

REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

HUNTING & TRAPPING

2003 - 2004



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A Message from the Director of Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation

British Columbia is Canada's most ecologically and biologically diverse province, and is renowned as a premier destination for hunters worldwide. As British Columbians, we are privileged to be able to experience all this province has to offer on a daily basis, and in doing so must understand our roles as stewards of its distinguished natural heritage.

Each year the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection develops a hunting and trapping synopsis which outlines the current regulations that govern these activities. This publication is a valuable tool that allows us to effectively communicate the rules used to achieve our wildlife conservation objectives and provide first-class wildlife recreational opportunities for residents and non-residents alike. I would personally like to thank all members of the public and government who made valuable contributions to the development of this synopsis.

This year marks the introduction of a new management model for fishing and wildlife recreation in the province; a model based on recommendations made by the Recreation Stewardship Panel, with input from hunters, anglers, and other members of the public. Under the new system, for the first time ever, all revenue generated through the sale of fish and wildlife recreational licences will be used to fund fish and wildlife programs. The new model will provide a strong financial base so that these programs can be continued and strengthened in the future.

As a part of the new system, fee increases to hunting and trapping licences will take effect this year. Fee amendments were based on the recommendations made by the Recreation Stewardship Panel as well as other stakeholder groups. The fee increases will allow fish and wildlife recreation programs to be self-supporting and tailored to clients' expectations.

The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) surcharges have been standardized at 20 per cent for resident licences and 30 per cent for non-resident licences. This fund has been in place for over 20 years, has provided more the \$65 million to support enhancement and educational projects, and is a valuable asset to this province.

British Columbia's hunters and trappers have been essential partners in wildlife conservation efforts for many years. Preserving this province's unique wildlife diversity and exceptional recreational programs dependent on these resources are goals we all share. I look forward to strengthening relationships with our partners and reaching our conservation and recreation goals in the years to come.

Alan Martin
Interim Director

Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

PROVINCE-WIDE

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available through the regional offices for the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. In response to requests from hunting, trapping and guide outfitting groups concerning the need for alternate Compulsory Inspection locations and flexible hours, and the Ministry's need to refocus constrained resources on other priority areas, Compulsory Inspections are now provided through the contracted services of qualified Compulsory Inspectors located in 27 locations throughout BC.

Compulsory Inspector locations are listed on the regional maps of each region. For more information see page 15 and MWLAP Website at:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>

Special Limited Entry Hunts for Roosevelt Elk and Mountain Sheep – available to BC Residents only. Applications for hunts occurring in Fall 2004 are currently available. Closing date for applications is December 10, 2003. See current (2003-2004) LEH Regulations synopsis or MWLAP website for more information.

Hunting and Species Licence Fees.

Most fees for BC residents remain unchanged with the exception of the basic hunting licence (increased to \$32.00) and the Queen Charlotte Islands deer species licence (decreased to \$10). Non-resident

hunting and species fees have generally increased. See pages 12 to 13 for fee information. Fees shown include Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) surcharges.

Caribou Hunting Seasons for the Itcha-Ilgachuz and Chase herds (M.U.s 5-12, 6-17, 6-18, 7-37 and 7-38) remain open. Hunting seasons for the Tweedsmuir-Entiako, Quintette, Moberly and Graham herds (M.U.s 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-30, 7-31, 7-36 and 7-43) are closed. See updated article on page 63 for more information.

The Definition for "Tine" has changed to make it more generic for all antlered species. See page 5 for details.

Bear Hunting: Hunters commit an offence if they do not remove the gall bladder from the bear carcass and leave the gall bladder at the kill site. A new regulation now allows a hunter to move the bear from the kill site (i.e. to a camp or residence or away from beaches) as long as the bear is gutted within 48 hours and the gall bladder is disposed of with the gut pile. This change was requested by hunters and guide outfitters that found the current regulations inconvenient. Possession (as well as import, export and trafficking) of Bear gall bladders remains illegal.

