

Regulations Synopsis



1999 - 2000



HUNTING & TRAPPING

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Message from the Minister

British Columbians are the proud guardians of a natural heritage that is justly renowned world-wide. We recognize that our abundant wildlife and wilderness areas are priceless natural wonders to be carefully preserved and passed on to future generations.

Fish and wildlife continue to flourish across our province due in part to the measures we are taking to protect and preserve their natural habitat. The pressures of our growing human population mean that wildlife conservation strategies are more than ever a necessity - for hunters, anglers, trappers and the public alike.

Government's first priority for wildlife is conservation. However, we recognize that many British Columbians enjoy participating in hunting and trapping activities for sport, recreation and traditional reasons. Recent amendments to the Wildlife Act increase penalties for poachers and make it an offence to feed or attract dangerous animals. The changes will introduce tough new penalties such as higher fines and possible imprisonment for illegal hunting of grizzly bears and other species. The amendments are also designed to reduce encounters between humans and dangerous wildlife.

B.C.'s hunting regulations are designed to carefully balance sustainable wildlife management with some of the most outstanding hunting opportunities the world has to offer. I would like to recognize B.C.'s hunters for their contributions towards wildlife conservation and encourage their continued participation and support.

Habitat protection initiatives such as those funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) are vitally important. Thanks to the support of hunters, anglers, trappers and guides, HCTF projects are helping to protect the full diversity of B.C.'s wildlife and fisheries - not solely game animals, but also numerous endangered species and invertebrates. To date, the HCTF has received 1999 funding of \$5 million dollars to support 160 projects to protect, restore and enhance fish and wildlife populations and habitats throughout B.C.

As the trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, I am dedicated to the wise use and effective expenditure of your conservation dollars.

Hunter information is critical in determining what changes to the hunting regulations are needed to respond to conservation concerns. Together, our commitment to preserving British Columbia's fish and wildlife will provide future generations with the same wildlife experiences that we now enjoy.

Cathy McGregor

Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks

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- **Web page access to BC Hunting and Trapping Synopsis:**
www.monday.com/hunting
- **Enquiry BC**
For more information on the hunting and trapping regulations, call a BC Environment Regional Office, Wildlife Branch HQ Victoria, or the Conservation Officer Service using the numbers listed in the regional portions of the synopsis. Enquiry BC can provide toll free access to provincial government telephone numbers. Simply call Enquiry BC and request a transfer to the number you wish to call:

from Vancouver	660-2421
from Victoria	387-6121
elsewhere in BC	1-800-663-7867

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 1999-2000

Province-wide:

♦ A series of moose rut closures have been created adjacent to the majority of Northern roads within Region 6, in response to concerns by Northern First Nations.

♦ **Bobcat, lynx and wolverine** have been changed from small game to big game and a separate species licence is required for each. There is no longer a combined bobcat/lynx/wolverine licence. All three species continue to be designated as fur bearing animals. (See page 11)

♦ **Tanners** are added to fur traders, taxidermists, meatcutters and cold storage plant operators required to keep records of wildlife received. (See page 24)

♦ **Changes to trafficking regulations** related to buying and selling dead wildlife and parts of wildlife. (see item #34, page 7)

♦ **New definitions** for "mature bighorn ram mountain sheep," "non-toxic shot," "vehicle," "ATV," "snowmobile," and "motorcycle." (See Definitions Section, page 4 to 6)

♦ **Evidence of species** is required to be left on carcasses of elk, moose, mule (black tailed) deer, white tailed deer or fallow deer. (See page 24)

♦ **Retrieval of Carcass.** It is unlawful to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions of the four quarters and loins to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. For grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing 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 wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the edible portions or to remove the hide, if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to another person who complies with the requirement. With respect to big game, excluding grizzly bear, cougar, wolf, lynx, bobcat and wolverine, edible portions means the edible portions of the four quarters and the loins of the animal and with respect to game birds, means the edible portions of both breasts of the bird. (See item # 35, page 7 to 8)

♦ **Hunter Number Cards.** If the holder of a hunter number card changes his or her legal name, residential address or ceases to be a resident, he or she within 30 days of the address or name change or date at which they cease to be a resident, must notify a Government Agent or Ministry employee authorized to issue hunter number cards of the address change, provide a document evidencing the legal name change or on ceasing to be a resident, surrender their hunter number card to the director. If a person who holds a BC resident hunter number card ceases to be a BC resident, the hunter number is suspended as long as the person is not a resident. (See page 10)

♦ **Hunter Orange.** Following a recommendation from the Coroner's Office last year, the Wildlife Branch considered requiring hunters to wear some type of highly visible clothing while participating in some forms of hunting. Hunters were invited by the Wildlife Branch through a notice in this publication to provide written comment to the director on the subject. A decision has been made that wearing of some form of highly visible clothing will not be mandatory, however the Wildlife Branch will continue to

encourage its use by hunters in the field on a voluntary basis.

♦ **Changes** have been made to the boundaries of the Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area in the Peace Region (Region 7b) and vehicle restrictions within the AMA. (See page 83 and maps page 87)

♦ **"Tooth For The Truth"**, the voluntary tooth return program, is temporarily suspended for the 1999-2000 season. Hunters are asked not to voluntarily provide teeth and harvest information with the harvest card return envelope this year. Tooth returns are still required for compulsory reporting and inspection where specified for both limited entry and general open season hunts.

♦ **Penalty increases** Amendments to the penalties section (section 84) of the *Wildlife Act* have been made resulting in increases in the ranges of penalties available to judges for sentencing in convictions under the *Wildlife Act*. The amendments introduce tough new penalties across the board, creating three tiers of infractions and fine ranges and classify offences depending upon their seriousness. **Tier one** contains the most serious offences related to the illegal trade in live wildlife and parts, and in particular will increase the maximum fine for the illegal hunting of grizzly bears and other species from \$10,000 to \$100,000. **Tier two** offences are those that could harm the wildlife resource or that reflect serious unethical practices related to illegal hunting or trapping. Tier two introduces fines of up to \$50,000. **Tier three** offences are the majority of offences under the Act and creates a range of possible fines of up to \$25,000, an increase from the previous range of up to \$5,000.

♦ Additional penalty amendments provide the courts with the ability to use creative sentencing which may include community

service, payment of funds to cover the costs of remedial or preventative action or the posting of bonds to ensure compliance. The amendments also enable the courts to order payment of money into special trust funds and payment of additional money to offset estimated or potential profits resulting from trafficking in wildlife or wildlife meat.

♦ **Feeding of dangerous wildlife.** An amendment to the *Wildlife Act* now makes it an offence to intentionally feed or attempt to feed dangerous wildlife (cougar, coyote, wolf and bear). Hunters and trappers are exempted from that provision while lawfully engaged in hunting or trapping. In addition, when a Conservation Officer believes that any person's safety is at risk, the officer has the ability to issue a dangerous wildlife protection order, effective on or about any land or premises other than in a private dwelling.

♦ The order could require the removal or clean up of compost, food wastes or domestic garbage within a specified time. Facilities for the disposal of waste operated in accordance with the Waste Management Act, a person engaged in lawful trapping, or a farm operation that meets the requirements of the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act, are exempted from the application of a dangerous wildlife protection order. The new provisions are designed to lower the number of bear/human interactions and decrease the growing number of bears that learn to rely on people for food and must be killed by Conservation Officers because such bears pose a risk to public safety.

♦ **New definition of accompany.** 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.

♦ **Definition of resident and non-resident.** Amendments concerning the definitions of a BC resident and non-

resident under the *Wildlife Act* are scheduled to come into effect in the new licence year, March 1, 2000, as follows:

♦ **BC Resident** - effective **March 1, 2000**, means a) a person whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia and is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada and has resided in British Columbia for 7 months in the last 12 immediately before anything relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*, or b) is not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia and has resided in British Columbia for the 12 month period immediately before doing anything relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*. Only or primary residence means permanent residency identified by drivers licence, income tax return, health care card, vehicle registration, etc.

♦ **Non -resident** - effective **March 1, 2000**, means a person who is not a resident of BC but who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or a person who is not a resident of BC but whose only or primary residence is in Canada and has resided in Canada for the last 12 months before doing anything relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

♦ Regulation changes which are limited to a specific region are noted on that region's management unit map page.

THIS SYNOPSIS IS NOT THE LAW.

♦ It is a summary of the B.C. Hunting and Trapping Regulations made under the *Wildlife Act* (British Columbia) that has been prepared for the convenience of hunters and trappers.

♦ If you have any questions about the information in this synopsis, please contact the BC Environment regional office or District Conservation Officer Service office in the area you wish to hunt.

DEFINITIONS

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 or ATV - means a wheeled vehicle or tracked vehicle propelled by motorized power, and capable of travel on or off a highway, including motor cycles 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 or young animals of the deer family bearing no visible antlers. The small skin or hair covered protuberances of fawns and calves do not constitute antlers.

Arrow - means a slender shaft, which may be pointed at one end and may be feathered at the opposite end, for shooting from a bow.

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 - until February 29, 2000, means a person who makes his/her home in the Province, and who has been in actual residence therein for six (6) months in the previous twelve (12) months prior to any application under the *Wildlife Act*.

B.C. Resident - effective March 1, 2000, means a person whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia and is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada and has resided in British Columbia for seven (7) months in the last twelve (12) immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*, or if not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada has resided in British Columbia for the twelve (12) month period immediately before doing anything relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*. Only or primary residence means permanent residency identified by drivers licence, income tax return, health care card, vehicle registration, etc.

Big Game - means any mountain sheep, mountain goat, bison, caribou, elk, moose,

deer, grizzly bear, 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.

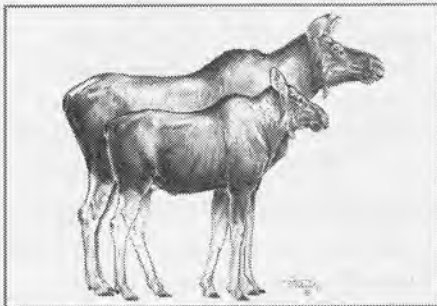
Bow - means a longbow or crossbow.

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. Buck or Bull - with reference to caribou means a male 1 year of age or over, bearing visible bony antlers.

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

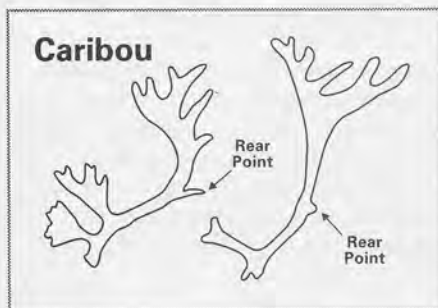
Cancelled Species Licence - means a



Species Licence that has been cancelled as indicated on the licence. The Species Licence must be cancelled immediately upon killing the animal.

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.

Caribou - Mature Bull - has a main beam which is at least 75 cm (30) inches in length



or one antler which bears 5 tines (points) including the tip of the main beam above the rear point. *If the rear point is missing, the first rear facing point will be used as rear point.

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

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 unless otherwise indicated under the regional schedules.)

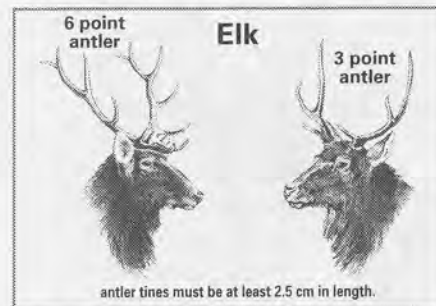
Decoy - means any material or manufactured product that simulates the appearance or has the form of wildlife.

Deer Family - means moose, caribou, deer and elk.

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

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

Elk - Three Points or Greater Bull - means



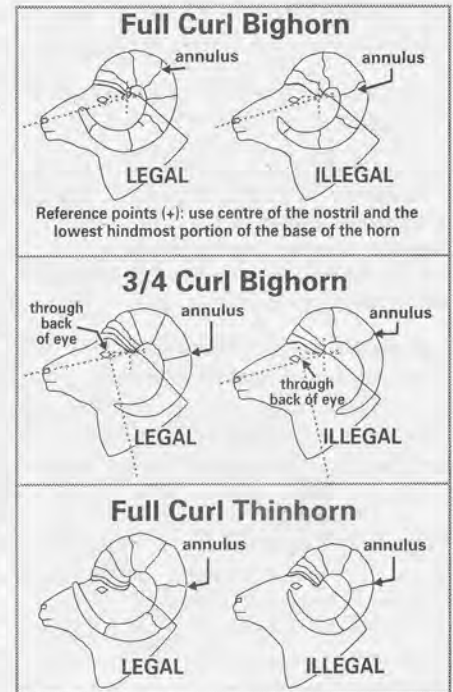
any bull having at least three tines on one antler.

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

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 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.

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.

Mature Bighorn Ram - means any bighorn ram mountain sheep that has attained the age of 8 years as evidenced by true horn annuli as determined by the regional manager or designate, or whose horn tip, when viewed squarely from the side extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge.

Full Curl Thinhorn Ram - means any male thinhorn mountain sheep which has attained the age of eight (8) years as evidenced by yearly horn growth annuli as determined by the Regional Manager or designate, or whose horn tip extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge when viewed squarely from the side.

Fur-Bearing Animal - means a fox, badger, beaver, black bear, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, raccoon, skunk, red and Douglas' squirrel, sea otter, weasel, wolverine, wolf or coyote.

Game Bird - means any grouse, partridge,

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quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or bird designated by regulation.

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

Hunt And 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.

Licence Year - Hunting and Guide Licences - means the period from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

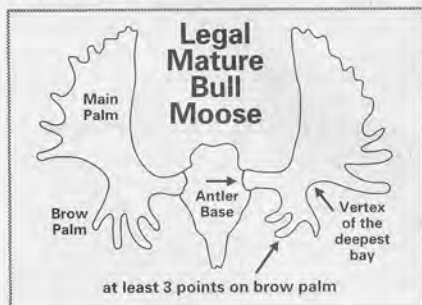
Trapping and Fur Trading Licences - means the period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

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 5

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); coot; snipe; band-tailed pigeon and mourning dove.

Moose - Legal Immature Bull - means a bull moose having no more than two tines on one antler.

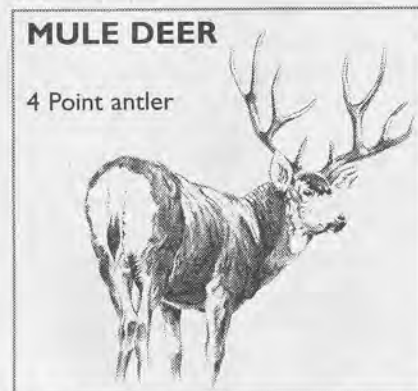
Moose - Legal Mature Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a brow palm bearing three or more points (tines). The brow palm is separated from the main palm by the deepest antler bay. The deepest bay is the bay whose vertex (deepest location) is the shortest distance from the antler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



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

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 and 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.

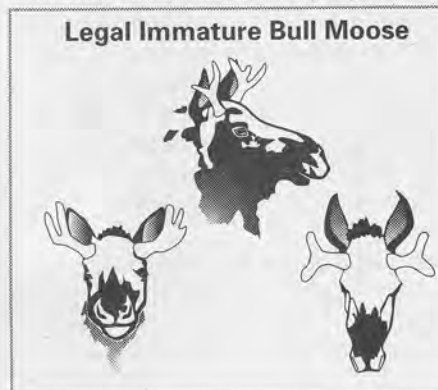
Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Four Points or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least four tines, excluding the brow tine, on one antler.



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

Non-resident - effective March 1, 2000, means a person who is not a resident but who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or a person who is not a resident but whose only or primary residence is in Canada and has resided in Canada for the last twelve (12) months before doing anything relevant to the operation of the Wildlife Act.

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.

NOTE: No Shooting Areas as prescribed under the Wildlife Act are open to the use of bows (including crossbows) unless specifically restricted under hunting regulations.

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 a bird of the order Falconiformes known as vultures, eagles, falcons and hawks or of the order Strigiformes known as owls and includes the eggs of these birds.

Road Allowance - see definition, page 22 to 23.

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.

Spike Buck - means a male deer having antlers that are composed of a main beam from which there are no bony projections greater than 2.5 cm in length.

Tine or "point" - means a branch of an antler which is longer than the breadth of its base and is at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length. To measure the length of a tine measure the tine from the centre of its base to the tip. The base of the tine is the nearest edge of the part of the antler commonly known as the main beam.

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

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.

IT IS UNLAWFUL . . .

1. to enter, hunt over or trap in cultivated land, posted land or private property without the owner's permission.
2. to make a false statement to an Officer, Conservation Officer, or Constable.
3. to hunt at any time during the year except within the open season, or by authority of a permit issued under the Wildlife Act.
4. to use another person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. to hunt moose, elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, caribou, bison or grizzly bear with a shotgun. (Shotguns may be used only for the hunting of deer, black bear, cougar, coyote, bobcat, lynx, wolverine, wolf, game birds and small game.)

NOTE: A person using a shotgun for hunting deer, bobcat, lynx, wolverine, coyote, black bear, cougar and wolf must use a bore size of 20 gauge or larger and use shells of shot size 1 Buck or larger.

8. to hunt game birds with a rifle, except grouse and ptarmigan. Rifles other than centre-fire rifles are permitted for hunting turkey.
9. to possess or use shot other than non-toxic shot for the purpose of hunting a migratory game bird, except a band-tailed pigeon or mourning dove.
10. to hunt migratory game birds using a rifle, or a shotgun loaded with a single projectile, or any other weapon except a bow or a shotgun not larger than 10 gauge.

11. to use, while hunting migratory game birds, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one, is disassembled or unloaded and encased.
12. to hunt with a set gun, or to hunt wildlife with a pump, repeating or auto-loading shotgun with a magazine capable of holding more than two shells.
13. to use full metal jacketed, non-expanding, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets for hunting or trapping game.
14. to use rimfire cartridges for hunting big game, other than bobcat, lynx or wolverine.
15. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat.
16. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

Under the Wildlife Act, all wildlife, dead or alive, is owned by the provincial Crown except where a person lawfully kills the wildlife and complies with all provisions of the Wildlife Act and regulations.

It is the hunter's responsibility to take only animals which meet the legal requirements. If you have any doubts about the legality of the animal,

DO NOT SHOOT!

a boat propelled by a motor:

17. 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, or bicycle.
18. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind.
19. to hunt wildlife by the use of, or with the aid of, a light or an illuminating device.
20. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by a helicopter.
21. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
22. to hunt wildlife within six (6) hours of being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
23. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle or other mechanical device to disturb or harass wildlife.
24. to hunt game, except migratory game birds, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
25. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
26. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
27. to use poison for the hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any wildlife.
28. to use recorded or electronic calls to hunt wildlife (no exemption for trappers).
29. to capture, possess or keep in captivity any live wildlife without a permit.
30. to possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except those designated by regulations, (ie: crows, English sparrows, cowbirds, magpies, Rock doves or European starlings or their egg or nest).
31. to buy or sell migratory birds (or their eggs or nests).
32. to offer for sale the pelt or skin from a fur-bearing 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. (See Royalty Fees section on page 84).
33. to traffic in live wildlife, wildlife meat or offer to do so except as authorized by permit.
34. to traffic in dead wildlife or a part of wildlife except when the wildlife was lawfully killed in BC or lawfully brought into BC, 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.
35. to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions of the four quarters and loins to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or

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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. Of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing 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 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.

36. to hunt migratory game birds within 400 metres of any place where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least 7 days.
37. to use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
38. to discharge, dump, discard or dispose of litter.
39. to shoot, hunt or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle except under permit.
40. to deface any notice posted under authority of the Wildlife Act.
41. to damage or interfere with a lawfully set trap.
42. to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licenced to do so.
43. to hunt black bear or grizzly bear by placing bait or using a dead animal or a part of it as bait.
44. to possess or transport a big game animal that was killed unintentionally by accident or collision, or was illegally killed.
45. to kill wildlife by accident or to protect life or property and fail to report promptly the killing to an Officer.
46. to possess or import a) bear genitalia separate from the carcass or hide or b) bear gall bladders; to import or export bear paws separate from the carcass or hide; or to traffic in a) bear gall bladders, b) bear genitalia or bear paws that are separate from the carcass or the hide. Gall bladders include any portion or derivative of the gall bladder. Hunters are not committing an offense if they remove

the gall bladder from the carcass and leave the gall bladder at the kill site.

47. to trap, dispose of wildlife parts, or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow within the developed portion of a BC Forest Service Recreation site or Interpretive Forest site as defined in the Forest Recreation Regulation.
48. for the holder of a resident hunter

LEAD 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 gamebirds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland gamebirds (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, 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 (604-940-4710) for more details.

number to change their name or residential address and fail within 30 days to notify a government agent or person authorized to issue resident hunter number cards of the change. In the case of a legal name change, a document must be submitted evidencing the legal name change.

49. for the holder of a resident hunter number to fail to deliver their hunter number card to the director of the Wildlife Branch within 30 days of ceasing to be a BC resident.

50. to apply for, obtain, or use more than one resident hunter number.

51. to use ATVs or snowmobiles any time on forrest service roads unless the operator and vehicle are covered by public liability insurance.

52. to operate an ATV or snowmobile in such a manner as to drive, harass, chase, run over, injure, or kill wildlife or a domestic animal.

53. 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. Wildlife killed while in the commission of an offence, regardless of the statute, is not legally taken and remains the property of the Crown.

- PENALTIES -

Violators Be Warned!

- ♦ We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource!
- ♦ As described below, in addition to or apart from any action that may have been taken by the courts, last year the Director, Wildlife Branch, notified 413 hunters that their licences were cancelled or suspended.
- ♦ If you are convicted of an offense under the Wildlife Act of British Columbia or the regulations, or the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 (Canada), Canada Wildlife Act, or the Criminal Code (respecting the possession or use of firearms while hunting), or another cause considered sufficient by the Director you may:
 - have your hunting and/or firearm licence(s) cancelled for an automatic minimum period that can range from one to five years and which would run sequentially should there be more than one cancellation.
 - upon consideration by the Director, Wildlife Branch, for offences that do not carry an automatic licence cancellation, have your hunting/firearm licence(s) cancelled for a period up to thirty years or suspended;
 - ♦ be liable to a fine which for certain offences will range between a) up to \$25,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment

for the majority of offences under the Wildlife Act (\$500 to \$50,000 and /or 1 year imprisonment for subsequent offences, b) up to \$50,000 and /or 6 months imprisonment for offences that could harm the wildlife resource or that reflect serious unethical practices related to illegal hunting or trapping (\$1,000 to \$100,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment for subsequent offences) and c) \$1,000 to \$100,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment for offences related to the illegal trade in live wildlife or killing endangered species (\$2,000 to \$150,000 and/or 18 months imprisonment for subsequent offences)

You should also be aware that:

- ♦ If you are convicted of an offence under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 (Canada), you will have your migratory game bird permit cancelled automatically;
- ♦ If you are convicted of two wildlife or firearm offences within a period of two years, your hunting and firearm licences will be cancelled for an automatic minimum period of one year;
- ♦ If you do not pay any fine(s) imposed for wildlife offence(s), all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to you under the Wildlife Act will be automatically cancelled and you will be ineligible to obtain new licences until the fine(s) is/are paid.
- ♦ Persons who have had their hunting licence privileges suspended or cancelled are ineligible to apply for LEH.

BC'S BEAR PARTS TRADE BAN

- ♦ To protect grizzly and black bears, the B.C. government has imposed a ban on the commercial trade in certain bear parts effective February 1, 1993. The regulation forbids the possession, trafficking, importing and exporting of bear galls, including any part or derivative of the gall bladder and genitalia. It also bans trade in bear paws separated from the carcass or hide, although possession is still permitted to allow for personal use and for ceremonial use by aboriginal people.
- ♦ B.C.'s ban on the trade in bear parts represents an important step toward reducing the illegal killing of these animals. Many jurisdictions in western North America have similar bans in place.

- ♦ Contact a BC Environment regional or district office for more information.

Data Collection

- ♦ 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. In addition to the standard questionnaire procedure, the Wildlife Branch will contact some hunters by telephone this season.
- ♦ Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, compulsory reporting and the voluntary tooth return program (voluntary tooth return temporarily suspended for 1999/2000) for deer, moose, elk and black bear 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 information about the animal taken. This accurate information enables managers to set very specific hunting regulations on a year to year basis, reducing heavy harvests in some areas and extending the season in others, to balance the needs of the animal population against the needs of the public.
- ♦ Without adequate information, managers must set very 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. In this situation, open hunting is unacceptable as it risks overharvesting and possible long term damage to the resource.
- ♦ Good information makes for good game management and good hunting!

ABORIGINAL HUNTING

- ♦ The first priority of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that in some circumstances Indian people have legal aboriginal rights to harvest wildlife for sustenance (food, social and ceremonial purposes) in their traditional areas. Such uses of wildlife must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize public 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 demonstrable aboriginal or treaty right to do so.
- ♦ Under the Wildlife Act 'Indian' means a person who is defined as a status 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. However, Indians who are residents of BC and are exercising their aboriginal rights to hunt for sustenance purposes in their traditional territory may be required to comply with hunting regulations. This may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations. Where 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. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, individuals should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the Regional Fish and Wildlife Office with respect to any specific requirements that may apply to them.
- ♦ Indians who are residents of BC and wish to hunt outside their traditional territory must do so in accordance with the Hunting Regulations. This includes making application for a LEH authorization via the LEH draw. When completing their application card(s), 'INDIAN' should be entered in the space allotted for Resident Hunter Number. This is required as a means of identification to prevent computer rejection of an incomplete application card. Indian applicants must enter their complete mailing address including the postal code on the application card. Indians who are successful in the draw must comply with the requirements of Compulsory Reporting/Inspection or any other Hunting Regulations. For further information contact the Wildlife Branch at 250-387-9784.

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

- ♦ Effective October 1st, 1998, new rules respecting the possession and licencing of firearms and ammunition became law. These rules apply to people hunting in B.C.
- ♦ For information on these changes, contact the Ministry of Attorney General at (250) 387-6981 or your local police

CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION EDUCATION



C.O.R.E.

- ♦ September 1, 1999 marks the 25th anniversary your hunter safety training program. New and experienced hunters are to be congratulated on their success in greatly improving the safe use of firearms thereby increasing the rewarding experiences of hunting. Each hunter has helped achieved that success through the support provided by their individual actions while afield. Particular recognition and sincere thanks goes to the thousands of hunters who through participation in the CORE program along with that of the BC Wildlife Federation have created the high level of hunting safety we enjoy today.
- ♦ Since 1974, C.O.R.E. has been an educational program designed to ensure that prospective new hunters meet acceptable standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical participation in hunting. As of March 1, 1998, the BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has accepted the responsibility for the delivery of the program and graduate record keeping. CORE graduates who are not a BCWF or affiliated club member are entitled to apply for a complimentary BCWF direct membership, including the Outdoor

Edge magazine and liability insurance.

- ♦ Although not compulsory, classroom instruction in C.O.R.E. 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: Ethics, Firearms Safety, Regulations, First Aid and Survival, and Animal and Bird Identification chapters found in the CORE manual. There is a \$10.00 fee for each of the practical firearms handling and written examinations payable to the examiner. There is also a graduate fee of \$30.00 payable to the examiner at the time of program completion used for BCWF program delivery support.
- ♦ The course requires about 21 hours of self study and firearm handling practice based upon the C.O.R.E. manual. Information on how to obtain the C.O.R.E. manual and list of certified C.O.R.E. examiners is available from Access Centre offices of the Government Agent, BC Environment, the BCWF office in Surrey, at 1-800-533-2293 or the BC Environment web page at www.elp.gov.bc.ca/wld/

- ♦ For a Bowhunter Education Program course recognized throughout North America contact:

B.C. Archery Association
87 Okanagan St. Kitimat, B.C. V8C1Z6
250-632-6424 or
Rick Paquette
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B.C. RESIDENT HUNTER NUMBER

- ♦ A B.C. resident may only have and use one hunter number. If you lose your hunter number card, contact a government agent in your area or the Wildlife Branch, Victoria to obtain a duplicate. DO NOT obtain a new hunter number; as this violates the Wildlife Act Regulations.
- ♦ It is important that the Wildlife Branch maintain accurate records of hunter addresses and hunter numbers particularly as they relate to Limited Entry Hunting, wildlife harvest and hunter effort data requested from hunters through reporting, inspection and surveys. The Wildlife Branch is preparing to develop a magnetic swipe card system for licence sales which will require the

maintenance of accurate hunter number records.

- ♦ The following changes concerning BC resident hunter number cards have been made to support the hunter number system. If the holder of a hunter number card changes his or her legal name, residential address or ceases to be a resident, he or she within 30 days of the address or name change or date at which they cease to be a resident, must notify a Government Agent or Ministry employee authorized to issue hunter number cards of the address change, provide a document evidencing the legal name change or on ceasing to be a resident, surrender their hunter number card to the director of the Wildlife Branch. If a person who holds a BC resident hunter number card ceases to be a BC resident, the hunter number card is suspended as long as the person is not a resident. For correspondence, please inform us of changes by writing quoting your Resident Hunter Number; at Wildlife Branch, BC Environment, PO Box 9374, STN PROV GOV, VICTORIA BC V8W 9M4.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

Big Game Guided Hunts

- ♦ Non-residents of British Columbia hunting big game must be accompanied by a licenced B.C. guide. When purchasing big game species licences, non-residents must provide the licencing office with the name of the guide outfitter; the guide's licence number; the management unit(s) in which the hunt will take place and the dates of the hunt. On completion of the hunt non-residents must obtain a completed form of declaration from their guide. Failure to do so constitutes an offence on the part of the hunter and the guide.

Big Game Accompanied Hunts

- ♦ A non-resident of B.C. who is a resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen may be accompanied by a resident of B.C. who holds a Permit to Accompany (\$25). Only one Permit to Accompany will be issued to a person in a licence year.
- ♦ The B.C. resident applying for this permit must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada who has held a BC hunting licence and a big game species licence for 3 of the 5 years preceding application. This person must obtain the required permit from the Regional Office of BC Environment of the

region in which the hunt is intended. Application for the permit must be made on the proper form (available from BC Environment Offices) at least one month prior to hunting. Only one Permit to Accompany will be issued to a person in a licence year.

♦ The non-residents must show the Permit to Accompany or a copy indicating the name of the permittee and the permit number when purchasing their big game species licences.

♦ 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 procedure providing that they qualify under one of the required relationship categories (ie. 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 excludes cousins).

♦ Permits to Accompany may not be available for all species and areas. Check with the appropriate regional office.

Handguns

♦ There are special handgun restrictions in Canada. Please contact the R.C.M.P. for details before bringing a handgun into Canada.

Small Game

♦ It is not necessary for a non-resident of British Columbia to be accompanied by a licenced guide when hunting for small game (includes game birds).

LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

♦ Anyone wishing to hunt or carry firearms in B.C. must obtain the required licence. To be eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence, a person must produce a document evidencing that he/she makes his/her home in British Columbia and has been present in the Province for seven months in the 12 months immediately before applying for the licence. (See definition section for BC resident change, effective March 1, 2000). A member of the R.C.M.P., or Canadian Armed Forces enrolled in continuing full-time military service, is eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence after making his/her home in British Columbia for 30 days immediately before applying for the licence.

♦ A B.C. resident 14 years of age or older

must produce a B.C. Resident Hunter Number Card to purchase a Resident Hunting Licence.

♦ B.C. Resident Hunter Number Cards are available only at government agents' offices, or selected BC Environment Regional offices.

1. A Hunter Number Card may be obtained by the successful completion of the C.O.R.E. (Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) examinations or other North American government sponsored hunter safety training program completed while resident in that state or province.

2. A Hunter Number Card can also be obtained by an applicant who produces a document issued by a province or state showing that the person has previously held a resident hunting licence legally issued to the person in a province of Canada other than B.C. or a state of the United States on or after their 10th birthday.

3. A person 14 years of age and under 19 must apply for a hunting licence in person in the presence of a parent or guardian, who must sign an "Acknowledgement of Responsibility" for his/her son, daughter or ward. Hunters under the age of 19 must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who is 19 years of age or older and who holds a hunting licence.

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

♦ When a B.C. resident who is 10, 11, 12, 13 years old or older completes C.O.R.E., he or she is entitled to a B.C. Resident Hunter Number Card, and to have a bag limit of his or her own, to purchase a hunting licence, and to enter the limited entry hunting draw.

4. A Junior 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 14. The junior hunter need not have completed a hunter training program but must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences. Wildlife

SPECIES LICENCE FEES

♦ Species licences are required for the hunting of the following animals and are required in addition to the basic hunting licences.

~ BIG GAME ~

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Black Bear	20.00★	130.00★
Bobcat* ▼	8.00	25.00
Caribou *	20.00	150.00
Cougar *	30.00	150.00
Deer ▲ (mule and white tailed)	15.00	75.00
Elk	25.00	150.00
Grizzly Bear*	80.00★	530.00★
Lynx*	8.00	25.00
Moose	25.00	150.00
Mountain Goat *	30.00	200.00
Mountain Sheep *	50.00	400.00
Wolf	No Licence	25.00
Wolverine*	8.00	25.00

Required

Any person who kills any of the above big game species must immediately cancel the appropriate species licence.

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

▼ Licence cancellation is not required for Bobcat licence.

▲ Mule deer licence also valid for black-tailed and fallow deer.

★ includes surcharge for the HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

~ SMALL GAME ~

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Upland Game	No Licence	25.00
Birds	Required	

All hunting and species licences expire March 31, 2000.

BAG LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS

♦ Season bag limits for big game and small game and daily bag limits for game birds are shown in the regional schedules following the date of the open season for the species.

♦ The bag limits are printed in bold type. NBL

means No Bag Limit. 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 while hunting or returning from hunting is 20.

♦ The following list 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.

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT
Deer	3★
Moose	1★
Elk	1★
Black Bear	2★
Grizzly Bear	1
Mountain Sheep	1
Mountain Goat	1
Cougar	2★
Wolf	3
Caribou	1★
Coyote	NBL★
Raccoon	NBL★
Skunk	NBL
Wolverine	1
Lynx	1★
Bobcat	5★
Turkey	1
Snowshoe	
Hare	10/day

★ See regional schedules for regional bag limit.

♦ The daily bag limit for ducks in aggregate is 8, except for restricted species:

- pintail, goldeneye and canvasback.

♦ The daily bag limit for canvasback is 1, northern pintail is 4 and goldeneyes is 2. Please also see Regional Schedules.

♦ The daily bag limit for all geese in aggregate is 5, except in Region 2.

♦ Please also see Regional bag limit.

♦ The possession limit for all migratory game birds while hunting or returning from hunting is two times the daily limit.

♦ The possession limit for all upland game birds while hunting or returning from hunting is three times the daily limit except for mourning doves, sharp-tailed grouse and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit.

taken by the junior under this licence is included in the bag limit of the accompanying licenced adult. No species licences may be purchased with the junior licence. However, during a hunting season, a licenced junior hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holding a valid Limited Entry Hunting authorization and a valid species licence.

5. Non-residents' qualifications for a Junior Hunting Licence are the same as in (4.) with the exception that they may not hunt for a species for which a Limited Entry Hunting authorization has been issued to the accompanying adult.

For Information regarding Aboriginal Hunting, refer to page 9.

All licences issued under the Wildlife Act are non-transferable and non-refundable.

LICENCE AVAILABILITY

♦ Resident hunting licences are available at all Government Agents' Offices, and other commercial outlets and sporting goods stores. Non-resident hunting licences are only available from some Regional B.C. Environment Offices, Government Agents, and Wildlife Branch, PO Box 9374 STN PROV GOV, 4th Floor, 2975 Jutland Road, VICTORIA, BC V8W 9M4. Non-residents may also obtain their licences by mail.

♦ Duplicates for misplaced, lost, stolen or accidentally destroyed licences are only available from Government Agents' offices for a fee of \$10.00 for the declaration of the lost licence, plus a duplicate licence fee. **DO NOT** purchase another original licence from a sporting goods store or similar non-government licence issuer; as this will automatically show on our records that you have been issued more than the legal limit of current licences which is an offence under the Wildlife Act.

HUNTING LICENCE FEES

♦ The following fees apply province-wide. Additional licence requirements are indicated under certain regional schedules.

A person to carry a firearm, other than a restricted firearm [as defined by the Criminal Code (Canada)] (5 year)*\$20.00

**A resident of British Columbia to hunt all game and carry firearms\$21.00★

A BC Resident who is a Canadian citizen 65 years of age or over to hunt all game and carry firearms\$7.00★

A resident of Canada (not British Columbia), or a Canadian citizen to hunt all game and carry firearms\$46.00★

A non-resident to hunt all game and carry firearms\$145.00★

A person to hunt in the Fraser Valley Special Area See Map B9\$10.00

A person to hunt in the Gulf Islands Special Area. All islands in MU 1-1 except Vancouver Island\$2.00

A junior hunting licence - to a person 10 years of age or older and under 14\$7.00★

Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit\$17.00

Q.C.I. Deer\$15.00

Duplicate Hunting and Species Licences
*(No duplicate firearms licence available)

♦ To a person who can satisfactorily prove his hunting and/or species licences have been lost or destroyed (an affidavit is required) For:

Senior Citizens, Gulf Islands and Junior\$1.00
All Others\$4.00

★includes surcharge for the HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

prices do not include G.S.T

*A person who lawfully possesses a restricted firearm under the criminal code (Canada) is exempt from the requirement of holding a BC firearm licence.

