from Mar. 31 to Nov. 30.

MU 7-3 and 7-17

▲ Morkill Forest Road during the periods April 15 to June 30 and August 15 to November 30.

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:30 am to 8:00am from Aug. 15 - 31
- ◆ 5:30 am to 9:00am from Sept. 1 - 30
- ◆ 6:30 am to 10:00am from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15

MU 7-18

▼ access road to Kakwa Recreation Area due north of Buchanan Creek (MU 7-18)

MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40

- ◆ the entire area of MUs 7-38, 7-39
- ★ Finlay area (MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40) above 1450 metre elevation. Authorized trappers exempt from restriction. Other commercial vehicles allowed, provided they stay on existing mining and logging roads. Closure does not apply on the road surface of the Omineca Mining Road through Lawyers Pass from Aiken Lake to the south shore of the Toodoggone River or on the road to Johanson Lake.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the antlers of a bull moose taken in the Omineca sub-region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer of MoE.

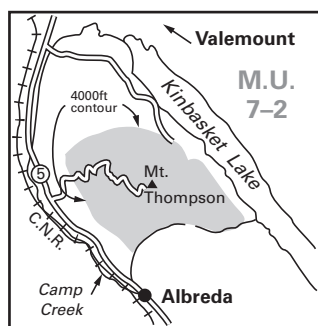
► A few white moose have been noticed in MU 7-13. Hunters are requested not to shoot a white moose due to their uniqueness and viewing value to all people who enjoy wildlife.

BC PARKS

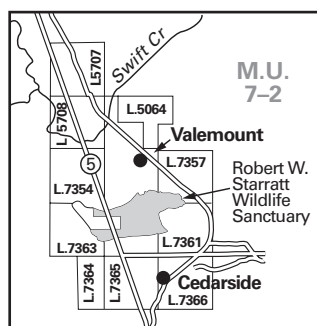
► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

OMINECA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

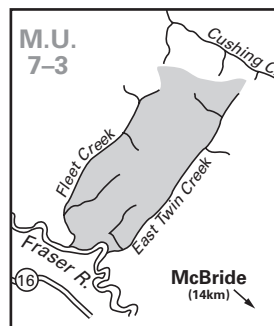
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 1 - Nov 15	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Either Sex	Oct 1 - Oct 19	
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-16, 7-23	+Calves	Oct 1 - Oct 25	
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	
	7-2 to 7-15	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers must accompany the species licence. + Open only for calf moose. Lower jaw with incisor teeth must accompany species licence.				
ELK	7-37, 7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Elk. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Compulsory Inspection required.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
Tatlatui Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-3 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
For areas that are closed to Mountain goat hunting or are LEH only see Maps G1, G5 to G9, G18, G21, G23, G24. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
CARIBOU	*▲7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
* Part of MU 7-39 is LEH only, see Map G22 ▲ MU 7-38 was closed to Caribou hunting. Parts of MUs 7-39 and 7-40 are closed to Caribou hunting, see Map G25 ★ See Definitions section: Caribou. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - June 30	NBL
COUGAR	7-2 to 7-8, 7-16 to 7-18, 7-23		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	7-9 to 7-15, 7-24, 7-25		Sept 10 - Mar 31	1
Hunters are reminded that all cougars must be compulsory inspected. Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 1 - Feb 15	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
DUSKY (Blue) GROUSE	7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27, 7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
SPRUCE and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
PTARMIGAN	7-2 to 7-6, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 10, 2021 / Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2021		10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 10, 2021 / Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2021		8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 10, 2021 / Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2021		5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 10, 2021 / Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2021		5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 10, 2021 / Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2021		10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 11, 2021 - Sept 12, 2021		★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



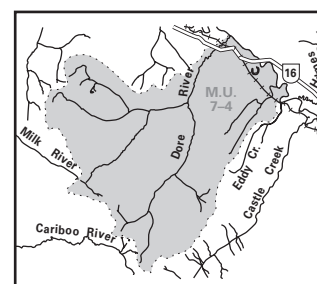
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-2).



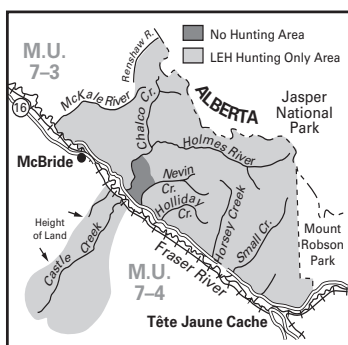
Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (MU 7-2).



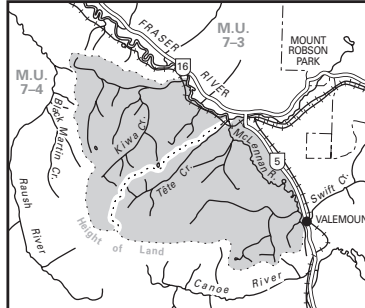
Map G5 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-3).



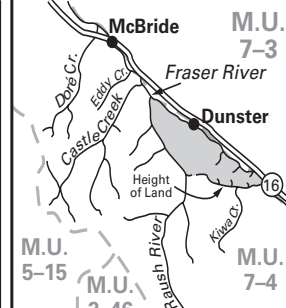
Map G6 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area (MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



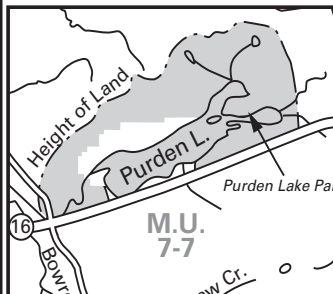
Map G7 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas (MUs 7-3 and 7-4). Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders



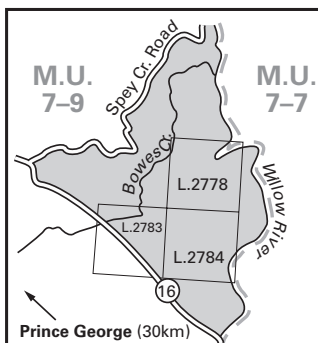
Map G8 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



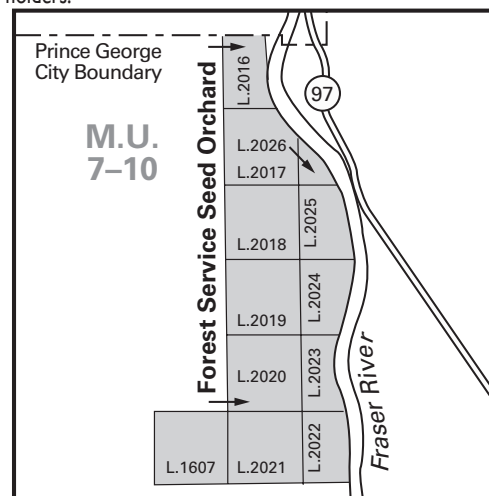
Map G9 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-4).



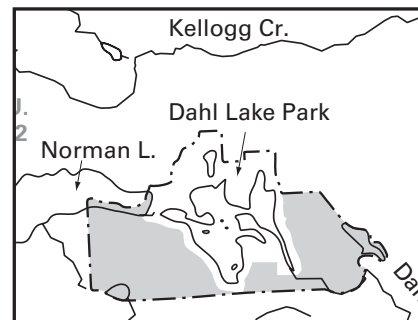
Map G10 Purden Lake Park addition (MU 7-7). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



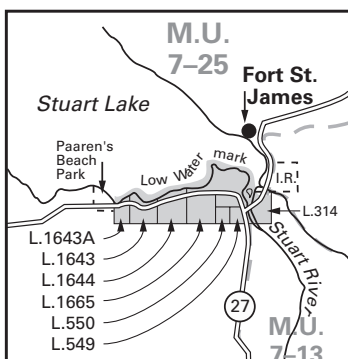
Map G11 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-9).



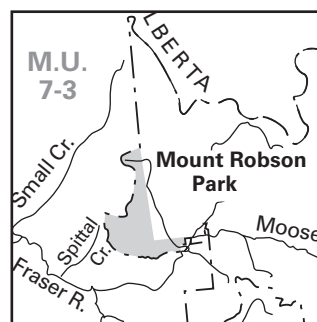
Map G12 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (MU 7-10).



Map G13 Dahl Lake Park addition (MU 7-12). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.

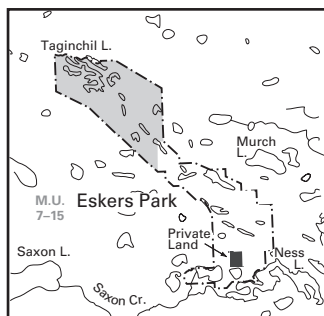


Map G14 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (MUs 7-13 and 7-25).

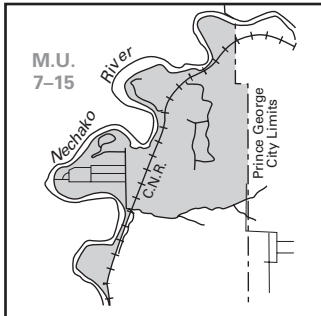


Map G15 Mount Robson addition (MU 7-3). Shaded area open to hunting.

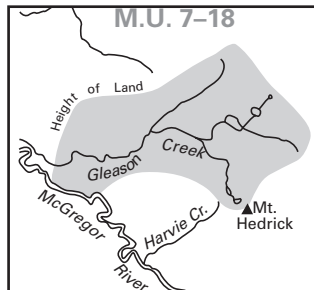
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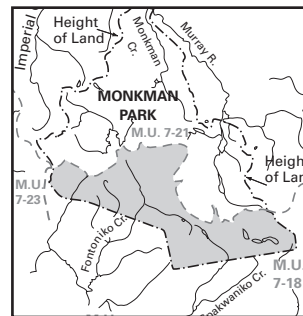
Map G16 Eskers Park addition (MU 7-15). Shaded area open to hunting.



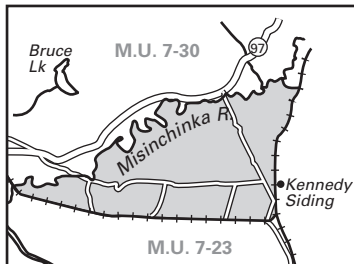
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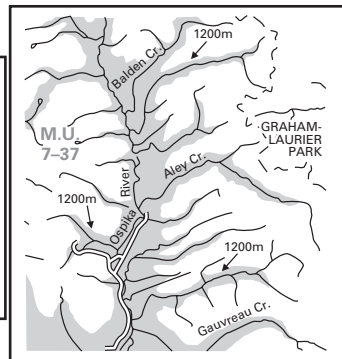
Map G18 Gleason Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-18).



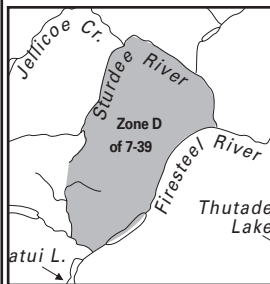
Map G19 Monkman Lake Park area open to hunting (MU 7-18).



Map G20 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Sept 1 to Mar 31.



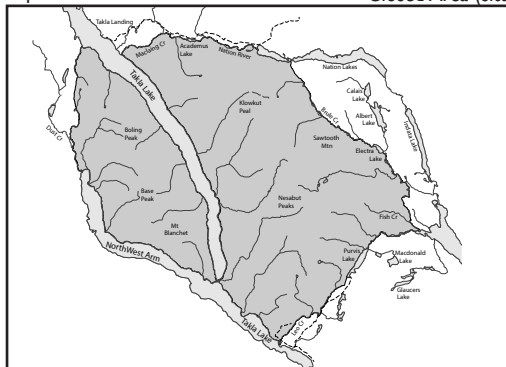
Map G21 Ospika River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-37).