For further information on Wildlife Act regulations, please access www.qp.gov.bc.ca/sta-treg/ or for more information on MWLAP's program initiatives, please access:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>

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 MWLAP regional office or Conservation Officer Service District office in the area you wish to hunt.

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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 motorcycles 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 - 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 anything 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 a thing under 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.

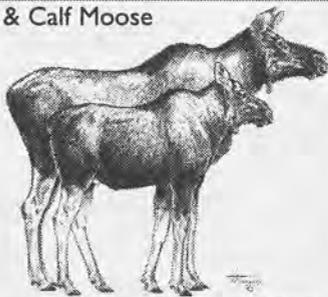
Buck or Bull - with reference to deer, moose, or elk means one bearing visible bony antlers. Buck or Bull - with reference to caribou, means a male 1 year of age or over, bearing visible bony antlers.

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

Cow Moose - Shoulder height: 6 feet; Weight: 600 - 800 lbs (live)

Calf Moose - Shoulder height: less than 5 feet; Weight: 300 - 400 lbs (live)

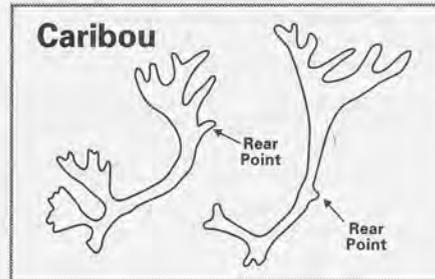
Cow & Calf Moose



Calves are much smaller and show a distinctly "stubby" face. Not all moose in the accompaniment of a larger moose are necessarily calves. Be sure of your target.

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. If rear point is missing, the first rear-facing point will be used as the 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.)

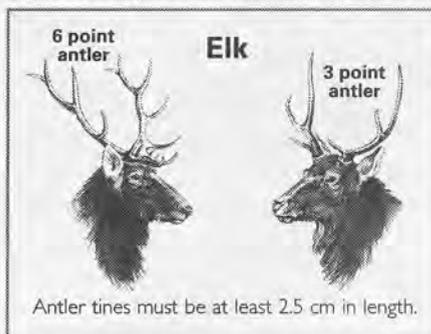
Decoy - means any material or manufactured product that simulates the appearance or has the form of wildlife.

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, pellet gun, "BB" gun or spring gun but does not include a bow.

Fur-Bearing Animal - means a fox, beaver, black bear, marten, fisher, lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, striped and spotted skunk, northern flying squirrel, red and Douglas' squirrel, ermine, weasel, wolverine, wolf or coyote.

Game Bird - means any grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or wild turkey.

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

Handgun - is a firearm that is designed, altered or intended to be aimed and fired by the action of one hand or that has a barrel less than 305 mm (12 in.) in length.

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:

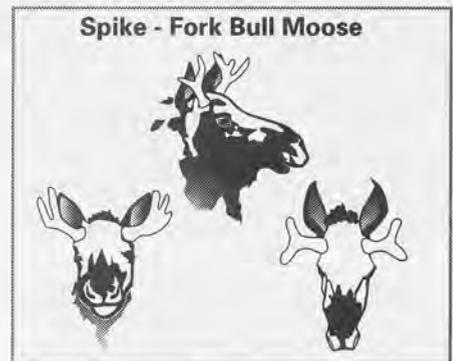
(a) with intention to capture the wildlife, or
(b) while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

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 13.

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.

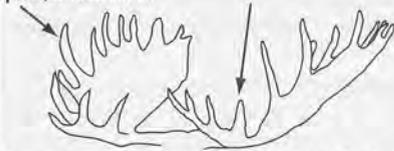
Moose - Spike-fork Bull - means a bull moose having no more than two tines on one antler. (Includes tines on main antler and brow palms).



Moose - 10 Point Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a minimum of ten points (tines), including the tines on the brow palm. (See diagram on p. 4 and tine definition on p.5.)