** includes a person 10 years of age or older and under 14 who is purchasing a resident hunting licence.

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OPEN SEASONS

♦ There is No Open Season for Any Wildlife – Except as Indicated in this Synopsis.

♦ To define open seasons for big game, small game and game birds the province is divided into Management Units (MUs). Hunting seasons are shown in regional schedules on the following pages. All season dates shown are inclusive.

Where an open season does not apply to the entire Management Unit a reference is given to maps showing the area and describing the applicable regulation. Published seasons in this Synopsis cease to be in effect in any area closed by the Ministry of Forests and are in effect for the duration of the forest closure order.

Hunting season dates may only be changed by order of the Minister in unusual circumstances. Such changes will be given local publicity.

HUNTING METHODS

Bow Hunting

♦ Bows and arrows and crossbows and bolts (quarrels) may be used for hunting all big game, small game and game birds except that a crossbow is prohibited when hunting migratory game birds. The following restrictions apply to the use of bows and crossbows province-wide. Check regional schedules for open seasons and additional restrictions.

Crossbows

1. No person shall hunt big game, other than deer, bobcat, lynx and wolverine with a crossbow (does not include compound crossbows) having a pull of less than 68 kg (150 lbs.) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).

2. No person shall hunt deer, small game,

bobcat, lynx, wolverine or game birds with a crossbow (does not include compound crossbows) having a pull of less than 55 kg (120 lbs.) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).

3. No person shall hunt wildlife with a compound crossbow having a pull of less than 45 kg (100 lbs.) at a peak weight or bolt weighing less than 16.2 grams (250 grains).

4. No person shall hunt big game with a crossbow having a bolt (quarrel) other than one having a broadhead of at least 2.22 centimetres (7/8 of an inch) at the widest point.

Long Bows

♦ No person shall hunt big game with a long bow having a pull of less than 18kg (40 lbs.) within the archer's draw length and an arrow other than one having a broadhead at least 2.22 centimetres (7/8 of an inch) at the widest point.

♦ No person shall hunt small game with a long bow having a pull of less than 18kg (40 lbs) within the archer's draw length.

Falconry

♦ Licenced falconers may hunt game birds (migratory and upland) by the use or with the aid of raptors throughout the Province during the regular open season subject to the applicable bag limits as indicated in the regional schedules.

Muzzle Loaders

♦ A muzzle loader containing powder and shot in the barrel but unprimed (ie. 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).

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, grizzly bear, black bear or cougar. Any person may train dogs by allowing them, under supervision, to pursue game birds from August 1 to April 30.

Retrieval

♦ No person shall kill, cripple or wound game without making all reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in his bag limit. The retrieved game shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's 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.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

♦ Limited Entry Hunting seasons are open only to hunters who have drawn the appropriate Limited Entry authorization. Limited Entry Hunting seasons and open seasons may coincide for some species in some management units if: a) the class of animal (sex, age, etc.) is different, or b) a portion of the management unit is available for LEH only.

♦ Maps showing LEH zones for seasons that coincide with open seasons are included in this Synopsis for reference. Hunters should refer to the Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis published each spring for specific LEH maps.



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COMPULSORY INSPECTION AND REPORTING

For Designated Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Map pages.

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection include:

1. the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and Hunter Number;
 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.
- See LEH synopsis for additional requirements.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to an official of BC Environment for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (i.e. tooth) within 15 days of the kill.

The following species of game must be submitted to a regional or sub-regional compulsory inspection centre:

- grizzly bear • mountain goat
- cougar • mountain sheep
- caribou
- elk taken in Region 8 (Southern Interior)

1. Persons who gain the written approval from a Conservation Officer, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official of BC Environment prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 15 days after the last day of the hunt.

2. Persons who use the services of a licenced guide for the purpose of hunting a grizzly bear, mountain goat or mountain sheep can submit such animals for inspection within 15 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken (i.e. a grizzly bear killed in the fall must be submitted after the end of the fall hunting season).

3. Persons who take a cougar in the Kootenay Region must submit the animal for inspection to an official of BC Environment in the Kootenay Region within 4 days of the kill.

- Parts Required -

For grizzly bear and for cougar:

- the skull and the hide bearing
- in the case of males, a testicle or part of the penis, or
- in the case of females, a portion of the teats or



mammary gland.

For mountain sheep (i.e. 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, and

- the horns for insertion of a numbered aluminum plug by an officer;

For mountain goat:

- the horns.

For caribou:

- the lower jaw including the incisor teeth, 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 taken in Region 8 (Southern Interior):

- 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.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

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

- lynx • wolverine • bobcat
- moose in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A (Omineca), or 8, or
- wolf in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 or in Region 4, or
- elk in Region 4, or in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, and 7-42 to 7-58

must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail:

1. their name, address, telephone number and Hunter Number; and
2. the location where the animal was killed, and
3. the date the animal was killed, and
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. by submitting, for a moose or an elk, an incisor (front) tooth in a Harvest Data Tooth return envelope to a BC Environment regional office.

Note:

♦ A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to a bobcat, lynx, wolf or wolverine taken by trapping unless otherwise specified under Compulsory Reporting of Furbearers on page 91.



DEER LICENCE ENTITLEMENT

- A person must not possess more than 10 of any current deer licences. The combination of deer licences may include a maximum of 3 mule deer and/or 3 white-tailed deer licences.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS DEER LICENCE

- These special deer licences allow hunters to exceed the 1 deer bag limit for the Skeena Region and the 3 deer provincial bag limit up to a maximum of 10 deer when hunting on the Queen Charlotte Islands (MUs 6-12, 6-13). Up to 3 regular mule deer licences can be used on the Queen Charlottes 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).

HOW LONG SHOULD I KEEP MY HUNTING LICENCE?

- It is probably a good idea for hunters to 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 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, production of the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier. It will greatly assist BC Environment staff if, when a hunter disposes of a trophy, the licences and other documentation are transferred with the trophy to the new owner.

GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

SITE RESTRICTIONS

National Parks

♦ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks. The law requires that all firearms transported in National Parks be dismantled, carried in a closed case or wrapped and tied securely in such a manner 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.

National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

♦ Hunting is prohibited in National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) unless a special federal permit is granted or notices to the contrary are posted. Blue signs depicting a loon mark the boundaries of NWAs and MBSs. Contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta for more information (604) 946-8643.

Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

♦ Hunting and the discharge of firearms, or bows or is prohibited in the majority of Provincial Parks or Recreation Areas. Only those Parks and Recreation Areas listed in the following regional schedules are open to hunting and/or the discharge of firearms and bows, and only during the legal hunting season as described in the schedules.

♦ When a Provincial Park or Recreation Area 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.

♦ The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licenced. 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 Provincial Park or Recreation Area 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 the Hunting Regulations Synopsis for a specific road. A park road is a road in a park or recreation area that is designated and developed for licenced motor vehicles. Contact any district office of B.C. Parks for further information, or consult the Park and Recreation Area Regulations.

♦ Individuals hunting in a Provincial Park or Recreation Area should be aware that the Park Act and Park and Recreation Area Regulations apply.

♦ Note: Protected areas that have been established since the deadline for changes to the hunting regulations for 1999/2000 (February 1999) will have no change to their status unless specified in these regulations.

Ecological Reserves

♦ Hunting, trapping and angling are prohibited in Ecological Reserves in British Columbia. The possession or discharge of a firearm, or bow is prohibited. A complete list of Ecological Reserves including detailed maps and legal descriptions is available from any district office of BC Parks, or from BC Parks headquarters at PO Box 9398 Stn. Prov Gov Victoria, BC V8W 9M9.

♦ Most ecological reserves are also referenced in the BC Recreational Atlas, 4th Edition.

MUNICIPAL RESTRICTIONS

♦ Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling the use of firearms and bows within their boundaries. Consult municipal clerks for details of closures.

HIGHWAY NO SHOOTING AND NO HUNTING AREAS

♦ It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or hunt within the road allowances of all numbered highways and any two lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The road allowance extends

(a) 15 metres on either side of the middle of a road with less than three lanes, or

(b) 15 metres from the edge of the paved surface of a highway with three lanes or more, or

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS TO WILDLIFE

♦ Several laws govern public access to wildlife and several types of closures specifically limit access by licenced hunters or others. In brief the following laws apply:

1. Trespass Act - The provincial Trespass Act sets out strict limits on any public access to enclosed private land. Private 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 river bank or a 4 1/2 foot hedge.
2. Wildlife Act (Section 39) - 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.

♦ In the Fraser Valley, and to a lesser extent elsewhere in agricultural areas, local sporting groups (clubs) have made private arrangements with landowners to exclude other hunters. Such areas are frequently posted to no trespassing by these sporting groups.

♦ In addition to the above there is authority under provisions of the Wildlife Act to limit access by hunters or other persons.

- A) Road Closure (Section 109, Wildlife Act) - BC Environment may choose to restrict the use of any vehicle on a given road surface for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.
- B) Vehicular Hunting Closure (Section 108, Wildlife Act) - B.C. Environment may prohibit the use of a motorized vehicle for the purpose of hunting in a defined area for the management and/or protection of wildlife resources.
- C) Area Closure (Section 109, Wildlife Act) - BC Environment may close or restrict the use of any vehicle over a defined area for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.

SECTION B

(c) to the boundary of private or cultivated land, whichever comes first.

♦ In addition to the above universal restriction, several major or heavily populated routes in the province have an additional 400m 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. These areas are listed on the following page under the heading 400m Single Projectile Prohibited 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. Owners and occupiers or their employees or agents are exempted near dwelling houses or farm or ranch buildings in order to protect crops and livestock.

♦ The major purpose of these restrictions attacks the problems associated with increasing public pressure for more and more closures near rural roads, where the urban public is expanding residential properties, often at considerable distances from main urban centres. The above restrictions, although perhaps initially are more than required for some parts of the province, will be universal and, more importantly, universally understood.

♦ It is unlikely that these changes will reduce any hunter's chances for a successful or fulfilling hunting experience. These changes will address the safety concerns that have been expressed by many residents living in previously unrestricted rural areas. We hope that common sense will prevail, 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.

400m Single Projectile Prohibited Areas

♦ The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within 400m (0.25 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 Highways 1 and 5 at Kamloops;

Hwy 6 between Bench Creek and Banting Creek;

Hwy 16 between the boundary of the City of Prince Rupert and the British Columbia - Alberta interprovincial boundary;

Hwy 20 between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park;

Hwy 27 from the junction with Route 16 (Yellowhead) west of Vanderhoof to Fort St. James;

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

Hwy 35 between Francois Lake and Burns Lake;

Hwy 37 between the intersection of Highway 37 with Highway 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 of said highway with Highway 37A at Meziadin Junction;

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

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

Hwy 97 including those portions of the Caribou 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;

Road 520 between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam;

Road 190 between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek;

400m Hunting and the Discharge of Firearms

Prohibited Areas

♦ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m (.25 mile) of the road allowance of the following highways:

In all Provincial Parks

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

DESIGNATED WILDLIFE

♦ All native species of animals in the province excluding invertebrates and fish 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 from BC Environment. The accompanying two schedules list the wildlife that may be considered as nuisances or pests.

♦ Schedule "B" lists animals that may be captured or killed only for the specific purpose of protecting property unless an open season is designated by regulation (see Regional Schedules of open seasons).

♦ Schedule "C" contains animals that may be captured or killed anywhere and at any time in the province. These mostly introduced species are detrimental to property and native wildlife. (Hunting these species requires a hunting licence).

Schedule B

(a) *Taricha granulosa* - rough-skinned newt

(b) *Scapanus orarius* - coast mole

(c) *Lepus americanus* - snowshoe hare

(d) all of the species of the family Arvicolidae - voles and lemmings, except *Ondatra zibethicus* - muskrat.

(e) *Neotoma cinerea* - bushy-tailed woodrat

(f) all species of the genus *Peromyscus* - deer mice

(g) *Erethizon dorsatum* - porcupine

(h) *Thomomys talpoides* - northern pocket gopher

(i) *Marmota flaviventris* - yellow-bellied marmot

(j) *Marmota monax* - woodchuck

(k) *Spermophilus columbianus* - Columbian ground squirrel

(l) *Mephitis mephitis* - striped skunk

(m) *Procyon lotor* - raccoon

(n) *Spilogale putorius* - spotted skunk

Schedule C

- (a) *Rana catesbeiana* - American bullfrog
- (b) all species of the family Chelydridae - snapping turtles
- (c) *Didelphis virginiana* - North American opossum
- (d) *Sylvilagus floridanus* - eastern cottontail
- (e) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* - European rabbit
- (f) *Myocastor coypus* - nutria
- (g) all species of the genus *Sciurus* - grey squirrels & fox squirrels
- (h) all species of the genus *Corvus* - crows, except *Corvus corax* - common raven
- (i) *Pica pica* - black-billed magpie
- (j) *Passer domesticus* - house sparrow
- (k) *Sturnus vulgaris* - European starling
- (l) *Columbia livia* - rock dove
- (m) *Molothrus ater* - brownheaded cowbird

and the nests or eggs of these bird species may be destroyed.

Special Request on Mountain Goats

- ♦ Hunters are encouraged to select male mountain goat when hunting. Males tend to be larger than females. Females usually exhibit a noticeable curvature at the tip of the horns. In addition males tend not to be found in nanny/kid groups.

Collared or Ear-tagged Wildlife

- ♦ Please avoid shooting any collared or ear-tagged wildlife. Collared animals carry radio transmitters for research purposes. If you inadvertently kill a collared or ear-tagged animal, contact the local BC Environment regional office immediately because the meat may or may not be fit for human consumption. The collar must be returned.

Royalty Fees

- ♦ 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 on page 93 for royalty fees. Payment of a royalty fee is required only upon the initial sale of the pelt. Furbearers may only be hunted where an open hunting season is declared.

Hwy 97c

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

Hwy 99 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

- ♦ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m west of the road allowance and 1 km east of the road allowance of Highway 99 between the northern boundary of the District Municipality of West Vancouver and the southern boundary of the District Municipality of Squamish.

Hwy 118 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

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

POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION

Game Birds

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

Big Game

- ♦ **Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of elk, moose, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer or fallow deer must leave attached to the carcass or part of the carcass a readily identifiable part of the hide that is not less than 6 cm².**

- ♦ Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of big game must leave attached to one portion of the carcass:
 - either a testicle, part of the penis, or
 - either a portion of the udder or teats, or that portion of the head which in males normally bears the antlers.
- ♦ Anyone who possesses or transports only the hide or part of the hide of a grizzly bear must leave attached to the hide:
 - a testicle or part of the penis, or,
 - a portion of the udder or teats.
- ♦ See also compulsory reporting and compulsory inspection requirements, page 14

Removing Evidence of Sex and 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 an official of BC Environment.

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 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 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 B.C. Resident Hunter Number 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 is required to obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:
 - the Hunter Number;
 - the species licence number;
 - the species, and sex of the animal taken.

Game Check

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

EXPORT FROM THE PROVINCE

♦ An export permit is required if the animal is exported more than 30 days from the date of kill. If exported less than 30 days from the date of the kill, either the species licence or (where compulsory inspection is required) the Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet may serve as an export permit. In the case of an animal requiring a C.I.T.E.S. (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) permit, this permit is also required for grizzly bear; black bear; wolf; cougar; lynx or bobcat exported out of Canada.

♦ Hunters planning to hunt in M.U.'s 7-19 or 7-20 and accessing BC by way of the Alberta border should contact the local Conservation Officer Service in Fort St. John, Chetwynd or Dawson Creek to obtain export permits prior to starting their hunt.

♦ When a big game animal has been processed by a taxidermist, a tanner or meatcutter; it may be exported 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 that are taken to a taxidermist in the province, must be inspected by an officer of BC Environment and a numbered plug inserted in one of the horns before the animal can be exported, or re-exported if the animal originated outside the province.

♦ 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 BC Environment as soon as possible.

♦ Hunters possessing a mountain goat, mountain sheep, caribou or grizzly bear 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.

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

♦ The "Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species" (C.I.T.E.S.) requires that a special Convention Export Permit be obtained for the export from Canada of all grizzly bear; black bear; cougar; lynx; bobcat and wolf or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from British Columbia may be obtained by making an appointment

during normal working hours at BC Environment offices. The offices that issue these permits are listed on the regional map pages at the beginning of each regional section.

Note: Persons leaving Canada may NOT be able to obtain a C.I.T.E.S. permit in Alberta and should obtain a permit in British Columbia before leaving.

For more information on C.I.T.E.S. contact Wildlife Branch in Victoria at (250) 387-9739

DATA COLLECTION

♦ 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. In addition to the standard questionnaire procedure, the Wildlife Branch will contact some hunters by telephone this season.

♦ Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, compulsory reporting and the voluntary tooth return program (voluntary tooth return program is temporarily suspended for 1999-2000) for deer; moose, elk and black bear 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 information about the animal taken. This accurate information enables managers to set very specific hunting regulations on a year to year basis, reducing heavy harvests in some areas and extending the season in others, to balance the needs of the animal population against the needs of the public.

♦ Without adequate information, managers must set very 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. In this situation, open hunting is unacceptable as it risks overharvesting and possible long term damage to the resource.

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

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

♦ In order to fulfill these requirements the hunter, when he or she takes the parts of the animal he or she wishes processed to the business concerned, must take with him or her the following documentation:

1. his or her hunting and species licences with the appropriately cancelled species licence.
2. Limited Entry Hunting Authorization, if such was required in order to hunt the animal.
3. Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet, which confirms that the animal has been inspected by an officer of BC Environment, 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.

♦ Normally a hunter would not be required to have either a trapping licence or permit for a big game animal, in addition to items 1 to 3.

♦ The question is frequently asked, "Why do I need this documentation?" The answer is simply that presentation of the 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 necessary parts of game animals for compulsory inspection by an officer of BC Environment, where 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 the agent, who may also be a guide outfitter in the case of a non-resident, then the animal may be seized by BC Environment until all the documentation is complete. Difficulties in such situations occur often enough that hunters should take special care to ensure that all information is available to an inspecting officer:

A TOOTH FOR THE TRUTH

♦ The Harvest Card Tooth Return Program is temporarily suspended for the 1999-2000 season and hunters are asked not to voluntarily provide teeth and harvest information on the harvest card return envelope this year. Any teeth received from hunters this year as part of the voluntary "Tooth For The Truth" program will not be aged nor will age information be returned. As a source of needed management data concerning harvest and hunter effort, the Wildlife Branch will continue to rely on the mailed hunter questionnaires, compulsory reporting and inspection, including teeth where specified, for both limited entry and general open season hunts.

♦ Tooth returns are still required for compulsory reporting and inspection where specified for both LEH and general open season hunts.

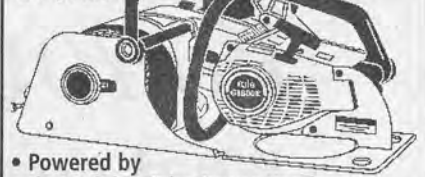
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Observe, Record and Report

Remember: **DO NOT** confront a suspected violator. You cannot make a "Citizen's Arrest" or seize property as evidence. Only a Conservation Officer or a constable is legally authorized to do this.

OBSERVE

Familiarize yourself with current regulations. Some common violations are:

1. Killing game during a closed season.
2. Killing female or young animals during a male only season.
3. Exceeding the daily bag limit.
4. Property damage (shooting powerline insulators, road signs, industrial equipment).
5. Night hunting or pitlamping.

RECORD

Carry a pencil and record your observations in note form as soon as

you can. Photographs provide an extremely useful addition to these observations if they can be taken without alarming the violator. Take note of any features that will be of use to on enforcement officer in their investigation.

These include:

1. Time, date and location and weather conditions.
2. Identification or accurate description (size, clothing, hair colour, etc.) of the violator and his/her companions.
3. Vehicle licence and description.
4. Evidence at the scene (head or viscera of animal, empty cartridges, etc.).
5. Action of the violator(s) (number of shots, etc.).

REPORT

Report as soon as possible to the nearest Conservation Officer or R.C.M. Police. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to investigate the violation. Always give your name, address and phone number to verify that your intentions are serious. Dial:

1-800-663-9453(WILD)

to report fish, wildlife and environmental offences other than those involving salmon.

1-800-465-4336 for offences involving salmon.

OBSERVE, RECORD AND REPORT has been developed in cooperation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation and DFO. The B.C.W.F. pays rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to charges being laid against persons doing wanton damage to wildlife, wildlife habitat or the property of companies or individuals who allow hunters and anglers access to property the control.

PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY

With timely, accurate information, an apprehension and conviction can often be obtained without it being necessary for you to appear as a witness. If you are willing to appear and testify in court, please complete below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

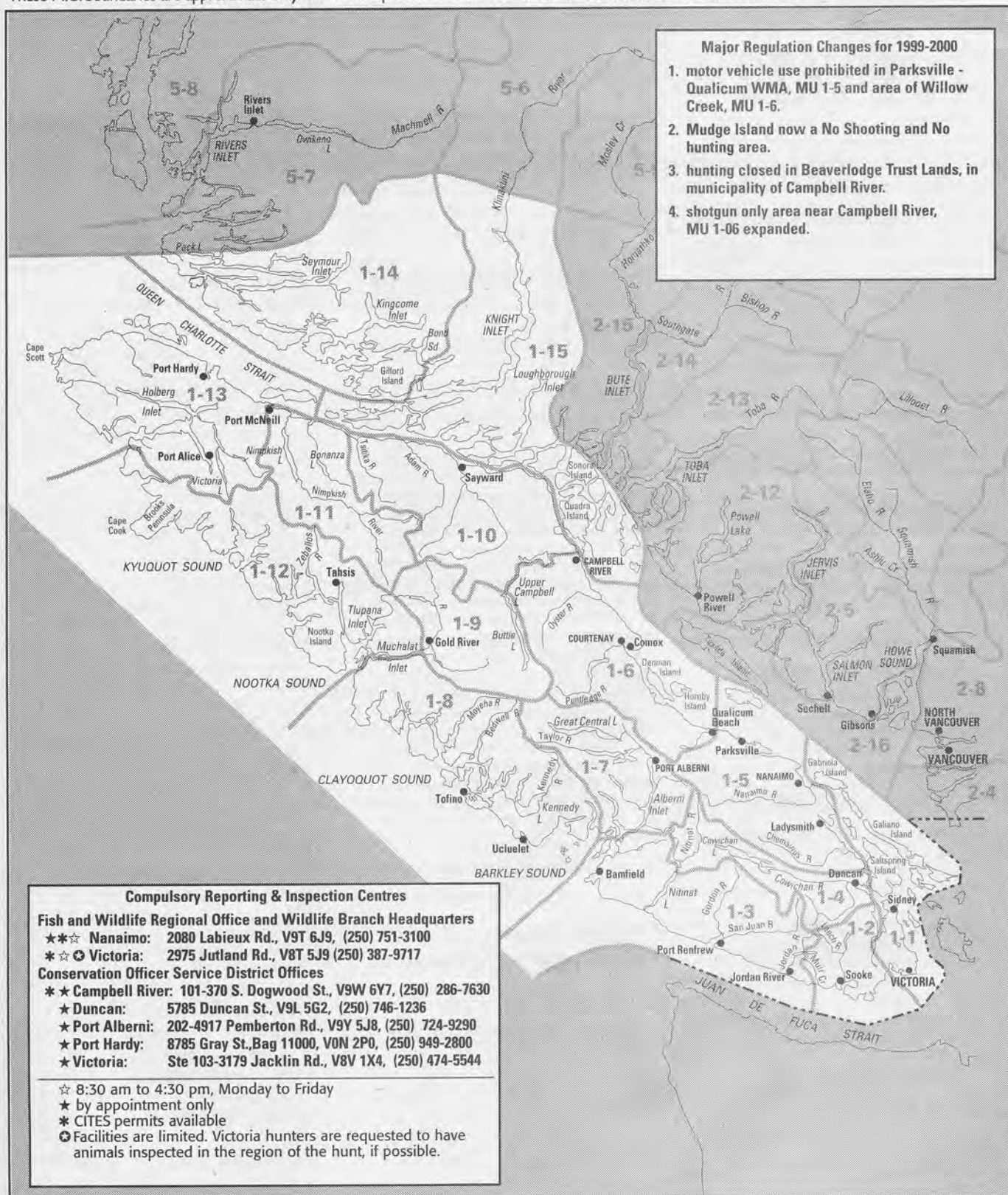
Phone _____

Immediately telephone one of the agencies listed in this publication, or dial **1-800-663-9453**, or mail this card to one of the following:

BC Environment
Enforcement and Environmental Emergencies
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Department of Fisheries and Oceans
General Investigation, 555 West Hastings St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5G3

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 4th edition.



BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, of which 1 may be antlerless from MU 1-1 or special seasons. See Maps A14, A16, A17, A23, A24, and A37. On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Provincial and during the LEH deer hunt in the park the bag limit is 3 deer (antlered or antlerless) and are in addition to the provincial limit. Hunters must obtain the permission of the landowner before hunting on Sidney Island. Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See page 11 & 12 for additional information on bag limits.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

• The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

A person commits an offence if he or she uses or operates a motor vehicle in the following areas:

- The Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area in MU 1-5 (see map A20)
- Willow Creek in MU 1-6 (see map A21)
- Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain
- Snowmobiles & ATV's are prohibited in Zone B of MU 1-5 (Nanaimo River) from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (map A18)

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all wolf taken in MU's 1-1 to 1-13 must be Compulsory Inspected within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 14 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- No Shooting or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 22-24. Hunters are also responsible for identifying and complying with community/municipal No Shooting by-laws
- The discharge of rifles is prohibited in MU 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island and James Island (and except by permit elsewhere) See Map A2. Note No Shooting or Hunting areas in MU 1-1. See Maps A1, A3 to A7.
- No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situate in MU 1-6).
- Qualicum National Wildlife Area (situate in MU 1-6) - Hunting, trapping, fishing and the possession of any firearm (Canada Wildlife Act) are prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (Phone: 604-946-8546).

•The Vancouver Island Marmot is protected and must not be disturbed in its natural habitat. In order to protect the habitat for the Vancouver Island marmots, motor vehicles are prohibited in Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain.

•The use of raptors for hunting small game is permitted in Vancouver Island Region during all open seasons, including archery only seasons. Licensed falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail on the Saanich Peninsula during the regular open seasons for MU 1-1. See Map A1.

•On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park the open season for antlered and antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and fallow deer is August 28 to February 29/00. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island. See Map A2.

•Deer hunting is prohibited within the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park (situate in MU 1-1) except for LEH and native sustenance hunt for fallow/black-tailed deer. See Map A2.

•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 m seaward from, and including the paved area of Westcan Terminals Port site (situate in MU 1-4). See Map A11.

•Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area: All persons, 19 years of age or older, hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island), are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence. Persons under the age of 19 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 19 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence. Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required.

•The Gulf Islands are largely comprised of private lands. Hunters are reminded that they must obtain consent from owners before hunting on private land.

•Hunters planning to hunt on Galiano Island should be aware that the majority of the island is now comprised of private lots - large blocks of industrial forest lands no longer exist. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt.

NATIONAL PARKS

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT (CRD) PARKS

- Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited in all CRD Parks
- Contact the CRD for information on new parks.

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

Bigh Island Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-12)
Brooks Peninsula Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-12)
Cape Scott Prov. Park (waterfowl only)	.....(MU 1-13)
Carmanah Walbran Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-3)
Catala Island Marine Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-12)
Claude Elliot Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-10)
Clayoquot Arm Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Clayoquot Plateau Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Dawley Passage Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Epper Passage Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Flores Island Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Gibson Marine Prov. Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only)	.....(MU 1-8)
God's Pocket Marine Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-13)
Gold Murchat Provincial Park	.....(MU 1-9)
Hesquiat Lake Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Hesquiat Peninsula Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Lower Nimpkish Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-11)
Main Lake Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-15)
Marble River Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-13)
Megin Talbot area only of Strathcona Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Nimpkish Lake Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-11)
Nuchatlitz Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-12)
Octopus Island Marine Prov. Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only)	.....(MU 1-15)
Quatsino Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-13)
Sandy Island Prov. Park (shotguns only)	.....(MU 1-6)
Schoen Lake Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-10, 1-11)
Sidney Spit Marine Prov. Park (waterfowl) LEH (during the period Nov 1 - Feb 29/00) and native sustenance hunt for fallow/black-tailed deer (Oct 18 - Oct 31/99 and Mar 1 - Mar 17/00 (MU 1-1) See Map A2.	
Sooke Mountain Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-2)
Sulphur Passage Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Sydney Inlet Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Tahsis-Kwois Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-12)
Thurston Bay Marine Prov. Park (waterfowl only) (shotguns only)	.....(MU 1-15)
Tranquil Creek Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
Vargas Island Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-8)
White Ridge Prov. Park	.....(MU 1-9)

Woss Lake Prov. Park (MU 1-11)

Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms. All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

The following parks are closed to hunting and the discharge of firearms. However hunters are permitted to carry unloaded firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park during a lawful hunting season:

Chemainus River Prov. Park (MU 1-5)**Koksilah River Prov. Park** (MU 1-4)**Little Qualicum Falls Prov. Park**

..... (MU 1-5)

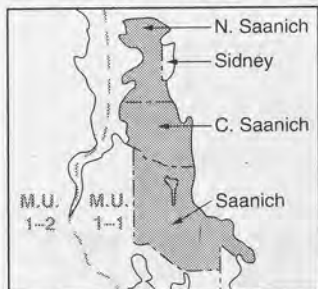
Morton Lake Prov. Park (MU 1-10)

The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

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make a
plan,
STAY PUT!

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Sept 11 - Dec 10	2
	▲1-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
Bow Only Season	★1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Aug 28 - Sept 10	
▲ Excludes Saltspring Island and Gabriola Island. ★ There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 (except Gabriola Island) or Zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A18. Portion MU 1-6 restricted to two point or greater mule deer keep; antlers with species. See Special Area Map A30				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
BLACK BEAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 11 - Dec 10	2
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
Bow Only Season	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 28 - Sept 10	
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 or in zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A18.				
WOLF	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 11 - March 31/2000	3
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1/2000 - June 15/2000	3
All wolf taken in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 must be reported to a BC Environment office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 11 - March 31/2000	2
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1 - June 15/2000	2
RACCOON	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/2000	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	1-14, 1-15		Aug 1 - March 31/2000	10 (daily)
	1-14, 1-15		April 1/2000 - April 30/2000	10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/2000	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.				
BLUE and RUFFED GROUSE	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 4 - Dec 31	5 of each (15 of each)
Bow only Season	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 28 - Sept 3	5 of each (15 of each)
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 or in zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A18.				
PTARMIGAN	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	1-1 to 1-5		Oct 1 - Nov 15	5(15)
				No open season on mountain quail.
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	1-1 to 1-9		Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
RAVEN	★1-1		Apr 1 - Mar 31/2000	5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	★1-1 to 1-15		Oct 10 - Jan 24/2000	10(20)
★ In Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park, open season is Oct. 15 - Jan 24/2000.				
DUCKS	★1-1 to 1-15		Oct 10 - Jan 24/2000	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12. ★ In Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park, open season is Oct. 15 - Jan 24/2000.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	★1-1 to 1-15		Oct 10 - Jan 24/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12. ★ In Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park, open season is Oct. 15 - Jan 24/2000.				
CANADA GEESE	1-3, 1-7 to 1-15		Oct 10 - Jan 24/2000	5(10)
	1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6		★ Sept 15 - Oct 25	5(10)
	1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6		★ Dec 15 - Jan 24/2000	5(10)
	1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6		★ Feb 15 - Mar 10/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				
★ In the Cowichan Bay Area (MU 1-4), the early season is restricted to Sept 25 to Oct 9 and to the ex-Dinsdale property - hunting by permission only. See Map A11. In Sidney Spit Marine Provincial Park, the open season is Dec 15 to Jan 24.				

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 1



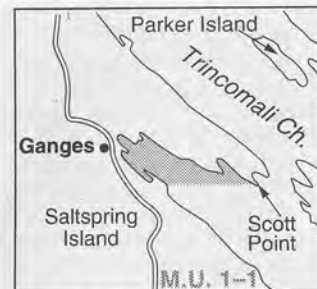
Map A1 Saanich No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-1). Bow hunting is permitted in Central Saanich, by permit only from municipal office. Licenced falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail during the regular open season.



Map A2 Sidney Spit Marine Park exterior boundaries (situate in MU 1-1).



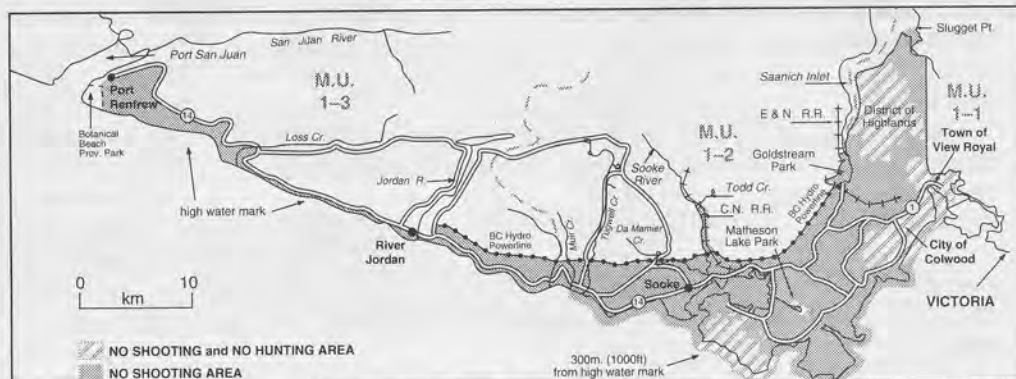
Map A3 Mudge and DeCourcy Islands No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (Situate in MU 1-1)



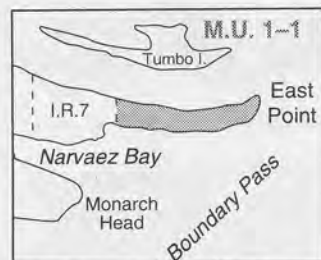
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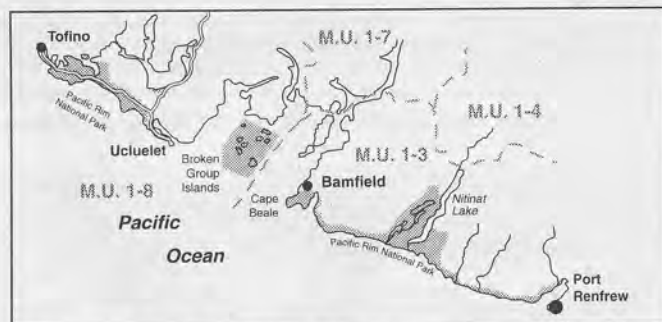
Map A5 Mayne Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-1).



Map A7 Sooke - Metchosin-Highlands - City of Colwood - Town of View Royal. No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3). Bow hunting is permitted in the District of Highlands by permit only (\$10.00 fee) from District of Highlands office.



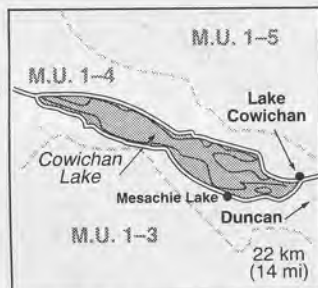
Map A6 Saturna Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (Situate in MU 1-1).



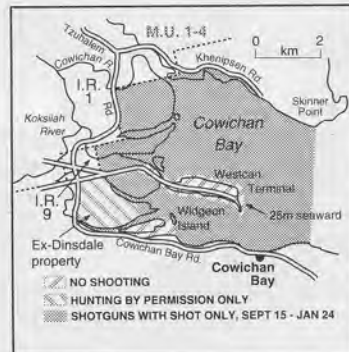
Map A8 Pacific Rim (West Coast) National Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 1-3 and 1-8).



Map A9 Nitinat River No Shooting or Hunting Area. (situate in MU 1-4).



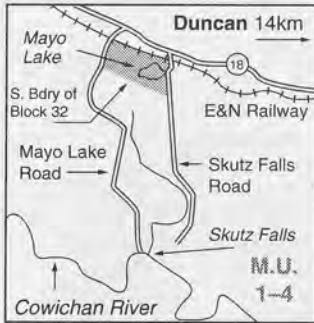
Map A10 Cowichan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



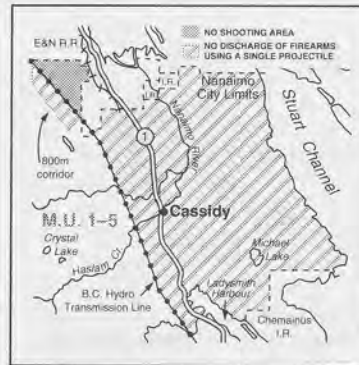
Map A11 Cowichan Bay Management Area (situate in MU 1-4). Seasonal No Shooting Area - Shotgun with Shot Only Area from Sept 15 to Jan 24/2000. Hunting by Permission Only Area: Closed for Hunting Except for Canada Geese from Sept 25 to Oct 9 and from Jan 10/2000 to Jan 24/2000 (contact BC Environment, Duncan). The early season for Canada Geese (Sept 25 to Oct 9) is restricted to the Hunting by Permission Only Area.