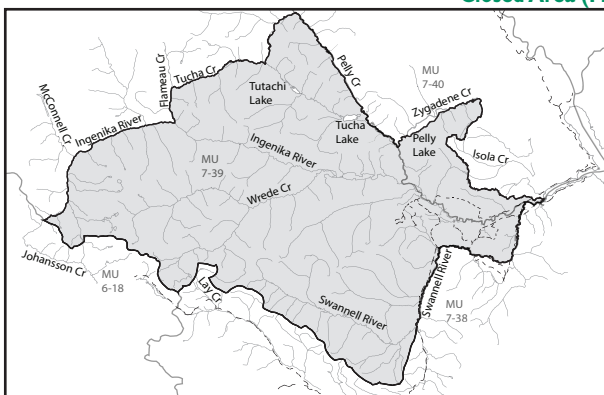
Map G22 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zone D of MU 7-39 except for LEH permit holders.



Map G24 Driftwood Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-27).



Map G23 Mitchell & Blanchet Mountain Goat Closed Areas (MUs 7-27 and 7-28).



Map G25 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in parts of MUs 7-39 and 7-40.

HANDLING GAME MEAT SAFELY

These general safety measures are recommended when handling game meat:

- ✓ Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.
- ✓ Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing or handling any dead animal.
- ✓ Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone if you can avoid it, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord.
- ✓ Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- ✓ Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

REPORT ALL POACHERS/ POLLUTERS (RAPP)
See Notice on page 26 for details

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Shortened antlerless elk seasons in the Agricultural Zone.
2. Replacement of Kluachesi mountain goat and Pink Mountain caribou general open seasons with LEH.
3. Revised moose seasons in MUs 7-34, 7-44, 7-45, 7-57, 7-58 and portions of 7-51, 7-52, and 7-53.
4. Motor Vehicle Prohibition on the Dickebusch Creek-Trapper Mainline (MU 7-21).
5. New General Open Season for Bison in portions of M.U.s 7-42 and 7-57.
6. Compulsory Inspection for moose harvested in MUs 7-51, 7-52 and 7-53.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Region 7B is the traditional territory of Treaty #8 and Kaska First Nations. Members of these First Nations exercise their treaty and aboriginal rights throughout the Peace-Liard and at all times - please be respectful of this activity.

Hunters are encouraged to use all parts of wildlife harvested within the Peace-Liard and to participate in wildlife health and sampling programs. Please refer to Information for Hunters on the wildlife health website (gov.bc.ca/wildlife-health).

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

Dane nan yé dah Kaska Land guardians are actively monitoring and patrolling in the Kaska traditional territory, interacting and sharing information with all land users in regards to promoting safe and respectful hunting. Daylu Dean Council encourages B.C. hunters to contact the Lands and Resources office at 250-779-3161 Ext. 0 and Dease River First Nation Lands and Resources officer at 250-239-3646 prior to beginning your trip.

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:
Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson and Fort St. John

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The combined bag limit for deer in Region 7B is two. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), ruffed is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10. The regional daily bag limit for sharp tailed grouse is 3. See page 17 for possession limits.

FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

- Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on page 13.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited on the west half of Lot 1323, Peace River District, in which Halfway Elementary School is located. See Map H21.
- The discharge of firearms using single projectiles is prohibited within 400 metres (1/4 mile) of either side of:
 - Road 520 (Canyon Drive) between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam.
 - Road 190 (Twelve Mile Road) between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily in the Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Area. See Map H13.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Area. See Map H4.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited on Fort St. John's sewage lagoons, that is the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian; and Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian.
- There is no shooting or hunting within 200 metres of the high water mark of Radar Lake in the vicinity of the City of Dawson Creek.
- There is no shooting or hunting within Stone Mountain Park within 1 mile (1.6 km) of the Alaska Highway.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the Dokie subdivision in the vicinity of Chetwynd (MU 7-22 & 7-31). See Map H9.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this region. Note definitions of "Motor Vehicle", "ATV", "**Electric Bicycle**" and "Snowmobile" in Definitions section.

► Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12)**

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation

of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

◆ **ATVs for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MUs 7-19, 7-21 (southeast portion), 7-31, 7-35, 7-36, 7-43, 7-53, 7-57

★ above 1400 metres in elevation. However, the use of snowmobiles (less than 450 kg in weight) is allowed from Nov. 1 to April 30. Onion Lake Trail (MU 7-21) and Talisman et al Murray Road (C-22-E/93-1-15) are open year-round. Contact Ministry office in Fort St. John for more information. See Map H7.

MU 7-21

★ **Dickebush Creek/Trapper Mainline Road. See Map H6**

MUs 7-21, 7-22

▲ BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

★ above the 1524 metre elevation in the Bullmoose Chamberlain Mt. area, except BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road.

MU 7-36

◆ east of Aylard Creek and the unnamed creek due north of Aylard Creek that flows into the Graham River, from Aug. 15 to Oct. 31.

MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57

★ Muskwa Kechika Access Management Area - Restriction applies to vehicles other than aircraft in portions of these MUs. For information and maps showing specific routes and vehicle restrictions within the Muskwa Kechika, contact Ministry office in Fort St. John and Ministry of Forests and Range offices in Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek. **Please note there are several trails where travel is restricted to within 10 metres of the route and only vehicles under 750 kg are permitted.** See Map H24.

MU 7-52

★ Beyond 400 metres on either side of Jade/Boulder Road (MUs 6-19 & 7-52) from the junction of Jade/Boulder Road and Hwy 37 east to Boulder City Lake, Letain L, Wolverine L and Elephant L, then south along Kutcho Creek to Provencher L and back along the road to its junction with Jade/Boulder Road again. This closure applies between May 1 and Nov. 15.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Individuals are reminded that when they take livestock into the wilderness, they should purchase locally grown feed that is known to be invasive plant-free or use pelleted and processed feed. The spread of invasive plants is common every year and can be prevented by using local weed-free feed, pelleted and processed feed and checking and cleaning all vehicles to ensure they are weed-free before leaving home. It is suggested to ensure that livestock are fed weed-free feed 2 days prior to departure and including travel time into the wilderness. It is recommended to bring and utilize feed bags, buckets or troughs with you while in the wilderness to minimize potential ground disturbance by feeding or salting at temporary cam sites and trail heads. For further information on this matter, please contact your local Ministry of Agriculture or Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Play an important role in invasive species with the **Report Invasives BC** app.

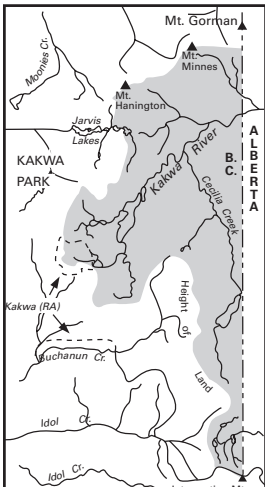
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► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

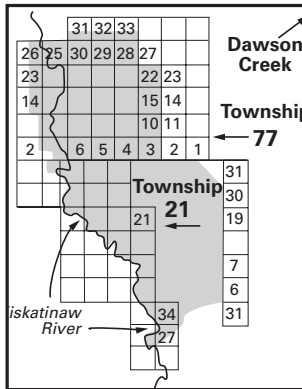
PEACE GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-19, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43*, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-57, 7-58	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 5	1
	7-20 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-35, 7-43** to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	Bow Only	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	
Bag limit for mule deer bucks is one. * Restricted to western portion of MU 7-43 See Map H19. ** Restricted to eastern portion of MU 7-43 See Map H20. ▲ See Definitions Section: Mule (Black-tailed Deer).The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35*, 7-45*, 7-46*	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
Youth Only★	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35*, 7-45*, 7-46*	Either Sex**	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
Youth Only★	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. * Restricted to portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, 7-35, 7-45 and 7-46. See Map H11 ** The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2; one may be antlerless and one may be a buck.				
MOOSE	7-21B, 7-22, 7-31B	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-19, 7-20, 7-21A, 7-31A, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-46 to 7-56▲	Bulls	Aug 23 - Aug 31	
	7-19, 7-21B, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-46 to 7-56+▲	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	
	7-20, 7-21A, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44, 7-45, 7-57, 7-58	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
	7-20, 7-21A, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44, 7-45, 7-57, 7-58	★Bulls	Oct 16 - Oct 31	
	7-20, 7-21A, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44, 7-45, 7-57, 7-58	★Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 15	
Moose hunting restrictions within portions of MUs 7-31 and 7-32 see Map H10. For Zones A and B of 7-21 see Map H4B, for Zones A and B of 7-31 see Map H4A + Portion of MUs 7-51,7-52 and 7-53 closed to moose hunting from Oct 1 to Oct 15 (See Maps H27 and H28).				
★ Open only for bull moose: (a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("Spike-fork bull moose"), (b) having antlers with at least three points (tines) on one brow palm ("Tripalm bull moose") or (c) having at least one antler with a minimum of 10 points (tines), including the brow palm. See Definitions section: Moose. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ Compulsory Inspection required of moose taken in MU 7-51, 7-52 and 7-53.				
ELK	7-42★★, 7-57	▲6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-42★, 7-49, 7-50	▲3 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 9	
	7-42★, 7-48, 7-49, 7-50	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	
	7-51 to 7-54	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 5 - Sept 15	
	7-19, 7-20+, 7-21+, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43**, 7-46+	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-43***, 7-44, 7-45, 7-46*, 7-58	▲3 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-43***, 7-44, 7-45, 7-46*	Antlerless	Sept 15 - Oct 15	
	7-58	Antlerless	Sept 15 - Oct 31	
	Bow Only	7-50	▲3 Point Bulls	
★ Restricted to northern portion of MU 7-42, see Map H17 ★★ Restricted to southern portion of MU 7-42, see Map H18 + These MUs only include those portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, and 7-46 located outside the shaded portion of the MU. See Map H11. ▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Restricted to portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, and 7-46. See Map H11 ** Restricted to western portion of MU 7-43 See Map H19. *** Restricted to eastern portion of MU 7-43 See Map H20.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-19	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Compulsory Inspection required.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
See Map H30. Compulsory Inspection required				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	▲7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57		Aug 25 - Oct 15	1
▲See regional maps H22 and H26 to H31 inclusive. Mountain goats are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. Compulsory Inspection required.				
CARIBOU	7-50 to 7-54	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Bow Only	7-58	★5 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
★ See Definitions section: Caribou.The antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BISON	★7-42, ★7-57,★7-58	Either Sex	Sept 1 - Jan 31	1
★ Restricted to Portions of MUs 7-42, 7-57 and 7-58. See Map H23.				
BLACK BEAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Aug 1 - Mar 31	3
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Apr 1 - June 15	
▼No closed season below 1100 m elevation.				
COUGAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
▼No closed season below 1100 m elevation.				
WOLVERINE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-47 to 7-58		Oct 15 - Jan 15	1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
DUSKY (Blue) GROUSE	7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				

PEACE GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

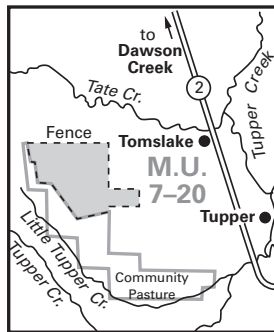
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
SPRUCE and RUFFED GROUSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
<i>The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.</i>				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	7-20 to 7-22, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-49, 7-52 to 7-56, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	3 (6)
PTARMIGAN	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-55, 7-57		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
RAVEN	▲7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		No Closed Season	5
<i>▲ Restricted to private land (with permission of the landowner)</i>				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021	10 each (30 each)
<i>See Map H16</i>				
DUCKS	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021	8 (24)
<i>See Map H16. Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.</i>				
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021	10 (30)
<i>Geese: See Map H16</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1, 2021 - Sept 2, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



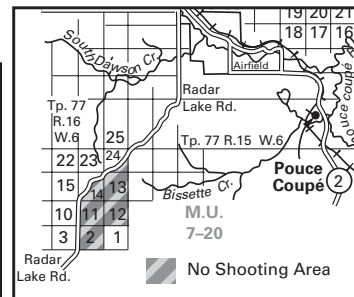
Map H1 Kakwa Park and Recreation Area No Hunting Area (MU 7-19).



