

## Dear LEH Hunter:

This letter is for hunters who received a Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorization for a LEH Moose hunt in Zone A of 5-04.

In 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) declared Tŝilhqot'in Aboriginal title lands in the Chilcotin region that include portions of MUs 5-04 and 5-05. The map in Appendix A shows the area to which the Tŝilhqot'in Nation has established title.

The Tŝilhqot'in Nation has enacted a wildlife law, Nulh Ghah Dechen Ts'edilhtan, which among other measures prohibits hunting on Tŝilhqot'in Title Lands without a Tŝilhqot'in issued permit. Tŝilhqot'in title lands are not publicly available for hunting and the Province advises that you not enter them without Tŝilhqot'in consent.

The only road to Zone A of 5-04 is through Tŝilhqot'in title lands via the Elkin Cr-Lord River FSR which is currently gated and likely to remain closed throughout the fall hunting season except to access private property. As it is likely this road cannot be used to access this LEH zone by hunters, alternative access may be necessary.

The Province continues to work with the Tŝilhqot'in Nation on the implementation of Tŝilhqot'in Aboriginal title and the management of hunting within and adjacent to Tŝilhqot'in title lands. Through this collaboration, the Province and the Tŝilhqot'in Nation seek long-term solutions that will further bring clarity to resident hunting and hunters in this area.

There is a substantial portion of your LEH hunt zone that is outside the declared title area (see map below in Appendix A) and is still accessible for you to exercise your enclosed LEH authorization to hunt Moose.

Please contact the Fish and Wildlife Branch at 250-387-9771 or fishandwildlife@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions about your LEH authorization.

Contact the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation Government at 1-866-394-7023 for guidance on how you may use and access Tŝilhqot'in title lands or more information about the *Nulh Ghah Dechen Ts'edilhtan*.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support as we work with the Tsilhqot'in Nation to fully understand the scope and implications of this decision.

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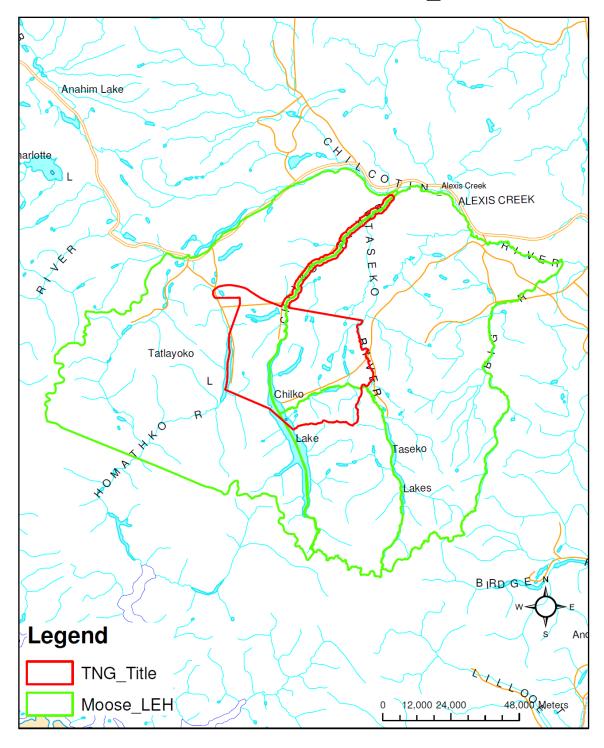
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Sincerely,

Fish and Wildlife Branch

Moose LEH Within MUs 5-04\_5-05

Appendix A



<sup>\*</sup>Note: The TNG Title boundary depicted in this map is approximate and may differ slightly from the Title area granted by the SCC.