Map A12 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



Map A13 Mayo Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



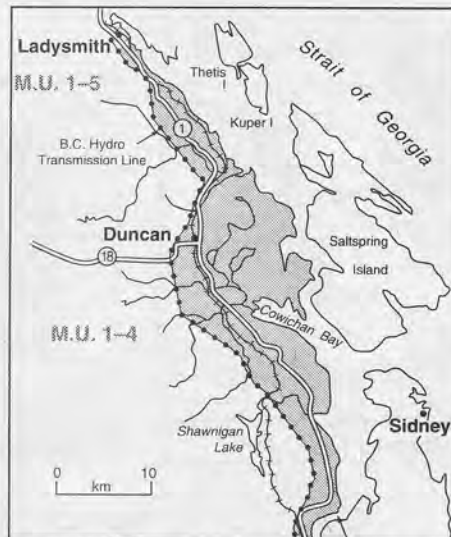
Map A14 Nanaimo-Ladysmith No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. Michael Lake: No Shooting on Michael Lake to the high water mark. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 to Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).



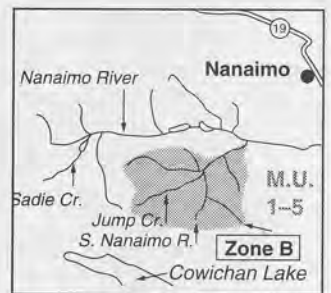
Map A15 Englishman River No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-5).



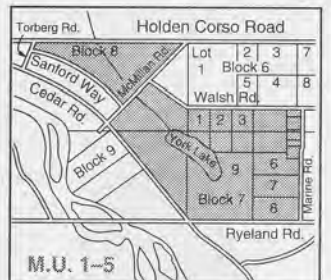
Map A16 Nanaimo - No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 to Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A17 Ladysmith - Malahat Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 to Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).



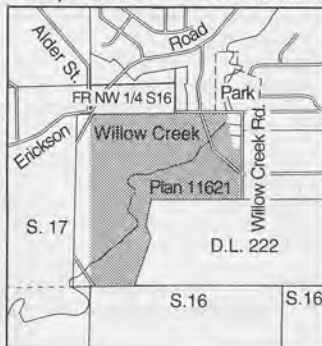
Map A18 Nanaimo River Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATV's prohibited from Sept 1 - Dec 31 (situate in MU 1-5).



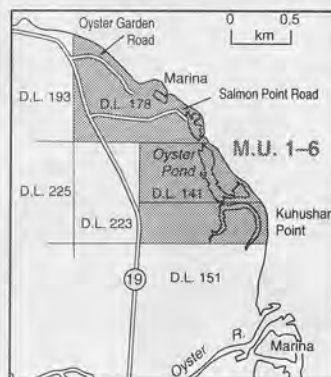
Map A19 York Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-5).



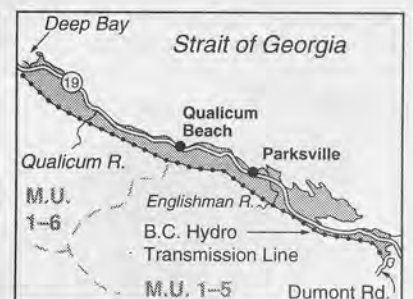
Map A20 Parkville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Access Management Area (situate in MU 1-5) Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



Map A21 Willow Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 1-6). Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



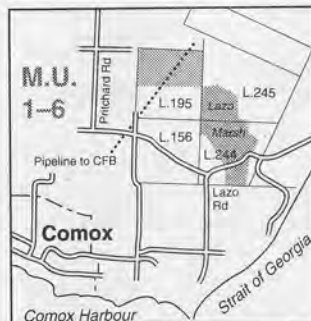
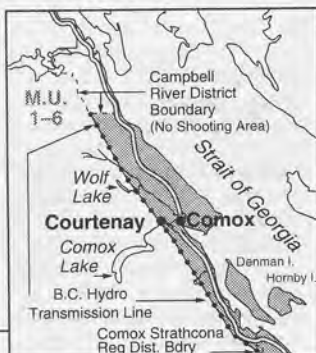
Map A22 Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6)



Map A23 Qualicum - Parkville Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 1-5, 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of rifles or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 to Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 1

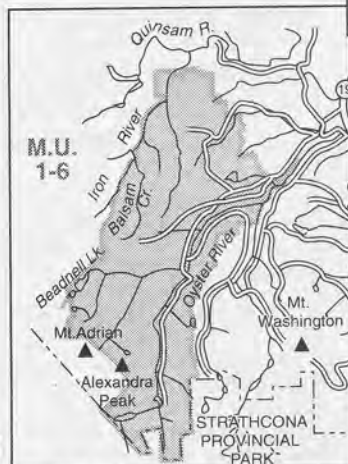
Map A24 Courtenay - Campbell River Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 to Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).



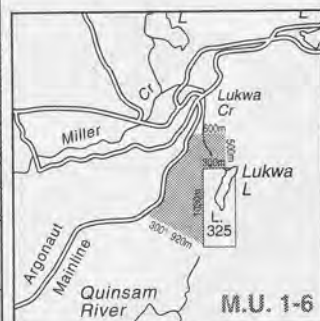
Map A25 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



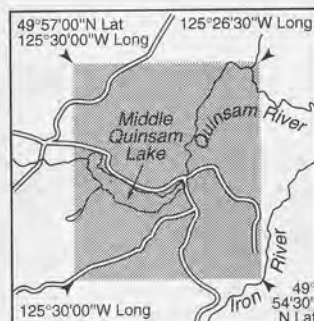
Map A26 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



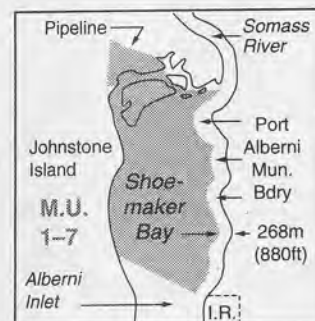
Map A30 Iron River/Oyster River Special Mule Deer Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6). Special season for 2 point or greater mule deer is Sept. 11 - Dec. 10.



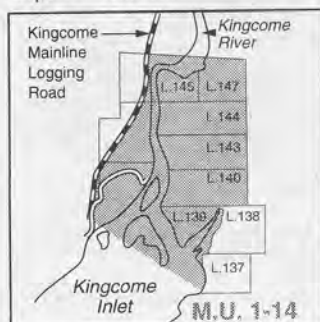
Map A27 Lukwa Lake No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



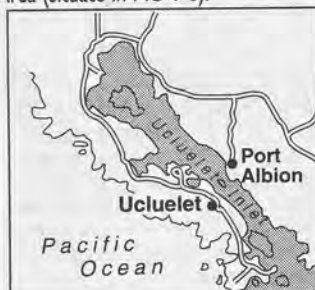
Map A28 Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



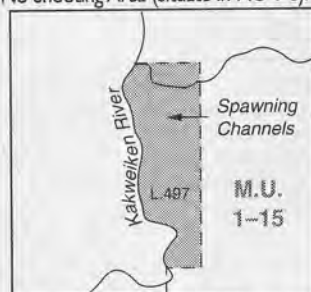
Map A29 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-7).



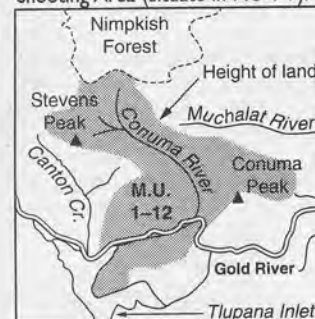
Map A35 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-14).



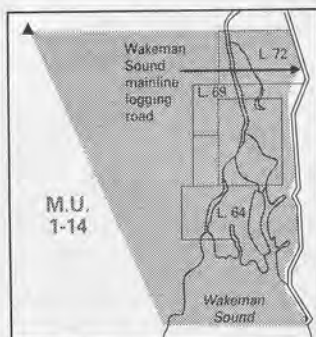
Map A32 Ucluelet Inlet No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-8).



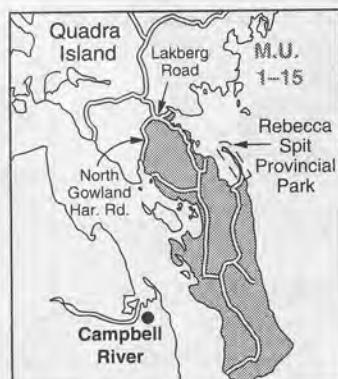
Map A33 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).



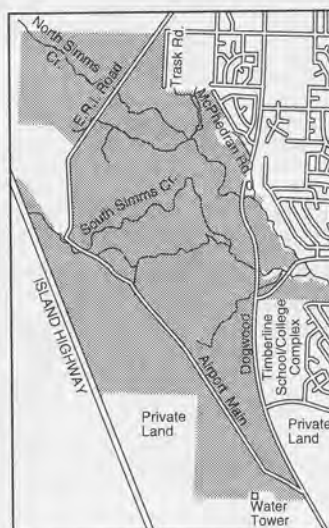
Map A34 Conuma River Archery Only Area (situate in MU 1-12). Open for Archery Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



Map A36 Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-14).



Map A37 Quadra Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-15). Open for antlerless deer Sept 11 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 28 - Sept 10. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A31 Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-15).

LOWER MAINLAND REGION 2

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 4th edition.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

★ ★ Surrey: 10470 - 152 St., V3R 0R3, (604) 582-5200

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

★ ★ Chilliwack: 9365 Mill St., V2P 4N3, (604) 795-8422

★ Powell River: 16 - 6953 Alberni St., V8A 2B8, (604) 485-3612

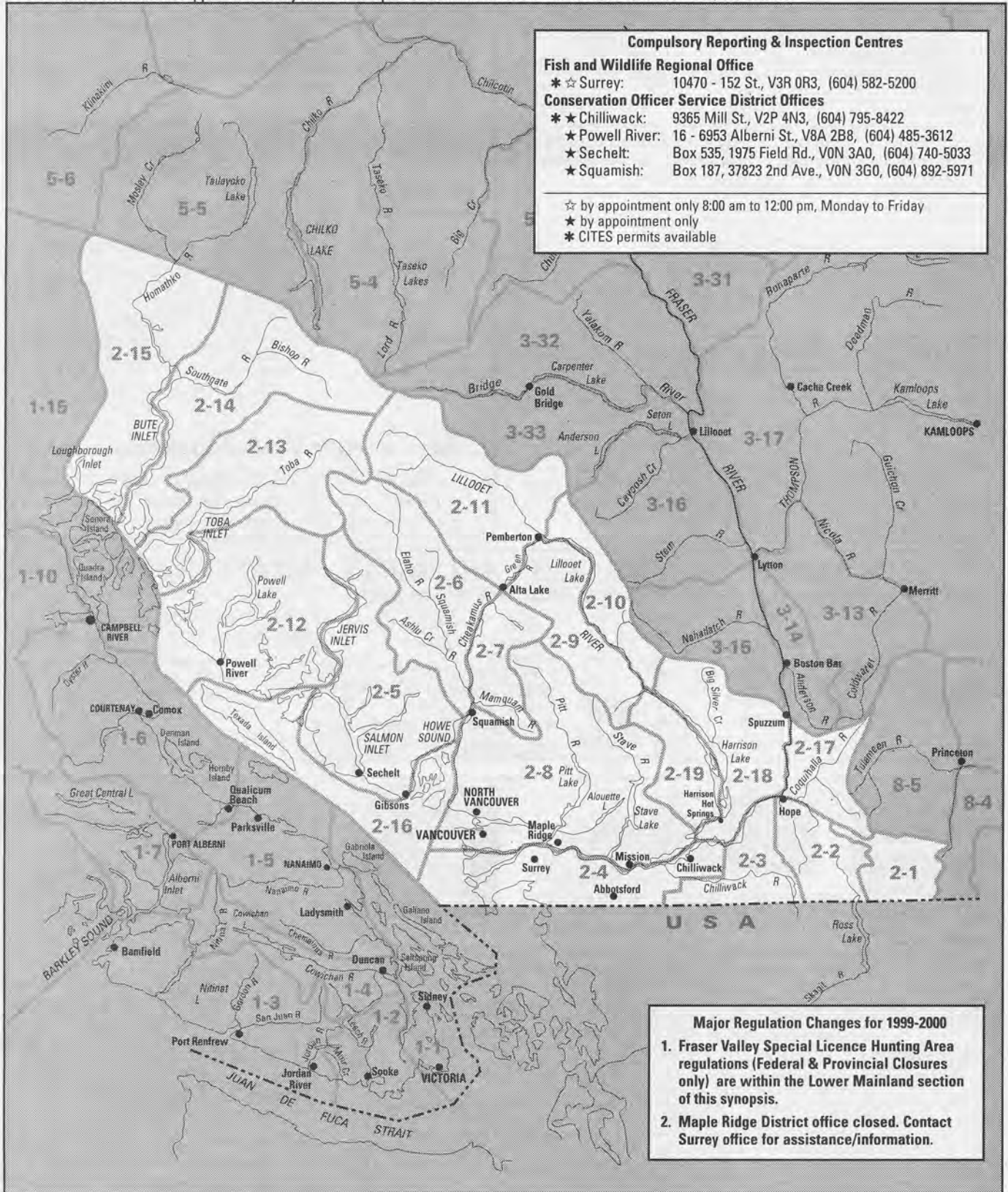
★ Sechelt: Box 535, 1975 Field Rd., V0N 3A0, (604) 740-5033

★ Squamish: Box 187, 37823 2nd Ave., V0N 3G0, (604) 892-5971

☆ by appointment only 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday to Friday

★ by appointment only

★ CITES permits available



Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area regulations (Federal & Provincial Closures only) are within the Lower Mainland section of this synopsis.
2. Maple Ridge District office closed. Contact Surrey office for assistance/information.

BAG LIMITS

•Deer: Unless otherwise indicated, the bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, one of which may be antlerless.

•Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for blue, spruce (Franklin) and ruffed grouse is 10.

•Black Bear: In MUs 2-2, 2-18, 2-19 the bag limit for black bear is one(1). In other MUs the bag limit is two(2).

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

•The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

• See page 15 for provincial Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

•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. Information is provided in detail on page 39. These

special licences are available through selected private outlets. For further information contact a government agency office.

•No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 22-24.

•Vancouver Harbour: The discharge of firearms is prohibited in Burrard Inlet east of a straightline drawn from Point Grey to Point Atkinson (Lighthouse Park).

•A small population of white tailed deer has become resident to the Herring Island area (MU 2-3) near Hope, B.C. 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.

NATIONAL PARKS

•Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

Bishop River Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-14)

Callaghan Lake Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-6)

Cascade Recreation Area

.....(MU 2-17, 8-5)

Chilliwack Lake Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-3)
Campground area and ecological reserve remain closed to hunting.

Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area

.....(MU 2-17)

Homathko Estuary Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-15)

Indian Arm Prov. Park

.....(MU 2-8)

International Ridge Prov. Park

.....(MU 2-3)

Pinecone Burke Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-8)

Simson Prov. Park

.....(MU 2-16)

Skagit Valley Prov. Park

.....(MU 2-2)

is only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to March 31 during a lawful game hunting season.

South Texada Island Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-16)

Upper Lillooet River Provincial Park

.....(MU 2-11)

Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows. All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

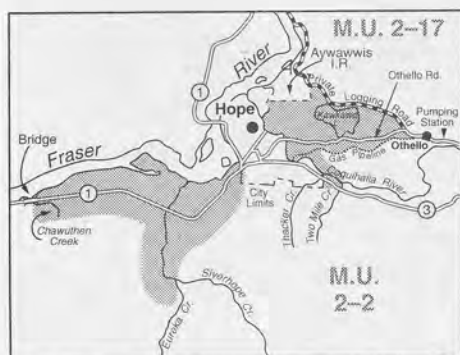
The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

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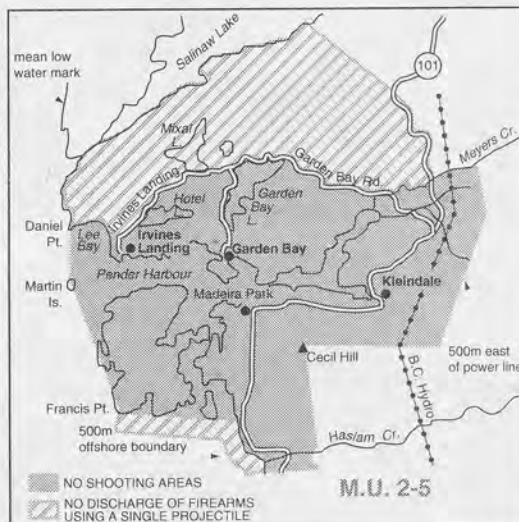
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	2-2 to 2-8, 2-12 to 2-15, 2-17 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	2-9 to 2-11	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-16	*Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	2-16	*Antlerless	Oct 25 - Nov 4	1
	2-16	*Antlerless	Nov 5 - Nov 20	1
Bow Only Seasons	2-2 to 2-19	*Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	▲2-16	Either Sex	Dec 16 - Jan 15/2000	3(2)
★ In those portions of MU 2-16 being Bowen Island and Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(2). See Map B20 for special seasons and restrictions on Bowen Island. - Season dates above do not apply on Bowen Island.				
⊗ Hunters must be under the age of 19. ▲Texada Island only.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	2-5		Sept 10 - Oct 15	1
	★2-6		Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	▼2-12 to 2-15		Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
★See Map B5. ▼See Maps B13, B14.				
BLACK BEAR	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-3 to 2-17		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	1
Bow Only Seasons	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
WOLF	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	3
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL

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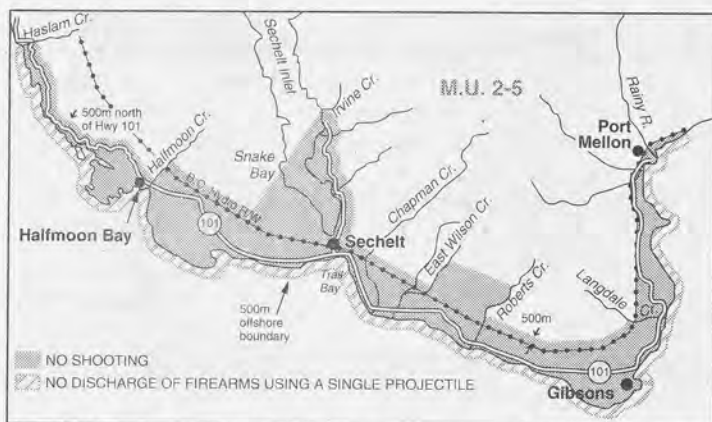
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-2 to 2-19		Aug 1 - March 31/2000	10 (daily)
	2-2 to 2-19		April 1/2000 - April 30/2000	
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	5
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2000	2
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	10(30)
Bow Only Season	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	10(30)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) 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 Season	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	5(15)
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	2-4, 2-8		Oct 9 - Nov 15	2(6)
Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		Oct 9 - Jan 23/2000	10(20)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to Snipe hunting. Consideration is being given to extend this closure to other foreshore areas (ie. Roberts and Sturgeon Banks) in future hunting seasons.				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		Oct 9 - Jan 23/2000	8(16)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12. See special area maps.				
BRANT	2-4		Mar 1/2000 - Mar 10/2000	2(4)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	2-4, 2-5		Oct 9 - Nov 28	5(10)
	2-4, 2-5		Feb 5/2000 - Mar 10/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12. See special area maps.				
CANADA GEESE	2-5 to 2-7, 2-9, 2-10, 2-12 to 2-17		Oct 9 - Jan 23/2000	5(10)
	*2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 11 - Sept 19	▲5(10)
	*2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Oct 9 - Nov 21	▲5(10)
	*2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Dec 18 - Jan 2/2000	▲5(10)
	*2-2 to *2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Feb 5/2000 - Mar 10/2000	▲5(10)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
★ The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12. See special area maps.				
✱ In MU 2-4 in the Municipality of Delta, the open season DOES NOT apply to the area within 100 metres of any dyke. The 100 metre restriction does not apply to that portion of Delta known as Westham Island.				
▲ The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5, except in MU's 2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18 and 2-19 where 5 Canada geese may be taken in addition to any other species of geese taken in Region 2.				



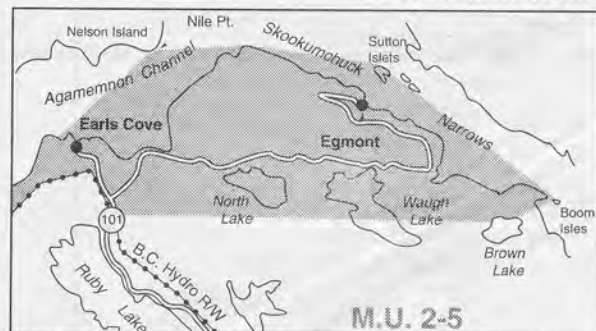
Map B1 Hope No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-2, 2-17).



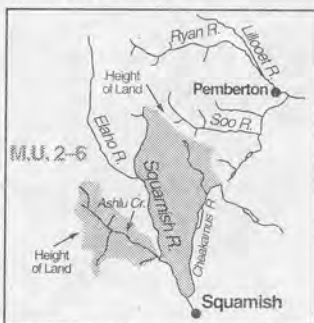
Map B2 Sechart No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-5).



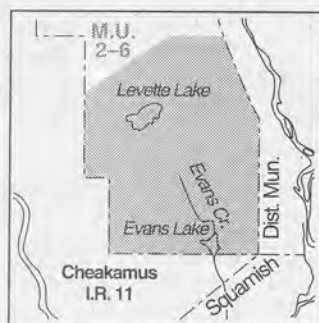
Map B3 Sechelt/Gibsons No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-5).



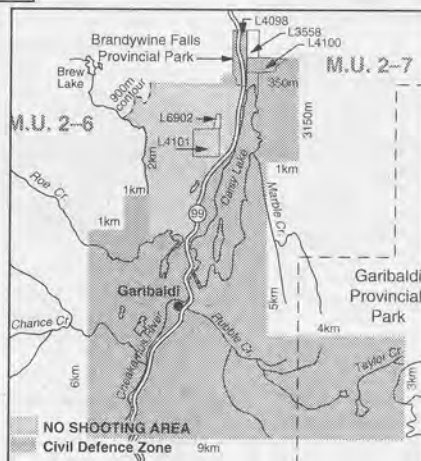
Map B4 Waugh Lake - Skookumchuck No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-5).



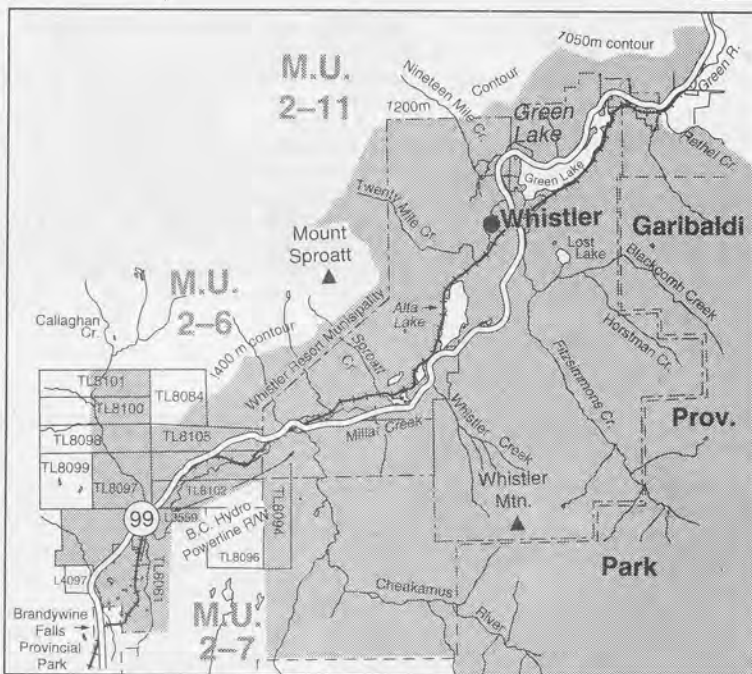
Map B5 Ashlu - Squamish Rivers
Mountain Goat Closed Area
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Map B6 Evans Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-6).



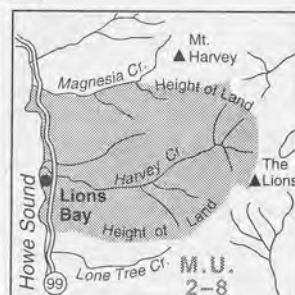
Map B7 Garibaldi No Shooting Area and Garibaldi Civil Defence Zone. This is a high risk slide area. Persons who hunt or trap in this area do so at **their own risk** (situate in MUs 2-6 and 2-7).



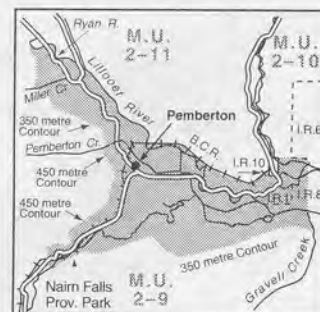
Map B8 Whistler No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 2-6, 2-7, 2-11).



Map B9 Squamish No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).

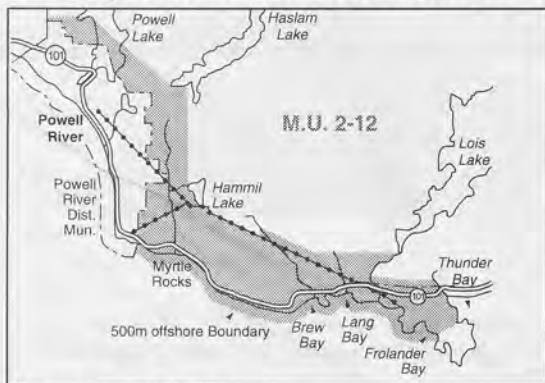


Map B10 Lion's Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).



Map B 11 Pemberton Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-9, 2-10, 2-11). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.

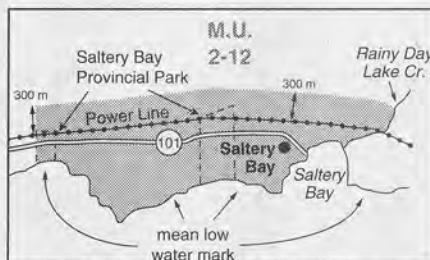
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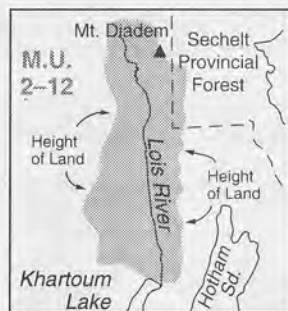
Map B12 Powell River Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-12). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B15 Lund No Shooting Area and Savary Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-12).



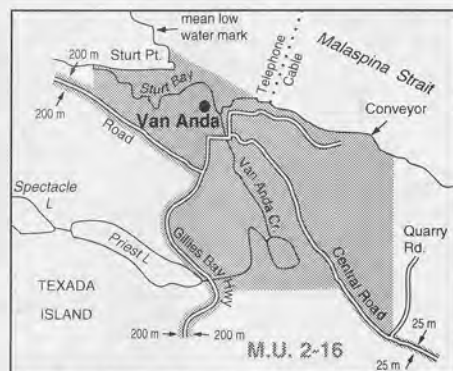
Map B16 Saltery Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-12).



Map B13 Lois River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 2-12).



Map B14 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 2-12).



Map B18 Van Anda No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



Map B17 Keats Island (situate in MU 2-16). The discharge of rifles is prohibited.



Map B19 Blubber Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



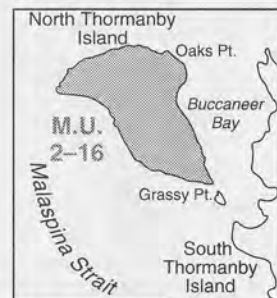
Map B20 Bowen Island No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16). Special Bow Season for mule (black-tailed) deer (cross-bows prohibited). Bucks: Sept 1 to Dec 15. Antlerless: Nov 5 to Dec 5; Any deer Jan 1 to Jan 15/2000. Bag Limit: 3(2). On Bowen Island hunting is prohibited within 150 metres of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling or farm building. Hunting on private land by owner's permission only. Trespassing is an offence.



Map B21 Gillies Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



Map B22 Central Road/ Shelter Point Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



Map B23 North Thormanby Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 2-16).

THE FRASER VALLEY SPECIAL LICENCE HUNTING AREA

•As of this year, the Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence (FVSLHA) brochure is no longer being produced by the Wildlife Branch.

•The maps below show provincial and federal firearms restrictions in the Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area. **They do not show municipal by-law restrictions.** Please contact individual municipalities for restrictions within their municipal boundaries.

The Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence

•A Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) licence is required to hunt anywhere within management unit (MU) 2-4 and those areas within MU 2-8 that are within the corporate limits of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Mission and Coquitlam. A Provincial Hunting Licence is also required, as well as a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit if migratory birds are hunted.

•FVSLHA licences are available from Government Agents and selected sporting goods stores in the Fraser Valley. Evidence of current \$1,000,000.00 public liability and property damage insurance must be provided to obtain this licence. A FVSLHA licence is automatically invalid if the insurance coverage is not maintained.

•A licenced hunter under the age of 19 does

not have to obtain a special area hunting licence, but must be accompanied by a licenced hunter 19 years of age or older who holds a FVSLHA licence and insurance and who has signed an acknowledgment of responsibility for the younger hunter.

•A B.C. Wildlife Federation membership card with insurance notation, a letter from your insurance agent on company letterhead or the policy itself is proof of insurance.

MUNICIPAL FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS

•Municipal governments are responsible to their communities for the safe and proper use of firearms. Section 933 of the Municipal Act provides the authority for municipalities to regulate or prohibit the discharge of firearms and bows.

•All municipalities in the Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area have by-laws restricting the use of firearms within their boundaries. In most cases, these by-laws have been developed in cooperation with BC Environment, representatives of hunter's organizations, landowners, and local residents.

•The Municipality of Richmond has a Hunting by Permission Program in place. Contact the municipality or the Richmond Rod and Gun Club for more information.

It is extremely important that hunters

contact the municipality in which they want to hunt to obtain information on current by-laws.

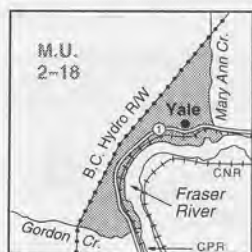
TRESPASS

•In addition to contacting individual municipalities, hunters must obtain the permission of landowners before hunting on private land. Under the Trespass Act, a trespasser is anyone found on enclosed land that does not have the consent of the owner. It is an offence for such a person to refuse to give his name and address to the owner, or to a person authorized by him.

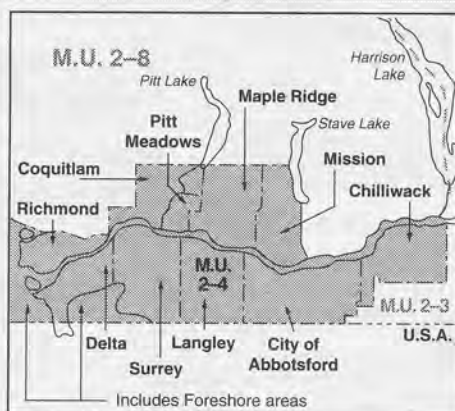
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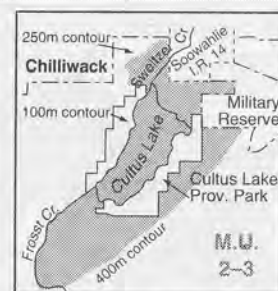
•Waterfowl hunters are advised that a conviction for an offence under the Migratory Birds Convention Act or regulations results in automatic suspension of the offender's migratory game bird hunting permit. In addition, a person convicted of an offence may not apply for, or hold, a migratory game bird hunting permit within one year from the date of the conviction.



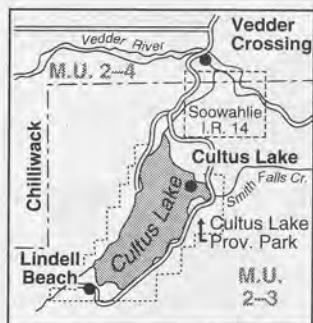
Map B24 Yale No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-18).



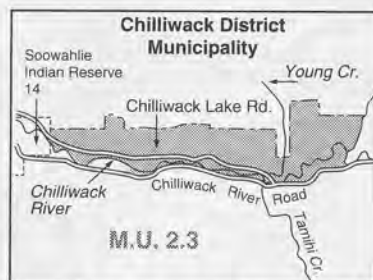
Map B25 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (situate in MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within MU 2-4 & those portions of MU 2-8 within the corporate limits of the corporation of the district of Maple Ridge, the corporation of the district of Pitt Meadows, the corporation of the district of Mission, the corporation of the district of Coquitlam are required to purchase a Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence (\$10.00) in addition to other Provincial licences and for hunting migratory game birds, the Migratory Bird Licence. Evidence of \$1,000,000.00 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required.



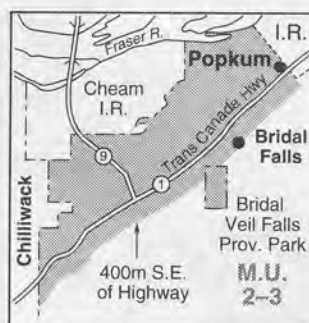
Map B26 Cultus Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited. See also Map B27.



Map B27 Cultus Lake Seasonal No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms is prohibited from Feb 1 to Sept 30.



Map B28 Chilliwack Valley Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B29 Popkum No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3).



Map B30 Provincial Jail Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3)

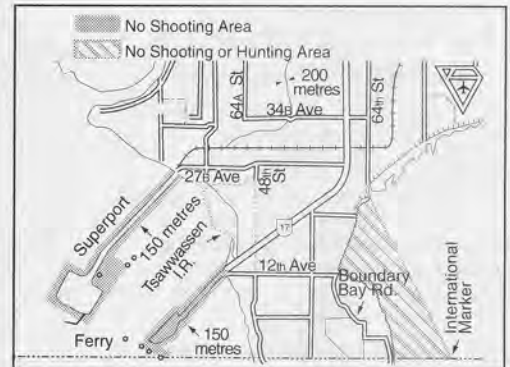
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Map B31 Huntingdon No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-4)



Map B32 University of British Columbia Endowment Lands and Sea Island No Shooting Areas (situate in MU 2-4).



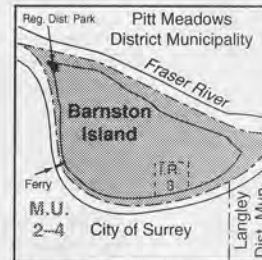
Map B33 Boundary Bay (Centennial Beach) No Shooting or Hunting Area and Roberts Bank Superport and Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal Causeways No Shooting Areas (situate in MU 2-4).



Map B34 George C. Reifel No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (situate in MU 2-4).



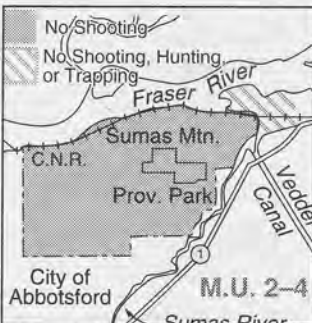
Map B35 Serpentine River No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area and Lot 495 No Hunting Area (situate in MU 2-4).



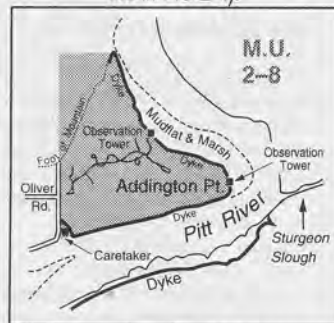
Map B36 Barnston Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-4). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B37 Buntzen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).



Map B38 Sumas Mountain No Shooting Area & McGillivray Creek No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (situate in MU 2-4).



Map B39 Addington Marsh No shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 2-8). Perimeter dykes are also closed to hunting and discharge of firearms.

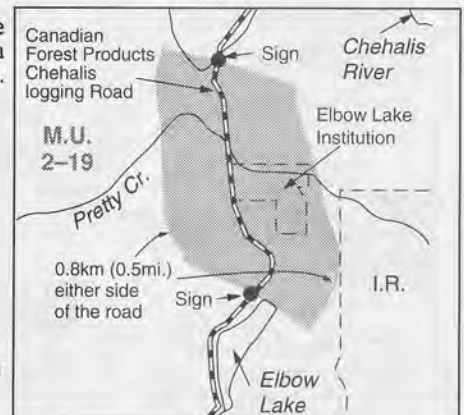


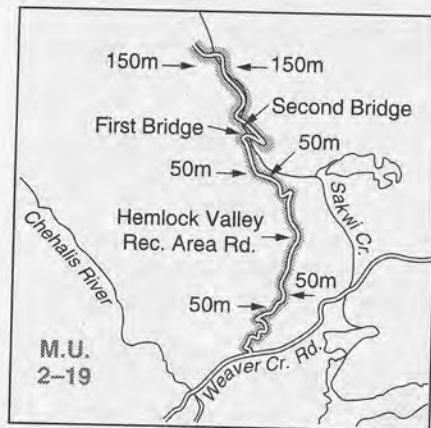
Map B40 Pitt Wildlife Management Area (situate in MU 2-8). No Hunting or Shooting Area (year-round closure). Public Shooting Area: Shotguns with non-toxic shot only. Hunting permitted on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from Sept 1 to Mar. 10 annually for waterfowl hunting only during prescribed seasons.



