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

**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

**Major Regulation Changes for 2018-2020**
1. Harmonized deer seasons for MU 1-1
2. Harmonized bow only antlerless deer season on Quadra Island
3. Closure of the youth antlerless deer seasons in MU 1-10
4. No closed season and no bag limit for turkey in MUs 1-1 to 1-7
5. No closed season and no bag limit for fallow deer in MUs 1-2 to 1-7

**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.
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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
★ Motor Vehicle Closed Areas: The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas:
★ 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 Areas: The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited in the 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 Licence Hunting Area
★ Hunters planning to hunt on Gulf Islands within MU 1-1 and 1-06 should be aware that 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.
★ No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).
★ Evidence of $100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while hunting is required.
★ All persons 18 years of age or older hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) and/or Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6, are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence, available at Service BC offices. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence.

BC PARKS
★ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.
★ Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Wildlife and Habitat Branch website at www.gov.bc.ca/hunting.

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### VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

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▼ A portion of MU 1-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.
* On Denman and Hornby Island season date is Oct 5 to Dec 10
** For special areas, the bow only antlerless season is from Aug 25- Sept 9
*** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18

** There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 (except Gabriola Island), in Zone B of MU 1-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6).

#### FALLOW DEER
- Species licence not required for fallow deer.
- No Closed Season

#### MOUNTAIN GOAT
- Compulsory Inspection Required.
- No Closed Season

#### BLACK BEAR
- Bow Only Season
  - Sept 10 - Dec 10

#### WOLF
- All wolf taken in Region 1 must be Compulsory Reported.
- No Closed Season

#### COUGAR
- 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.
- No Closed Season

#### RACCOON
- No Closed Season

#### SNOWSHOE HARE
- No Closed Season

#### OPOSSUM, SKUNK
- No Closed Season

#### GROUSE: SOOTY (Blue) & RUFFED
- Bow Only Season
  - Sept 10 - Dec 10

#### PTARMIGAN
- No open season on mountain quail.
- No Closed Season

#### CALIFORNIA QUAIL
- No open season on mountain quail.
- No Closed Season

#### PHEASANT
- No Closed Season

#### RAVEN
- No Closed Season

#### TURKEY
- No Closed Season

#### BAND-TAILED PIGEONS
- No Closed Season

#### COOTS, COMMON SNIPE
- 2018-2019
  - Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
  - Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
  - 10 each (30 each)
- 2019-2020
  - Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
  - Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
  - 8 (24)

#### DUCKS
- Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
- Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
- 10 each (30 each)

#### GEESE: SNOW and ROSS’S
- Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
- Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
- 5 (15)

#### GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED
- Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
- Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
- 5 (15)

#### GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING
- Oct 6, 2018 - Jan 18, 2019
- Oct 12, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020
- 10 (30)

▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU 1-4, see below

*1-4 (Cowichan Bay)
- Oct 6, 2018 - Nov 18, 2018
- Dec 15, 2018 - Jan 6, 2019
- Feb 10, 2019 - Mar 10, 2019
- Oct 6, 2019 - Nov 18, 2019
- Dec 15, 2019 - Jan 6, 2020
- Feb 10, 2020 - Mar 10, 2020

*1-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)
- Sept 29, 2018 - Oct 8, 2018
- Dec 15, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018
- Feb 16, 2019 - Mar 20, 2019
- Sept 29, 2019 - Oct 8, 2019
- Dec 15, 2019 - Dec 31, 2019
- Feb 16, 2020 - Mar 20, 2020

▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU 1-4, see below

* 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
- 1-1 to 1-15
- Sept 29, 2018 - Sept 30, 2018
- Oct 5, 2019 - Oct 6, 2019

★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.
Map A1. Sanich Peninsula/Gulf Islands
Firearms/hunting restrictions and special antlerless season

Map A2. Ganges - No Shooting Area (MU 1-1).


Map A4. Cherry Point No Shooting Area (MU 1-4).

Map A5. Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).

Map A6. Saturna Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 1-1).

Map A7. Cowichan Bay Area (MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Firearms Using Shot Only Area, Sept 15 to Mar 11. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See General Open Seasons Table.

Map A8. Nitinat River - No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 1-4).

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

Map A10. Cowichan Bay Area (MU 1-4) Special Antlerless Mule Deer Season east of Cowichan Bay.

Map A11. Nanaimo/Ladysmith - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season (east of the powerline). Michael Lake No Shooting Area on Michael Lake to the high water mark.

Map A12. Mayo Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 1-4). Note: Cowichan River No Shooting Area within 100 metres of the river from Holt Creek Trail to the municipality of Lake Cowichan.

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

Map A14. Cherry Point - No Shooting Area (MU 1-4).

Map A15. Saanich Inlet - No Shooting Area (MU 1-4).
Hunting and discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows are prohibited within CRD Water Supply and Regional Park lands. Represented here in Dark Grey, these lands are located northwest of Victoria, south and southwest of Shawnigan Lake, south of Rentfrew Road, west of the Malahat and east of the Bear Creek Reservoir.

For more information please contact CRD Integrated Water Services at 250.474.9600 or CRD Regional Parks at 250.478.3344.
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 - matrixshot, 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.

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