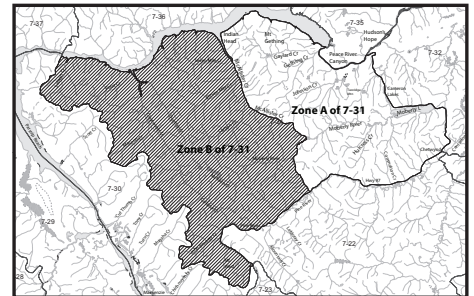
Map H2 Bear Mountain No Hunting Area (MU 7-20), from June 1 to Oct 15.



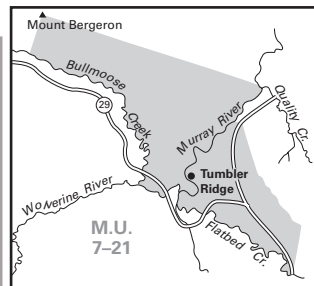
Map H3 One Island Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 7-20) from June 1 to Oct 15.



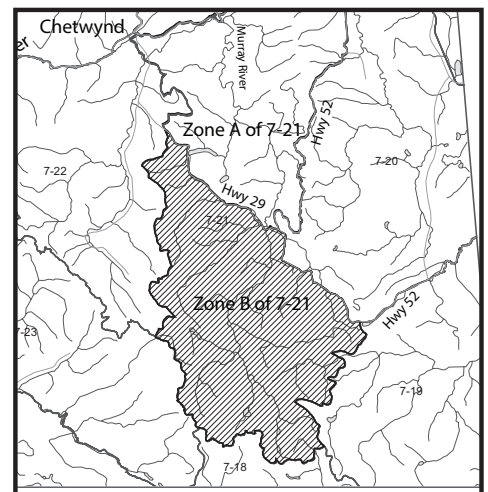
Map H4 Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Area - No Shooting Area (MU 7-20)



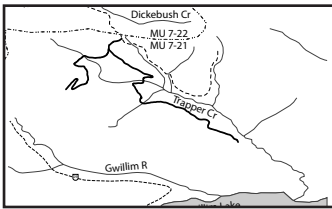
Map H4A Moose Zones A and B of 7-31



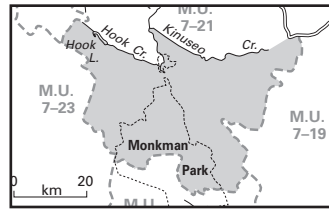
Map H5 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-21).



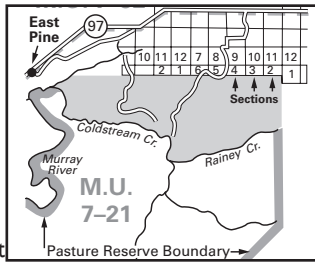
Map H4B Moose Zones A and B of 7-21



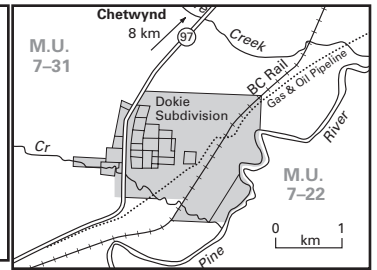
Map H6 Dickebusch/Trapper Creek Motor Vehicles Prohibited year-round on the road shown in solid black (MU 7-21).



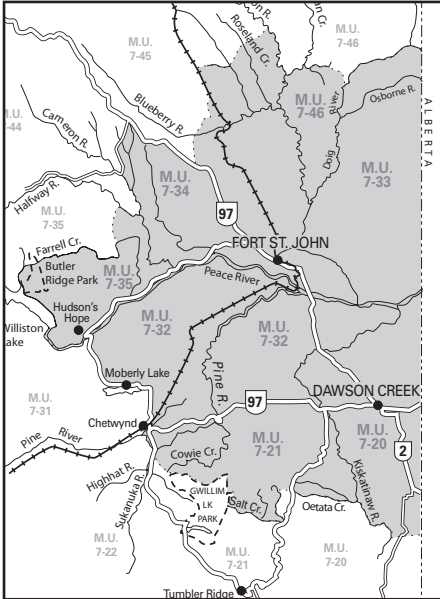
Map H7 Southeast Peace Motor Vehicle Closed Area map shows only the southeast portion of MU 7-21 above 1400 metres



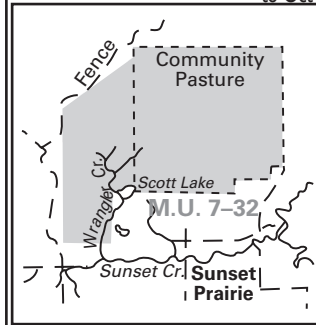
Map H8 Groundbirch Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 7-21) from June 1 to Oct 31.



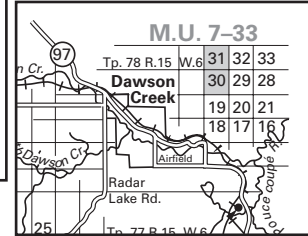
Map H9 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (MUs 7-22 and 7-31)



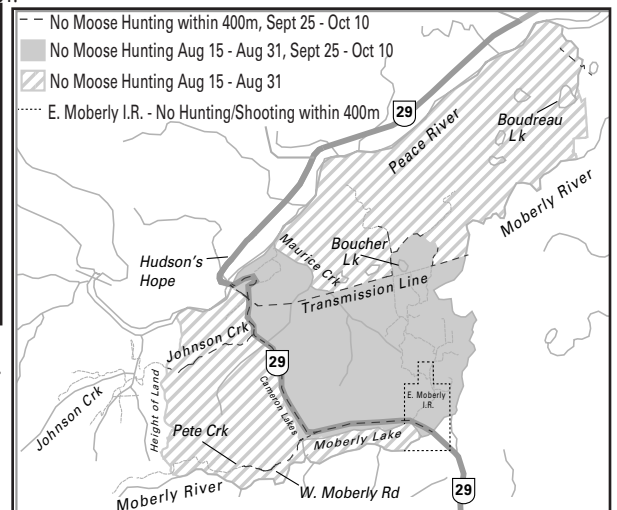
Map H11 The "agricultural area" of the Peace Region applies to portions of the elk and white-tailed deer GOS and youth any elk LEH hunt. This area includes all of MUs 7-32 to 7-34 and portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, 7-35, 7-45 and 7-46.



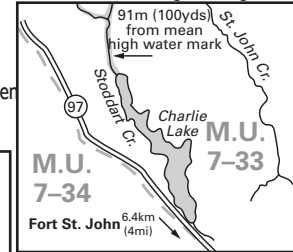
Map H12 Sunset Prairie No Hunting Area (MU 7-32) from June 1 to Oct 31.



Map H13 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration - No Shooting Area between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm daily. (MU 7-33).

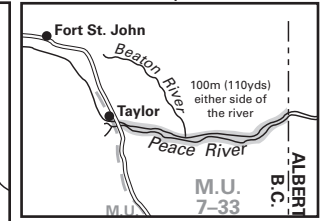


Map H10 Moose Hunting Restrictions in portions of MUs 7-31 and 7-32. 400 metre No Hunting/Shooting buffer around the East Moberly Indian Reserve.

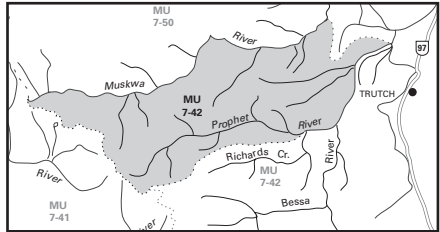


Map H14 Cecil Lake Community Pasture No Hunting Area (MU 7-33) from June 1 to Oct 15.

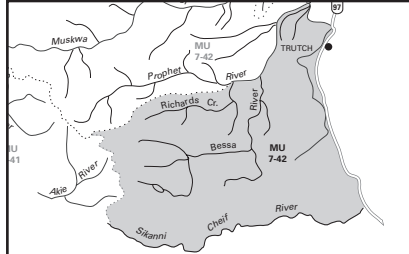
Map H15 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (MU 7-33).



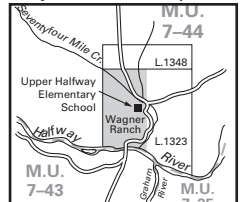
Map H16 Peace River Migratory Game Bird Closed Area (MU 7-33).



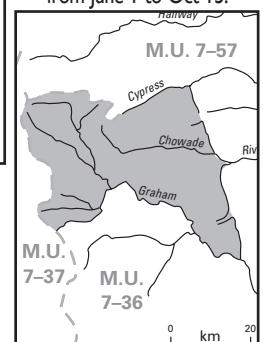
Map H17 Northern portion of MU 7-42 for Elk.



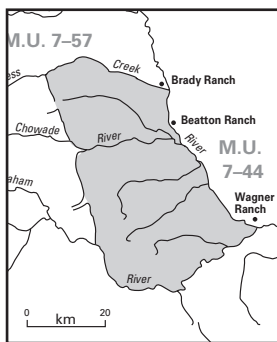
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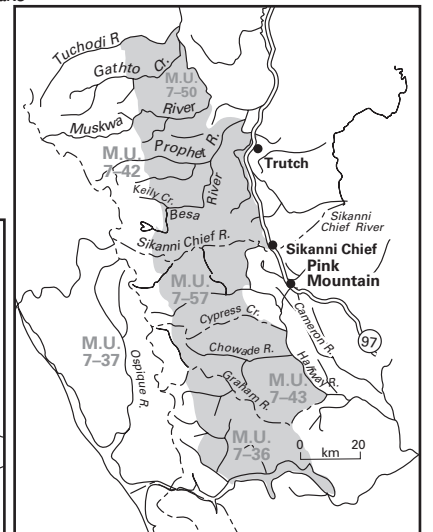
Map H21 Upper Halfway No Shooting Area (MU 7-44).