Map B41 Nicomen No Shooting Area, Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-8).

Map B42 Elbow Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-19).

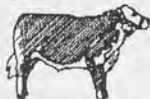




Map B43 Hemlock Valley
No Shooting Area (situate
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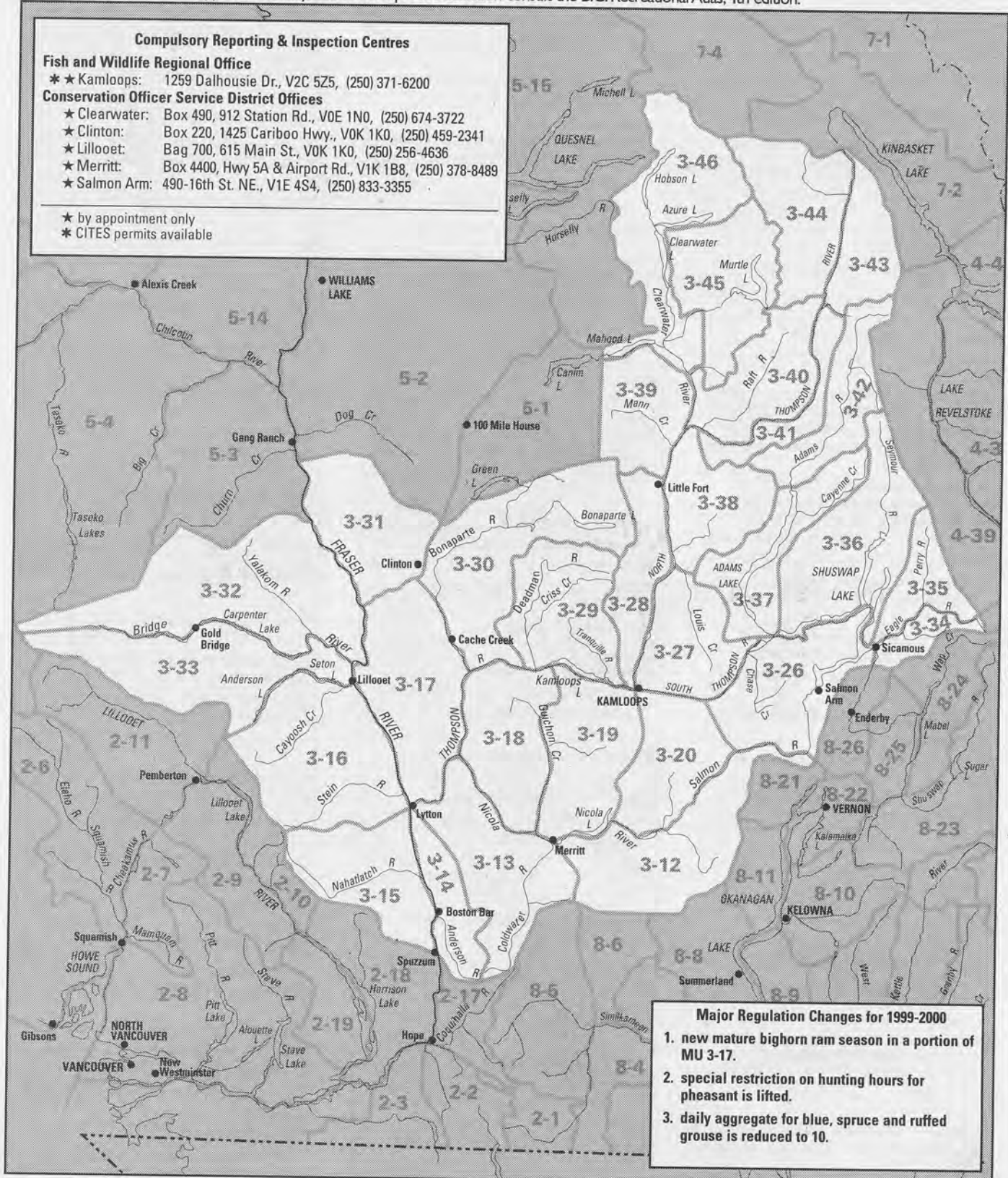
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Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. new mature bighorn ram season in a portion of MU 3-17.
2. special restriction on hunting hours for pheasant is lifted.
3. daily aggregate for blue, spruce and ruffed grouse is reduced to 10.

BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under Limited Entry Hunting only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

• The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited or restricted in the following areas. Contact BC Environment in Kamloops for details.
- Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MU 3-29. See map C-14.
- Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempiere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between December 1 and May 31). See Map C15.
- Chappell Creek in MU 3-44 (the Chappell Trail is open to snowmobile use between December 1 and May 31)
- Above the 1920 m elevation in MU 3-32 in the following areas:
 - China Head Mountain (excluding the Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
 - Nine Mile Ridge
 - Red Mountain - French Mountain
 - Hogback Mountain
- Spruce Lake Closed Area in MU 3-32. See Map C13.
- Porcupine Ridge. See Map C11.
- Clinton Creek

The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, 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 in the watershed of Clinton Creek. See Map C12.

• 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.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 3 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 11 & 12 for requirements.

Snowmobile Restrictions

• The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in MUs 3-28, 3-45

and 3-46. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 22-24.
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Provincial Park)
- Please note that white-tailed deer are present throughout Region 3 and a separate species licence is required. Be sure of the species before you shoot

NATIONAL PARKS

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.

• Parks and Recreation Areas marked with an asterisk (*) are exempt from the No Hunting No Shooting Restriction within 400m of the centre line of park roads. [B.C. Reg. 180/90, s.29(2)].

• These parks are NOT exempt from Highway No Shooting and No Hunting Areas as described on page 77-78.

Arrowstone Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-30)

Banana Island Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-27)

Bedard Aspen Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-17)

Blue Earth Lake Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-17)

Blue River Black Spruce Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-43, 3-44)

Blue River Pine Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-40, 3-44)

Bonaparte Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-29, 3-30)

Includes the former Bare Lake Access Management Area

Caligata Lake Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-40)

Chasm Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-30)

Chu Chua Cottonwood Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-26, 3-38)

Cinnemousun Narrows Provincial Park

.....(MUs 3-26, 3-36)

Cornwall Hills Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-17)

Dunn Peak Protected Area*

.....(MU 3-38, 3-39)

Eakin Creek Canyon Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-28)

Eakin Creek Floodplains Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-28, 3-29)

Edge Hills Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-31)

Elephant Hill Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-17, 3-30)

Emar Lakes Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-39)

Finn Creek Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-40, 3-41)

Harbour Dudgeon Lakes Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-42)

Harry Lake Aspen Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-17)

High Lakes Basin Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-30)

Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-28, 3-29)

See Map C14

Marble Range Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-31)

McConnell Lakes Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-19)

Mehatl Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-15)

Momich Lakes Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-37)

Mount Savona Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-18)

Mud Lake Delta Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-43)

North Thompson Islands Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-38)

North Thompson Oxbows East Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-44)

North Thompson Oxbows Jensen Island Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-28)

North Thompson Oxbows-Manteau Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-44)

Oregon Jack Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-17)

Painted Bluffs Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-29)

Porcupine Meadows Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-28, 3-29)

Includes former Porcupine Ridge Access Management Area

Pyramid Creek Falls Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-42)

Roche Lake Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-20)

Shuswap Lake Marine Provincial Park

.....(MUs 3-36, 3-26)

Stein Valley Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-16)

Taweel Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-39)

Tsintsunko Lakes Provincial Park

.....(MU 3-29)

Tunkwa Provincial Park*

.....(MU 3-18)

.....continued

SOUTHERN INTERIOR

Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within the Tunkwa Lake Sanctuary. This area designated is the largest island in Tunkwa Lake.

Upper Adams River Provincial Park
.....(MU 3-37, 3-42)

Walhachin Oxbows Provincial Park
.....(MU 3-18)

Wells Gray Provincial Park
.....(MU 3-46);

Open to the discharge of firearms from September 20 to May 31 during a lawful game hunting season; Stillwater and Battle Mt. and Clearwater River (westside) roads are exempt from No Hunting No Shooting Restriction; Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45.

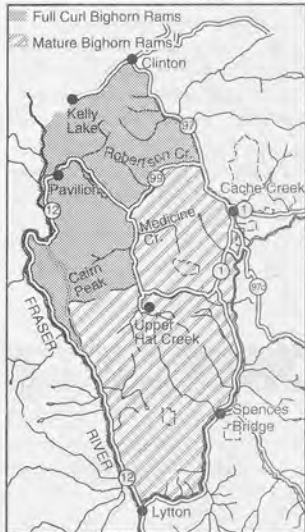
Wire Cache Provincial Park
.....(MU 3-41)

Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows. Park roads are also closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows within 400 metres of the centre line.

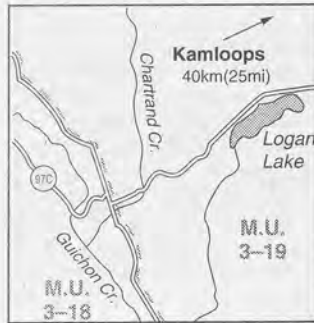
The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	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	1
	3-46	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	1
			Regional bag limit	2(1)
* See definition on Page 7. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	1
MOOSE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	*Immature Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 10	1
	3-46	*Immature Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 10	1
*See definition on page 7. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Successful hunters of any bull moose must submit a tooth and kill information. See Compulsory Reporting information on page 14.				
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	1
*See definition on page 5. **A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C1.				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	2
WOLF	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	3
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2000	2
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10 (daily)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	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 is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED AND SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 of each(15 of each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	5 of each(15 of each)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(10)
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 (COCKS ONLY)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
MOURNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				

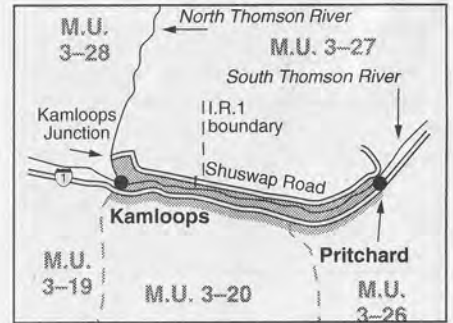
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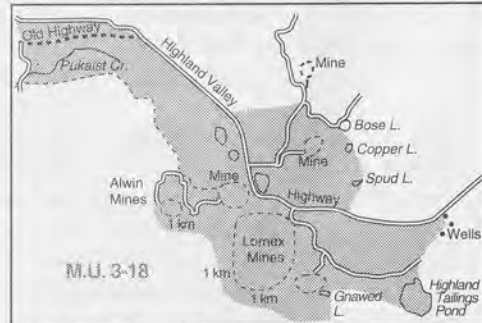
Map C1 Full curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (situate in MU 3-17).



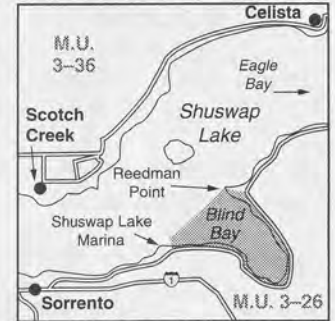
Map C2 Logan Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-19).



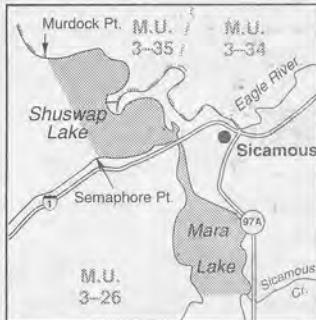
Map C3 Kamloops No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



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



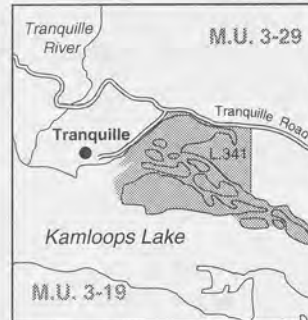
Map C5 Blind Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



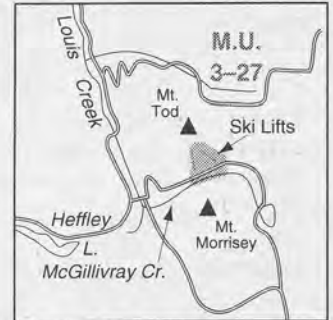
Map C6 Sicamous No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



Map C7 Salmon Arm No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 3-26).



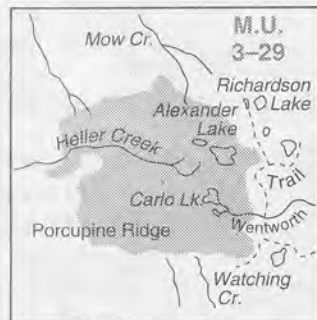
Map C8 McQueen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-28).



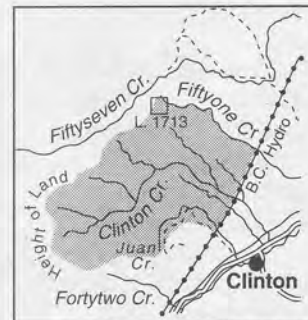
Map C9 Sun Peaks No Shooting or Hunting Area 400m from existing Ski Lifts (situate in MU 3-27).



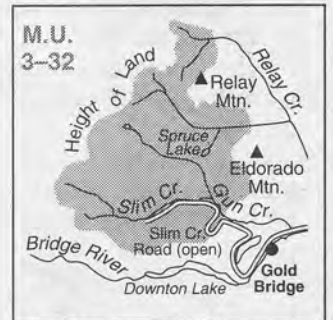
Map C10 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in within Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)



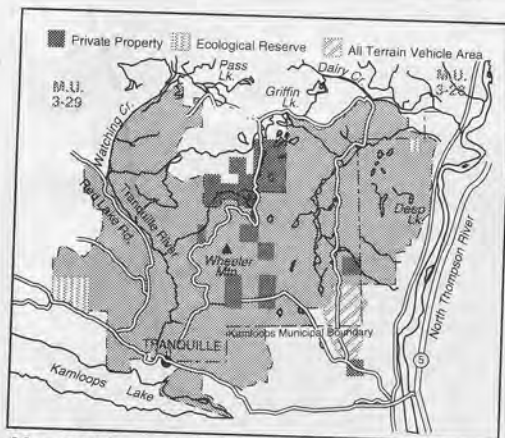
Map C11 Porcupine Meadows Provincial Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Closed to motor vehicles. Snowmobiles permitted from Dec 15 to April 15.



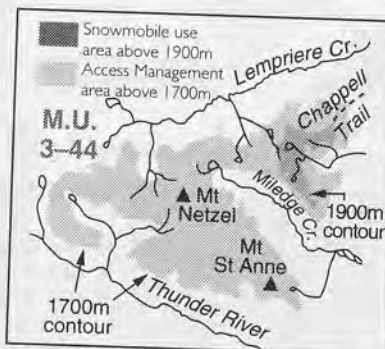
Map C12 Clinton Creek Access Management Closed Area (situate MU 3-31).



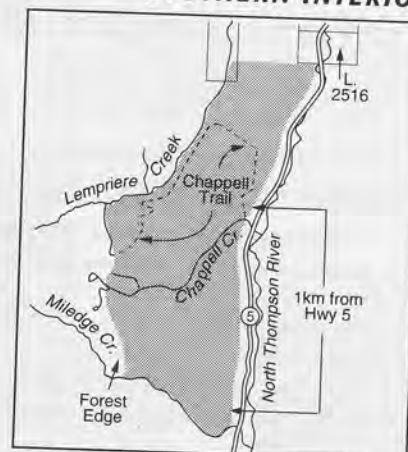
Map C13 Spruce Lake Access Management Area (situate in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30 to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines open year-round.



Map C14 Lac du Bois Grassland Provincial Park. (situate in MU 3-28, 3-29) Vehicle access restricted to highlighted roads except as posted.



Map C15 Mileage, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situate in MU 3-44). Snowmobile use is permitted in area shown (above 1900 m contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.



Map C16 Chappell Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situate in MU 3-44). Chappell Trail open to snowmobile use from Dec 1 to May 31.

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR HUNTERS IN BEAR COUNTRY

If You Encounter a Bear²

Bears are very intelligent and complex animals. Each bear and each encounter is unique; there is no single strategy that will work in all situations.

- **Stay calm.** Most bears don't want to attack you; they usually want to avoid you and ensure you're not a threat. Bears may bluff their way out of an encounter by charging and then turning away at the last second. Bears may also react defensively by woofing, growling, snapping their jaws, and laying their ears back.
- **Don't drop your pack.** It can provide protection.
- **Back away slowly, never run!** Bear can run as fast as a racehorse, both uphill and downhill.
- **Talk calmly and firmly.** If a bear rears on its hind legs and waves its nose about, it is trying to identify you. Remain still and talk calmly so it knows you are a human and not a prey animal. A scream or sudden movement may trigger an attack.
- **Leave the area or take a detour.** If this is impossible, wait until the bear moves away. Always leave the bear an escape route.



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SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION 8

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Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. snowmobile use restriction between April 1 and November 30 lifted.
2. new season for quail
3. new bow season for black bear.
4. elk seasons now 6pts+ and closed in MU 8-15.
5. opening date for lynx and bobcat moved ahead by two weeks.
6. opening date for mule (black-tailed) deer bow season is made later in MU's 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-24 to 8-26.
7. white-tailed buck season in MU's 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-24, shortened by five days.
8. bag limit for white-tailed deer bucks reduced to one.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

* ★ Kamloops: Dalhousie Dr., V2C 5Z5, (250) 371-6200

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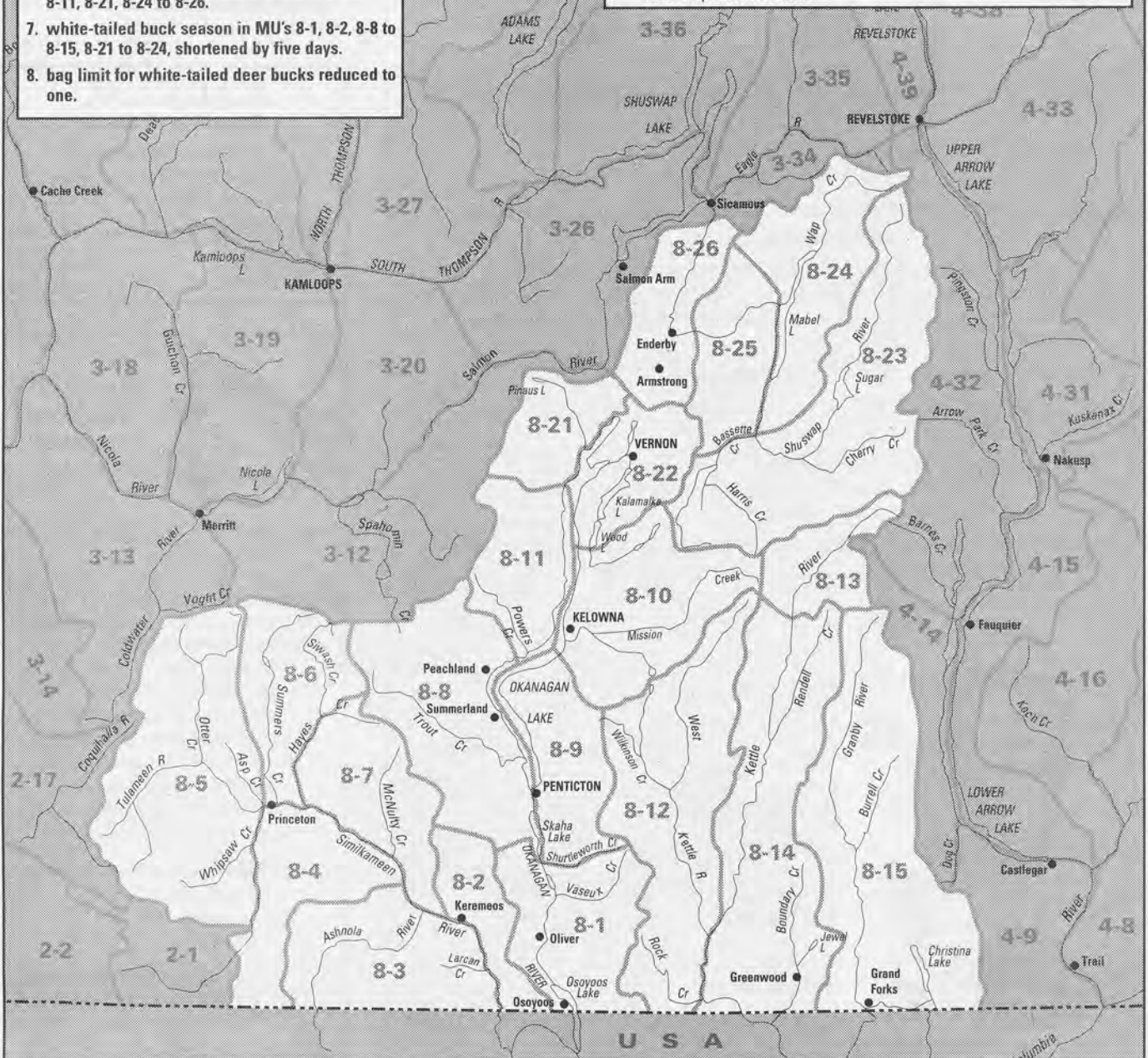
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BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is two. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1, only 1 of which may be a buck. The bag limit for mule deer is one. Both deer may be antlerless, but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken.

Mountain Sheep: A person who kills a male mountain sheep in MUs 8-1 or 8-9 since January 1, 1995, may not hunt or kill another male mountain sheep in MUs 8-1 or 8-9 during the 1999/2000 season.

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

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

•The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

•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.

•The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited from June 1 to October 31 in the Galloping Hills Area except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map H13.

•The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in that portion of MU 8-5 on the Lawless-Jacobson Lake Forest Service Road south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek.

•The operation of motor vehicles is restricted to established roadways in the Osoyoos Oxbows motor vehicle restricted area. See Map H1.

•The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited within the Underdown Creek area of MU 8-1. See Map H2.

•The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in that portion of MU 8-9 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.

•The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in the Granby motor vehicle restricted area in MUs 8-14 & 8-15. Snowmobiles are allowed during the period Nov 1 to May 31. See Map H13.

•The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting to transport wildlife or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Garnet Fire motor vehicle restricted area in MU 8-09.

See Map H9.

Compulsory Inspection & Reporting

•In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all elk taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Inspected within 15 days of the date of kill and all moose taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 11 & 12 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

•White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail and badger and other species are protected under the authority of the Wildlife Act (hunting is prohibited).

•No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 22 to 24. 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.

NATIONAL PARKS

•Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 1 to April 15 during the lawful game hunting season:

Cascade Recreation Area (MU 8-5)

Cathedral Provincial Park (MU 8-3)

is open to the discharge of firearms from August 25 to April 15. The core area of Cathedral Park is closed to the discharge of firearms. Contact Park Branch staff for details.

Darke Lake Prov. Park (MU 8-8)

Eneas Lake Prov. Park (MU 8-8)

Gladstone Provincial Park

..... (MU 8-15, 4-14)

Granby Provincial Park (MU 8-15)

Keremeos Columns Provincial Park

..... (MU 8-2)

Nickel Plate Prov. Park (MU 8-7)

Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park

..... (MU 8-9)

Silver Star Provincial Park

..... (MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26).

No Hunting Area. See Map H18.

Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

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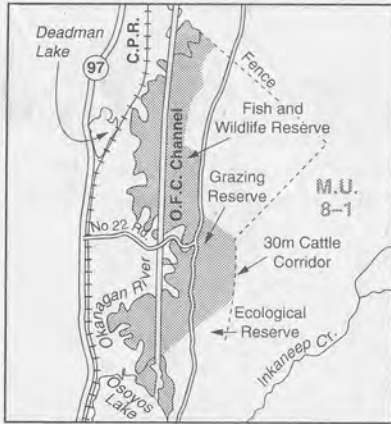
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Hunters are reminded that the antlers or horns of male big game animals must accompany the carcass to a residence or a meatcutting plant, where a season is based on antler or horn size.

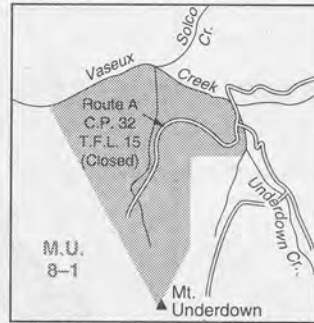
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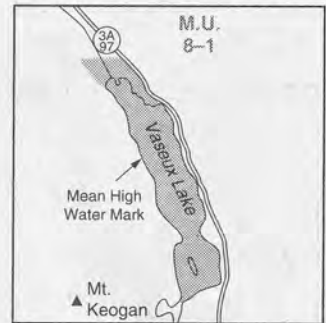
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 20	1
	8-12 to 8-15	4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Oct 31	1
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Nov 10	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Seasons	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-24 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 25 - Dec 10	1
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-3 to 8-7	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 25 - Dec 10	2(1)
MOOSE	8-1 to *8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	*Immature Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 10	1
*Granby Provincial Park (MU 8-15) and Gladstone Provincial Park (MU 8-15, 4-14) are closed to moose hunting. See special area maps.				
*See definition on Page 6. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
Successful hunters who kill a bull moose in Region 8 are required to submit, within 30 days of the kill, one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root). See Compulsory Reporting information on page 14.				
ELK	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14	▲6Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	8-4 to 8-7	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 25 - Oct 20	1
▲See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. All elk taken in the Okanagan sub-region must be Compulsory Inspected. See page 14 for Compulsory Inspection information.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	8-1, 8-9	3/4 Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Sept 18	1
See regional bag limit for mountain sheep on page 49.				
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow only seasons	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31)				
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
COYOTE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - March 31/2000	NBL
LYNX AND BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28/2000	1(of each)
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2000	2
Hunters are requested not to shoot a lactating cougar, or cougar kittens.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10 (daily)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	10 (daily)
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(15)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.				
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-11, 8-15, 8-21, 8-22, 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	10(30)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-9		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
GRAY PARTRIDGE (HUNGARIAN)	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-10, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3(9)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
PHEASANT	8-1 to 8-3, 8-8 to 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 15	2(6)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.				
MOURNING DOVE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIFE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.				
WHITE FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				
CANADA GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Dec 25 & Feb 20/2000 - Feb 28/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				



Map H1 Osoyoos Oxbows Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-1). The operation of motor vehicles is restricted to established roadways. Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited from Mar 1 to Sept 30 throughout the restricted area including the roadways.



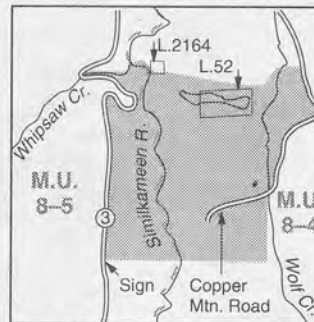
Map H2 Underdown Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-1). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



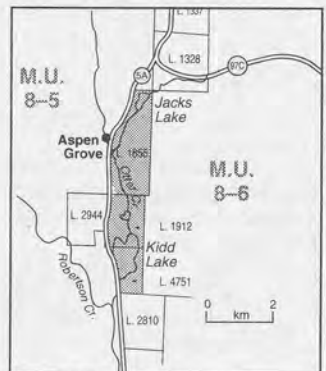
Map H3 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situate in MU 8-1).



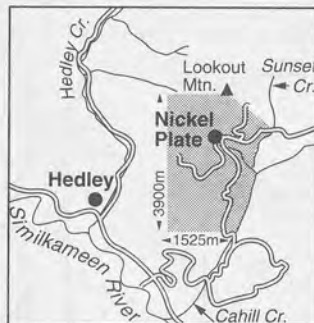
Map H4 Kaleden, Penticton and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



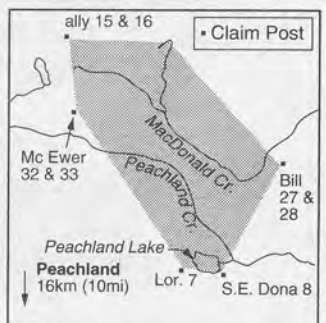
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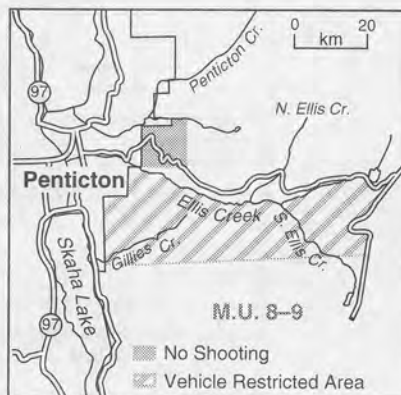
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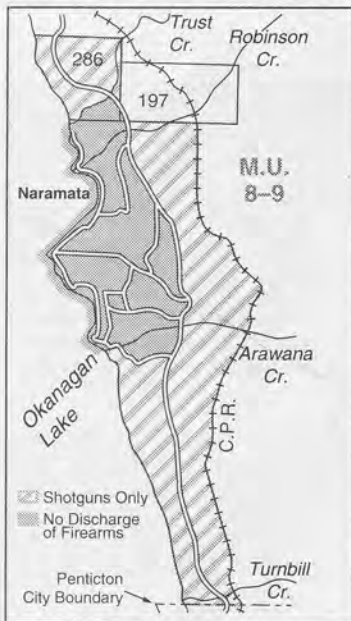
Map H7 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-7).



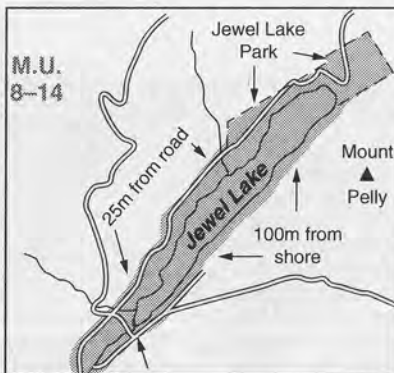
Map H8 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-8).



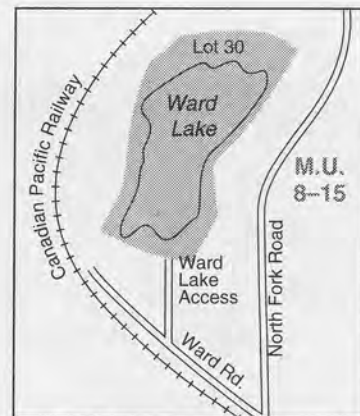
Map H9 Garnet Fire Vehicle Restricted Area and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-9).



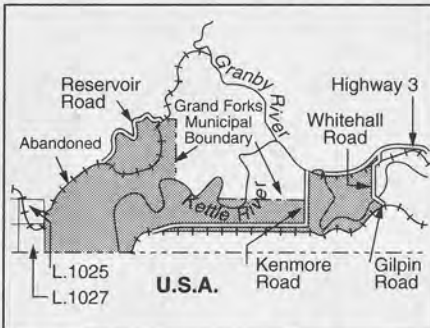
Map H10 Naramata No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 8-9).



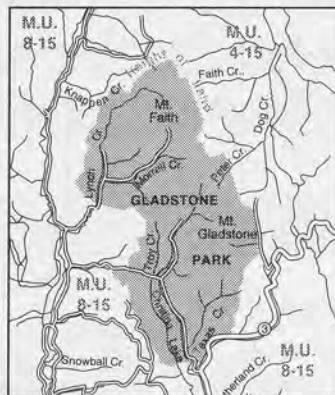
Map H11 Jewel Lake No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situate in MU 8-14).



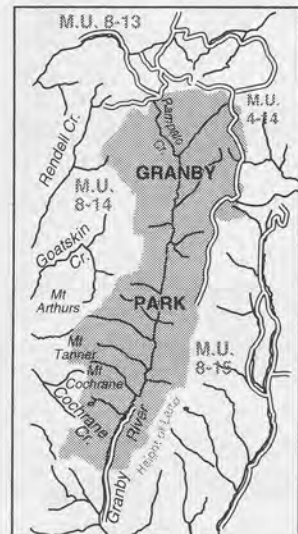
Map H12 Ward Lake No Hunting, No Shooting and No Trapping Area (situate in MU 8-15).



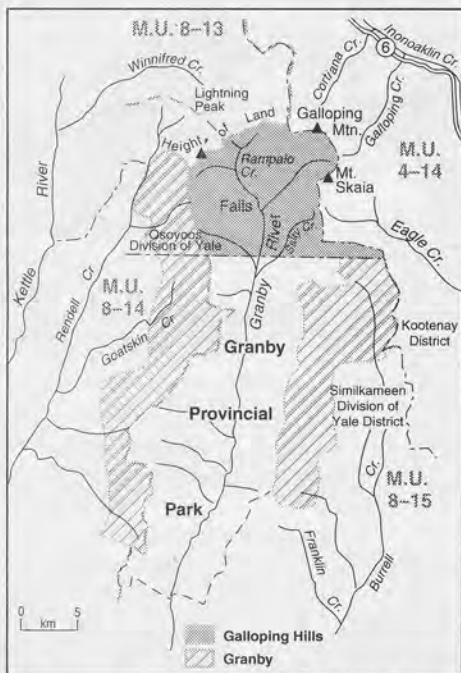
Map H14 Grand Forks Shotgun Only Area (situate in MU 8-15).



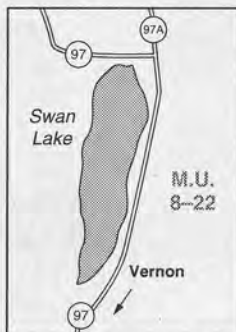
Map H16 Gladstone Provincial Park Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 8-15).



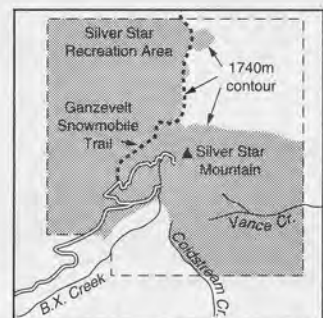
Map H15 Granby Provincial Park Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 8-15).



Map H13 Galloping Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-15) and Granby Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MUs 8-14 & 8-15).



Map H17 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 8-22).



Map H18 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (situate in MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). Contact BC Environment offices in Vernon or Pentiction for details.

NOTICE: UPCOMING REVIEW OF SEADUCK REGULATIONS

This notice aims at generating and enhancing potential for public input into regulatory changes on seaducks to be presented and discussed for implementation for the 2000-2001 Hunting Season in British Columbia.

In order to address recent conservation concerns, the Canadian Wildlife Service and B.C. Wildlife Branch will consider harvest restrictions for seaducks for the 2000/2001 hunting season.

Seaducks include eiders, scoters, mergansers goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Oldsquaw and Harlequin Ducks. Ten of the 15 species of seaducks that occur in North America are declining, some of them precipitously. Eleven species occur commonly in British Columbia.

Though none of these species have been officially designated in B.C., several of them are considered at risk or of special management concern in neighbouring jurisdictions. Since populations may span several states and provinces, actions in B.C. can effect recovery efforts outside our borders.

Causes of these declines are not well understood, though habitat loss and the effects of contaminants in both breeding and wintering habitats have been implicated and research is ongoing. The low reproductive output of these species makes survival of the adults very important for recovery.

Unlike B.C., many other jurisdictions across North America have recognized the difference in their breeding ecology and treat seaducks separately from other ducks in their harvest regulations. Though harvest pressure in British Columbia has historically been very low and has not been implicated in the decline, our existing liberal bag limits are inconsistent with the recognised conservation concern for this group of species.

Therefore, amongst other options, B.C. is considering separating seaduck harvest from other species of ducks and restricting the daily bag/possession limit to 2/4, which is in accordance with limits already in effect for goldeneye. This restriction would support global conservation efforts on seaducks and, based on current harvest statistics, should have little or no effect on hunting opportunities here.

For further information, please contact the CWS office in Ladner or the Wildlife Branch in Victoria.



