

COMPULSORY INSPECTION and REPORTING

Compulsory Inspection and Compulsory Reporting are a requirement for specific game species under the BC 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 include, but is not limited to:**

1. the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and FWID,
2. the location where the animal was taken,
3. the date the animal was taken,
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. the licences under which the animal was taken.

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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.

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 (ie, 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
- grizzly bear
- cougar
- caribou
- elk in Regions 1 and 2 and MUs 4-08, 4-09, 4-14 to 4-17, 4-31 to 4-33, and 4-38
- moose in Regions 4 and 8 and MUs 5-03 to 5-06, 5-10 to 5-14, MUs 6-19 to 6-25, portion of 7-52 (see map F25)
- black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13
- lynx, bobcat and wolf in Region 4

1. Grizzly bear, mountain goat and mountain sheep must be submitted to a compulsory inspector within 30 days or 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 grizzly bear, 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, or 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 or before exporting from the province, whichever occurs first.

PARTS REQUIRED

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

- the portion of the skull including 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.



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 grizzly bear, black bear, lynx, cougar, bobcat, and wolf:

- 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 attached.

For elk and moose:

- an incisor (front) tooth, and
- for males, the antlers 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.

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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

must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report:

1. their name, address, telephone number and FWID,
2. the location where the animal was killed,
3. the date the animal was killed, and
4. the sex of the animal taken.
5. number of days hunted before the animal was killed

Compulsory Reporting forms are available online at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting. The Harvest Data card can also be used to submit this data, however hunters must add the number of days hunted before the animal was killed. The card is available at any licence issuer, Service BC, or Ministry office. There are four options to provide wildlife staff with the required information. The report can be:

1) Mailed or submitted in person to any regional office. Hunters also have the option to report to any regional office by phone.

2) Mailed to: Compulsory Reporting, PO Box 9374, Stn Prov Gov, Victoria, BC, V8W 9M4.

3) Faxed to (250) 387-0239.

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.