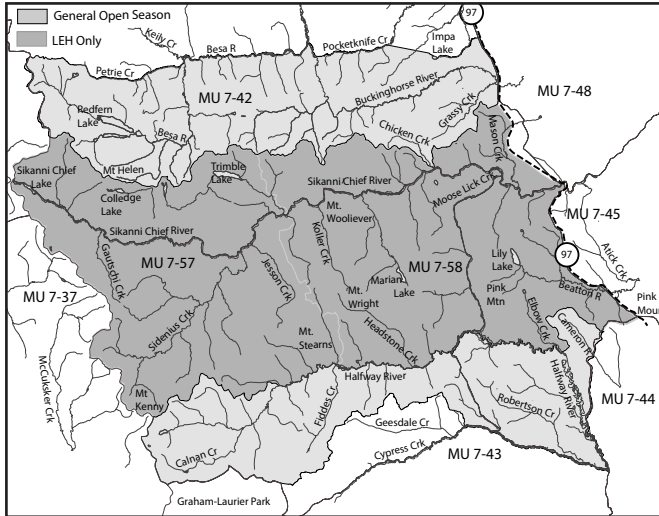
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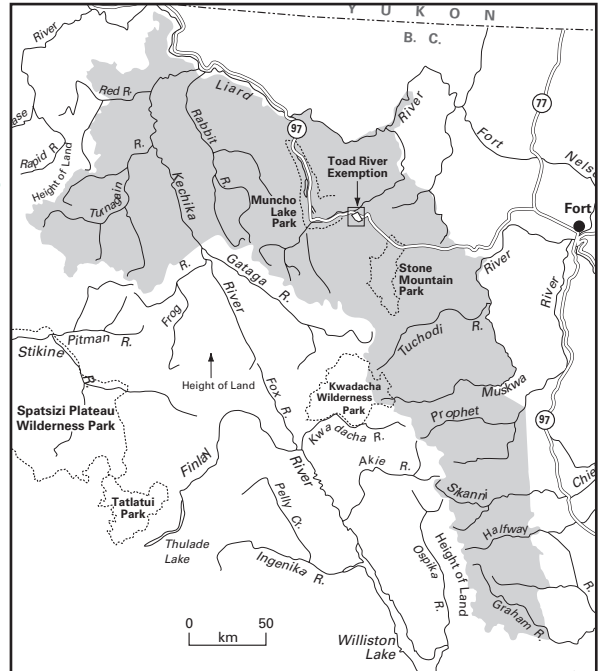
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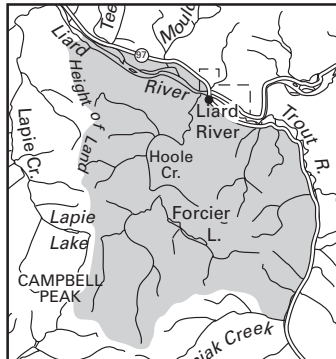
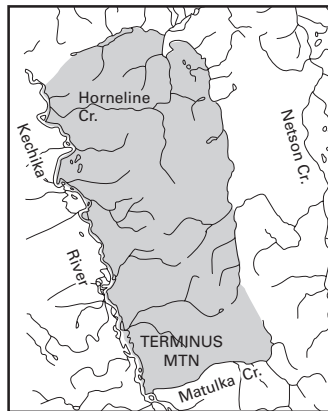
Map H22 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Mountain Goat Closed or LEH Only Areas (MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 and 7-57).



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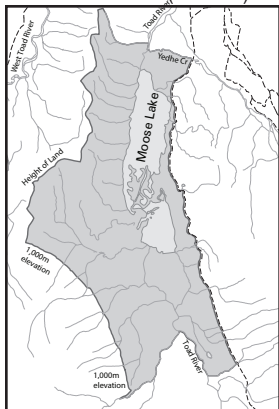


Map H24 Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57) and Klingzut Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 7-42). Maps showing boundaries and motor vehicle routes within the Muskwa-Kechika AMA can be viewed in the Ministry offices in Fort Nelson, or in Fort St John [(250) 787-3225] and <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>. Larger scale maps can be purchased from McElhanney Associates in Fort St. John [(250) 787-0356]. **There are several trails where travel is restricted to within 10 metres of the route and only vehicles under 750 kg are permitted.**

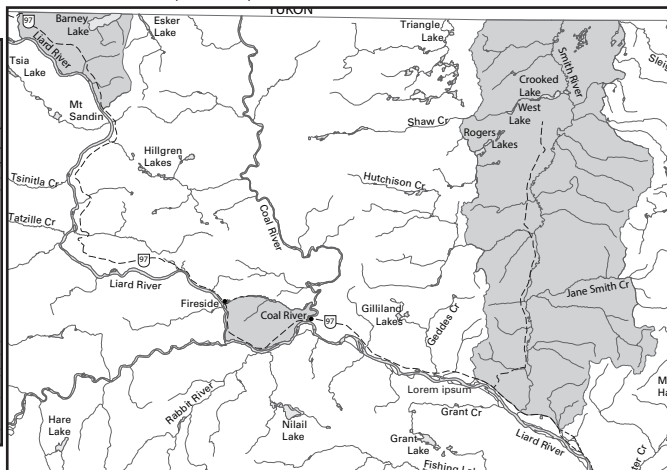


Map H26 Hoole Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-51).

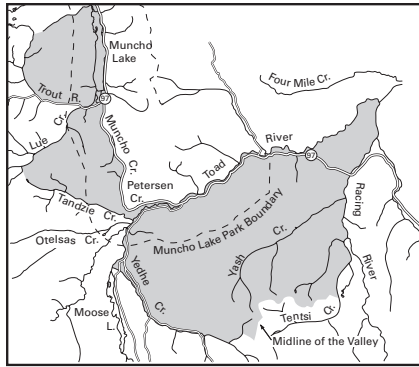
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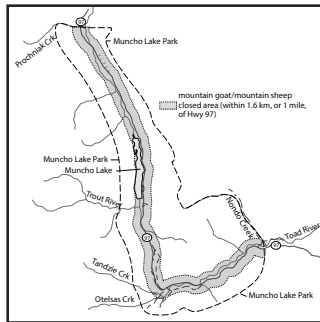
Map H27 Portions of MU 7-51 closed to moose hunting October 1 - October 15



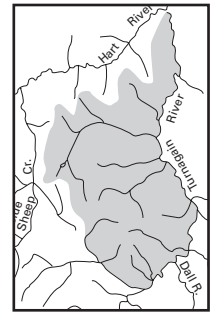
Map H28 Portions of MUs 7-52 and 7-53 closed to moose hunting October 1 - October 15



Map H29 Toad River Mountain Goat LEH and Closed Areas (MUs 7-51 and 7-54).



Map H30 Muncho Lake Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (MUs 7-51 and 7-54).



Map H31 Deeh Ridge Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-52).

REGION 8

Check website
www.gov.bc.ca/hunting for in-season changes
prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Harmonized seasons for non-native game birds.
2. Revised Migratory Game Bird hunting seasons.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
See Notice on
page 26 for details

For information on Wildlife
Permits and Commercial
Licences, please see page 24.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting or contact the regional office for more information.

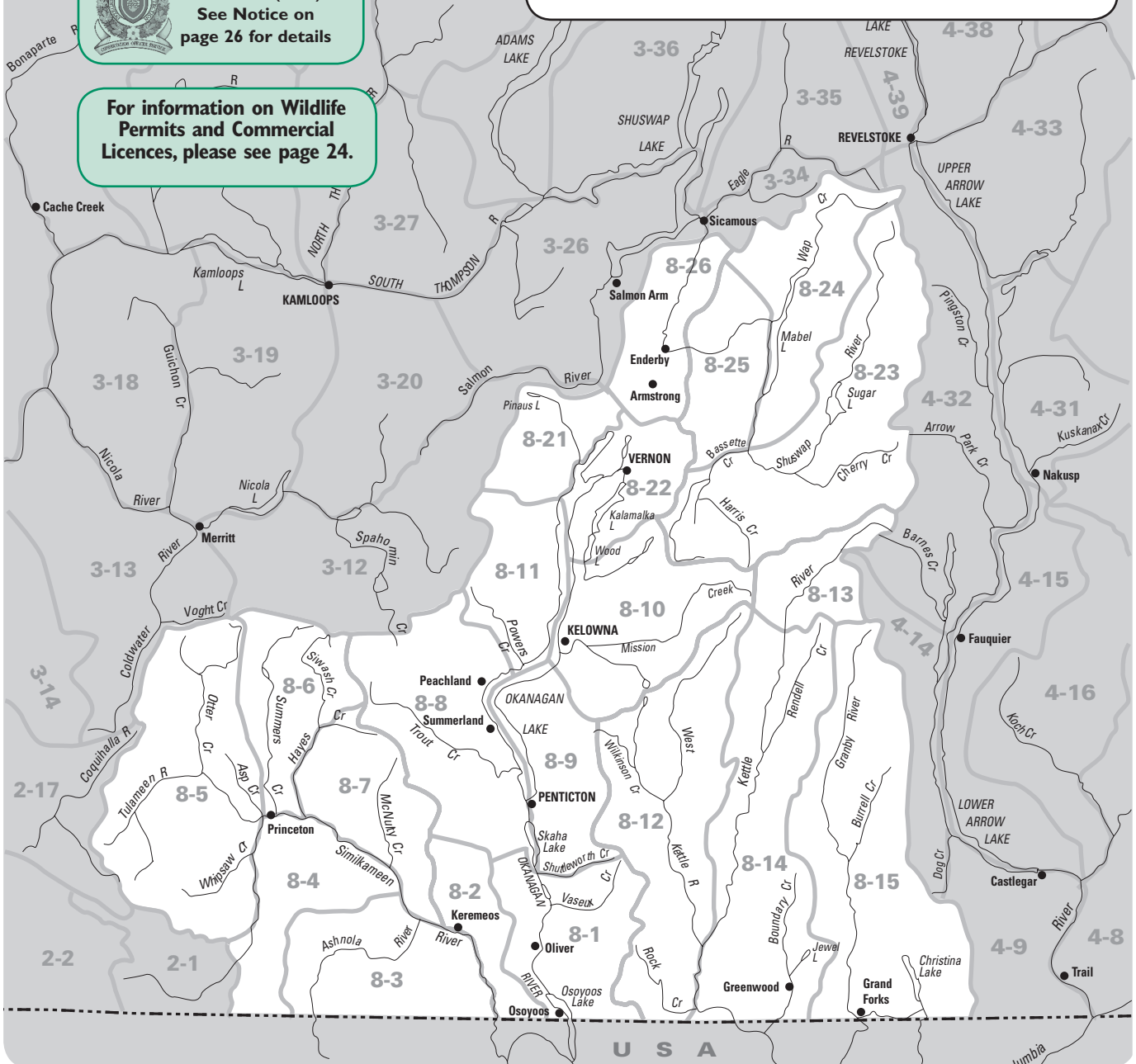
CI Locations: Penticton, Kelowna

Ministry Regional Office, Penticton: (250) 490-8200

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton and **Vernon**



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 8

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

- **Deer:** The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. 2 deer may be antlerless but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. The bag limit for mule deer is 1. Antlerless mule deer are available only through LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.
- **Grouse:** The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.
- **Turkey:** The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2. Only 1 turkey may be taken during each open season.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

- Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.
- **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional areas (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12)**

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles, including **electric bicycles**, for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

★ The operation of all motor vehicles (including **electric bicycles**), excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 8 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.

★ Oliver Mountain Area (MU 8-1). See Map J5.

★ Crater Mountain Area (MU 8-3). See Map J21.

★ Placer Mountain to Border Lake area (MU 8-3, 8-4). See Map J21.

★ Garnet Valley (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping. See Map J9.

★ Osoyoos Oxbows except established roadways (MU 8-1). See Map J1.

★ Underdown Creek (MU 8-1). See Map J2.

▲ Lawless - Jacobson Lake FSR (MU 8-5) south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek.

★ Skaha Lake Eastside (MU 8-9) - in that portion east of Skaha Lake described as Lot A & Lot B of Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 27801, SDYD, & Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 1189, SDYD.

▲ Garnet Fire area (MU 8-9). See Map J11.

★ Granby (MUs 8-14, 8-15). The area is closed 600 m north of the 5 km mark of Burrell-Young Lake FSR, 300 metres north of the 2 km mark on Arrow Neck FSR, east of the 22 km mark of Grano FSR, east of the 8 km mark on Arthurs Rd, and 500 metres east of the 10 km mark on the Goatskin-Rendall FSR. Snowmobiles allowed Nov. 1 to May 31.