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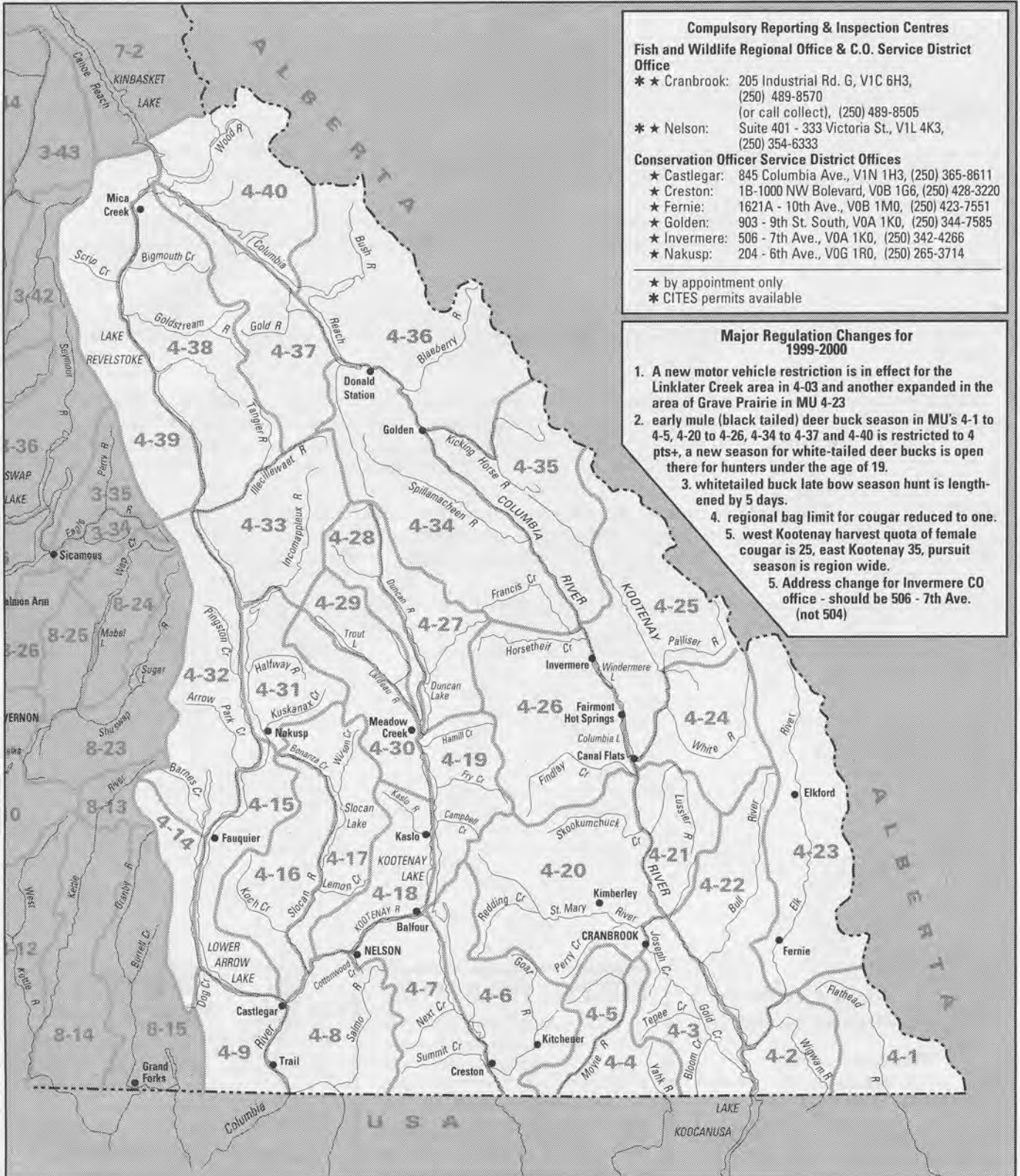
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REGION 4

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 4th edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office & C.O. Service District Office

- ★ ★ Cranbrook: 205 Industrial Rd. G, V1C 6H3, (250) 489-8570 (or call collect), (250) 489-8505
- ★ ★ Nelson: Suite 401 - 333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3, (250) 354-6333

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

- ★ Castlegar: 845 Columbia Ave., V1N 1H3, (250) 365-8611
- ★ Creston: 18-1000 NW Boulevard, V0B 1G6, (250) 428-3220
- ★ Fernie: 1621A - 10th Ave., V0B 1M0, (250) 423-7551
- ★ Golden: 903 - 9th St. South, V0A 1K0, (250) 344-7585
- ★ Invermere: 506 - 7th Ave., V0A 1K0, (250) 342-4266
- ★ Nakusp: 204 - 6th Ave., V0G 1R0, (250) 265-3714

- ★ by appointment only
- ★ CITES permits available

Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. A new motor vehicle restriction is in effect for the Linklater Creek area in 4-03 and another expanded in the area of Grave Prairie in MU 4-23
2. early mule (black tailed) deer buck season in MU's 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 is restricted to 4 pts+, a new season for white-tailed deer bucks is open there for hunters under the age of 19.
3. whitetailed buck late bow season hunt is lengthened by 5 days.
4. regional bag limit for cougar reduced to one.
5. west Kootenay harvest quota of female cougar is 25, east Kootenay 35, pursuit season is region wide.
5. Address change for Invermere CO office - should be 506 - 7th Ave. (not 504)

BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two (2) deer. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one (1). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 is one (1). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2).

Moose and Elk: The aggregate bag limit for moose and elk is one (1).

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

Cougar: The bag limit in the Kootenay Region for cougar is one (1).

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

•The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

• See definition of "motor vehicle", "snowmobile" on page 5.

• There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region.

★ All Motor Vehicles.

◆ All Motor Vehicles 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 (except between Mar. 1-31 and July 1-Aug. 31). An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

▼ All Motor Vehicles 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 (except between Dec. 1-Mar. 31 and July 1-Aug. 31). An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

✱ 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, during the period Apr. 1-Nov. 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

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. Contact local BC Environment offices for details.

MU 4-1

- ★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)
- ◆ Akamina and Kishinena Creek watersheds upstream from the 94 km marker on the Akamina/Kishinena Rd
- ◆ Middlepass Creek watershed
- ◆ Sage Creek watershed from 2.5 km upstream of Roche Creek

MU 4-2

- ★ Galton Range (Map D2)
- ★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge (Map D3)
- ◆ Windfall Creek watershed upstream of Lodgepole Creek

MU 4-3

- ◆ Bloom Creek watershed upstream from 49.2 km on the Bloom Creek Road and 52.3 km on the Larch Creek Road
- ◆ Caven Creek watershed upstream from 46 km on the Lower Caven Creek Road and 45.3 km on the Upper Caven Creek Road
- ◆ Haller Creek/Cherry Lake watershed upstream of the junction of the Cherry Lake Main Road with the Haller Creek Main Road (on the Cherry Lake Main Road) and upstream from 42.2 km on the Haller Creek Main Road
- ◆ Jake Creek watershed upstream 0.2 km from the junction of Teepee Creek and the East Yakh River Road on the East Yakh River Road
- ◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
- ◆ Teepee Creek southerly watershed between Jim Creek and Gold Creek and the westerly watershed of Gold Creek between Teepee Creek and the intersection of Gold Creek with the southerly boundary of Lot 8282

★ Elizabeth Lake (Map D4)

★ Linklater Creek (Map D5)

MU 4-4

- ★ Lower Cotton Tie Area (Map D7)
- ◆ Yakh River watershed upstream of Norge Creek and below the 1825 m contour
- ◆ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek

MU 4-5

- ◆ Irishman Creek watershed upstream 0.7 km from Hwy 3/95

MU 4-6

- ◆ Leadville Creek watershed upstream of 8 km on the Leadville Creek Road
- ◆ watersheds of 4 unnamed creeks (upstream of the Sanca Creek Road) flowing south into Sanca Creek from Sherman Mtn.
- ◆ Pilot Peninsula Forest Service Road beyond the intersection with branch 5 road; and on branch 2 road starting at the 2 km point.
- ◆ North Basin Creek watershed in the Skelly Creek watershed upstream of the 1500 m (4900 ft) contour
- ◆ the easterly half of drainage of Goat River from Leadville Creek to Kamma Creek.

MU 4-7

- ◆ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgley Mountain Road at the 1425 m (4700 ft) elevation
- ◆ the watershed of Corn Creek upstream from Acorn Creek.

MU 4-8

- ◆ Blizzard Mountain Road (and all side roads) from its intersection with Nine Mile Creek Road (Fruitvale side only).

MU 4-9

- ▼ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks

- ◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-15

- ▼ the watershed of Rialto Creek upstream of kilometre 7 on the Keenlyside Dam haul road
- ▼ Deer Creek Road (both East Fork and West Fork) from approximately 8.8 km point (on each).

MU 4-18

- ★ Marsden Face/Grohman Creek (Map D14)
- ◆ the watersheds of Smallwood & Garrity Creeks from a point 20 metres southeast of the intersection of the Smallwood Creek and Garrity Creek roads
- ◆ Kokanee Creek Road between northern boundary of L 11144 and southerly boundary of Kokanee Glacier Park (closed Apr. 1 to June 30)

MU 4-20

- ◆ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 0.1 km on the Baribeau Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek
- ◆ the watershed of 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
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Road 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 (Map D18) from Dec. 1 to April 30

MU 4-22

- ★ Powerplant area (Map D23)
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D21 and D22
- ★ 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 and Haynes Creeks
- ◆ the watershed of Iron Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek
- ◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimpster Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

- ◆ the watershed of Tunnel Creek upstream of Highway #3

MU 4-23

- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area (Map D26)
- ★ Ridgemont area (Map D29)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D30)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D31)
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles) (Map D25)

- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (except snow-mobiles) (Map D27)
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area. (Map D32)

MU 4-24

- ★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Provincial 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 43.6 km on the Elk Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nilsuka 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). The following rights of way are 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 Nicholzen
- The Dogtooth road located at Golden (D41).

MU 4-25

- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D35)
- ★ Columbia Lake area (Map D33)
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road
- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 20.4 km on the Cross River Road
- ◆ 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

- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats. (Map D44)
- ◆ the watershed 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 sublot 137, Kootenay Land District

- ◆ the watershed of Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek

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 shown on Map D45

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 kilometre marker

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 upstream of Highway #23

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

•In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all cougar taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Inspected within 4 days of the date of kill, and all moose, wolf and elk taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 14 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer - See Map D9.
- No Shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 22-24.
- Columbia Lake Park (MU 4-25) is closed to hunting. Hunters are permitted to carry firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park between September 10 and June 15.

NATIONAL PARKS

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details. In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 1 to June 30 during a lawful game hunting season:

Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-1)

Bugaboo Prov. Park(MU 4-27, 4-34)

Cummins Lakes Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-40)

Elk Lakes Prov. Park(MU 4-23)

Elk Valley Prov. Park(MU 4-23)

Gilnockie Provincial Park(MU 4-4)

Goat Range Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-17, 4-30)

Hamber Prov. Park(MU 4-40)

Height of the Rockies Prov. Park

.....(MU 4-23, 4-24, 4-25)

Kianuko Provincial Park(MU 4-6)

Kikomun Creek Prov. Park(MU 4-22)

Kokanee Glacier Prov. Park ..(MU 4-17, 4-18)

is only open to the discharge of firearms from Nov 1 to Nov 30 during a lawful game hunting season.

Lockhart Creek Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-6)

Marl Creek Prov. Park(MU 4-36)

McDonald Creek Prov. Park(MU 4-32)

Open only on west side

Mount Assiniboine Prov. Park ... (MU 4-25)

All persons using horses in this park are required to obtain a Letter of Authority from the E. Kootenay District Park office, Box 118, Wasa, B.C. (Ph. 250-422-4200).

See Map D36Continued

Pilot Bay Provincial Park(MU 4-6)

Premier Lake Provincial Park (MU 4-21).

Purcell Wilderness Conservancy

.....(MUs 4-19, 4-20, 4-26).

The Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (B.C. Parks) is closed to the use of snowmobiles and motor vehicles.

Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Corridor Protected Area

.....(MU 4-26)

St. Mary's Alpine Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-20)

Syringa Provincial Park(MU 4-15)

Top of the World Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-21, 4-22)

Horse use is restricted to the Coyote Creek, Galbraith and Fish Lake horse trails. Grazing is prohibited except in the vicinity of Nicole Creek and Coyote Creek campsites.

Valhalla Provincial Park(MU 4-16)

West Arm Provincial Park(MU 4-7)

Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park

.....(MU 4-24)

Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14, 4-15, 4-32	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	4-16 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 20	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 21 - Nov 15	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
See regional bag limit on page 55.				
★See definition on page 6. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	*Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
Bow Only Seasons				
▲This season is open to hunters under the age of 19 only.				
*Hunters are required to submit the antlers and the lower jaw or one of the incisor teeth within 10 days of the kill. See also special season map D9.				
ELK	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	4-18	▲6 Point Bulls	Oct 10 - Oct 20	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-6 to 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲3 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season				
▲See definitions on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. *See map D10.				
Successful elk hunters must report a kill by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of BC Environment, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or BC Environment office.				
Hunters are required to submit the antlers and an incisor tooth of any bow-killed elk within 10 days of the kill. See the regional bag limit for elk and moose on page 55.				
MOOSE	All moose seasons in Kootenay Region are on the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. Please refer to the LEH synopsis for the year in which you wish to hunt.			
BIGHORN	4-1, 4-21 to 4-24, ★4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 25	1
MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-2, ▲4-25	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
★There is no open season for mountain sheep in that portion of MU 4-35 north of Kicking Horse River between Golden and Yoho National Park Boundary.				
▲In that portion of MU 4-25 east of the Kootenay River excluding Mt. Assiniboine Park, the season is from Sept 10 - Oct 25. (See Map D37)				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	★4-37, ▲4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
★Open Season Only in that portion of MU 4-37 north and west of Windy Creek. ▲Open Season Only in that portion of MU 4-39 north of Bourne Creek.				
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 1/2000 - June 30/2000	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
WOLF	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
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 4-6 and 4-7, below 1100 metres in elevation, there is no closed season.				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	10
WOLVERINE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 - Jan 31/2000	1
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
COUGAR	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40		★Sept 10 - Feb 28/2000	1
Pursuit Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Dec 1 - Feb 28/2000	1
Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar or cougar kittens.				
Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season are reminded that they must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to capture or kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.				
★Note the cougar season in MUs 4-1 to 4-6, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, and 4-40 will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since Apr 1/99 the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 35. The cougar season in MUs 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39 will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since Apr 1/99 the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 25.				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	2

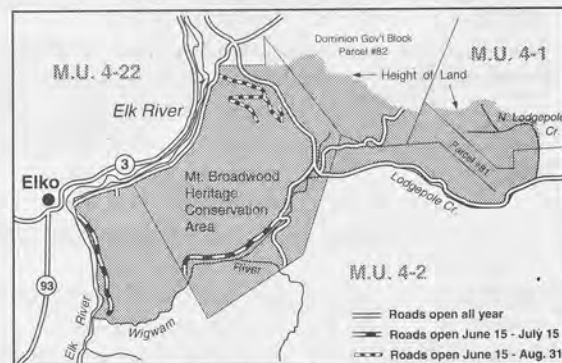
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No closed season	NBL
<i>The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.</i>				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10 (daily)
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	NBL
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
<i>For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.</i>				
PTARMIGAN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10(30)
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	4-6, 4-7		Oct 15 - Nov 15	Daily Limit: 3 Possession Limit: 6 Season Limit: 12
RAVEN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	5
MOURNING DOVES	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE, WHITE FRONTED GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 25	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12. See Map D6.</i>				
<i>Hunters please note that the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1/99.</i>				
<i>For more information phone 250-428-3260</i>				



Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-1). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or operation of motor vehicles.



Map D2 Galton Range Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Highlighted roads are open all year.



Map D3 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Highlighted roads open as noted on the map.



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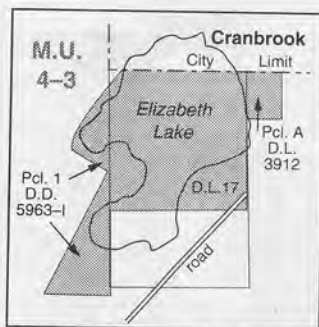
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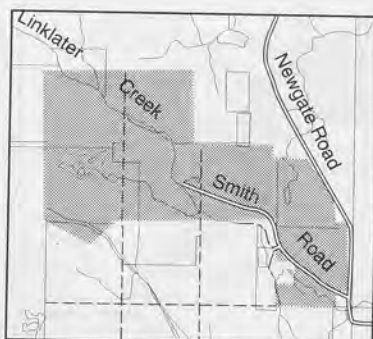
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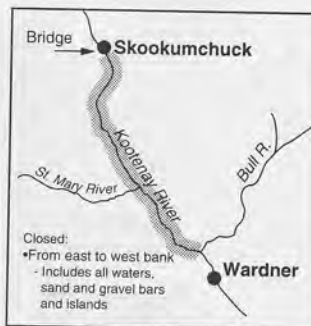
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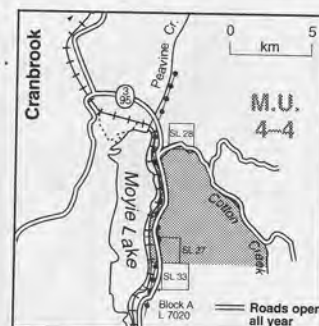
Map D4 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, No Shooting, No Trapping Area, No Motorized Vehicles (situate in MU 4-3).



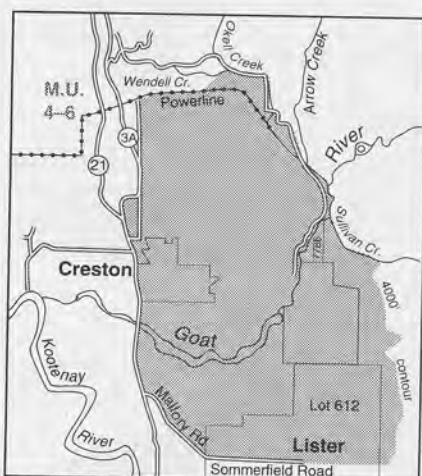
Map D5 Linklater Creek Access Management Area. Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



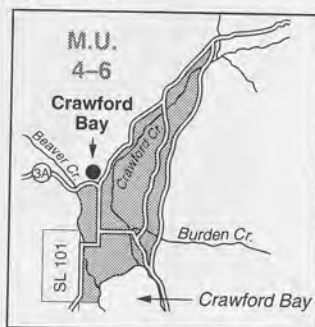
Map D6 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situate in MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



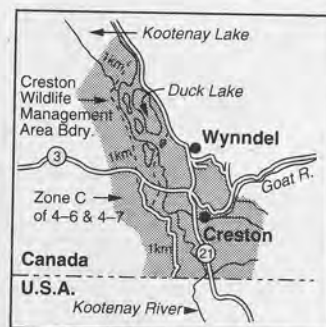
Map D7 Lower Cotton Tie Vehicle Closed Area (situate in MU 4-4).



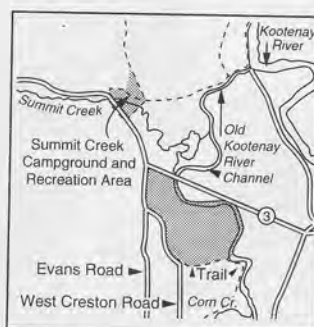
Map D9 Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer (situate in MU 4-6). Bow and arrow only season from Dec 1 to Dec 31.



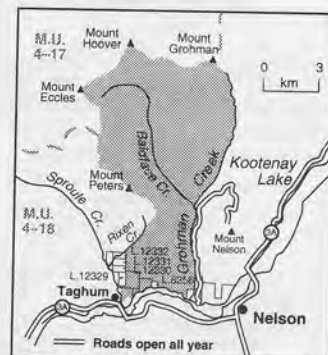
Map D8 Crawford Bay Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-6).



Map D10 Creston Elk Bow and Arrow Only Area. (situate in MU 4-6)



Map D11 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situate in MU 4-7).



Map D14 Marsden Face/Grohman Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-18).



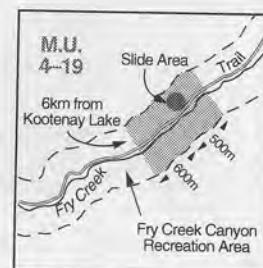
Map D12 Selkirk No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 4-7, 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou. Incorporates Stagleap Provincial Park.



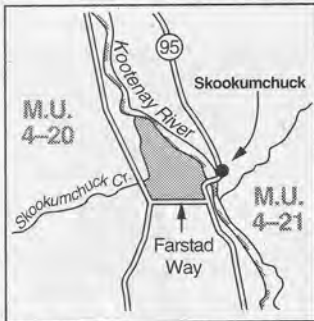
Map D13 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-17).



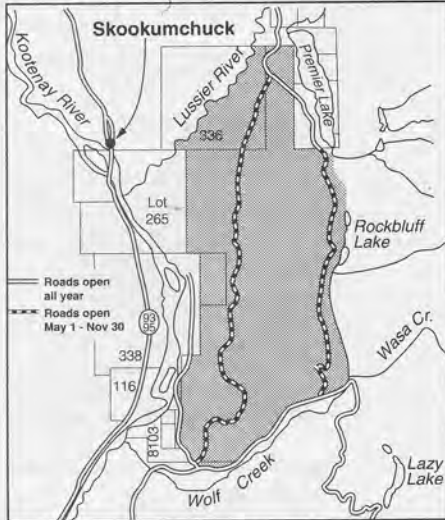
Map D15 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-19).



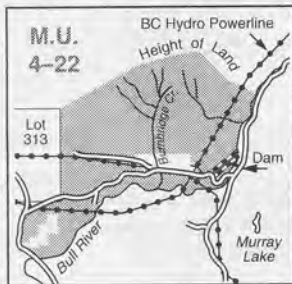
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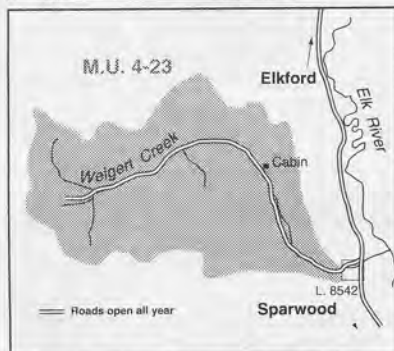
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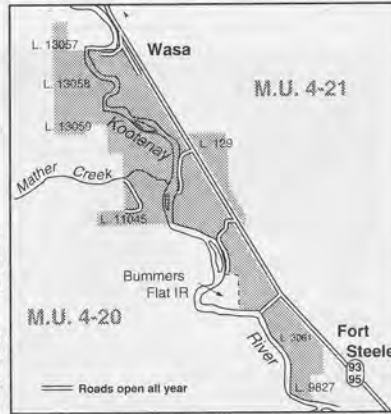
Map D18 Premier Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30, and roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



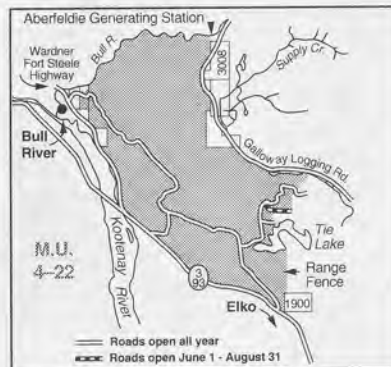
Map D23 Powerplant Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



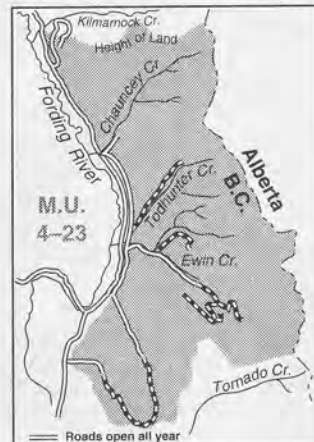
Map D25 Weigert Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles.



Map D19 Cherry Creek/ Bummers Flats Motor Access Management Area. Roads shown as open lines are open year round (situate in MUs 4-20, 4-21)



Map D21 Pickering Hills Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District



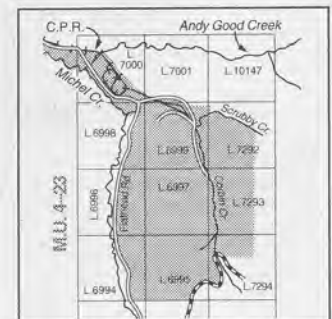
Map D26 Chauncey-Todhunter Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open June 16 to Aug 31; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map D20 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-21). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map D22 Sheep Mountain Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22).



Map D24 Byron Creek Collieries No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-23).

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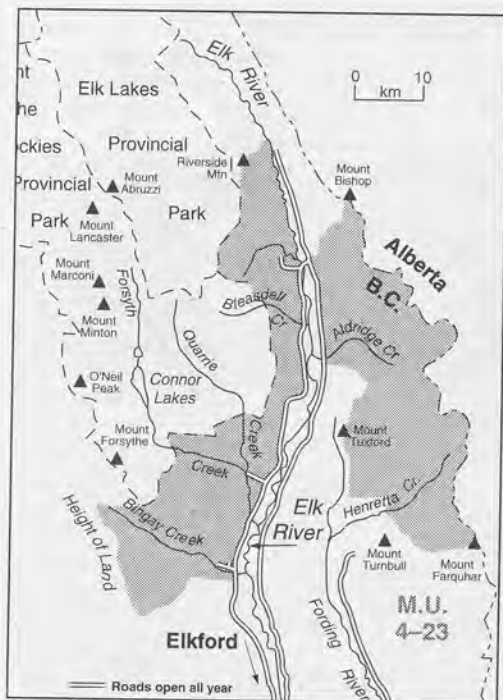
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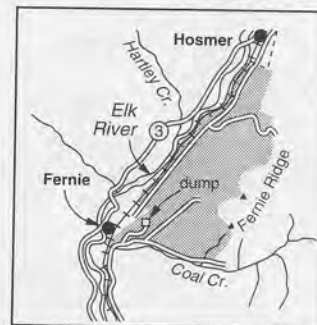
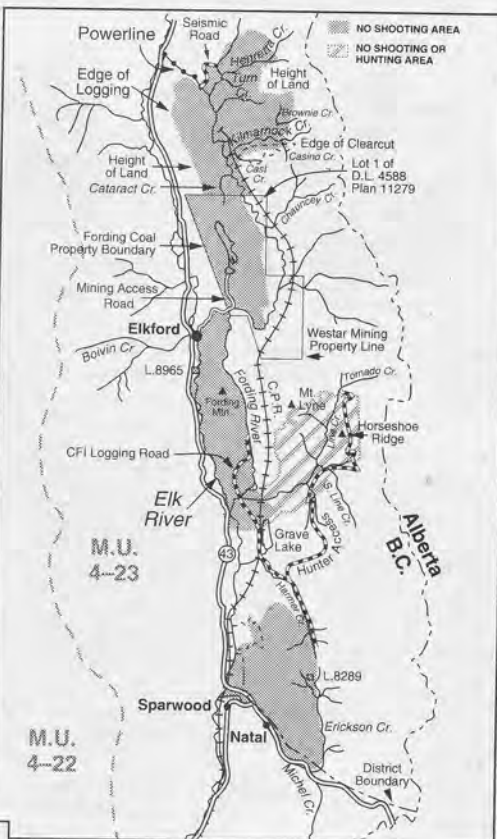
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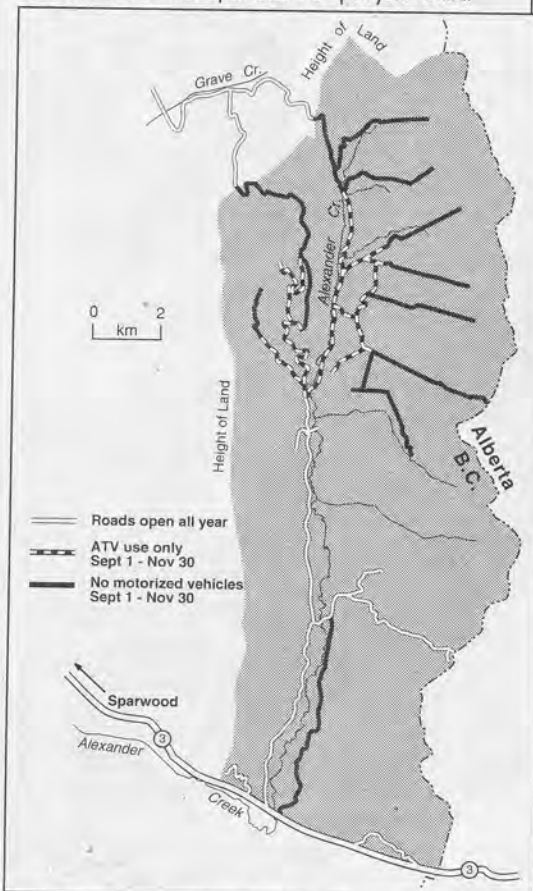


Map D27 Upper Elk Valley - Fording River Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

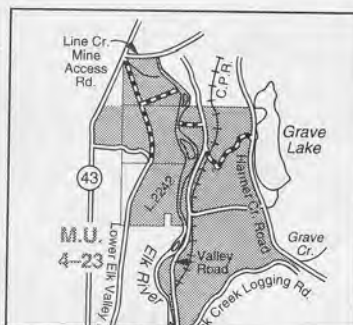


Map D29 Ridgmont Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines open year-round.

Map D28 Crows Nest Resources, Fording Coal, Westar Mining, Greenhills and Fording Mountain No Shooting Areas and Line Creek No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-23). Mine No Shooting Areas and No Shooting or Hunting Area are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry.



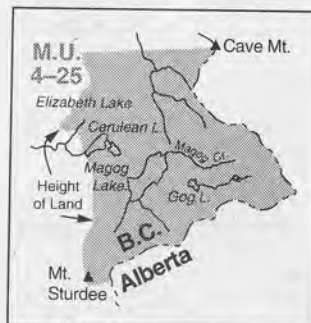
Map D32 Alexander Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles are allowed. See snowmobile restriction on page 34.



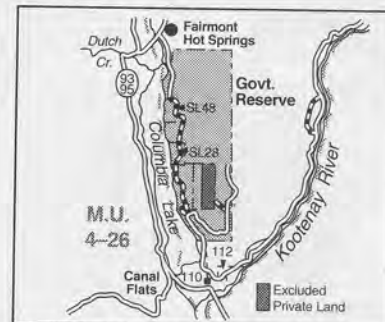
Map D30 Grave Prairie Motor Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 15 to Sept 30.



Map D31 Corbin Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.

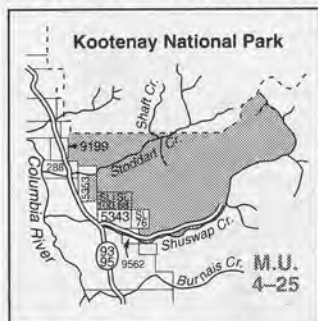


Map D34 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25).

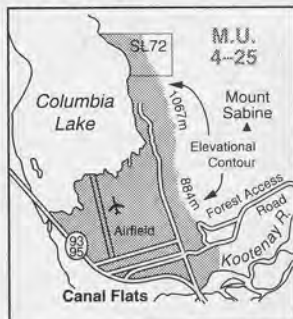


Map D33 Columbia Lake Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-25). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

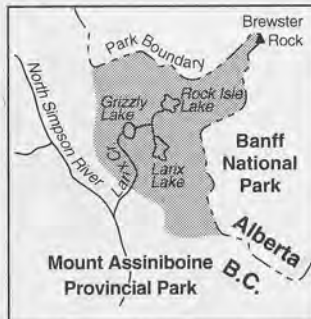
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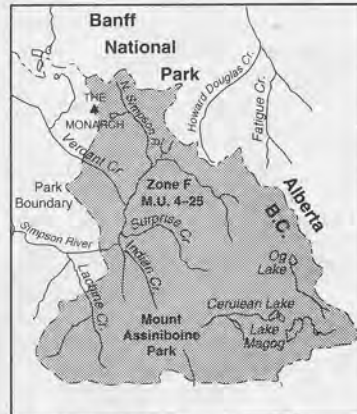
Map D35 Stoddart Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-25). Road shown as open line is open year-round.



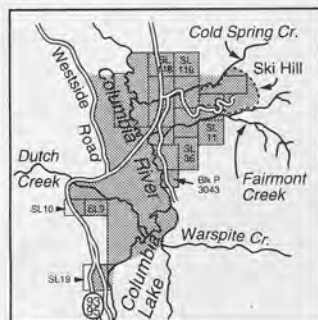
Map D36 Canal Flats Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-25).



Map D38 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situate in MU-25).



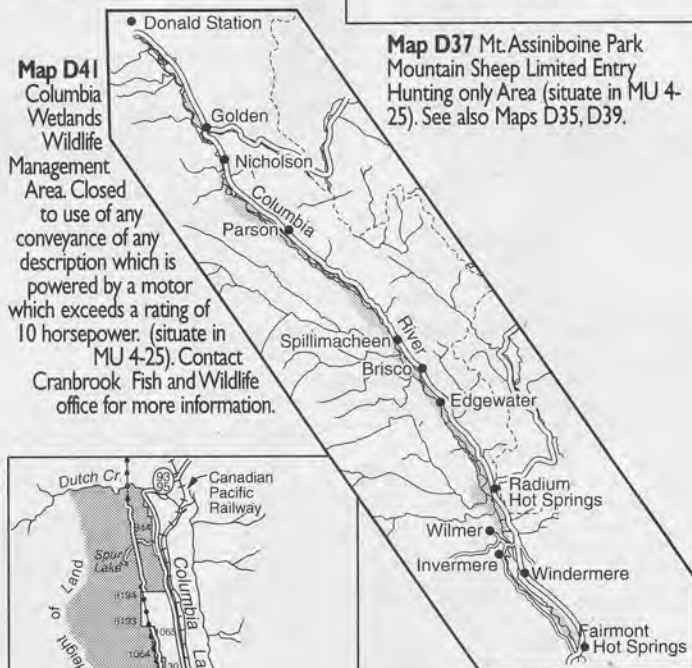
Map D37 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting only Area (situate in MU 4-25). See also Maps D35, D39.



Map D39 Fairmont No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



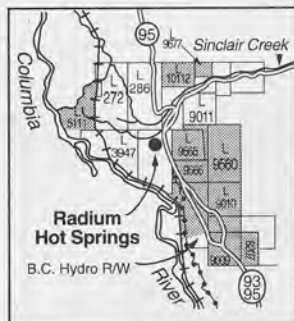
Map D40 Windermere No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



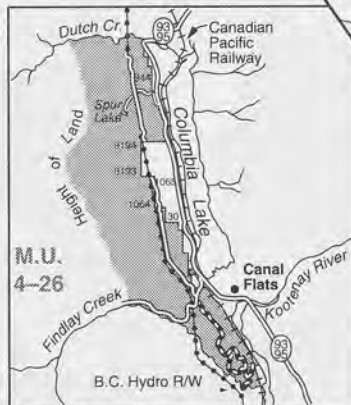
Map D41 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area. Closed to use of any conveyance which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower. (situate in MU 4-25). Contact Cranbrook Fish and Wildlife office for more information.



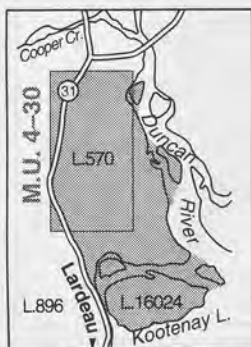
Map D42 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MUs 4-25, 4-26). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



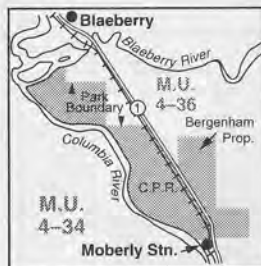
Map D43 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25 and 4-35)



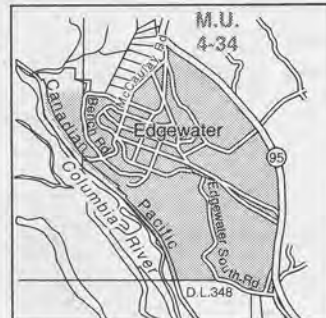
Map D44 Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-26). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



Map D45 Duncan - Lardeau Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-30). The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except on Highway 31.



Map D46 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situate in MU 4-36). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map D47 Edgewater No shooting or hunting Area. (situate in MU 4-35)

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 4th edition.

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

***★ Williams Lake:** 400-640 Borland St., V2G 4T1, (250) 398-4530

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

★ Alexis Creek: Box 288, VOL 1A0, (250) 394-4343

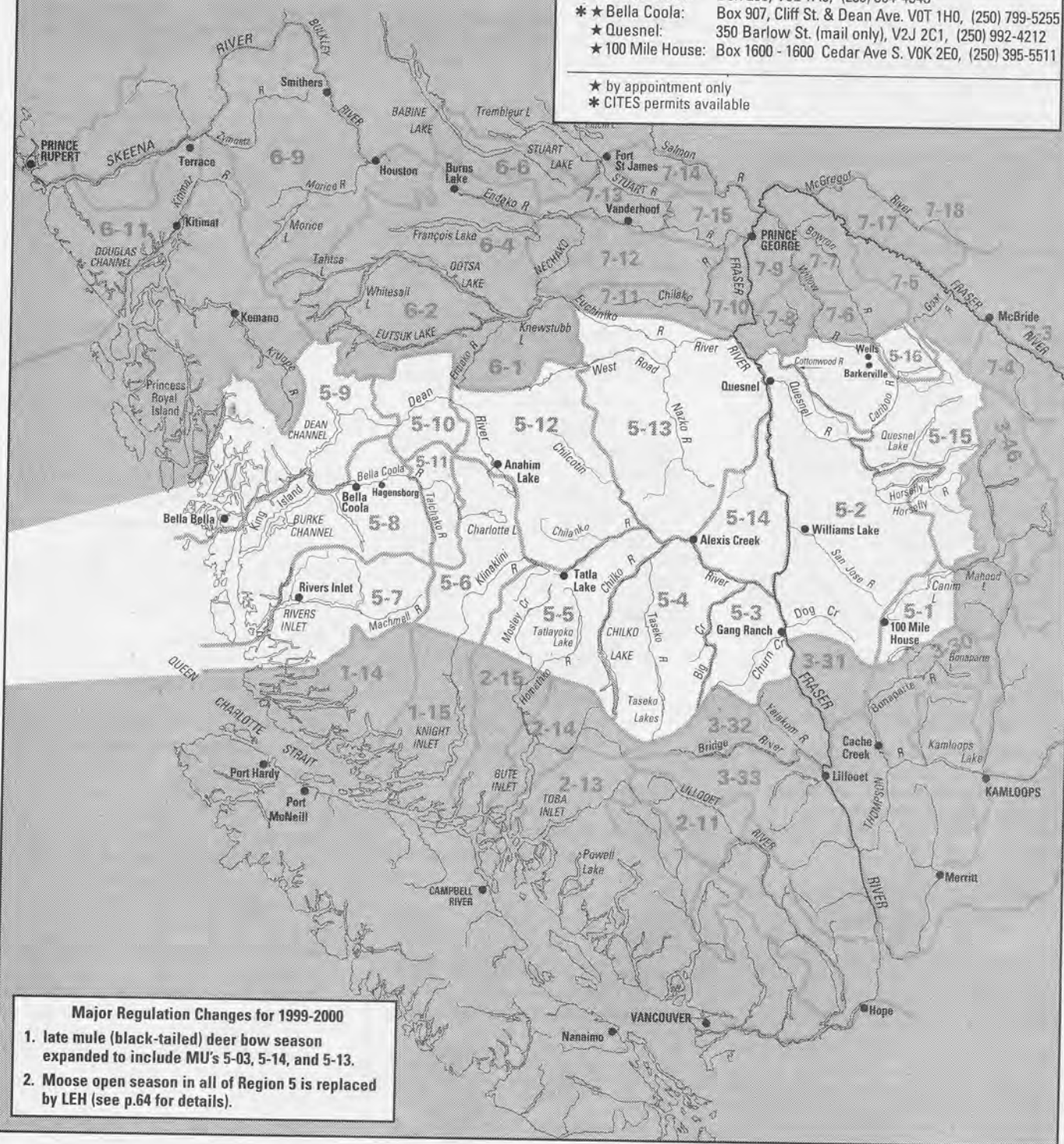
* ★ Bella Coola: Box 907, Cliff St. & Dean Ave. V0T 1H0, (250) 799-5255

★ Quesnel: 350 Barlow St. (mail only), V2J 2C1. (250) 992-4212

★ 100 Mile House: Box 1600 - 1600 Cedar Ave S. VOK 2E0, (250) 395-5511

★ by appointment only

* CITES permits available



Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. late mule (black-tailed) deer bow season expanded to include MU's 5-03, 5-14, and 5-13.
2. Moose open season in all of Region 5 is replaced by LEH (see p.64 for details).

BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, one of which may be antlerless but only available under LEH.

Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is 3

Bobcat: The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

•The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS

• To help aid in population recovery, especially the Bull component of the population, a moratorium on the harvest of Bull Moose during a general open season is in effect throughout Region 5. Factors such as increasing hunter numbers, hunter overcrowding and higher than desired levels of Bull Moose harvest contributed to the decision to implement the moratorium. Bull Moose hunting will continue through Limited Entry Hunting seasons. Population inventories will be used to assess the level of moose population recovery over the next few years.

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 within 15 days of the date of the kill, and all moose taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 14 for requirements.

HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

No shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 22-24.

The discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited on or across the travelled portion and road allowance of all numbered highways and any 2 lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (see pages 22-24).

ROAD AND VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS AND NO SHOOTING AREAS

Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most 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.

The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting to transport wildlife, to transport 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 between the hours of 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. in MUs 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6 and 5-14. Snowmobiles are permitted during the period Dec 1 - May 1.

★ Motor Vehicle Restricted Roads and Areas

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 on these roads. In areas where it is specially noted, the motor vehicle restriction applies to all persons at all times and not just hunters.

▲ Motor Vehicle Prohibited Areas

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round.

■ Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Areas

The operation of unlicensed motor vehicles (including ATVs and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

* ATV Restricted Areas

The operation of snowmobiles or ATVs (including motorcycles) at any time is prohibited in these areas.

▼ One Quarter Mile Single

Projectile Prohibition

Single projectiles prohibited within 400 metres on either side of the road allowance. Only shotguns with shot permitted.

◆ No Shooting Areas

The discharge of firearms is prohibited in these areas.

MU 5-2

Access to the Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the Mines and Trespass Act.

▼ Robertson Road and any side roads - 0.4 km restriction, from its intersection with Hwy 97 at D.L. 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersection with Hwy 97 at the village of McLeese Lake.

★ Moffat Lake-Spokin FSR (Project #7968-05) and any side roads

★ Sucker Lake FSR and any side roads northerly from the 1 km point

★ Wilcox-Westman Creek Forest Service Road and any side road from its point of commencement to its end.

◆ 100 Mile House No Shooting Area - see Map E1.

◆ Rose Lake No Shooting Area - see Map E2.

◆ Williams Lake No Shooting Area - see Map E3.

◆ Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area - see Map E4.

◆ Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms. (See Map E5).

◆ Williams Lake River No Shooting Area - see

Map E3.

◆ Big Lake School - the discharge of firearms is prohibited in Lot 8125, Cariboo District in which Big Lake School is located.

▲ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - See Map E6.

MU 5-3

★ 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.

▲ North Churn Creek Protected Area - motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is exempt. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to May 1 - see Map E9.

South Churn Creek Protected Area. Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads see map E9.

* Gaspard-Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area, except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to May 1 - see Map E10.

▲ Red Mountain & French Mountain - motor vehicles prohibited above the 1920 metre elevation.

MU 5-4

Industrial road closure on the Groundhog FSR from Dec 1 to May 15.

★ Groundhog FSR and any side roads, southerly from the 15.5 km point

★ the 4500-Vic Lake FSR southerly from the 6 km point

★ Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and any side roads, westerly from the intersection of Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and Groundhog Creek

★ Red Mountain Mining Road - entire road, Sept 1 to Oct 31 only.

★ Battlement Ridge Mining Road - entire road, Sept 1 to Oct 31 only.

* Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area for the purposes of hunting, to transport anyone to or from wildlife or to transport wildlife - see Map E11.

MU 5-5

▼ Tatlayoko Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.

▼ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see Map E15.

★ Valteau Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E14.

▲ Potato Mountain Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; snowmobiles are permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31, except in Ts'il'os Park, see Map E13.

MU 5-6

The Halfway South FSR is closed to all non-industrial motor vehicle traffic.

MU 5-7

- ◆ Nekite River Spawning Channel - Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.

MU 5-8

- ★ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.
- ◆ Snootli Creek Park - The discharge of firearms is prohibited.
- ▼ Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park.

MU 5-9

- ◆ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area - see Map E21.

MU 5-12

- ★ Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road and any side roads - restriction is northwesterly from the junction of this road and the Clusko River.
- ★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - westerly from Kilometre 66 of this road (66 km past the junction with the Nazko Road).
- ★ "P" (or Punky) Road (Riverside Forest Products) and any side roads - restricted north from Kilometre 43 of this road (this road runs north of Hwy 20 from Chilanko Forks).
- ▲ Chantslar Road - westerly from Kilometre 32 of this road.
- ★ Jorgensen Road northerly from the junction of Jorgensen Road and Punzi Creek.
- ★ Beeftrail Main Road.
- ▲ Corkscrew Road - except for industrial forestry purposes.
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - the operation of motor vehicles to hunt game, transport game, 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 Sept 1 to Dec 5.

MU 5-13

- ★ Clusko-Tzazati Forest Service Road - from its intersection with the southern boundary of DL 3431 (sign posted at start of Restricted Area).
- ★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - see description under MU 5-12.
- ★ Clusko-Aneko Forest Service Road and any side roads - restricted (north) from Kilometre 71 of this road.
- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - the operation of motor vehicles to hunt game, transport game, 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 Sept 1 to Dec 5.

- ▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction, 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 E25.

- ◆ Stum Lake - Between March 1 and Aug 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Stum (Pelican) Lake Provincial Park. The area includes all of Stum Lake below the high water mark and all of the islands.

- ▼ Tibbles Road Single projectiles prohibited; see Map E20.

MU 5-14

- ★ Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park - Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; see Map E22.
- ★ Doc English Vehicle Restricted Area - access is restricted to designated roads; portions of this area are private land and for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas; see Map E23.
- ▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see description under MU 5-13. See Map E25.

MU 5-15

- ★ Ghost Lake Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E28.
- ▲ Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; see Map E24.
- ★ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
- ★ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road and any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.
- ◆ Wells No Shooting Area - see Map E27.

NATIONAL PARKS

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting Restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details.

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows from September 1 to June 30 during a lawful game hunting season:

Big Creek Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-3, 5-4)
Cariboo Mountains Provincial Park *	.....(MU 5-15,)
Cariboo River Provincial Park *	.....(MU 5-15,)
Churn Creek Protected Area* (MU 5-3) See Maps E8, E9	
Fiordland Recreation Area	.....(MU 5-9)
Flat Lake Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-2)
Hakai Recreation Area	.....(MU 5-8)
Homathko River-Tatlayoko Protected Area *	.....(MU 5-5)
Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-12)
Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park *	.....(MU 5-14)
Kluskoi Lake Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-13)
Moose Valley Provincial Park *	.....(MU 5-2)
Nazko Lake Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-13)
Nunsti Provincial Park *	.....(MU 5-4)
Schoolhouse Lake Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-2)
Ts'il'os Provincial Park*	.....(MU 5-4, 5-5)
Tweedsmuir Provincial Park	.....(MU 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2)
See Maps E20, E21.	
White Pelican Provincial Park	.....(MU 5-13, 5-14)

Parks and Recreation Areas marked with an asterisk (*) are exempt from the No Hunting No Shooting Restriction within 400m of the centerline of park roads (BC re. 180/90 5.82(2)).

Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

Fishpot Lake Resort

- Cottages with cooking facilities • Fishing & Hunting Licences • Boat launch & rentals
- Beach camping • Licensed dining

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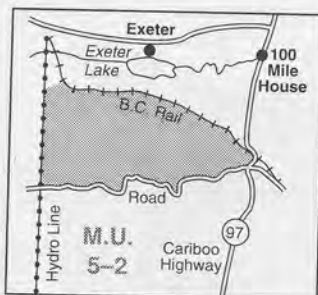
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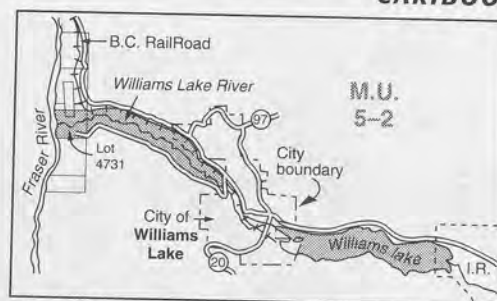
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	*5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	*5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	*5-1 to 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
	Bow Only Seasons	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
	5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 24	1
	5-8, ▲5-11	Bucks		1
<p>*See definition on page 6. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</p> <p>*A total of 2 deer may be taken regionally within a licence year, however no more than one buck may be taken in each of the seasons listed above.</p> <p>Please take note of the regional bag limit for deer on page 64.</p> <p>▲A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E18.</p>				
MOOSE	All moose seasons in Cariboo Region are on the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. Please refer to Notice to moose hunters on page 64. (See map E16)			
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2, 5-3, 5-4*	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	*see map E12			
MOUNTAIN GOAT	5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
<p>Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.</p> <p>See Maps E13, E17, E26, E29. See LEH Synopsis for LEH goat only areas in MUs 5-5 & 5-6.</p>				
CARIBOU	5-12	*Mature Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 15	1
*See diagram on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30, Apr 1/2000 - June 30/2000	2
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30, Apr 1/2000 - May 31/2000	2
WOLF	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	3
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2000 - May 31/2000	3
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	3
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - April 30/2000	2
Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar, or cougar kittens.				
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10(daily)
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	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, BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10(30)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) 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)
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 1/2000 - Mar 31/2000	5
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2000 - May 31/2000	5
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, CANADA GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				



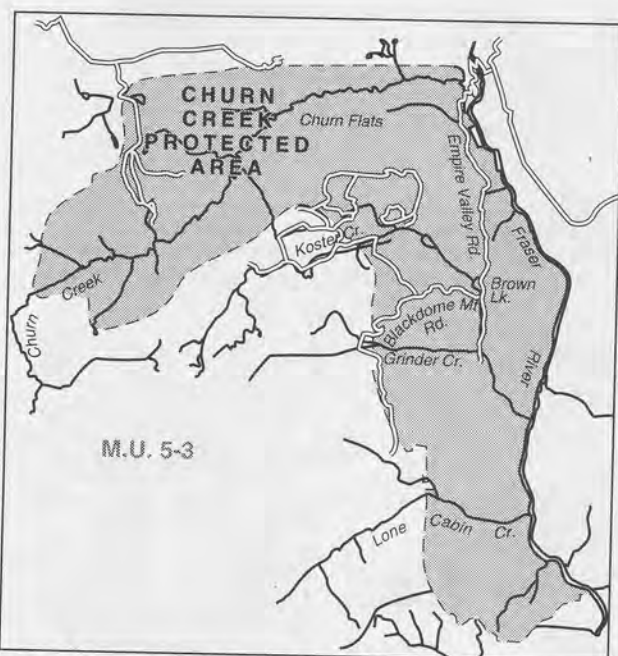
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



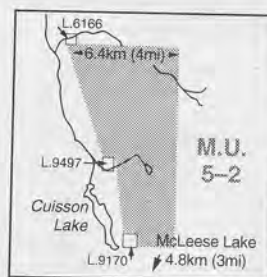
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



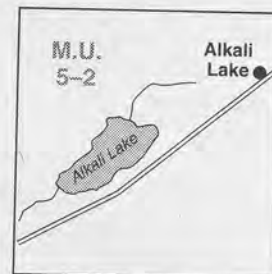
Map E3 Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



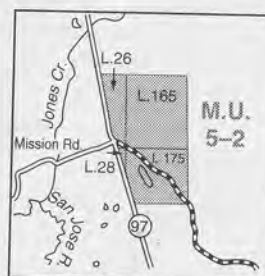
Map E9 Churn Creek Protected Area (situate in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.



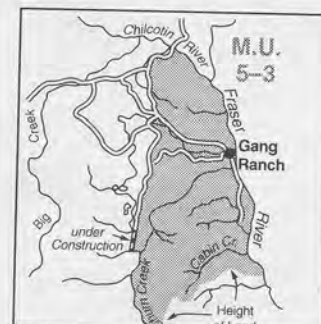
Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



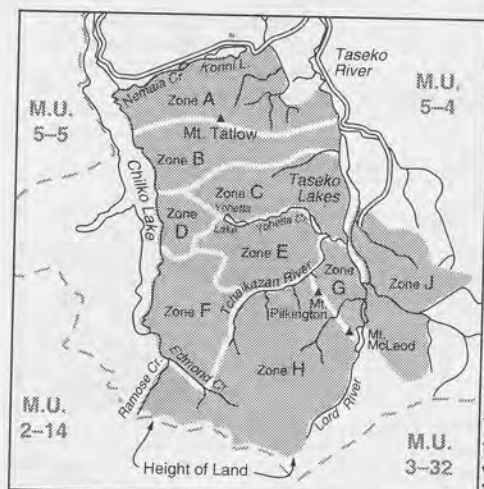
Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 5-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



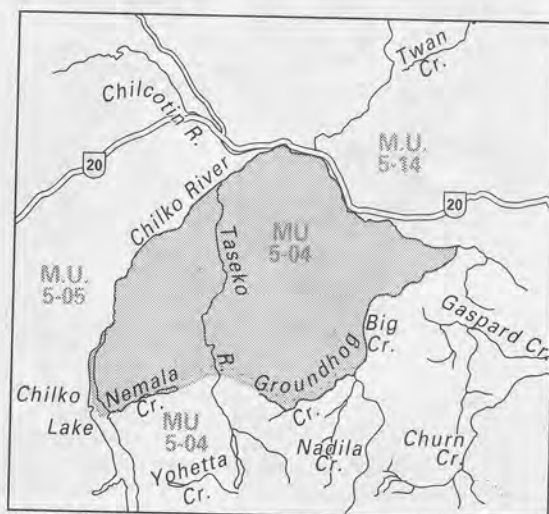
Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area closed year round (situate in MU 5-2). Road shown in dashed line is open.



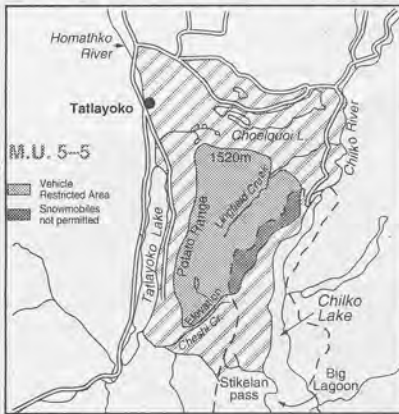
Map E10 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-3).



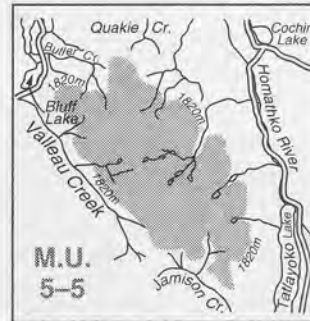
Map E11 Yohetta Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas for Mountain Goat MU 5-4, zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J. The operation of all terrain vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport equipment or wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yohetta LEH area.



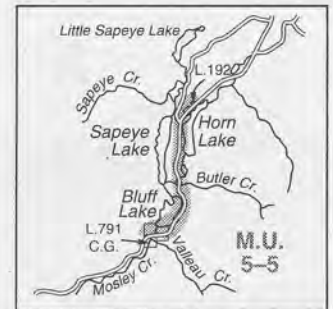
Map E12 Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4. The remainder of MU5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.



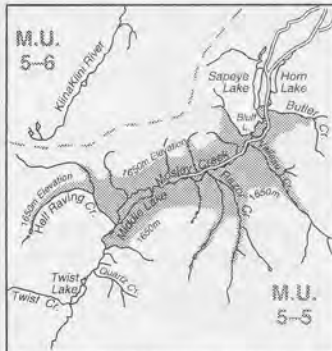
Map E13 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Access Management Area (situate in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31 except in Ts'yl-os Park.



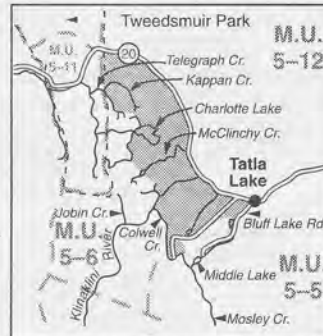
Map E14 Valteau Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-5).



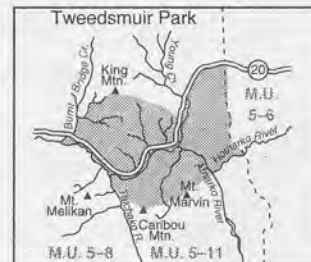
Map E15 Horn-Bluff Lakes 1/4 Mile Road Restriction (situate in MU 5-5). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



Map E16 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 5-5).



Map E17 Perkins Peak - Kappan Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MUs 5-5, 5-6).



Map E18 Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (situate in MU 5-11). See Map E19 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



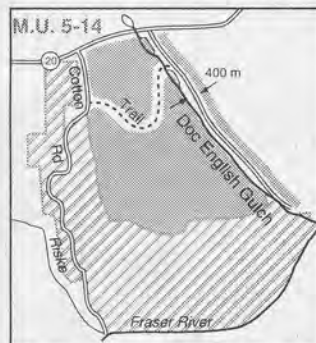
Map E19 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). See Map F1 on Page 73 for more details



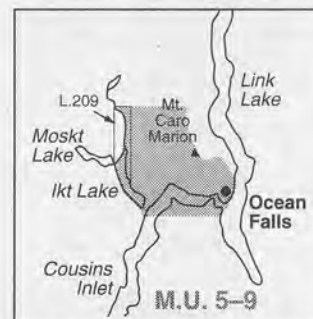
Map E25 West Fraser Road Restricted Area (situate in MUs 5-13, 5-14). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



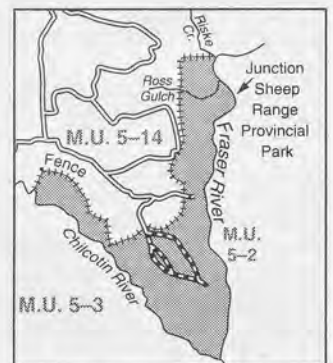
Map E20 Tibbles Road Single Projectiles Prohibited Area (situate in MU 5-13).



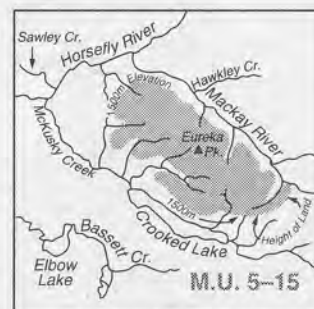
Map E23 Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Roads highlighted in white are open. Portions of hatched area are private land & for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas. Check the LEH Synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting



Map E21 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-9).



Map E22 Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Road shown in dashed line open April 1 to Nov 30.



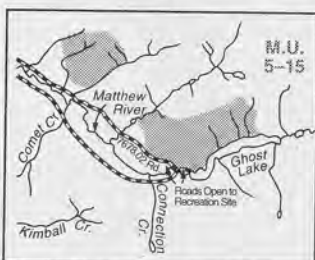
Map E24 Eureka Peak Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-15). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles.



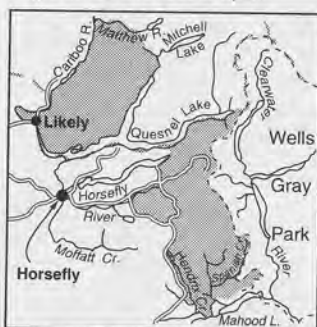
Map E26 Mt. Spranger Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 5-15).



Map E27 Wells No Shooting Area
(situate in MU 5-15).



Map E28 Ghost Lake Vehicle Restricted Areas
(situate in MU 5-15). Dashed line road is open.



Map E29 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas
(situate in MU 5-15). See LEH Synopsis for area open to LEH.

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR HUNTERS IN BEAR COUNTRY

Bear Attacks²

Bears do not like surprises. Try to avoid such encounters by being alert and making noise.

If you surprise a bear and it defends itself:

If you have bear spray, use it. If contact has occurred or is imminent, **PLAY DEAD!** Lie on your stomach with legs apart. Protect your face, the back of your head and neck with your arms. Remain still until the bear leaves the area. These attacks seldom last more than a few minutes. While fighting back usually increases the intensity of such an attack, in some cases it has caused the bear to leave. If the attack continues for more than several minutes, consider fighting back. Use of a firearm during this type of encounter may aggravate the situation.

If a bear stalks you and then attacks, or attacks at night:

DON'T PLAY DEAD - FIGHT BACK! First - try to escape, preferably to a building, vehicle or up a tree. If you can't escape, or if the bear follows, use bear spray, or shout and try to intimidate the bear. Do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey. If absolutely necessary destroy the bear with a firearm. This kind of attack is very rare but can be very serious because it often means the bear is looking for food and preying on you.

Bear Spray?²

No replacement for common sense.

Recent research indicates that bear spray can be effective against some bears when used properly. If you plan to carry it, be aware that wind, spray distance, rain and product shelf life can all influence its effectiveness. Carefully read directions on the can prior to your trip.

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Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

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BAG LIMITS

• Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1, except in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 where the season bag limit is 10. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

• The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- 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.
- The use of snowmobiles for the purpose of transporting wildlife or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, from April 1 to Dec 15.
- The use of all motor vehicles is prohibited beyond 400 metres on either side of the following roads between Aug 1 and Nov 15:
 - **Adsit Lake Road and the road leading to Porcupine Lake and including 400m beyond the end of both roads.**
 - Todagin Mtn. mining access road, between Coyote Creek and the end of the Todagin Mtn. mining access road in MU 6-20. See Map F27.
 - Hot Lakes Road (MU 6-24) between the junction of Hot Lakes Road and Highway 37 and 400m beyond the north end of Gallic Lake.
 - Cassiar Townsite/Quartzrock Creek access roads (MU 6-24) commencing at the junction of Highway 37 and the Cassiar Townsite access road, then west to Cassiar Townsite, then north along Quartzrock Creek access road to **400m beyond the headwaters of Quartzrock Cr.**
 - Goldpan Road (MU 6-23) from the Dease Lake Townsite to its junction with the Little Eagle R. and **400m beyond.**
 - Jade/Boulder Road (MUs 6-19 and 7-52) from the junction of Jade/Boulder Road and Highway 37 east to Boulder City Lake, Letain Lake, Wolverine Lake and Elephant Lake, then south along Kutcho Creek to Provencher Lake and back along the road to its junction with Jade/Boulder Road again.
 - Middle Range Road (MU 6-19) from its junction with Jade/Boulder Road to **400m beyond its end.**
 - The use of all motor vehicles is prohibited above 1400 metres in elevation on Tstia Mountain (MU 6-20), Klastline Plateau (MU 6-21), Level Mountain (MU 6-22, 6-26) and Gnat Pass (MU 6-19).

COMPULSORY Inspection & Reporting

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken in Region 6 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 15 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Hunters should check special area maps for no shooting and no hunting areas that might apply in areas they wish to hunt (pgs 73 - 76).
- No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on pages 22-24.
- Hunters should be aware that the discharge of a firearm is prohibited within 400 metres of either side of the road allowance of the Topley Landing Road (Hwy 118) between Topley and Granisle (MU 6-8).
- Hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (MU 6-12).
- The hunting of all wildlife is prohibited within 2 km of either side of the Muddy Lake/Golden Bear Access Road (MUs 6-22, 6-26).
- White (Kermode) and blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear are closed to hunting throughout the Skeena Region. 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, Queen Charlotte Islands) is a Wildlife Sanctuary and hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are prohibited (MU 6-13).
- Please avoid shooting collared wildlife. See p. 24.
- Hunters who harvest a mountain sheep on Todagin Mountain are requested to submit a small sample of the liver to a BC Environment office in the Skeena region. Place sample in a plastic bag, keep cool or frozen, and submit to a BC Environment Office.
- **Hunters who harvest a black-tailed deer from the Queen Charlotte Islands are requested to submit a 2 cm² piece of muscle tissue. Submit labeled sample wrapped in plastic to the Environment office in Queen Charlotte City. DNA analysis of black tailed deer is being conducted as part of a research project on introduced species.**

NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS

• A series of rut closures have been created adjacent to the majority of Northern roads in response to concerns by Northern First Nations that localized hunting pressure was significantly reducing the number of available bull moose required for sustenance. BC Environment is working with the Northern Nations and stakeholders to gather harvest information and to set priorities for inventory efforts. The priority of consideration for allocation of wildlife, such as moose, is firstly for conservation; secondly for sustenance and ceremo-

nial needs of First Nations, and thirdly for harvest by licensed hunters.

- There is no open season for moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10, 1999 within 400 meters of:
 - Highway 37, from the Junction of the Dease Lake turnoff to the Yukon border (MUs 6-23, 6-24) See Map F33.
 - the road locally known as Blue River Road, east from Highway 37 to the Blue River Indian Reserve #2 (MU 6-23) See Map F33.
 - the trail locally known as One Ace Mountain Road, west from Highway 37 to One Ace Mountain (MU 6-24) See Map F33.
 - the road locally known as McDame Road, southeasterly from Highway 37 near Good Hope Lake to Atan Lake (MU 6-23) See Map F33.
 - Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24)
 - Goldpan Road (MU 6-23)
 - Jade/Boulder Road (MU 6-19)
 - Todagin Mountain Mining Access Road (MU 6-20);
 - the road and trail locally known as the Barrington Burn Road from the junction near Telegraph Creek (MU 6-22) (map F41)
 - Twenty Mile Road (east of the Hyland River), south from the Alaska Highway to the Liard River (MU 6-23) See Map F35
 - the road locally known as Midway Mine/Silvertip Road, south from the Yukon border to the mine site (MU 6-24) (map F33)
 - that portion of the Alaska Highway in MU 6-25 (map F42)
 - the road locally known as the Smart River Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25) (map F42)
 - the road locally known as Log Jam Creek Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25) (map F42)
 - Highway 7 from the Yukon border to Atlin (MU 6-25)
 - the road locally known as Surprise Lake Road or Discovery Avenue from Highway 7 to Surprise Lake (MU 6-25) See Map F36
 - the road locally known as Bull Creek/Blue Canyon Road/ Spruce Creek road to the junction with Bull Creek (MU 6-25) See Map F37
 - the road locally known as Warm Bay/O'Donnell Road (MU 6-25) See Map F38
 - the road and trail locally known as Gladys Lake / Rufner / 4th of July Creek road from Highway 7 to Gladys Lake (MU 6-25) See Map F39
- There is no open season for moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10, within 400 m. of the shore of and over that portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (also known as Burial Island), and including Shaman Island. (MU 6-25) See Map F40.

NATIONAL PARKS

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting restrictions. Consult the current Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for map details. In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

Atlin Prov. Park and Recreation Area

.....(MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27)

See Maps F30, F33 and F34.

Babine Mountains Recreation Area

.....(MU 6-8) See Map F11.

Boya Lake Prov. Park(MU 6-23)

No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to Sept 30.

...Bulkley Junction Provincial Park (MU 6-30)

Gitnadoix River Recreation Area

.....(MU 6-10) See Maps F8 and F11.

Kitlope Heritage Conservancy Protected Area (MU 6-3)

Kitwanga Mountain Provincial Park

.....(MU 6-15)

Mount Edziza Prov. Park and Rec. Area

.....(MU 6-21) See Map F28.

Naikoon Prov. Park(MU 6-13)

No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to Sept 14. See Map F15.

Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Prov. Park

.....(MU 6-15)

Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Prov. Park

(MU 6-20). (Avoid shooting collared wildlife.) See Maps F23 to F26.

Stikine River Recreation Area

.....(MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22).

See Maps F23, F24, F25, F27 and F28.

Swan Lake Kispiox River Prov. Park

.....(MU 6-30)

Tweedsmuir Park and Recreation Area

.....(MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4).

See Map F1.

Tatshenshini-Atsek Prov. Park

.....(MU 6-29)

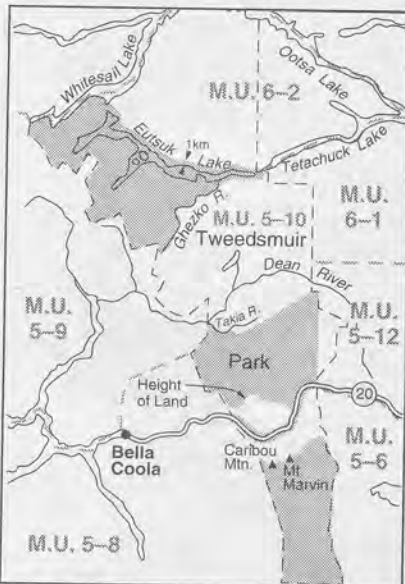
Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms. All individuals hunting in a provincial park or recreation area should be aware that the Park Act and Park & Recreation Area regulations apply.

Hunting of wildlife is prohibited in the valley below 1,000 meters A.S.L. (above sea level) within Kluane National Provincial Park (MU6-14) See Map F19.

The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14	Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	6-12, 6-13	Bucks	June 1 - Feb 28/2000	◆10(10)
	6-12, 6-13	Antlerless	Oct 4 - Feb 28/2000	
Bow Only Seasons	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
★See definition on page 6. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ◆The possession limit for deer in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 3 (See Queen Charlotte Island Mule deer licence information on page 14). See Notice to Hunters.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	
MOOSE	▼6-4	★Bulls	Sept 10 - Sept 23	1
	▲6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-11, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Oct 20 - Oct 26	1
	6-3, 6-11, 6-14, 6-16	★Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	●6-17, 6-18 to 6-29	★Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 15	1
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	★Bulls	Nov 16 - Nov 20	1
▲Hunters Note: Parts of Several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F1, F8 and F23. ●Parts of several MUs are closed to hunting of moose during the period September 25 to October 10, 1999. See Notice to Moose Hunters on Page 71. See Maps F33, F35 to F42 ▼The special Tahsta bull moose season from Sept 10 to Sept 23 is only over a portion of MU 6-4. See map F2. ★Successful moose hunters must report their kill within 30 days by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of BC Environment, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or BC Environment office.				
ELK	6-13	Bulls	Sept 15 - Nov 15	1
THINHORN MOUNTAIN	6-17, 6-18 to 6-26, ★6-27	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
SHEEP				
See Maps F23, F28, F30, F32. ★A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F32.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	6-3, 6-7, 6-11, 6-17 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
	6-14 to 6-16		Aug 1 - Nov 15	1
See special area maps F11 and F27. Special Bow Only Season. See Map F3. Parts of several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F11, F21, F24, F25, F26, F28, F30, F31, F34.				
CARIBOU	6-17 to 6-20, 6-22 to 6-27	★5 point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 10	1
★See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See special area maps. Parts of MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-25 and 6-26 are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F23, F29.				

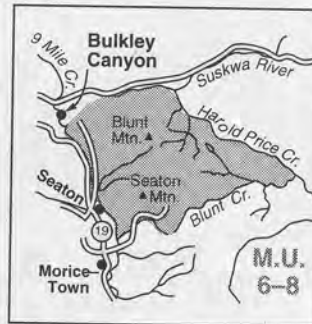
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
BLACK BEAR	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 15	2
	6-1 to 6-30		Apr 1/2000 - June 30/2000	2
WOLF	6-1 to 6-30		★Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	3
	6-1 to 6-30		★Apr 1 - June 15/2000	3
★In that portion of MUs 6-1 and 6-2 being Tweedsmuir Park, the open season for wolf is Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000				
COYOTE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	10
WOLVERINE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 15 - Jan 15/2000	1
LYNX	6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-9, 6-16 to 6-30		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	1
RACCOON	6-12, 6-13		No closed season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	6-1 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10 (daily)
	6-1 to 6-30		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	10 (daily)
BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 10 - Nov 15	10(30)
For Blue Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	6-19 to 6-29		Sept 10 - Nov 15	3(9)
PTARMIGAN	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Aug 15 - Feb 28/2000	10(30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPES	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 15/2000	10(20)
DUCKS	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 15/2000	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 15/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 15/2000	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				



Map F1 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). The general open hunting season for bull moose in MU 6-2 in Tweedsmuir Park is Oct 20 to Nov 15.



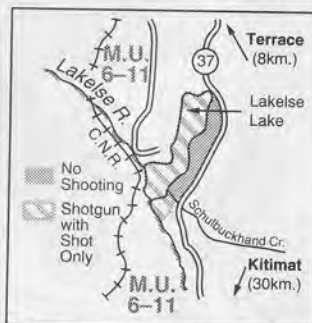
Map F2 Tahtsa special bull moose hunting area (situate in MU 6-4). special season is Sept 10 - Sept. 23.



Map F3 Blunt Mountain Special Area (situate in MU6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 to Oct. 19.



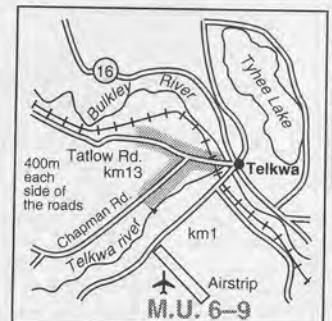
Map F4 Babine River No Shooting Area and Grizzly Bear Closed Area (Sept 1 - Nov 15 only) 1 km on either side of river (situate in MU 6-8).



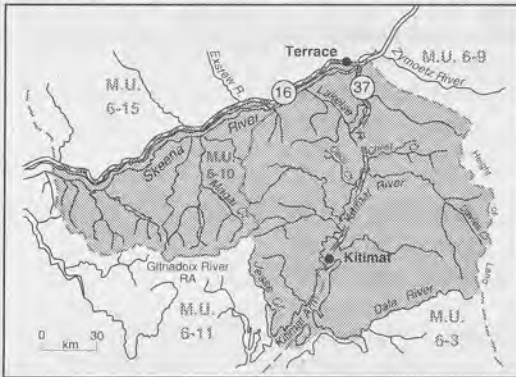
Map F5 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Shotguns Only Area (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F6 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



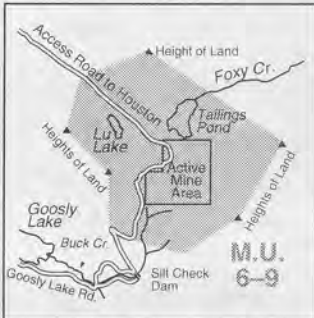
Map F7 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area 0.4 km either side of road (situate in MU 6-9).



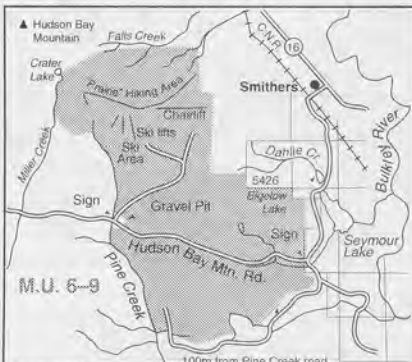
Map F8 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in portions of 6-3, 6-10 and 6-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Oct 20 to Oct 26 only. For those portions of MUs 6-3, 6-10 and 6-11 that are outside of the Smithers Bull Moose LEH Area the general open season for bull moose is Sept 10 to Nov 15.



