

Peace Region Selected Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Least-Risk Windows – April, 2011

The following table presents the least-risk windows for selected aquatic and terrestrial wildlife of primary management concern in the Peace Region of the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Before development or exploration is undertaken, proponents should consider the potential for affecting these wildlife, and plan their activities to coincide with the least-risk windows.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Terrestrial													
Bison				15	-	-	15						
Caribou - boreal	-	-	15	-	-	-	15		15	-	-	-	-
Caribou - northern	15	-	-	-	-	-	15		15	-	-	-	14
Rocky Mt Elk	15	-	-	-	15	-	15						
Moose					15	-	15						
Bighorn/Thinhorn Sheep	15	-	-	-	-	-	15				15	-	14
Mt Goat	15	-	-	-	-	-	15				1	-	14
Songbirds					1	-	31						
Raptors & Owls			1	1	-	-	31	-	30				
Trumpeter Swan				1	-	-	31	31					
Aquatic (sport fish)													
Spring Spawners				1	-	-	14						
Fall Spawners	-	-	-	-	-	14		16	-	-	-	-	-
Both Spring and Fall Spawners	-	-	-	-	-	-	14		16	-	-	-	-

Low Risk

Restrictions would not normally apply. Where ground conditions permit, plan development activities within these timeframes.

Caution

Operators should avoid development activities during these timeframes.

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/distdata/Peace_Region_Wildlife_Values/Industrial_Sectors/Best_Management_Practices/AircraftBMPJul%2015'08.pdf

Critical

Development activities are not appropriate during this timeframe. Aerial activities should adhere to guidelines¹. In the event that working within a critical window is unavoidable, proponent should contact an appropriate qualified professional (e.g. Registered Professional Biologist with BC accreditation) to discuss alternatives, and potential mitigation and monitoring plans.

For further information, please address any enquiries to the Ecosystems Section.

¹ B.C. Ministry of Environment. 2008. *Peace Region Guidelines for Aircraft Operations/Wildlife Interactions*. http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/distdata/Peace_Region_Wildlife_Values/Industrial_Sectors/Best_Management_Practices/AircraftBMPJul%2015'08.pdf