See Map J14.

★ Galloping Hills (MU 8-15) from June 1 to October 31 except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map J14.

★ Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain (MU 8-23, 8-24). The operation of vehicles is restricted to permitted forest service roads from May 1 to Nov 30. Snowmobiles allowed. See Map J22.

MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITIONS IN RESPONSE TO 2021 WILDFIRES

★ **Approximately 560,000 hectares within the Thompson-Okanagan region have been closed year-round to all motor vehicles to mitigate concerns from the wildfires of 2021. Some roads are exempted from the closure. See Maps at gov.bc.ca/motorvehicleprohibitions.**

- **Nk'Mip: in portions of M.U. 8-1.**
- **Thomas Creek: in portions of M.U.s 8-1 and 8-9.**
- **Garrison Lake: in portions of M.U.s 8-4 and 8-5.**
- **July Mountain: in portions of M.U. 8-5.**
- **White Rock Lake: in portions of M.U. 2 8-11 and 8-21.**
- **Bunting Road: in portions of M.U. 8-24.**
- **Two Mile Road: in portions of M.U. 8-26.**

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

- In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Inspected within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 21 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cotton-tail, badger and other species are protected under the authority of the *Wildlife Act* (hunting is prohibited).

Hunters are reminded that there are no hunting seasons for white-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cotton-tail, or badgers.

► No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 13. Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Hwy 97C are No Shooting and No Hunting Closures.

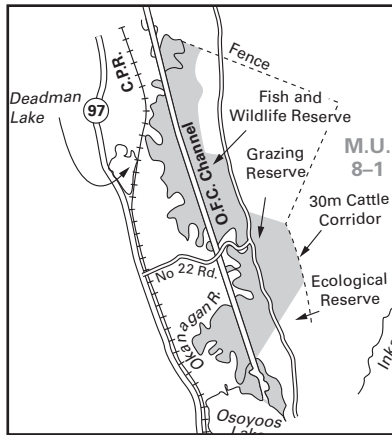
► Hunting is prohibited within the Vaseux Migratory Bird Sanctuary and National Wildlife Areas. For more information visit www.ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/default.asp?lang=En&n=82A45B62-1.

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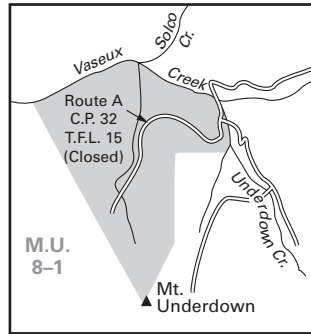
- Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

OKANAGAN GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

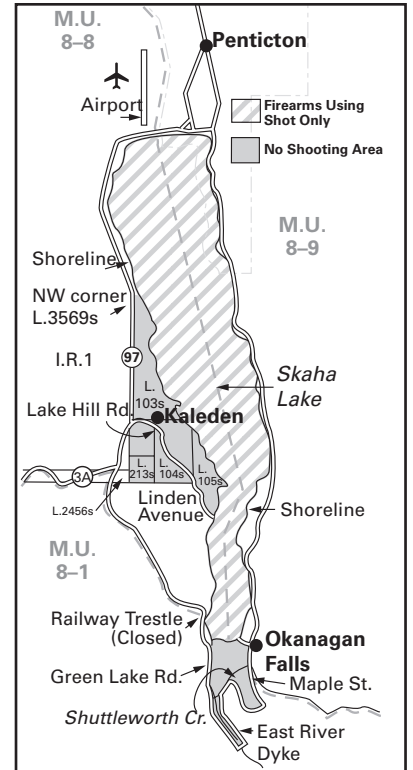
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	8-12 to 8-15	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection required.				
ELK	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 – Oct 20	1
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	*2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 30	
	▲ 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1- Aug 31	
* The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31).				
▲ 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26 is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners.				
WOLF	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 15 Sept 10 – Mar 31	3
COYOTE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 – June 30	NBL
LYNX and BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28	1 (of each)
Compulsory reporting required. Hunters may not hunt a lynx or bobcat accompanied by one or more lynx or bobcat.				
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Mar 31	1
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED, and SPRUCE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 – Dec 10	
	For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.			
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY (HUNGARIAN) PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)
TURKEY	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	1 ▼
	8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	
	8-1, 8-9	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Nov 30	
▼The aggregate regional bag limit is 2 and only one turkey may be taken during each open season.				
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE FRONTED	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23, 2021 - Jan 5, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20, 2021 – Nov 28, 2021	10 (30)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 20, 2021 – Jan 5, 2022	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Feb 21, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 5, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



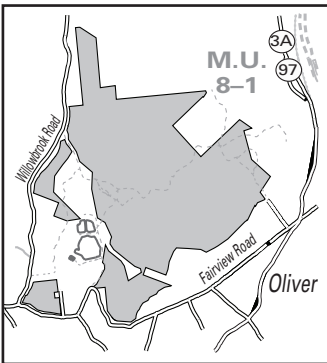
Map J1 Osoyoos Oxbows Motor Vehicle Closed Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-1). The operation of vehicles is restricted to established roadways shown as open lines. No shooting or hunting from Mar 1 - Sept 30, in the restricted area, including the roadways.



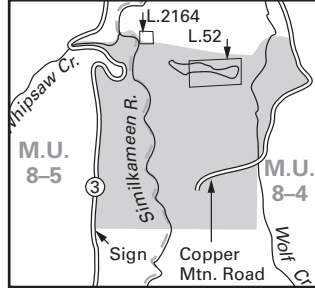
Map J2 Underdown Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-1).



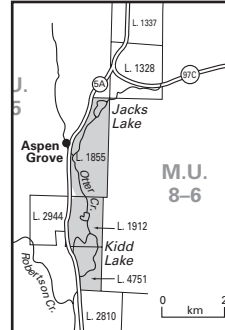
Map J4 Kaleden, and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 8-1, 8-8 and 8-9).



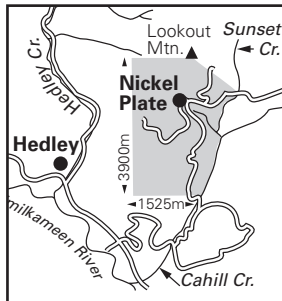
Map J5 Oliver Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-1).



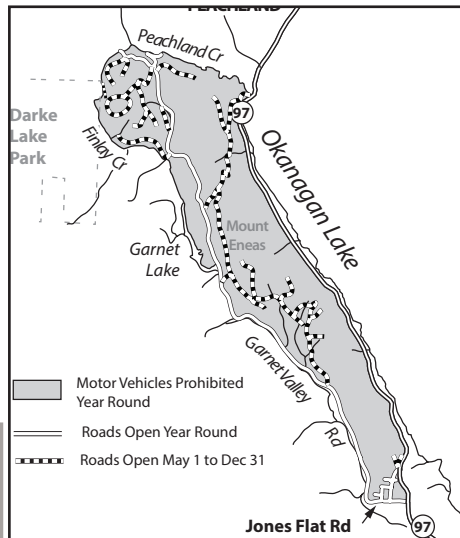
Map J6 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 8-4 and 8-5).



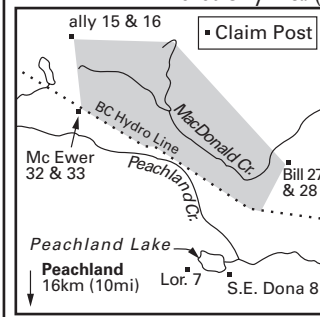
Map J7 Willow Heights No Shooting Area (MU 8-6).



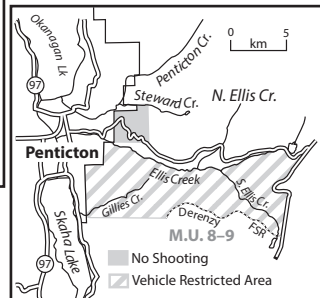
Map J8 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (MU 8-7).



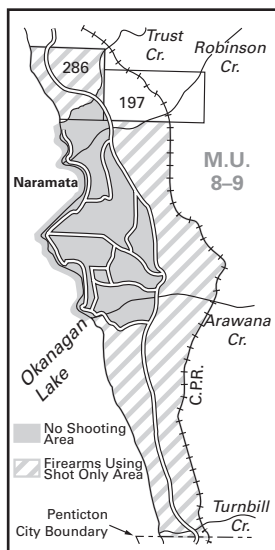
Map J9 Garnet Valley - Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping.



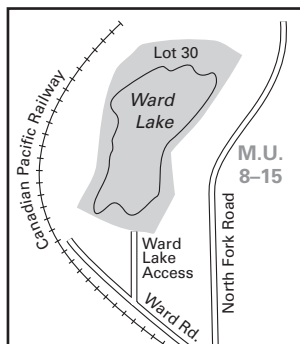
Map J10 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (MU 8-8).



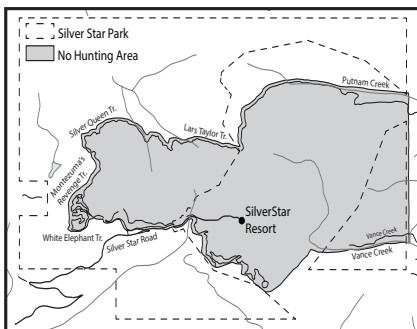
Map J11 Garnet Fire (South Ellis) Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Area including the entire Derenz FSR and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (MU 8-9). The Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area is almost entirely private land and it is unlawful to hunt private land without consent of the appropriate landowner.



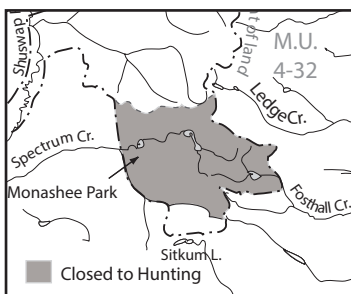
Map J12 Naramata No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 8-9).



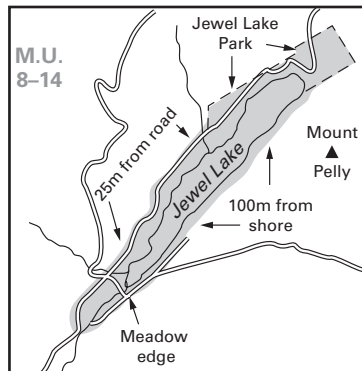
Map J15 Ward Lake No Hunting, Shooting or Trapping Area (MU 8-15).



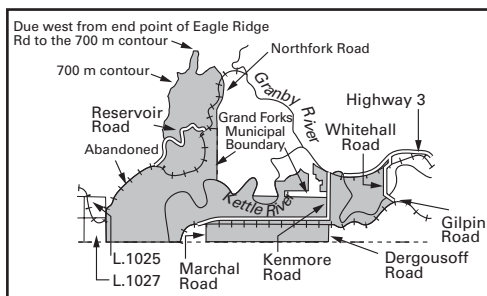
Map J17 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (MUs 8-22, 8-25 and 8-26). Contact Ministry offices in Vernon or Penticton for details.



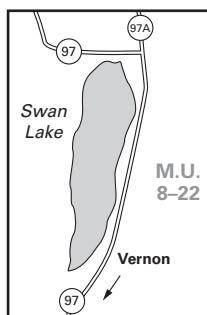
Map J20 Monashee Park Addition (MU 8-23) No Hunting Area.