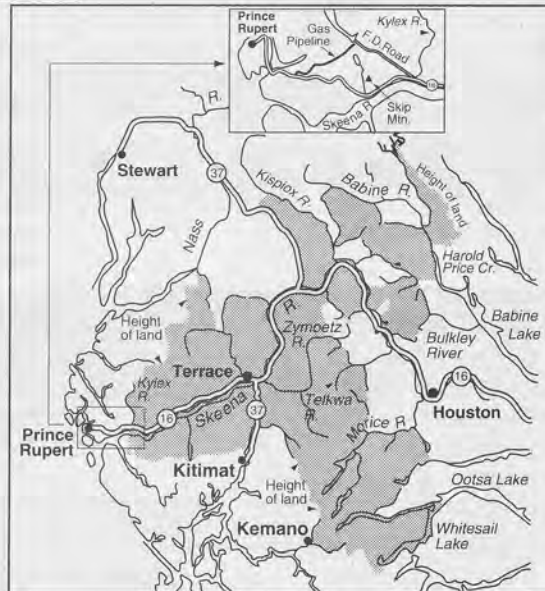
Map F9 Lake Kathlyn No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F10 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



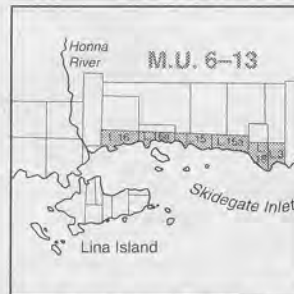
Map F12 Hudson Bay Mountain and Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F11 Skeena and Babine Mtn. Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30). Note: no open season for mountain goats on Skip Mountain (situate in MU 6-14).

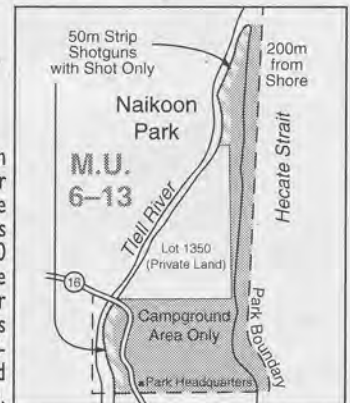


Map F13 Sandspit No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-12).



Map F14 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13).

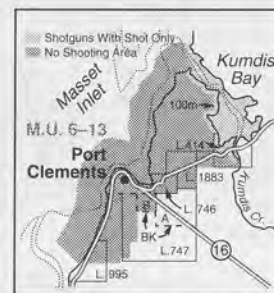
Map F15 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Hunters should note the 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tlell River are open for Shotguns with Shot Only as indicated on map. (Closed along Hwy).



Map F16 Houston Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



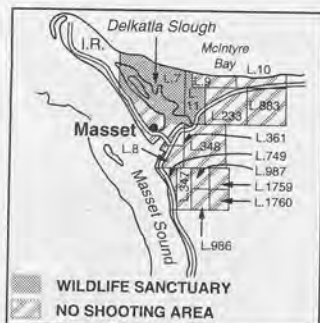
Map F17 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-9, 6-15).



Map F18 Port Clements No Shooting Area and Kumdis Bay Shotgun with shot only area (situate in MU 6-13).



Map F19 Khutzeymateen Provincial Park No Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-14). Hunting of wildlife prohibited in the valley below 1,000 m above sea level.



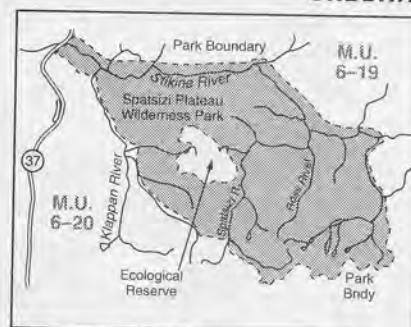
Map F20 Masset No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary - no hunting trapping or discharge of firearms.



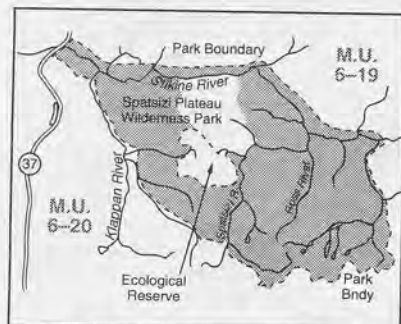
Map F21 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-14).



Map F22 North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-15).



Map F23 Spatsizi Caribou, Mountain Sheep and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



Map F24 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



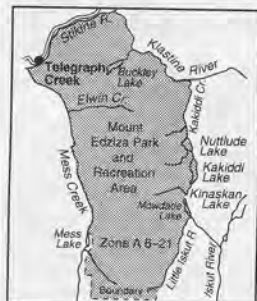
Map F25 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 6-20).



Map F26 Spatsizi (Cold Fish-Glady's Lake) Ecological Reserve No Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-20). Cold Fish Lake Camp No Shooting Area: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1 km of Cold Fish Lake Camp.



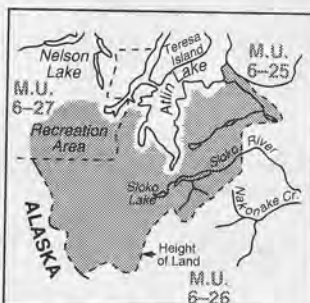
Map F27 Todagin Mountain No Shooting Area, Mountain Goat Closed Area and motor vehicle Prohibited Area (situate in MU 6-20). See vehicle restrictions on page 71.



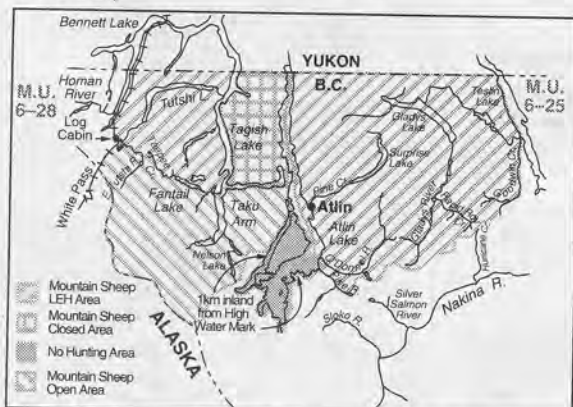
Map F28 Mt. Edziza Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-21).



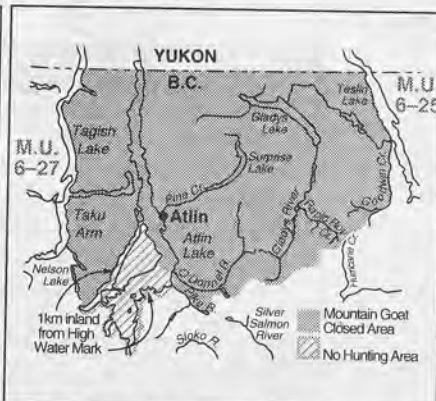
Map F29 Kawdy Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



Map F30 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situate in MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27).



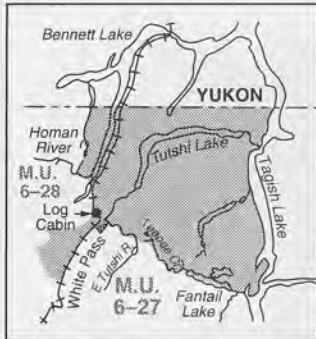
Map F32 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area from Aug 1 - Oct 15 (situate in MU 6-25, 6-27).



Map F31 Atlin Park Mountain Goat Closed and No Hunting Area (situate in MUs 6-25, 6-27).



Map F33 Cassiar Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-23). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m. of Blue River, One Ace Mountain, Midway Mining and McDame Roads and Highway 37 from the Yukon border to Dease Lake from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



Map F34 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area. (situate in MUs 6-27, 6-28).



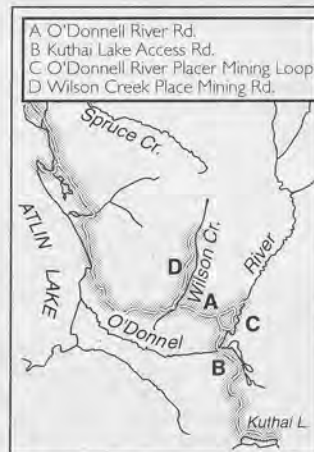
Map F37 Bull Creek Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited on Bull Creek Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



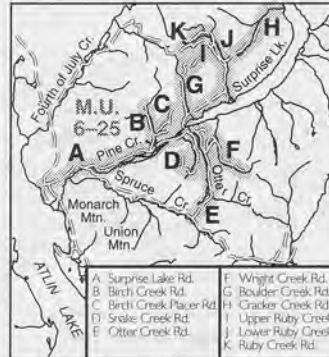
Map F41 Barrington Burn Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-22). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of Barrington Burn Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



Map F35 Twenty Mile Road Closed Area (situate in MU 6-23). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of Twenty Mile Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



Map F38 O'Donnell Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of O'Donnell Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



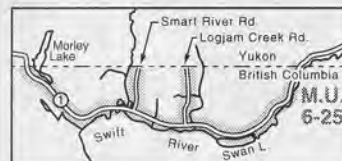
Map F36 Surprise Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 19 within 400m of the following roads: A.



Map F39 Gladys Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-26). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400m of the following roads:



Map F40 Telsin Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 with 400m of the shore of and over the portion of Telsin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (Burial Island) and including Shaman Island.



Map F42 Alaska Highway Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of that portion of the Alaska Highway (Highway 1) in MU 6-25, Smart River Road and Logjam Creek Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.

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Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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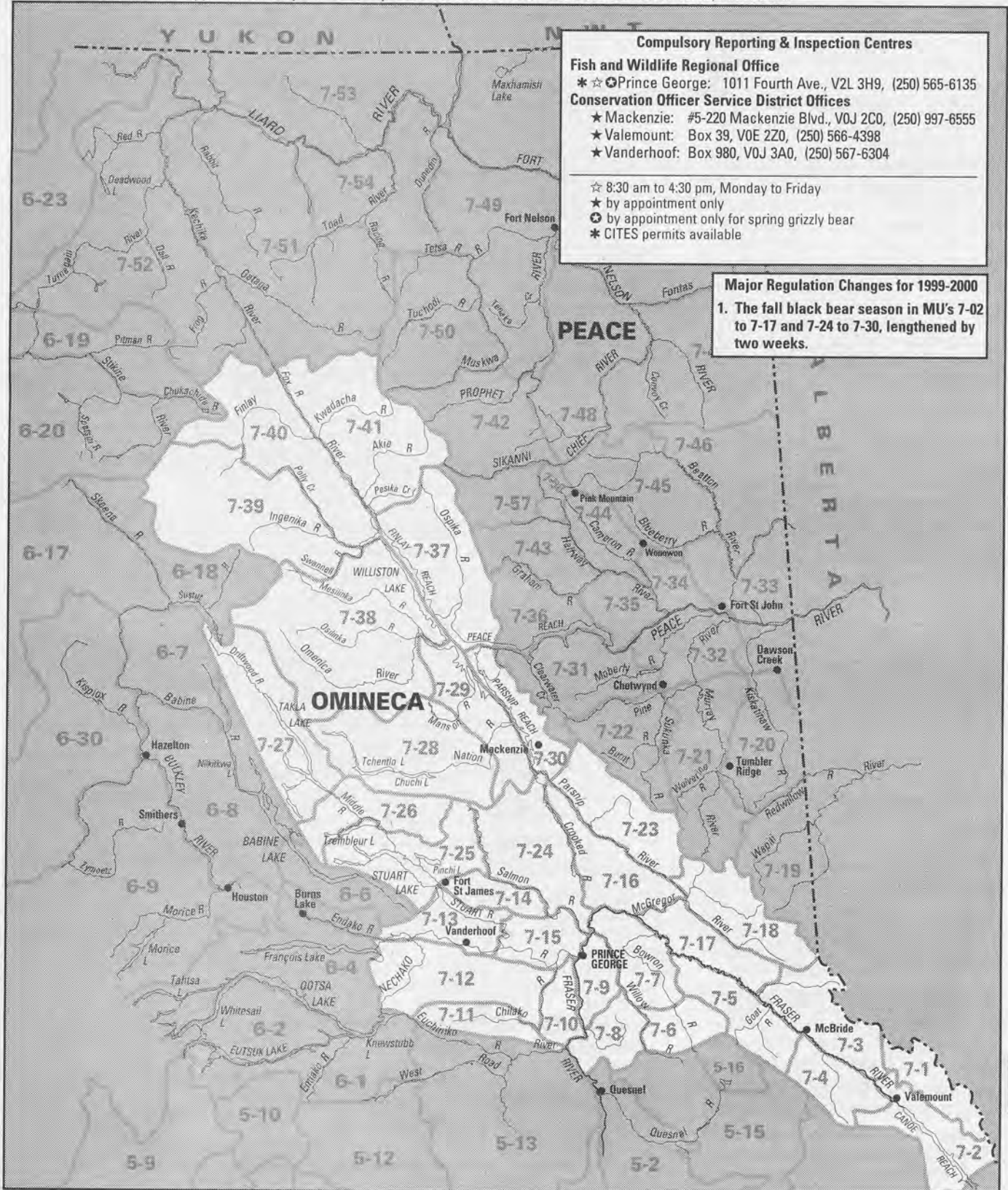
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Major Regulation Changes for 1999-2000

1. The fall black bear season in MU's 7-02 to 7-17 and 7-24 to 7-30, lengthened by two weeks.



BAG LIMITS

•Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in region 7A & 7B (Omineca/Peace) is two. Only 1 buck may be taken in regions 7A & 7B combined. One may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

Grouse: The regional daily bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed and ptarmigan) is 10 of each species.

Thinhorn Mountain Sheep: The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent calendar years have expired. This only applies if the sheep taken is determined by compulsory inspection to be under 8 years of age, otherwise the bag limit is 1 mountain sheep (provincially) per year. Contact the BC Environment office in Prince George for more information.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

•The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS OMINECA SUB-REGION

•There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region.

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.

▼ All Motor Vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife or to transport hunters.

◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife.

▲ Snowmobiles for the purpose of hunting

MUs 7-2 TO 7-18, 7-23 TO 7-30
and 7-37 TO 7-39

▲ from Mar 31 to Dec 15

▲ access road to Kakwa Recreation Area beyond Buchanan Creek (MU 7-18)

MU 7-3

▼ Morkill Forest Road northerly of its crossing Fraser River

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:30am to 8:00am from Aug 15 to Aug 31
- ◆ 5:30am to 9:00am from Sept 1 to Sept 30
- ◆ 6:30am to 10:00am from Oct 1 to Nov 15

MUs 7-38, 7-39

- ◆ the entire area

MU 7-40

- ▼ on all side roads of the Finlay Russel Forest Road leading towards the Russel Range.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, hunters are required to submit the front incisor tooth of all moose taken in Region 7A (Omineca) within 30 days of the date of kill in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return envelope. See page 14 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

• Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep (a) an incisor tooth, of a calf moose, and (b) the antlers and an incisor tooth 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 BC Environment.

• 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.

NATIONAL PARKS

• Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

Carp Lake Prov. Park (MU 7-24)

Kakwa Recreation Area (MUs 7-18, 7-19)

Kwadacha Recreation Area

..... (MU 7-41).

Kwadacha Wilderness Provincial Park

..... (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).

Stuart Lake Provincial Park

..... (MU 7-25).

Tatlatui Provincial Park (No open season for mountain sheep)

..... (MU 7-39).

use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

CHANGE OF NAME NOTIFICATION

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NEW Last Name First Name Initial

Telephone: () _____

A copy of a legal document supporting your name must be attached.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	7-6 to 7-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
★See definition on page 6. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Immature Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	+Calves	Oct 10 - Oct 25	1
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★Immature Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15	★Immature Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
★See definition on page 6. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence.				
+Open only for calf moose less than 12 months of age. For calf moose an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence. See special area maps.				
ELK	7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
★See definition on Page 5. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
Tatlatui Provincial Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. See page 78 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
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
MUs 7-3, 7-4. (See Map G6). See special area maps.				
Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.				
CARIBOU	7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
★See diagram on page 5. See special area maps. For MU 7-39 See Map G19.				
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 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	3
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	3
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15/2000	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	10 (daily)
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	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.				
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)
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 of each (30 of each)
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 28/2000	10(30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.				



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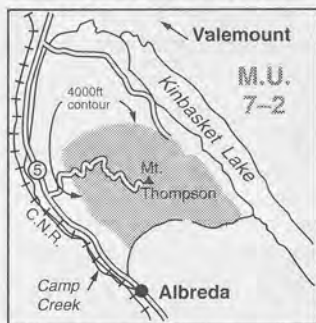
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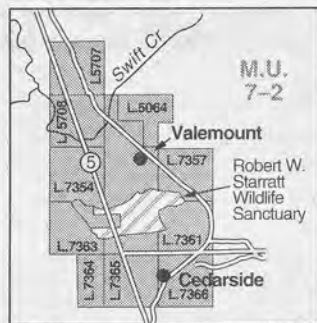
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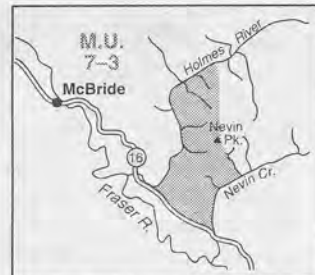
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-2).



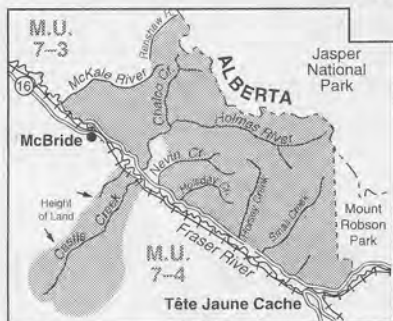
Map G2 Valemount No Shooting Area, Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 7-2). No Hunting, Trapping or the Discharge of Firearms. Lot numbers available from Conservation Officer Service in Valemount & Prince George.



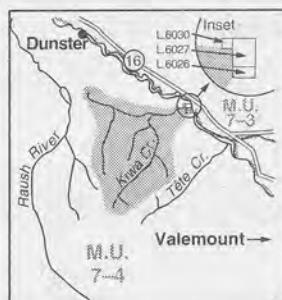
Map G3 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).



Map G4 Holmes River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).



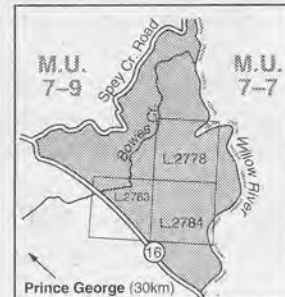
Map G5 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas. Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situate in MU 7-3 and MU 7-4).



Map G6 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-4).



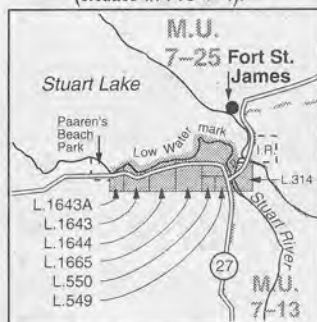
Map G7 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-3).



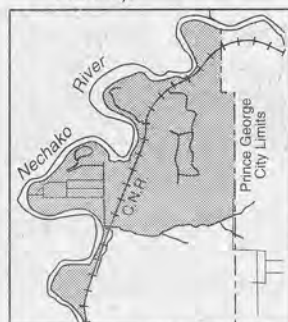
Map G8 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-9).



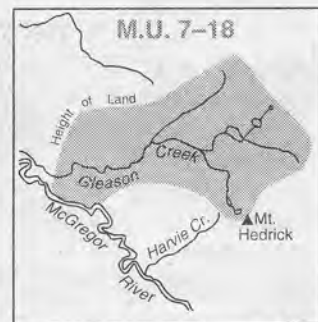
Map G9 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-10).



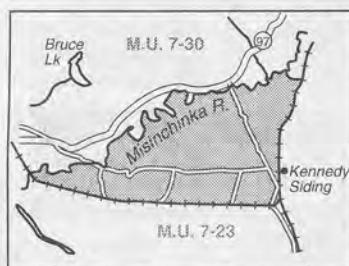
Map G10 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 7-13, 7-25).



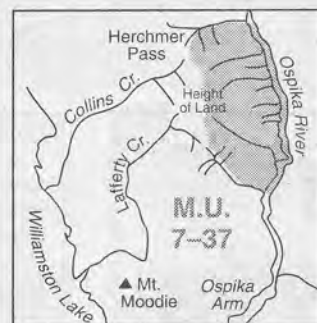
Map G11 Miworth No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-15).



Map G12 Gleason Creek Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-18).



Map G13 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Nov 6 to March 31



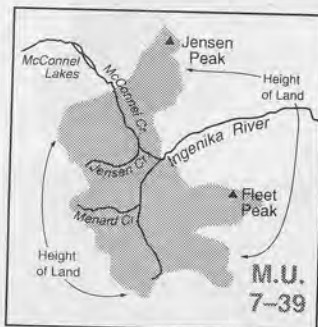
Map G14 Ospika River Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-37).



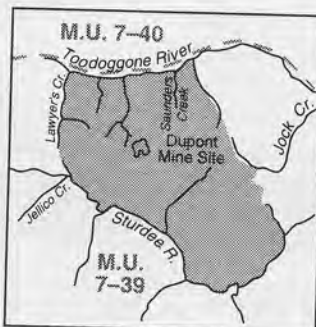
Map G15 Mt. Ogden Mountain Goat and Caribou Closed Area (situate in MU 7-38).



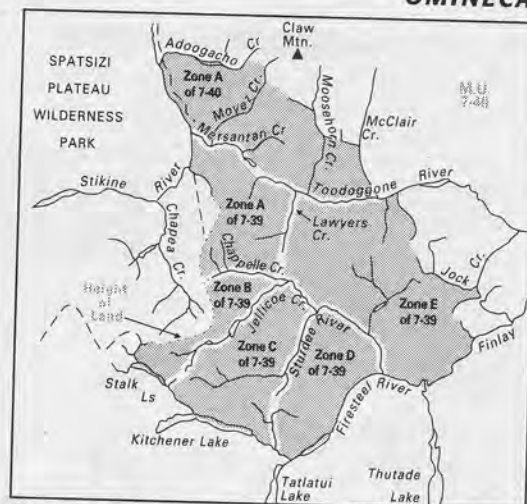
Map G16 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-18, 7-39).



Map G17 McConnell Creek No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-39).



Map G18 Edozadelly No Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-39). Hunting of all wildlife species except caribou and moose (Limited Entry Hunting only) is prohibited.



Map G19 Black Lake and Edozadelly Caribou closed areas. Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zones A to E of 7-39 and in Zone A of 7-40 except for LEH permit holders.

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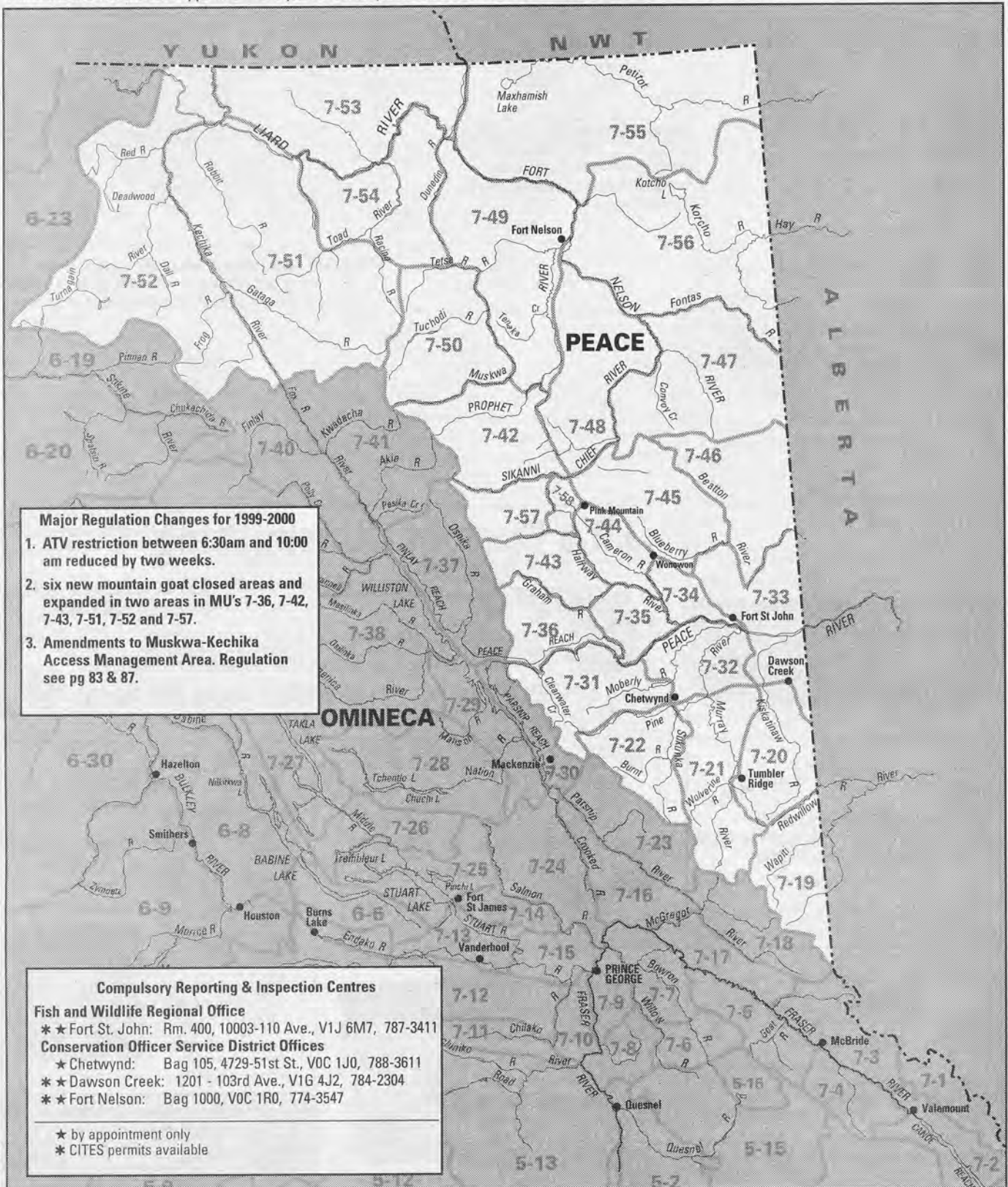
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PEACE

REGION 7_B

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 4th edition.



BAG LIMITS

• **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in region 7A & 7B (Omineca/Peace) is two. Only 1 buck may be taken in region 7A & 7B combined. One may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

• **Grouse:** The regional daily bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed and ptarmigan) is 10 of each species. The regional daily bag limit for sharp tailed grouse is 3.

• **Thinhorn Mountain Sheep:** The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent calendar years have expired. A hunter may take a second thinhorn sheep if the first sheep killed is determined by compulsory inspection to be eight years old or older. Contact the BC Environment office in Fort St. John for more information.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH)

• The seasons shown in the attached tables are for general open seasons only. If you are hunting under an LEH authorization, the species, class of animal (age/sex) or time period during which you are authorized to hunt may be different than those shown in this publication.

HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

No shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 22-24.

The discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited on or across the travelled portion and road allowance of all numbered highways and any 2 lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (see pages 22-24).

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS PEACE SUB-REGION

There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Sub-region.

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.

★ All Motor Vehicles

▼ All Motor Vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife or to transport hunters.

Note definitions of "Motor Vehicle", "ATV" and "Snowmobile" on page 6.

◆ ATVs

(including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife.

MUs 7-19, 7-31, 7-35, 7-36, 7-43, 7-53, 7-57 and the Southeast portion of 7-21 (see Map G28)

★ above 1400 metres in elevation. However, the use of snowmobiles (less than 450 kg in weight) is permitted from Nov 1 to April 30. The following trails and roads are open year round:

BC Forest Service Onion Lake Trail (MU 7-21)

Talisman et al Murray Road (C-22-E/93-1-15), Talisman PCP Falls (d-86-E/93-0-09), Mt Bickford (MU 7-31)

Contact BCE office in Fort St. John for more information.

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 - Restriction applies to vehicles other than aircraft in portions of these MU's. Boundaries of the access management area (AMA) have changed and a separate vehicle closed area has been established in the Klingzut Mountain area. An area near Toad River ("Toad Triangle") is exempted from the AMA. Use of motor vehicles and ATVs weighing less than 500 kg are only permitted within 400 m on either side of the centreline of some designated access routes and within 10 m on either side of others. Use of snowmobiles weighing less than 500 kg is permitted within the AMA during the period November 1 to April 15.**

Maps showing the new boundaries and routes can be viewed in the BC Environment and Ministry of Forests offices in Fort Nelson and Ft. St. John.

MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58

◆ 4:30am to 8:00am from Aug 15 to Aug 31.

◆ 5:30am to 9:00am from Sept 1 to Sept 30.

◆ 6:30am to 10:00am from Oct 1 to Oct 31.

Except for designated trails on Map G36, the Muskwa - Kechika Access Management Area.

MUs 7-21, 7-22

▼ BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

★ above the 1524 metre elevation in the Bullmoose Chamberlain Mt area, excepting BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

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 Aug 1 and Nov 15

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

• No Shooting Areas: Please note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 22-24.

• 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 G39.

• The discharge of firearms using single projectiles is prohibited within 400 m (1/4 mile) of either side of:

• Road 520 between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam,

• Road 190 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 Areas. See Map G23.

• 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 200m of the high water mark of Radar Lake in the vicinity of the City of Dawson Creek.

• The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the Dokie subdivision in the vicinity of Chetwynd (MU 7-22 & 7-31). See Map G29.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

• In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all caribou taken in Region 7 (Peace) must be Compulsory Inspected within 15 days of the date of kill, and all elk taken in Region 7 (Peace) must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 14 for requirements.

NATIONAL PARKS

• Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

Kakwa Recreation Area

..... (MU 7-18 & 7-19). See Map G20.

Kwadacha Wilderness Provincial Park

..... (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).

Muncho Lake Provincial Park

..... (MUs 7-51, 7-54). See Map G44.

Stone Mountain Provincial Park

..... (MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54) See Map G41.

Wokkpath Protected Area

..... (MU 7-51).

• Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

• The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles, or cycles is generally prohibited in parks and recreation areas except where specifically authorized.

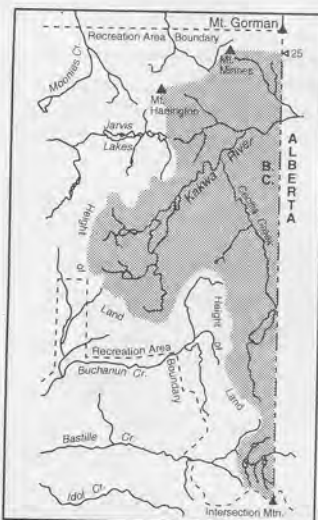
• Horse users are required to get a Letter of Permission from BC Parks prior to their trip (B.C. Reg. 180/90, s. 18)

• The use of exotics, such as llamas and ostriches is prohibited in provincial parks and protected areas of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area. These areas include Muncho Lake Provincial Park, Stone Mountain Provincial Park and Wokkpath Protected Area. Please contact BC Parks Peace/Liard District Office (250-787-3407) or the Fort Nelson BC Parks Office (250-774-7190) for more information.

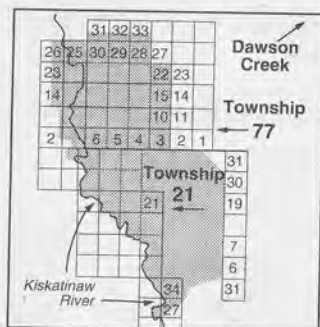
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 7B

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, ★7-43,			
	7-48 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58	▲4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, ★7-43 to 7-47	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	1
Bow Only Season ★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information. ▲ See definition on page 6. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42			
	★7-43, 7-48, 7-57, 7-58	Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, ★7-43 to 7-47	Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 to Sept 21	1
Bow Only Season ★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information.				
MOOSE	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	★Bulls	Sept 1 to Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 16 - Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 15	1
Bow Only Season ★ Open only for bull moose: (a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("legal immature bull moose") or (b) having antlers with at least three points (tines) on one brow palm ("legal mature bull moose"). See definition on page 6. The antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence.				
ELK	7-42, 7-57, 7-58	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-49, 7-50	★3 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 9	1
	7-49, 7-50	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-48, 7-51, 7-53, 7-54	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 10	1
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-50	▼Antlerless	Aug 20 - Aug 30	1
★See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See page 14 for Compulsory Reporting details.				
▼Open only in that part of the Tuchodi River watershed above Childers Creek and below the creek 2.5 km east of the mouth of Margison Creek plus the Gathito Creek watershed above Arnell Creek and below Gary Powell Creek. See Map G40.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-19	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
See special area maps.				
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 page 83 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-36, 7-43		Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
	▲7-42, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-57		Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
▲See special area map G35, G43 to G50 inclusive. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
CARIBOU	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36,			
	7-43, 7-50*, 7-51*, 7-52, 7-53, 7-54*, 7-57	Bulls	Aug 20 - Aug 31	1
	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42,			
	7-43, 7-48, 7-49, 7-50 to 7-57	★5 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
Bow Only Season	7-58	★5 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
	*Closed to the hunting of caribou within 1.6km of Highway 97 during the period Aug 20 to Aug 31 ★See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See page 14 for Compulsory Inspection details.			
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 1/2000 - June 15/2000	2
See page 33 for restrictions on bears.				
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000	3
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Apr 1/2000 - June 15/2000	3
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2000	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-47 to 7-58		Oct 15 - Jan 15/2000	1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2000	1

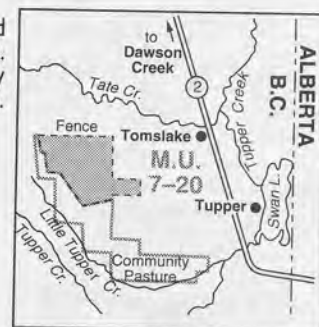
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2000 Apr 1/2000 - Apr 30/2000	10 (daily) 10 (daily)
BLUE GROUSE	7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10(30)
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 of each (30 of each)
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(9)
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 28/2000	10(30)
RAVEN	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		No Closed Season	5
<i>Hunting of raven is restricted to private land only.</i>				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE <i>See Map G32</i>	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
DUCKS <i>See Map G32. Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 1 Canvasback and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 11 & 12.</i>	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE <i>See Map G32. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 11 & 12.</i>	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)



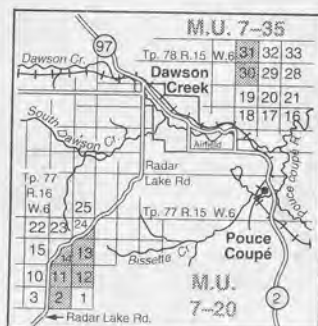
Map G20 Kakwa No Hunting Area
(situate in MU 7-19).



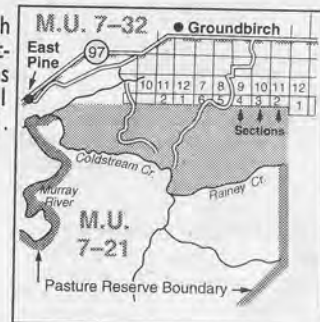
Map G22 One Island Restricted
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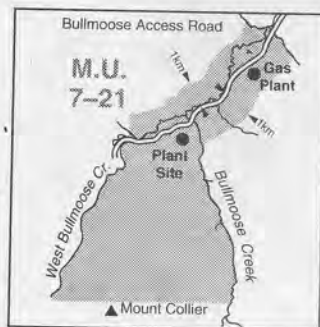
Map G2I Bear Mountain Area (situate in MU 7-20). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



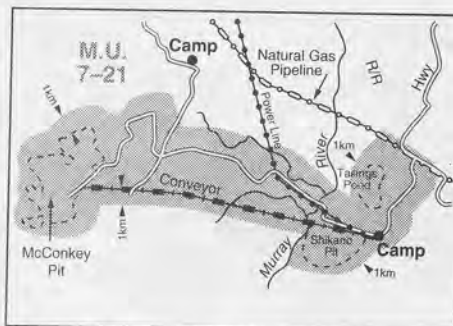
Map G23 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas (situate in MUs 7-20, 7-33). The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.



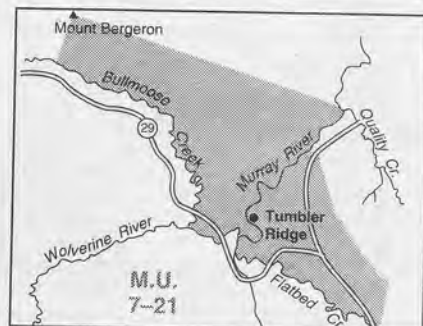
Map G24 Groundbirch
Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-21). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct 31.



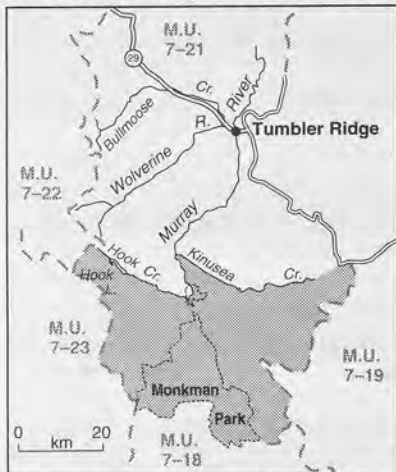
Map G25 Bullmoose Mine No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



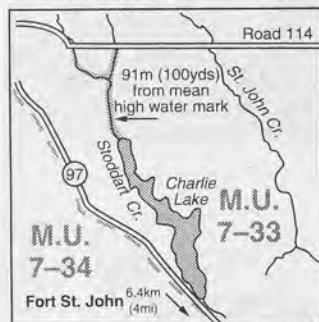
Map G26 Quintette Coal No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



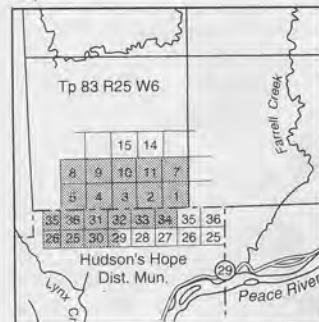
Map G27 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



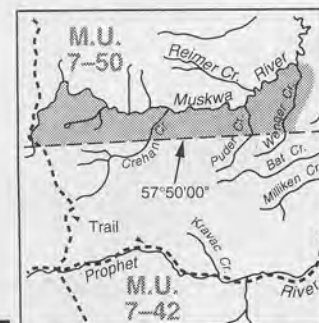
Map G28 Southeast MU 7-21 Vehicle Elevation Closure (situate in MU 7-21)



Map G33 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-33).