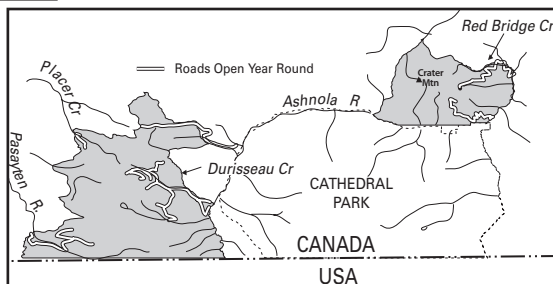
Map J13 Jewel Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-14).



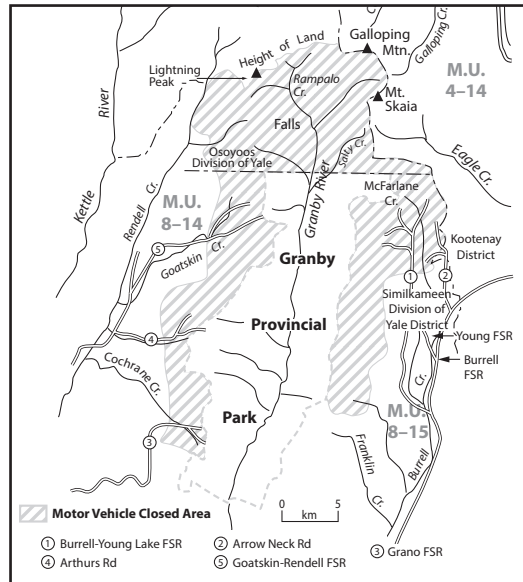
Map J16 Grand Forks Closed Area (MU 8-15). Discharge of rifles prohibited.



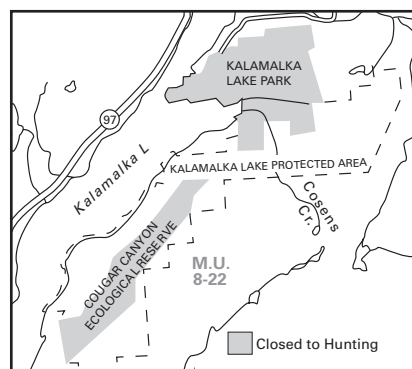
Map J18 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-22).



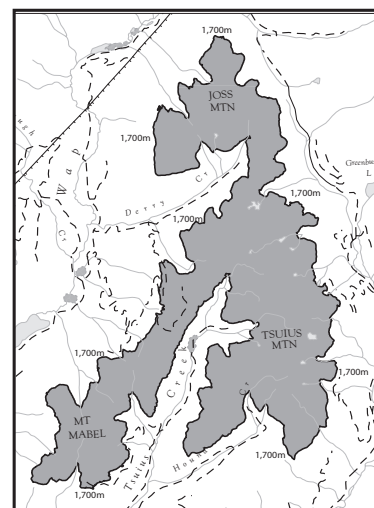
Map J21 Placer Mountain and Crater Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-3 and 8-4). Closed year-round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as white are open year-round.



Map J14 Galloping Hills Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-15) and Granby Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-14 and 8-15).



Map J19 Kalamalka Lake Park and Protected Area (MU 8-22).



Map J22 Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-23 and 8-24). The operation of vehicles is restricted to permitted forest service roads from May 1-Nov 30. Snowmobiles allowed.

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. **Requirement for Compulsory Inspection of wolverine trapped in Region 3.**
2. **New mandatory use of AIHTS-certified restraining traps for wolves and cage traps for beaver**
3. **Removal of requirement to submit wolves trapped in Region 4 for Compulsory Inspection**
4. **Closed wolverine trapping season in Region 4.**

BC FUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- ▶ In British Columbia, some 1,200 trappers actively manage furbearing animal species, following standards, legislation and regulations developed by Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. About half of the province's trappers are Indigenous.
- ▶ The Fur Management Program includes:
 - The BC Trappers Association's (BCTA) Trapper Education Program courses for new and experienced trappers.
 - The "Furbearer Management Guidelines" available for muskrat, beaver, mink, marten, fisher, weasel, wolverine, otter, bobcat, lynx, fox, coyote, and wolf. These guidelines outline the role that trappers can play in the wise management of these species. The guidelines can be found on the Wildlife and Habitat Branch website at: www.gov.bc.ca/trapping.

Regulating Harvest

- ▶ In general, appropriate trapping seasons have been developed by considering a variety of criteria including pelt primeness, relative vulnerability of age and sex classes to harvesting, abundance and capture technology.
- ▶ The registered trapline system continues to be the primary system for setting harvest guidelines and managing furbearing animals. Harvest levels are guided by species management strategies, with furbearers being divided into three classes:

Class 1 Species - can be managed on individual traplines. This class includes beaver, fox, marten, mink, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, squirrel and weasel.

Class 2 Species - move between and among traplines and thus are not manageable on individual traplines. Harvests will be regulated regionally, in consultation with local trappers. This class includes lynx, bobcat, wolverine, fisher and otter.

Class 3 Species - also move between and among traplines, but generally are not vulnerable to over-trapping. This class includes the wolf and coyote. Trappers will be encouraged to trap these species, especially in areas of chronic animal damage control problems.

DEFINITIONS

egg trap - means a holding device set in a manner to capture a raccoon by a front paw.

foot snare - means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the foot or leg.

furbearing animal or furbearer - means any fox, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, skunk, squirrel (excluding ground squirrels), weasel, wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

killing snare - means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

killing trap - means a trap or trapset that is designed to kill an animal.

foot-hold trap - means a trap or device, other than a snare, which is set in such a way as to capture the animal for which it is set by the leg or foot.

modified foot-hold trap - means a trap which has a minimum space of 5 mm between the jaws of the trap when in the closed position, or has manufactured pads of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws, or has lamination of the trap jaws to increase the surface area of the jaw face.

trapping - means the act of setting or placing a trap in an operative condition or killing by the use of a firearm.

GENERAL REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

Checking Traps

- ▶ A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence by failing to examine every 72 hours, every holding or non-killing trap, except an egg trap, set by that licence holder; every 24 hours, every egg trap set by that licence holder; and every 14 days, every killing trap or killing snare set by that licence holder.
- ▶ A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless the person examines the holding or non-killing traps the person has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.
- ▶ It is an offence to trap a furbearing animal, and if the animal is alive when the trap is checked, fail to immediately release or kill the animal.
- ▶ Except as authorized by regulation, it is an offence to trap a furbearing animal, and if the

animal is alive, to transport it to another area and release it without a permit.

Use of Firearms

- ▶ It is an offence to trap wildlife using a firearm from one hour after sunset on any day until one hour before sunrise on the day following, unless using a firearm to kill a furbearing animal caught in a trap on a registered trapline.

Trapping Near A Dwelling Or On Private Property

- ▶ It is an offence to trap within 200 metres of a dwelling, unless you use:
 - a Conibear trap not larger than size #330 or equivalent, or
 - **foot-hold** traps not larger than size #2, or
 - submarine traps.

- ▶ It is an offence to trap on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner.

Removal of Fur Bearer Hides

It is an offence to kill fur bearers and fail to remove either the hide or the edible portions to the person's normal dwelling place, taxidermist, tanner, fur trader, meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the hide if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to another person who complies with the requirement.

THE AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANE TRAPPING STANDARDS

In 1999, Canada, along with the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation, ratified the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (the AIHTS, or the "Agreement"). The Agreement sets out performance minimums for killing traps and restraining traps used for species listed in the AIHTS. Furbearer species in British Columbia covered under the AIHTS include: beaver; bobcat, coyote, ermine, fisher; lynx, marten, muskrat, otter; raccoon and wolf. The Agreement serves to ensure that only certified traps that meet or exceed specific animal welfare thresholds are used to trap these animals. Further, it protects Canada's access to the European fur market and thus helps protect the wild fur industry in Canada.

The Agreement is being implemented through a phased approach, with the requirement to use only AIHTS-certified traps for a particular species becoming mandatory only after a sufficient number of trap types have been certified and trappers have been provided notification that regulations will be changed. If an insufficient number of certified traps are available for a given species, current trap types and/or models will be allowed for that species until a reasonable number of traps have been certified through the AIHTS process. The 2007-2008 trapping season marked the first year British Columbia trappers were required by law to use only AIHTS-certified traps for a subset of the species listed in the Agreement.

WHAT DOES THE AGREEMENT MEAN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA'S TRAPPERS?

The Agreement applies to most furbearers trapped in B.C. for the following purposes:

1. for wildlife management purposes, including wildlife conflict control;
2. to obtain furs, skins or meat;
3. for conservation purposes.

Currently, a person using killing traps for **beaver, bobcat, fisher, lynx, marten, muskrat, otter, raccoon and weasels**, or restraining traps for **beaver (cage traps), bobcat, lynx and wolf** is required, by law, to use only species-specific traps included in BC's trapping regulations which have been certified under the Agreement; see page 94 for the list of traps. As additional traps are tested and certified for these species they will be added to this list of legal traps – traps for these species are not legal until they have been added to BC's regulations.

Canada's commitment to the ongoing implementation of the Agreement allows trappers to continue to market their furs internationally, and will ensure Canada continues to play a leading role in the research, development and implementation of humane trapping methods to effectively manage our fur resource.

For more information on the Agreement and to see an updated list of traps currently meeting the standards of the Agreement, please consult the Ministry's website at www.gov.bc.ca/trapping or the Fur Institute of Canada website at www.fur.ca.

Use of Road-Kill Wildlife

▶ Trappers may pick up and transport any dead mule deer; white-tailed deer; elk; moose, black bear; or any wildlife listed in Schedules B or C (see the "What is Wildlife?" section for current schedules) if:

- (a) the wildlife is dead as a result of colliding with a motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle operated by the trapper;
- (b) the meat of the wildlife is unfit for human consumption;
- (c) the carcass of the wildlife is to be used only
 - (i) by the trapper; and
 - (ii) as bait for traps set under the

- (d) at the time of possession and transportation, the trapper has, on his or her person, the trapper's current trapping licence or proof of the trapper's licence exemption.

▶ Trappers who pick up road-kill wildlife to use as bait must, within 30 days of picking up the road-kill, complete a "Trapper Road-kill Possession Report Form" (available at any regional office, Service BC office, or on the Ministry website: www.gov.bc.ca/trapping and submit it to the address shown on the form.

▶ Trappers must retain a copy of every completed Trapper Road-kill Possession Report Form for at least 2 years after the date of pick up of the road-kill described on the form.

Bait for traplines

Trappers may keep the carcass of a Beaver; Coyote; Weasels; Fox; Marmot (except Vancouver Island Marmots); Mink; Mole; Muskrat; River Otter; Squirrel (ground, flying, Douglas, red); or wildlife described in Schedules B or C (see the "What is Wildlife?" section for current schedules) trapped out of season if:

- (a) the wildlife carcass is to be used only by the trapper; and
 - (i) as bait for traps set under the authority of the trapper's licence or licence exemption, and
- (b) at the time of possession and transport, the trapper has, on his or her person,
 - (i) his or her current trapping licence or proof of licence exemption, and
 - (ii) a permit issued under section 2 (c) (iii) of the Permit Regulation, BC Reg. 253/2000, permitting him or her to trap that wildlife during the closed season.

Collared, Implanted or Ear-tagged Furbearing Animals

► Several furbearing animal research projects are under way within the province. Please report the harvest of any collared, implanted or ear-tagged animal and return collars or implants to the nearest Ministry regional office. Radio-collars and implants are property of the Crown and must be returned.

Trapline Cabins

► Trappers must register their trapline cabins that are on Crown land. Cabin applications may take six months or more to process. Contact the Ministry regional office in the area of the trapline for more information. See below for more information on trapline cabins in parks.