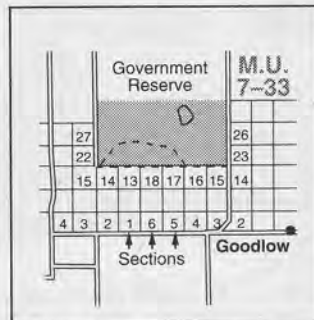
Map G34 Farrell Creek Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-35). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.



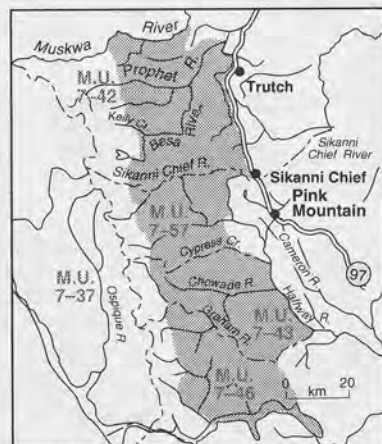
Map G38 Muskwa Flats Special Elk Area (situate in MU 7-42). The open season for hunting three-point elk is from Aug 15 to Sept 9 and six-point elk from Sept 10 to Oct 31. Bag limit = 1



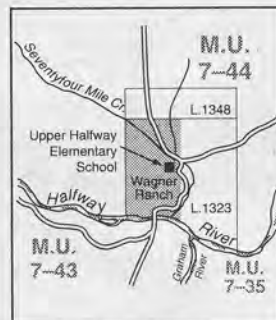
Map G29 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-22 and 7-31).



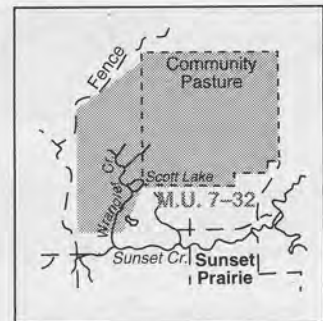
Map G31 Goodlow Restricted Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-33). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



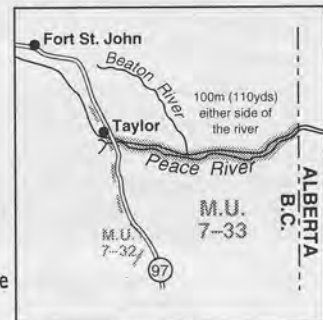
Map G35 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-36, 7-42, 7-43 and 7-57).



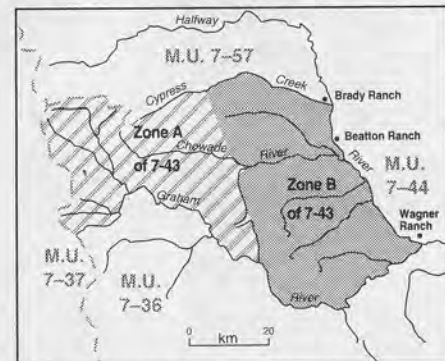
Map G39 Upper Halfway No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-44).



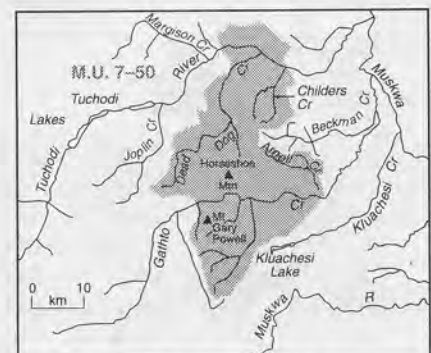
Map G30 Sunset Prairie Restricted Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-32). From June 1 to Oct 31 hunting is prohibited.



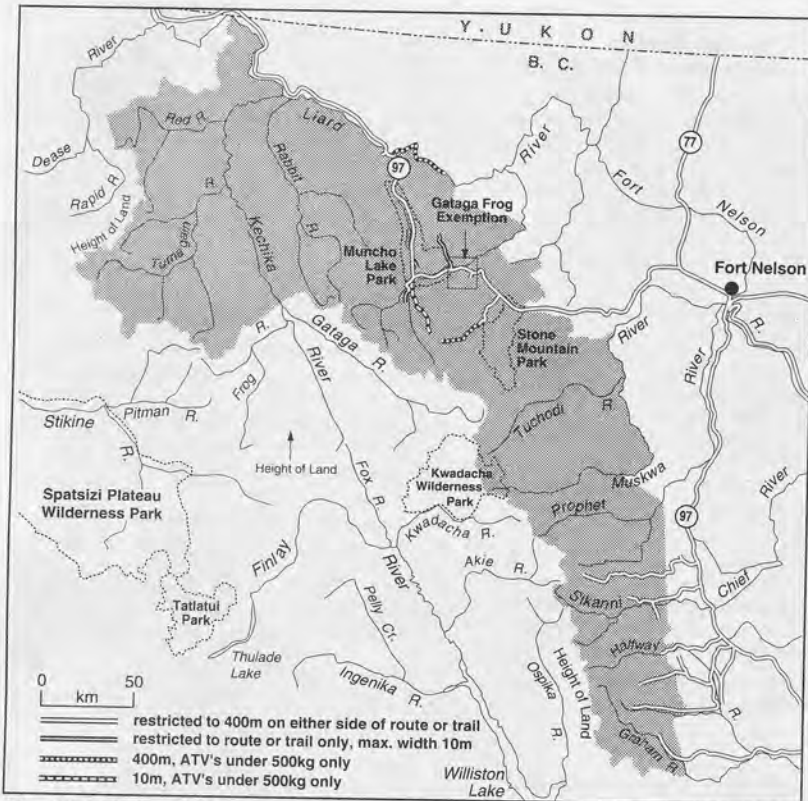
Map G32 Peace River Duck, Coot, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose and Common Snipe Closed Area (situate in MU 7-33).



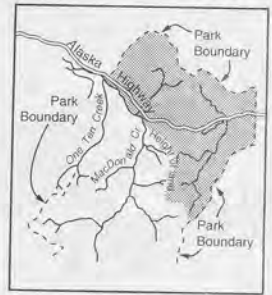
Map G37 MU 7-43 Mule & White-tailed Deer Special Area. Zone A open season is Oct 10 to Oct 31. Zone B open season is Nov 1 to Nov 20.



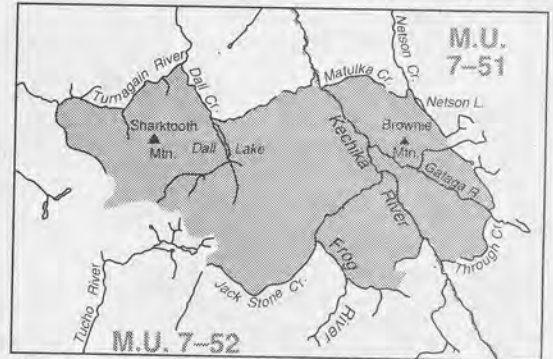
Map G40 Childers Cow Elk Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-50).



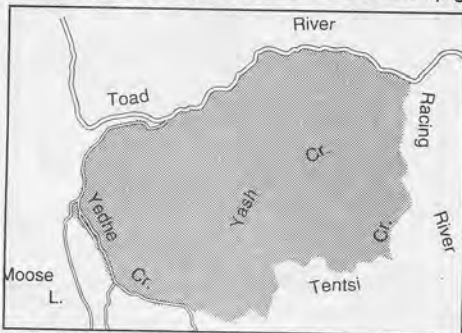
Map G36 Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (situate in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57). See vehicle restrictions on page 83.



Map G41 Stone Mountain Provincial Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54).



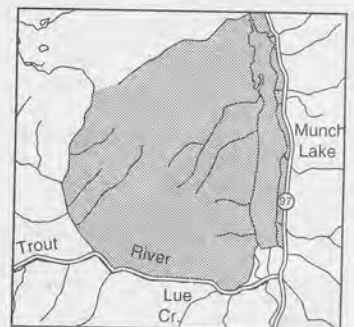
Map G43 Frog River Special Mountain Goat Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-52). The open season for mountain goat is Aug 25 to Oct 5.



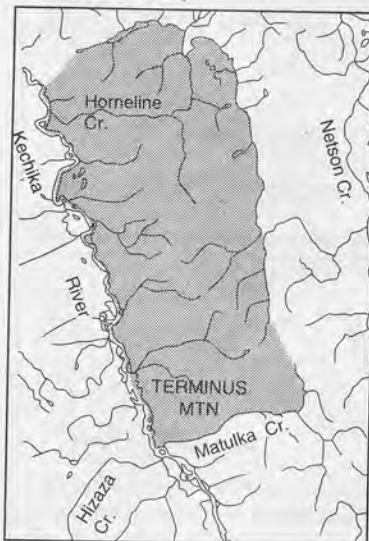
Map G46 Yash - Yedhe Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G44 Muncho Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-54).



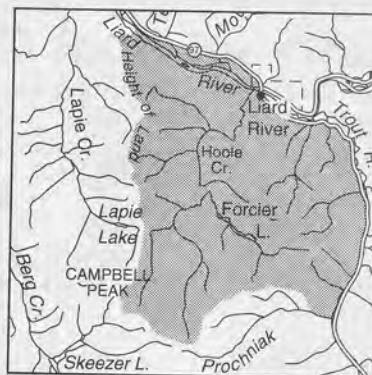
Map G45 Muncho Lake Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



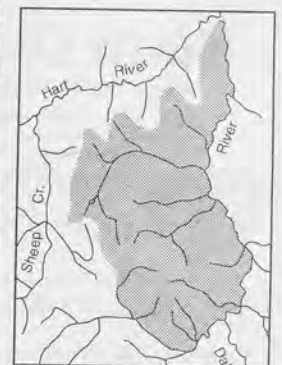
Map G47 Terminus Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



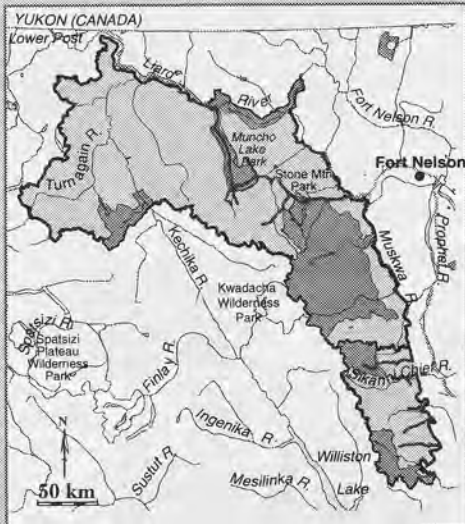
Map G48 Petersen Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G49 Hoole Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G50 Deeh Ridge Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-52).



MUSKWA-KECHIKA MANAGEMENT AREA

• In July, 1998, the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act was enacted by government, confirming the area established by Order in Council # 1367 in 1997.

• The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is located in N.E. British Columbia and comprises some 3.24 million hectares of special management lands and 1.1 million hectares of existing and newly protected areas.

• Objectives for the management of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area were developed as part of the Fort Nelson and Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plans. Participants of these processes recommended that the objectives for the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area be formally designated establishing a separate jurisdiction: the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan:

The Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan identifies objectives for the management of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area and specifies an integrated and co-ordinated planning structure to meet these objectives. The Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan will be implemented by all relevant government agencies through agency-specific management activities, local strategic plans, resource development permits, and Crown land and natural resource dispositions.

The management intent for the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is to ensure wilderness characteristics, wildlife and its habitat are maintained over time while allowing resource development and use, including recreation, hunting, timber harvesting, mineral exploration and mining, oil and gas exploration and development. The integration of management activities especially related to the planning, development and management of road accesses within the Muskwa-Kechika Area is central to achieving this intent.

Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area

(See Map on Page 87)

During March of 1999, a number of public meetings were held to review the boundaries of the Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (AMA) and the designated routes. The results included:

- making the AMA and Muskwa Kechika Management Area boundaries the same,
- establishing a separate vehicle closed area in the Klingzot Mountain area to protect sensitive wildlife habitat, and
- establishing four types of designated routes (weight restrictions may also apply):
 - vehicle access permitted within 400 meters either side of midline of designated routes.
 - vehicle access permitted within 10 meters

either side of midline of designated routes.

- ATV access permitted within 400 meters either side of midline of designated routes.

- ATV access permitted within 10 meters either side of midline of designated routes and exempting an area around the community of Toad River from the vehicle restrictions.

Maps showing the new boundaries and routes can be viewed in the BC Environment and Ministry of Forests offices in Fort Nelson and Ft. St. John.

Resident Hunters:

The designation of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area does not affect the resident hunters and their activities. A substantial portion of the Muskwa-Kechika Area continues to be protected from vehicular damage by the Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area regulations.

See map G-37 for clarification.

For more information regarding the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, please contact the Muskwa-Kechika Program Manager at:

Rm. 150, 10003 110 Avenue,
Fort St. John BC
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TRAPPING REGULATIONS

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 1999-2000

1. The requirement for trappers to use a leghold trap, except for wolves, with no more than 30 cm of fastening chain is dropped.
2. See the Trapping Regulations and the Compulsory Reporting and Inspection of Fur Bearing Animals sections below for additional changes.
3. Some open season dates for trapping have been adjusted for 1999-2000. Please see the open seasons schedule on page 94.
4. Trappers should note the 1999-2000 Schedule of Royalties on page 93.
5. The trapping season for black bear in the Southern Interior Region 8 is closed.

Trapping Regulations

1. It is an offence to trap unless: you have completed, since July 1, 1982, a trapper education course approved by the Director.
2. It is an offence to:
 - (a) use a leghold trap designed to trap wolves which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 60 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened,
 - (b) trap beaver, otter, mink or muskrat on land by means of a leghold trap, unless the trap is equipped with a submerging device,
 - (c) not use the minimum weight of 150 grams required to be securely attached to all muskrat submerging sets smaller than size #1 1/2,
 - (d) use a leghold trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap,
 - (e) use a killing snare on land unless the snare is
 - (i) equipped with a locking device, or
 - (ii) designed to catch squirrels, or
 - (iii) a mechanically powered killing snare
 - (f) trap a wolverine, marten, fisher, weasel, skunk or squirrel except by means of a killing trap, a live box trap or a killing snare,
 - (g) set spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap,
 - (h) use a trap equipped with a spearing device,
 - (i) trap a black bear (i) except by the use of a rifle, shotgun or bow, (ii) with a crossbow (except a compound crossbow) having a pull of less than 68 kg, (iii) with a compound crossbow having a pull of less than 45kg at full draw, (iv) with a crossbow having a bolt weighting less than 16.2 g, (v) with a bow having a pull of less than 18kg within the archer's draw length, or (vi) with a bow using an arrow with a broadhead less than 2.2 cm at the widest point
 - (j) trap a wolf, fox, coyote, lynx or bobcat, except by means of a killing trap, a modified leghold trap, a live box trap, foot snare or a killing snare,
 - (k) use a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licenced or authorized to trap, or
 - (l) use a snare made of braided wire unless licenced or authorized to trap, or
 - (m) use any Conibear trap larger than, but not including #220 for land sets within any municipality in Region 2,
 - (n) trap a furbearing animal, and if the animal is alive when you check the trap, fail to immediately release or kill the animal,
 - (o) trap a raccoon except by means of a killing trap, killing snare, live box trap or egg trap.
 - (p) 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.
 - (q) 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.
 - (r) trap a black bear by placing bait, or by using a dead animal or a part of it as bait.
 - (s) trap a black bear, or a wolf not caught in a trap or snare, with a rifle using a rimfire cartridge, or with a shot gun less than 20 gauge, or using a shot shell loaded with shot smaller than the shot size 1 Buck.
3. (a) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on the trapline at least once every 72 hours, and the egg trap(s) he or she has set for raccoons at least once every 24 hours.
- (b) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.
4. It is an offence to trap within 200 m of a dwelling, unless you use:
 - (a) if trapping on land, a live box trap, or
 - (b) if trapping on or in water, -
 - (i) a Conibear trap not larger than size #330, or equivalent
 - (ii) leghold traps not larger than size #2, or
 - (iii) submarine traps.
5. It is an offence to trap on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner:

COMPULSORY REPORTING AND INSPECTION OF FUR BEARING ANIMALS

♦ In order to better record the harvest of fur bearing animals, the Wildlife Branch requires that certain species be reported or submitted to a BC Environment 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.

NOTE:

Gloves should be worn while handling wolf carcasses as a precaution against contracting hydatid disease.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

♦ Trappers must report, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season, the capture of:

- (i) a fisher in regions 3, 5, 6, and 7
- (ii) a wolverine in regions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
- (iii) a lynx in region 4 and 8
- (iv) a bobcat in M.U.'s 1-14 and 1-15, and region 2, 4, and 8, or
- (v) a wolf from region 1 and 4

♦ Compulsory reporting forms are available from any BC Environment, Regional office and reporting may be done by mail, phone or in person. The information required is:

- (a) name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top right corner of license),
- (b) the location and date of kill,
- (c) the type of trap and set used,
- (d) the number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed, and
- (e) the sex and age class of the animal.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

♦ Furbearers that are killed incidentally in areas with no open season are required to be compulsory inspected. Trappers must submit, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season, the carcass of:

- (i) a wolverine in regions 1, 2, and 8
- (ii) a fisher in regions 1, 2, 4, and 8
- (iii) a weasel in region 1, and M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13, or
- (iv) a lynx in M.U.'s 1-14 and 1-15, and region 2

♦ Trappers must submit the entire carcass and pelt and provide the following information to an officer:

- (a) name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top right corner of license),
- (b) the location and date of kill,
- (c) the type of trap and set used, and
- (d) the number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed

♦ Animals that are submitted may not be reclaimed by the trapper but may be donated by the Wildlife Branch to the Trapper Education Program.

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.

trapping - means the act of setting or placing a trap in an operative condition, or killing by the use of a firearm.

fur bearing animal - means any fox, badger, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, sea otter, raccoon, skunk, squirrel*, weasel (ermine), wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

killing snare - means any trap 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.

leghold 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.

B.C. FUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

♦ In British Columbia, some 3,500 trappers actively manage 16 furbearer species, following standards, legislation and regulations developed by BC Environment. About half of the province's trappers are Aboriginal.

♦ The Fur Management Program includes:

♦ Continuing Trapper Education Program courses for novice and experienced trappers

♦ "Management Guidelines For Trappers" are available for mink, marten, fisher, lynx, wolverine, beaver and muskrat. Other furbearer species guidelines are planned for the future.

♦ Continued monitoring of furbearer populations and prey/food items through the annual "Trapper Survey" questionnaire.

Regulating Harvest

♦ In general, appropriate trapping seasons have been developed by considering a variety of criteria including pelt primness, 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 furbearers. 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.

Trapper Survey Questionnaire

♦ Over each of the past 10 trapping seasons about 700 - 1000 trappers received a "Trapper Survey" questionnaire. Each year the random survey of licenced trappers includes all major habitat areas (ecoprovinces) in the province and is representative of trappers and trapping throughout British Columbia. The results of the questionnaires are confidential. The survey provides information on the various furbearer population trends, prey and other food items,

habitat changes and relative trapping effort.

♦ The survey information becomes more useful each year and this information, coupled with the provincial annual fur trading information, helps in making current wildlife management decisions.

TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

♦ In cooperation with the BC Trappers Association (BCTA), BC Environment delivers the Trapper Education Program (TEP). This program includes beginner courses and advanced courses for experienced trappers. In addition, BCTA-TEP instructors, along with BC Environment, BC Aboriginal Affairs, and the Federal Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs have conducted Native Trapper Education courses.

♦ British Columbia is committed to regulating humane traps as they become available and to ensure 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 fur bearing animals on their trapping areas are managed wisely and pelts are handled professionally. 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.

♦ Beginners and advanced TEP courses are generally 3 and 2 days in length respectively.

♦ The "British Columbia Trapper Education Manual" is available from the BC Trappers Assn. (who produced and published it) at TEP courses for \$25.00.

♦ A minimum of 12 persons may be required before a course will be held. The delivery of a course is subject to instructor availability.

♦ The cost of the advanced TEP course is the same as that of the beginners TEP course, currently \$275.00.

♦ The demand for TEP courses continues to be high and an instructor may not always be available. Plan in advance!

♦ Who to contact for TEP courses:

♦ Requests for TEP courses may be directed to BC Environment regional offices, Conservation Officer Service district offices or the Provincial Trapper Education Coordinator:

Marlene Sharpe, 5- 595 Ongman Road
Prince George, B.C. V2K 4L1
Phone: 250-561-1602

modified leghold 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.

* does not include ground squirrels.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

♦ These regulations apply to all ungranted Crown Land in the Province.

1. 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:
 - (a) the registered holder of the trapline for that area, or
 - (b) authorized by regulation or permit.
 2. 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. Registration of a trapline does not:
 - (a) give the holder of a trapline any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
 - (b) restricts the rights of another person
 - (i) to hunt, or
 - (ii) capture wildlife where authorized by regulation or a permit.
 3. 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.
 4. No person shall continue to hold a registered trapline unless he or she:
 - (a) carries on active trapping on his or her registered trapline to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager; or
 - (b) 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
 - (c) uses or causes the use of his or her trapline by a licenced trapper or a person exempted from holding a licence.
- A person fails to use a trap-line, where within a year that person fails to take from the trap-line fur-bearing animals of a value of \$200, or 50 pelts, except where it is unreasonable to expect that value of animals or pelts to be harvested from the trapline.

5. A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully set trap commits an offence.
6. A person who leaves a trap set after the last day of the season for the trapping of furbearing animals commits an offence.
7. It is an offence to have live wildlife in your personal possession except under a licence or permit or as provided by regulation. Note: a trapping licence does not authorize the possession of live wildlife.
8. The use of electronic or recorded calls is banned for hunting furbearing animals or trapping.
9. A trapping licence will not be issued to a person who has not satisfactorily completed a British Columbia Trapper Education course since July 1, 1982.

Fur Trading Regulations

1. Licenced fur traders must submit a full and complete return on all wildlife that has been or is in their possession for each calendar month, within 30 days of the last day of the month to which the report relates. A Fur Trader's Return Form is provided for that purpose.
2. The Assigned Trapper Number of every trapper from whom furs are received (except furs taken under a hunting licence, permit or on a reserve) must be recorded on the monthly return.
3. All licenced fur traders are required to measure any lynx pelt acquired by them at the end of every calendar month and to submit all measurements on prescribed forms.

Note: The Fur Trader's Return Forms and Lynx Pelt Survey Forms are available only at BC Environment regional offices.

Licence and Registration Fees

The fees payable for the issuance of the following licences are:

1. For a trapping licence issued to a resident in the Province to trap furbearing animals \$17.00
(includes surcharge for Habitat Conservation Fund)
2. For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her trapping licence has been lost or destroyed \$4.00

3. To transfer registered trapline rights to a person or group of persons\$25.00
4. For a fur trader's licence\$50.00
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, 2000.

Fur Royalty Regulations and Schedule

1. When a person is in possession of a pelt or skin of a furbearing animal not raised in captivity on which a royalty has not already been paid under this section, and fails to pay to the Minister of Finance a royalty on each pelt or skin in his or her possession, as prescribed by regulation, that person commits an offence.
2. Section (1) above does not apply to the holder of a trapping licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping licence when selling pelts, lawfully taken by him or her to the holder of a fur trader's licence.
3. A person who kills a furbearing animal under the authority of a licence to hunt wildlife is exempt from paying a royalty in relation to the pelt or skin of that animal, unless he or she intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

Note: Any raw fur or skin of a furbearing animal shipped out of the Province for commercial purposes must be accompanied by a Royalty Fur Export Permit.

Schedule of Royalties:

Royalty per pelt or skin

Beaver	\$1.04	Muskrat	\$0.12
Black Bear	\$2.94	Otter	\$2.34
Bobcat	\$1.90	Raccoon	\$0.56
Coyote	\$0.87	Skunk	\$0.08
Fisher	\$1.55	Squirrel	\$0.05
Fox	\$0.70	Weasel	\$0.17
Lynx	\$3.19	Wolf	\$2.73
Marten	\$1.46	Wolverine	\$7.47
Mink	\$0.68		

INFORMATION

Trapline Cabins

♦ Trappers should register their trapline cabins on Crown Land. Cabin applications may take up to six months to process. Contact the BC Environment Regional Office in the area of the trapline for more information.

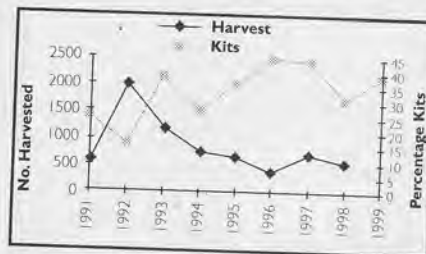
Provincial Parks & Recreation Areas

♦ Registered trapline tenure within Provincial Parks is subject to the provisions of the Park Act and Park 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. The permit can be obtained by contacting the nearest provincial parks office. The permit fee is \$100.

♦ Trapline cabins in Parks and Recreation Areas require authorization by a Park or Resource Use Permit. This permit can also be obtained by contacting the nearest BC Parks District office. The permit fee is the greater of \$25 or \$10 per cabin.

Lynx Management Information

♦ Lynx populations are cyclical, following the approximate 10 year population cycles of the snowshoe hare, its principal food source. Lynx harvest records, the "Trapper Survey" questionnaire and lynx pelt measurements allow the lynx population cycles to be "tracked" or followed. Knowing the phase of the population cycle can help the trapper to adjust trapping effort (ie. reducing, stopping or increasing) accordingly. More information for the trapper concerning lynx management is contained in



the brochure "Lynx - Management Guidelines For British Columbia".

♦ Annual lynx harvest and percentage of lynx kittens in the harvest is illustrated in the following graph.

♦ The proportion of kits in the harvest is an indication of the recruitment rate. Harvest should be restricted when this proportion is low.

Fisher Management by the Trapper

♦ Since 1991, a cooperative effort between trappers and the Wildlife Branch has helped to ensure viable fisher populations in British Columbia. The effort continues to both reduce unplanned harvest of fisher and enhance populations.

Harvest Reduction Efforts

- modify marten trapping boxes by making them longer and the entry hole smaller (2.5 - 3" in diameter)
- avoid trapping around fisher den sites near large cottonwoods and fir snags
- avoid trapping marten or mink where fisher sign is evident

Population Enhancement

- establish food sites for fisher (helps marten and weasel also). Hang carcasses in trees to reduce competition by other land predators
- complete fisher and marten trapping as early in the season as possible to help reduce the number of adult female fisher captured
- establish fisher non-trapping or refuge sites on your trapline.

COLLARED OR EAR-TAGGED FURBEARING ANIMALS

♦ Several fur bearing animal research projects are under way within the province. Please report the harvest of any collared or ear-tagged animal and return collars to the nearest Ministry of Environment regional office. Radio collars are property of the Crown and cannot be retained.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE TRAPPER

1. 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.
2. The Wildlife Branch reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under a trapline registration.
3. Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. Any trapper accidentally capturing a weasel on Vancouver Island or on the Queen Charlotte Islands must forward the pelt and the carcass to the nearest BC Environment regional office.
7. Any trapper accidentally capturing a fisher in regions 1, 2, 4, or 8 must forward the pelt and carcass to the nearest regional BC Environment office.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CABINS

♦ While in the back country you may have occasion to encounter cabins of various sorts. 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. Hunter ethics, courtesy and respect are relied upon so that additions to the regulations imposing severe sanctions are not necessary.

Notice Grizzly Bear or Black Bear

There is no open season on any bear (grizzly bear or black bear) less than two years old or any bear in its company. Do not shoot any grizzly bear or black bear when observed in a family unit. There is no open season on white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) color phases of the black bear. If you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear, contact BC Environment Office immediately for important information.

All Grizzly bear hunting is on LEH. See LEH Synopsis for information.

1999/2000 Open Trapping Seasons for Fur Bearing Animals

Note: The following open seasons apply to the entire region unless specific management units are stated ie. 1, 2, 4, 5, means all of the regions 1, 2, 4, and 5; or 3(12-15, 18, 20, 26) means only the MUs in the () and should be read as: for region 3(12 to 3-15, 3-18, 3-20, and 3-26).

SPECIES TRAPPING SEASON (MUs)	REGIONS	SPECIES TRAPPING SEASON (MUs)	REGIONS
BEAVER		FOX	
1,2,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	1(14,15), 2,	
6,7	Oct 1 - May 31	3,4,5,6,7	Oct 15 - Feb 28
MUSKRAT		8	No Season
1,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	SKUNK	
2	Nov 15 - Feb 15	1(14,15), 2,	
6,7	Oct 1 - May 31	3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Feb 28
RIVER OTTER		WOLF	
1,2(2-5, 12-16)	Nov 15 - Feb 28	1	Nov 1 - Jun 30
2(6-11, 17-19), 3,4,5	Oct 15 - Apr 30	2(2-4,7-10,17-19),	
6,7	Oct 1 - May 31	3(45,46), 4(1,2), 8	No Season
8	Nov 1 - Apr 15	2(5,6,11-16),	
MARTEN		3(12-20, 26-44)	Oct 15 - Feb 28
1,2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	4(1-9, 14-40)*, 5	Oct 15 - Feb 28
6,7(1-48, 55-58),	Nov 1 - Feb 28	6	Oct 15 - Mar 31
7(49-54)	Nov 1 - Mar 15	7	Oct 15 - May 31
MINK		BOBCAT	
1,3,4,5		1,6,7	No Season
7(1-48, 55-58), 8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	2,3,4** 5	Nov 15 - Feb 15
2,6(3,11,14)	Nov 15 - Feb 15	8	Nov 15 - Feb 15
6 (except 3,11,14)	Nov 1 - Feb 28	LYNX	
7(49-54)	Oct 15 - Feb 15	1,2	No Season
WEASEL		3,5,6,7,8	Nov 15 - Feb 15
1,6(12,13)	No Season	4	Nov 15 - Dec 31
2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	RACCOON	
6(except 12,13), 7	Nov 1 - Feb 28	1,2,3,4,5	
WOLVERINE		6(except 12,13), 7,8	Oct 1 - Mar 31
1,2,8	No Season	6(12,13)	Jan 1 - Dec 31
3,4,5	Nov 1 - Jan 31	SQUIRREL	
6, (except 3,11,14), 7	Nov 1 - Feb 28	1,2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Mar 15
6(3,11,14)	Nov 1 - Feb 15	6,7	Nov 1 - Mar 31
COYOTE		FISHER	
1(14,15), 2,		1,2,4, 8	No Season
3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Feb 28	3,5,6,7	Nov 1 - Feb 15
		BLACK BEAR**	
		1,2,3,4, 8	No Season
		5,6(3,11-14)	Oct 15 - May 15
		6(except 3,11-14), 7	Oct 15 - May 31

* There is no closed season on wolf in the East Kootenay Trench below 3300' elevation.

** Quota: Bobcat - 2 in one year

Black Bear - 2 in one year

(NOTE: Please see page 9, item 46 and page 9 for regulations concerning bear parts.)



The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund was created in 1996 by an amendment to the Wildlife Act. The Trust Fund is concerned with:

- the conservation or enhancement of biological diversity, fish, fish habitat, wildlife or wildlife habitat;
 - the acquisition and management of land for the conservation or enhancement of a population of a species of fish or wildlife and its habitat; and
 - the further stimulation and encouragement of knowledge and awareness of fish or wildlife and their habitat, or of the Trust Fund, by way of promotional, educational or other programs.
- Hunters, anglers, trappers and guide-outfitters contribute to the Trust Funds' enhancement and education projects through license surcharges. The Province contributes to the acquisition of land through an annual allocation from the Crown Land Account. Voluntary contributions and the proceeds from the sale of educational materials provide additional revenue.

Did you know that the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund will invest approximately \$5 million on 159 new and continuing enhancement and education projects in 1999-2000?

Every time you purchase a hunting licence in British Columbia, \$5 goes directly towards wildlife conservation through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. Here are some examples of the 80 projects for 1999-2000.

- Gathering of basic information on forage use of disturbed sites by grizzly bears.
- Development of a proposal to test mule deer winter habitat capability and suitability maps developed for the Merritt Forest District.
- Assessment of selected blue grouse habitats in Thompson-Nicola and the Okanagan.
- Study of wolverine populations and habitat use to provide conservation recommendations.

- Use of prescribed burning to enhance the winter habitats of ungulates.
- Study of cougar movements and distribution relative to ungulate habitats.
- Habitat and population assessments of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the East Kootenay.
- Document options for the protection and enhancement of mountain goat winter habitat in the Purcell and Rocky Mountains.
- Monitoring of radio-collared California bighorn sheep on Chum Creek to determine disease and other mortality factors.
- Assessment of the status and success of several ungulate transplants within the Cariboo region.
- Recovery of the Telkwa caribou herd through transplants, and monitoring of radio-collared caribou to determine movement, distribution, habitat use and mortality.
- Study of the habitat requirements of boreal caribou in the Peace Region.
- Study on the response of marten to alternative forest practices in mixed wood boreal forests of northeastern British Columbia.
- Continued activities to encourage river bank restoration of oxbows in the south Okanagan.
- Prescribed fire to maintain and enhance habitat for elk, mountain sheep and mule deer in the Peace River and East Kootenay.

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Please note that the deadline for project proposals for 2000-2001 is 4:30 pm, November 4, 1999.

DON'T SUPPORT 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".

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

BC Environment intends to increase its enforcement efforts to stop illegal guiding. A person who guides without the proper licence 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.



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PROVINCIAL HARVEST TRENDS BY RESIDENT HUNTERS FOR CARIBOU, BIGHORN SHEEP, THINHORN SHEEP AND MOUNTAIN GOAT

Caribou

The current provincial estimate is 16,500 including 14,000 northern caribou and 2,500 mountain caribou. Caribou numbers have generally been stable over the last few years. About 75% of the northern caribou reside in the Skeena and Peace Regions. Mountain caribou occur within the southeastern portion of the province. These caribou are blue-listed in British Columbia meaning they are considered vulnerable or sensitive (at risk) and require large tracts of old-growth forest to ensure their survival.

Mountain caribou are currently not hunted. Northern caribou are managed on either a 5 point bull or mature bull regulation. This regulation appears to have been effective in maintaining adequate bull/cow ratios by protecting almost all yearling and 2.5 year-olds bulls, as well as most 3.5 and 4.5 year-old bulls. Overall, regulations since 1988 have been effective in maintaining the resident harvest of caribou at around 200.

Bighorn Sheep

Bighorn sheep include both Rocky Mountain and California bighorns. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep have increased substantially since the mid-1980's. Current numbers appear relatively stable at about 3000. California bighorn sheep have

increased as well, numbering about 3600 today. Because bighorn sheep are blue-listed, they are managed more cautiously than most other ungulates. The major threats to bighorn sheep continue to be loss of habitat through fire suppression, competition with livestock, and human encroachment. Hunting regulations include a general open season for full curl or * curl rams, and some limited entry hunts for rams. Hunting females under strict limited entry regulations is provided, when required, to maintain populations in a healthy balance with their environment. While the resident harvest since 1988 has averaged 150 sheep, both harvests and hunter numbers have dropped over the last 3 years.

Thinhorn Sheep

Thinhorn Sheep include both Dall's and Stone's sheep. Current populations appear stable. Dall's sheep number about 500 and are restricted to the mountains of the extreme northwest, primarily within Tatshenshini-Alsek Provincial Park. Dall's sheep are blue-listed. While their habitat is relatively secure, increased access within their range and resulting increased disturbance are of potential concern. Stone's sheep number about 12,000 and are found in most mountain ranges in the northern one-third of the province. Their largest numbers are located in the mountains in

the Muskwa, Kechika, and Spatzisi river drainage's. Although thinhorn sheep herd numbers fluctuate considerably from year to year, populations have generally remained stable over the longer term. Thinhorn sheep are managed under a full curl (over the bridge of the nose) regulation. Since 1998, the resident harvest of Thinhorn rams has averaged approximately 200 sheep per annum. The harvest of Dall's sheep has been low and variable, with harvest varying from none to 12 sheep annually.

Mountain Goat

The current provincial estimate is approximately 50,000 mountain goats. About 60 % of the mountain goats occur within the Kootenay and Skeena regions. Overall, mountain goat numbers appear to be stable, although populations have declined in some areas. While not considered at risk, mountain goats are sensitive to harvest. Because of the difficulty in distinguishing billies from nannies, hunting is less selective than for other ungulates. A large female component in the harvest could have a negative impact on mountain goat populations. Thus, hunters are encouraged to select male mountain goats when hunting. While the harvest since 1988 has averaged about 550 animals, the harvest has dropped in more recent years.