Ecological Reserves, Provincial Parks, & Recreation Areas

► Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.

► Registered trapline tenure within Provincial Parks is subject to the provisions of the *Park Act* and its regulations. Trappers are required to obtain a Park or Resource Use Permit to trap that part of their trapline occurring within a Provincial Park or Recreation Area. This permit can be obtained from FrontCounter BC (see page 24).

Trapline cabins in Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas also require authorization by a Park Use or a Resource Use Permit.

TRAPLINE REGISTRATION USE & RELINQUISHMENT

► It is an offence to set a trap for, hunt, kill, take or capture a furbearing animal in any area of the province unless you are the registered holder of the trapline for that area or are authorized by regulation or permit.

► Registration of a trapline on Crown land may only be granted to a person 19 years of age or older who is a citizen of Canada or has the status of a permanent resident of Canada.

► No more than one trapline shall be registered to a person unless traplines are adjoining, and a fur management plan is

approved by the Regional Manager.

- Registration of a trapline does not:
 - give the holder of a trapline any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
 - restrict the rights of another person to hunt or capture wildlife where authorized by regulation or permit.
- The boundaries of a trapline are defined by the Regional Manager.
- The relinquishment or transfer of a trapline must be approved by the Regional Manager.
- No person shall continue to hold a registered trapline unless he or she:
 - carries on active trapping on his or her registered trapline to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager; or
 - obtains permission from the Regional Manager to temporarily discontinue the use of his or her registered trapline for a period not exceeding two years, or
 - uses or causes the use of his or her trapline by a licensed trapper or a person exempted from holding a licence.

► A person fails to use a trapline where, within a year, that person fails to take from the trapline furbearing animals of a value of \$200, or 50 pelts, except where it is unreasonable for that value of animals or number of pelts to be taken from the trapline.

► The Province reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under a trapline registration.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND INFORMATION

► The Assigned Trapper Number (ATN) is required by the Fur Trader when accepting, exporting and selling fur. It is also required when paying fur royalties. Please remember to write your ATN on a slip of paper or letter when shipping your fur to a fur trader. This will prevent delays in getting your furs to market and cash returns to you. Fur traders cannot ship or sell fur without recording your ATN.

► You are reminded that, under Sections 247 and 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada, it is an offence for anyone to wilfully cause, or permit to be caused, unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or injury to a person.

► As approved humane traps become available, trapping regulations restricting or prohibiting the use of certain other traps in the capture of various animals will be brought into effect. Please see the notice on page 91.

► A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully-set trap commits an offence.

► It is an offence to have live wildlife in your personal possession except under a licence or permit or as provided by regulation. A trapping licence does NOT authorize the possession of live wildlife.

► Any raw fur or skin of a furbearing animal shipped out of the province for commercial purposes must be accompanied by an Export Permit.

► **Trappers possessing furbearers harvested in Region 6, who must drive through the Yukon and back into B.C. in order to submit the animal for compulsory inspection, are exempt from obtaining an export permit for this purpose.**

► When trapping near recreational areas or communities, trappers should evaluate whether lethal traps are necessary at the site. It is important to remember that the landscape is utilized by a number of different user groups and that the safety of non-target species is vital to good trapline management. Warning signs should be used to inform people of trapping activities.

COMPULSORY REPORTING & INSPECTION

► In order to better record the harvest of furbearing animals, the Wildlife and Habitat Branch requires that certain species be reported or submitted to a Ministry office. The information gathered is critical to the management of these populations, and trapper compliance is needed to ensure that seasons are properly set. Please review the following requirements and keep accurate records pertaining to them.

Compulsory Reporting

► Trappers must, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season, report the harvest of:

- **fisher** in all MUs when trapped in a fisher open season;
- **wolverine** in regions 5, 6 and 7;
- **lynx** in region 8;
- **bobcat** in MUs 1-14 and 1-15, and in regions 2 and 8; and
- **wolf** in regions 1 and 2.

► Compulsory reporting forms are available at any Ministry regional office and www.gov.bc.ca/trapping. Reporting may be done by mail (to the address on the form), phone or in person.

When reporting, please give the following information:

- name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top of licence),
- location and date of kill,
- type of trap and set used,
- number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed, and
- the sex and age class of the animal.

Compulsory Inspecting

▶ Trappers must submit a carcass and pelt of furbearers that are killed incidentally in areas with no open season to a Ministry office, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season. These animals cannot be reclaimed by the trapper and may be donated by the Province to the Trapper Education Program.

▶ Trappers must submit the following to a Compulsory Inspection center, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season:

- wolverine in regions 1, 2, 3 and 8;
- all weasel species in region 1 and MUs 6-12 and 6-13, and a long-tailed weasel in MU's 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 and 2-19;
- lynx in MUs 1-14 and 1-15, regions 2 and 4; and
- bobcat in region 4.

▶ Trappers must provide the following to the Compulsory Inspection center:

- entire carcass of the animal and the pelt,
- name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top right corner of licence),
- location and date of kill,
- type of trap and set used, and
- number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed.

LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES

▶ Applications for trapping licences are available at www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca. For assistance with your application please contact FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222. (See Wildlife Permits & Commercial Licences article, page 24.)

▶ The fees payable for the issuance of the following licences are:

1. For a trapping licence issued to a citizen or permanent resident of Canada to trap furbearing animals (includes Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation surcharge) One Year Licence \$40.00
Five Year Licence \$200.00
2. For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her licence has been lost or destroyed \$10.00
3. To transfer registered trapline rights to a person or group of persons \$50.00
4. For a fur trader's licence. \$100.00
5. For a fur trader to trade from a place of business in another province. . . \$400.00

Note: Trapping licences shall be valid from the date of issuance to June 30.

FUR ROYALTY REGULATIONS

▶ Royalty must be paid by a person to keep

the pelt or skin of a furbearing animal (not raised in captivity) lawfully taken under their TRAPPING licence, unless that person sells the pelt or skin to a licensed fur trader.

▶ Royalty fee payments may be submitted by mail or courier with cheque (payable to The Minister of Finance), money order or credit card to any FrontCounter BC location (see page 24).

▶ If the pelt or skin of a furbearing animal was lawfully taken under a person's HUNTING licence, a royalty does not need to be paid, unless that person intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

Fur Royalties

▶ Royalty payments for pelts/skins is set at 3% of the average price paid at auction for the pelt or skin of the particular species over the preceding three years.

▶ Royalty values vary from year to year, and generally range from between \$0.25 to \$10 per pelt, depending on the species.

▶ Because royalties vary from year to year, they are not included in this two year synopsis. Visit www.gov.bc.ca/trapping for the current year fur royalties.

TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

▶ British Columbia is committed to regulating humane traps as they become available and ensuring that trappers are educated in the use of humane traps. All trappers have a responsibility to ensure they are trained and use the most humane traps available, that furbearing animals in their trapping areas are managed wisely, and pelts are handled professionally.

▶ It is an offence to trap unless you have completed a Trapper Education Program (TEP) approved by the Director of the Wildlife and Habitat Branch. Approved TEP courses include those obtained in British Columbia since July 1, 1982; from Quebec since July 1, 1988; and from the Yukon, Alberta and Ontario since July 1, 1989.

▶ In cooperation with the Ministry, the BC Trappers Association (BCTA) delivers the 3-day TEP course.

▶ Instructors are located around the Province. The demand for TEP courses continues to be high and the delivery of a course is subject to instructor availability.

▶ If you are interested in TEP, and want more information on the course, including costs and course dates, please see the BCTA website at www.bctrappers.ca, or contact:

BC Trappers Association
PO Box 1063
Prince George BC V2L 4V2
Phone: 250-962-5452
Fax: 250-962-5462
Email: info@bctrappers.ca

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FISHERS

▶ There is increased concern for fisher

populations in areas of the Thompson, Cariboo, Omineca and Skeena Regions that have experienced large habitat changes due to forest harvest and salvage of beetle and fire-killed forests. In addition, new genetic information indicates that fishers in these dry interior forests are a unique and separate population from those in BC's boreal forest.

▶ In February 2020, the BC Conservation Data Centre completed a status re-assessment for fisher, elevating the Central Interior population to red-listed (i.e., endangered) while the Boreal Forest population remains blue-listed (i.e., of concern). The primary rationale for the change includes low population numbers coupled with declining trends due to habitat loss. Where habitats are compromised, trapping poses a compounding threat to population persistence.

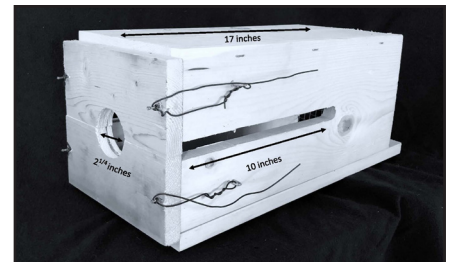
▶ **Fisher trapping seasons in Regions 3, 5, 7A, and portions of Region 6 have been closed. See page 96 for further details on fisher trapping seasons.**

▶ All fishers trapped during an open season must be Compulsory Reported or Inspected, and those incidentally trapped in areas or at times with no open season must be Compulsory Inspected (see Compulsory Reporting/Inspection requirements, page 92).

▶ Trappers are strongly encouraged to reduce incidental capture of fishers by modifying marten boxes to include an entry hole ≤56 mm (2¼") in diameter and make the distance between the trap and entry hole 10" or longer (see diagram below). A program is underway to help trappers adopt these boxes and reduce incidental capture of fishers. Watch for updates on the "Trapping in B.C." website noted above.

▶ For more information on fishers and their habitat, please visit www.bcfisherhabitat.ca.

Marten box modified with fisher exclusion plate. The exclusion plate splits in middle and is held in place with wire to allow of extraction of an animal.



SPECIES	CERTIFIED KILLING TRAPS		
BEAVER <i>Underwater or on land</i>	-Bélisle Classique 330 -Bélisle Super X 280 and Super X 330 -B.M.I. 280 Bodygripper, 330 Bodygripper -B.M.I. BT 300 -Bridger 330	-Duke 280 and Duke 330 -LDL C280 and LDL C280 Magnum -LDL C330 and LDL C330 Magnum -Rudy 280 and Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 1000-11F	-Sauvageau 2001-8, 2001-11, 2001-12 -Species-Specific 330 Dislocator Half Magnum -Species-Specific 440 Dislocator Half Magnum -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
BOBCAT and CANADA LYNX	-Bélisle Super X 280 and Super X 330 -B.M.I. 220 and 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 220 and 280 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 220	-Bridger 280 Magnum Body Gripper -Duke 280 -LDL C220 and C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum	-LDL C330 and C330 Magnum -Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 2001-8, 2001-11 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
FISHER	-Bélisle Super X 120, Super X 160 and Super X 220 -Koro #2	-LDL C160 Magnum and C220 Magnum -Rudy 120 Magnum	-Rudy 160 Plus and Rudy 220 Plus -Sauvageau 2001-5, 2001-6, 2001-7 and 2001-8
MARTEN	-Bélisle Super X 120 and Super 160 -B.M.I. 126 Magnum Body Gripper -Koro #1 and Koro #2 -LDL B120 Magnum	-LDL C160 Magnum -Northwoods 155 -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 Magnum Stainless Steel	-Rudy 120 Magnum -Rudy 160 Plus -Sauvageau C120 Magnum -Sauvageau 2001-5 and 2001-6
MUSKRAT <i>On land only</i>	-Bélisle Super X 110 and Super X 120 -B.M.I. 120 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 120 and 126 Body Gripper Magnum -Bridger 120 and 120 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 155 Magnum Body Gripper -Duke 120 -Koro Muskrat Trap -Koro Large Rodent Double spring -LDL B120 and LDL B120 Magnum	-Oneida Victor 120 Stainless Steel -Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 Stainless Steel -Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 Magnum Stainless Steel -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 Stainless Steel -Oneida Victor Conibear 120-3 Magnum Stainless Steel -Ouell 411-180 and Ouell RM -Rudy 110 and 120	-Rudy 120 Magnum -Sauvageau C120 Magnum -Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend" -Sauvageau 2001-5 -Triple M -WCS Tube Trap International -WCS SHORTY Tube Trap -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120
MUSKRAT <i>Underwater only</i>	Any jaw type trap (body gripping or foot-hold) set as a submersion set that exerts clamping force on a muskrat and that maintains this animal underwater.		
OTTER	-Bélisle Super X 220 and Super X 280 -Bélisle Super X 330 -LDL C220 and LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum	-Rudy 220 Plus -Rudy 280 and Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Sauvageau 2001-11	-Sauvageau 2001-12 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
RACCOON	-Bélisle Classique 220 -Bélisle Super X 160, Super X 220 and Super X 280 -B.M.I. 160 and 220 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 280 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 160 and Bridger 220 -Bridger 280 Magnum Body Gripper	-Duke 160 and Duke 220 -Koro #2 -LDL C160 and LDL C160 Magnum -LDL C220 and LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum -Northwoods 155 -Oneida Victor C-220 Stainless Steel	-Rudy 160, 160 Plus, 220 and 220 Plus -Sauvageau 2001-6, 2001-7 and 2001-8 -Species-Specific 220 Dislocator Half Magnum -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 160 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220
WEASEL	-Bélisle Super X 110 and Super X 120 -B.M.I. #60 -B.M.I. 120 Body Gripper Magnum -B.M.I. 126 Body Gripper Magnum -Bridger 120 and 120 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 155 Magnum Body Gripper -Koro Muskrat Trap and Koro Rodent Trap	-Koro Large Rodent Double Spring -LDL B120 Magnum -Ouell 411-180 and Ouell 3-10 -Ouell RM -Rudy 120 Magnum -Sauvageau 2001-5 -Sauvageau C120 Magnum	-Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend" -Triple M -Victor Rat Trap -WCS Tube Trap Int'l -WCS SHORTY Tube Trap -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120
SPECIES	CERTIFIED RESTRAINING TRAPS		
BEAVER	-Comstock 12 X 18 X 39 Swim Through Beaver Cage -Breathe Easy Live Beaver Trap	-Ezee Set Live Beaver Trap -Hancock Live Beaver Trap	-Koro "Klam" Live Beaver Trap
BOBCAT	-Bélisle Footsnare #6 and Bélisle Sélectif -Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs -Oneida Victor #1.75, offset, laminated jaws equipped with 2 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs and 4 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with 2 coil springs		
CANADA LYNX	Bélisle Footsnare #6, Bélisle Sélectif, Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs and 4 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 equipped with at least 8 mm thick, non-offset steel jaws, 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate		
WOLF	-Bélisle Footsnare #8 -BFV Beer no 1 PLUS -Bridger Alaskan #5 Offset and Laminated Jaws -Bridger Alaskan #5 Rubber Jaws -Bridger Brawn #9 Rubber Jaws	-LAY 76 Laminated -Livestock Protection EZ Grip #7 -MB 750 Alaskan OS (3/8") -Muskwa no 9 Laminated Offset -Rudy Red Wolf 4 1/2	-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs, a minimum 8mm thick base plate and an anchoring swivel mounted on this base plate

TRAPPING METHODS

	Killing Snare	Modified Foot-hold	Foot-hold - Submerging	Killing Trap	Live Box Trap	Foot Snare	Rifle, Shotgun or Bow	Egg Trap
Beaver	X		X	X ⁵	X ⁷		X	
Black Bear*							X ^{3,4}	
Bobcat	X	X ⁶		X ⁵	X	X ⁶	X	
Coyote	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Fisher	X			X ⁵	X		X	
Fox	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Lynx	X	X ⁶		X ⁵	X	X ⁶	X	
Marten	X			X ⁵	X		X	
Mink	X		X	X			X	
Muskrat	X		X ²	X ⁵			X	
Otter	X		X	X ⁵			X	
Raccoon	X			X ⁵	X		X	X
Skunk	X			X	X		X	
Squirrel	X			X	X		X	
Weasel	X			X ⁵	X		X	
Wolf	X	X ^{1,6}		X	X	X ⁶	X ³	
Wolverine	X			X	X		X	

“X” means that this is a legal trapping method in B.C.

* black bear may not be trapped by placing bait or by using a dead animal or part of it as bait.

- ¹ For solidly-fastened **foot-hold** traps designed to trap wolves, no more than 60 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened may be used.
- ² A minimum weight of 150 g must be securely attached to all muskrat submerging sets smaller than size # 1 1/2
- ³ It is an offence to shoot/kill a black bear; or a wolf not caught in a trap or a snare, with a rifle using a rimfire cartridge, or with a shotgun with a bore size of less than 20 gauge, or using shells of shot size smaller than No. 1 Buck.
- ⁴ Refer to the Hunting Methods table, page 16, for firearm and archery requirements for black bear and the Notice to Black Bear Hunters page 63.
- ⁵ Only killing traps certified under the AIHTS may be used, see page 94.
- ⁶ Only **foot-hold** restraining traps certified under the AIHTS may be used, see page 94.
- ⁷ Only live box traps certified under the AIHTS may be used, see page 94.

Best Trapping Practices:

<https://fur.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Best-Trapping-Practices.pdf>

It's Unlawful

You should know that it is unlawful to:

- ▶ Use a **foot-hold** trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap.
- ▶ Use a killing snare on land, unless the snare is equipped with a locking device, or is designed to catch squirrels or hares, or is a mechanically-powered killing snare.
- ▶ Use a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licenced or authorized to trap.
- ▶ Use a snare made of braided wire unless licenced or authorized to trap.
- ▶ Set spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap.
- ▶ Use a trap equipped with a spearing device.
- ▶ Use any Conibear trap larger than, but not including, #220 for land sets within any municipality in the Province.
- ▶ Use a rat trap unless the bait and trigger are completely covered, with an opening not larger than 4.5 cm wide and 5 cm high.
- ▶ Trap with a rifle using a full metal jacketed non-expanding bullet, or a tracer, incendiary, or explosive bullet, or with a shotgun using a tracer or incendiary shot shell.
- ▶ Use electronic or recorded calls for trapping furbearing animals other than for trapping wolf, coyote, bobcat or lynx.
- ▶ To cause or allow dogs to pursue furbearers under the authority of a trapping licence.

Trappers should be aware of the restrictions described in the It's Unlawful section (page 14) and the Hunting Methods and Restrictions sections (pages 16 and 17).

2020-2022 PROVINCIAL TRAPPING SEASONS

Note: The following open seasons apply to the entire region unless specific Management Units (MUs) are stated.

SPECIES/REGIONS (MUs)	SEASON DATES	SPECIES/REGIONS (MUs)	SEASON DATES
BEAVER		RACCOON	
Region 1	Oct 1 - Apr 30	Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7, 8	Oct 1 - Mar 31
Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	MUs 6-12, 6-13	Jan 1 - Dec 31
Regions 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7	Oct 1 - May 31		
MUs 6-12, 6-13	Jan 1 - Dec 31	RIVER OTTER	
BLACK BEAR		Region 1	Nov 15 - Mar 31
Region 5 (except MUs 5-2, 5-15) and MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct 15 - May 15	MUs 2-2 to 2-5, 2-12 to 2-16	Nov 15 - Feb 28
Region 3, 4, Region 7B, 8 and MUs 5-2, 5-15	Oct 1 - May 31	MUs 2-6 to 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19 and Regions 3, 4, 5	Oct 15 - Apr 30
Region 6 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14), 7A	Sept 15 - May 31	Regions 6, 7	Oct 1 - May 31
Quota = 2 black bear in one licence year		Region 8	Nov 1 - Apr 15
See the "Bears" and "It's Unlawful" section for general regulations concerning bear parts.		SKUNK	
BOBCAT		MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Oct 15 - Feb 28
Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	Nov 15 - Feb 15	SQUIRREL (Douglas, Northern Flying, Red Squirrel)	
COYOTE		Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	Nov 1 - Mar 15
Region 2	Sept 10 - Jun 15	Regions 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7	Nov 1 - Mar 30
MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Oct 15 - Mar 31	MUs 6-12, 6-13	Jan 1 - Dec 31
❖ In MU 4-1, open season is Dec 1 - Mar 31 if using a killing snare.		WEASEL	
★ There is no closed season for coyote in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 below 1100 m elevation.		Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	Nov 1 - Feb 15
FISHER		Regions 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7	Nov 1 - Feb 28
MUs 6-19 to 6-27, 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	*Nov 1 - Feb 15	❖ There is no open season for long-tailed weasel in MUs 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 & 2-19	
See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting requirements, page 92		WOLVERINE	
*Fisher trapping seasons in Regions 3, 5, 7A, and portions of Region 6 have been closed.		Regions 3, 5	Nov 1 - Jan 31
FOX		Region 6, 7 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14)	Nov 1 - Feb 28
MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	Oct 15 - Feb 28	MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14	Nov 1 - Feb 15
Region 5	Oct 15 - Mar 31	See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting requirements, page 92	
LYNX		WOLF	
Regions 3, 4, 5, 7B, 8	Nov 15 - Feb 15	Region 1	Sept 10 - Jun 30
Regions 6, 7A	Nov 1 - Feb 15	MUs 2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16	Sept 10 - Jun 15
MARTEN		MUs 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33, 3-34 to 3-44**	Oct 15 - Mar 31
Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	Regions 4* ❖, 5♦, 6, 8	Oct 15 - Mar 31
Regions 6, 7 (except MUs 7-49 to 7-54)	Nov 1 - Feb 28	Region 7★	Oct 15 - May 31
MUs 7-49 to 7-54	Nov 1 - Mar 15	* There is no closed season for wolf below 1100 m elevation in MUs 4-2 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40. Restricted to the use of certified restraining traps (see page 94) only from Apr 1 - Oct 14.	
MINK		** There is no closed season for wolf in MUs 3-12 to 3-13, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33, 3-35 to 3-42, restricted to private land only and use of certified restraining traps (see page 94) only from Apr 1 to Oct 14. Private land is defined as land that is not Crown land and that government does not have a vested interest in. I.e., does not apply to Crown grazing lease.	
Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7B, 8 (except MUs 7-49 to 7-54)	Nov 1 - Feb 15	❖ The use of killing snares in the Kootenay Region is limited to Dec 1 - Mar 31.	
Region 2 and MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14	Nov 15 - Feb 15	★ There is no closed season for wolf in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 below 1100 m elevation.	
Region 6 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14), Region 7A	Nov 1 - Feb 28	♦ There is no closed season for wolf in MUs 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14, restricted to private land only and use of modified leg hold traps only from Apr 1 to Oct 14. Private land is defined as land that is not Crown land and that government does not have a vested interest in. I.e., does not apply to Crown grazing lease.	
MUs 7-49 to 7-54	Oct 15 - Feb 15		
MUSKRAT			
Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8	Oct 15 - Apr 30		
Region 2	Nov 15 - Feb 15		
Regions 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7	Oct 1 - May 31		
MUs 6-12, 6-13	Jan 1 - Dec 31		

Trappers must comply with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and regional district legislation and bylaws. It is the responsibility of the trapper to inform themselves of all relevant laws.