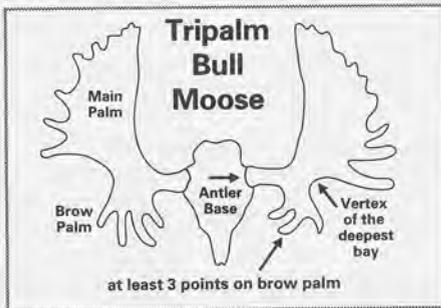
10 Point Bull
Minimum of a total of ten points (including brow palm) on one antler.

Tripalm Bull
Minimum of a total of three points on one brow palm.



Note: Hunters must refer to the definition of a tine. The rounded tines at the top of the main palm on some moose may not constitute a point.

Moose - Tripalm 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 an 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 station-

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Mountain Sheep - 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.

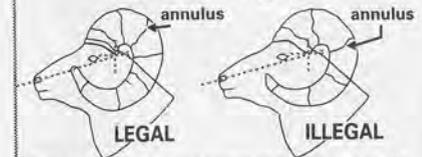
Mountain Sheep - 3/4 Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending beyond a straight line drawn through the back of the eye opening and at right angles to a line drawn between the centre of the nostril 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.

Mountain Sheep - 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.

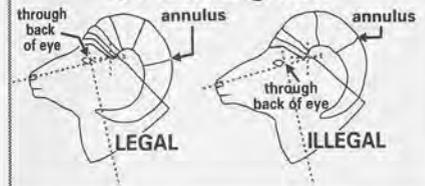
Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Thinhorn Ram - means any male thinhorn mountain sheep whose horn tip extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge when

Full Curl Bighorn

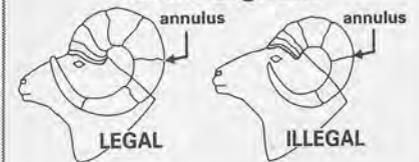


Reference points (+): use centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the base of the horn

3/4 Curl Bighorn



Full Curl Thinhorn/ Mature Bighorn



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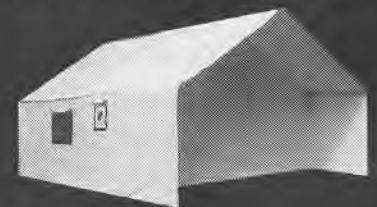
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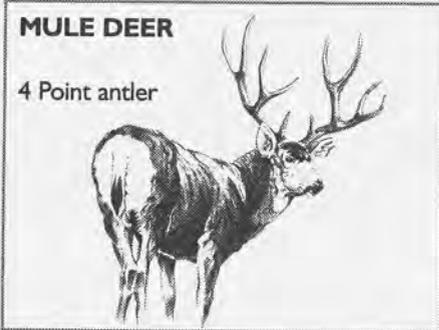
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viewed squarely from the side or which has attained the age of 8 years as evidenced by yearly horn growth annuli as determined by the Regional Manager or designate. Do not use yearly horn growth annuli to determine the age of a ram in the field, because "false" annuli may present.

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 - 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 12 months before doing a thing under the Wildlife Act.

Non-resident alien - means a person who is neither a resident nor a non-resident.

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 20.

Shot - means a cartridge manufactured so that it contains 8 or more roughly spherical projectiles.

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.

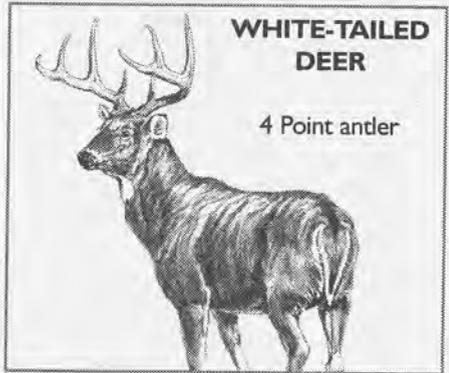
Tine or "point" - means a branch of an antler which is longer than its breadth and is at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length, and for the purpose of determining the length of a tine (a) the breadth of the tine is measured (if extending from a palmation of an antler, then in the plane of the palm) at a location at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) from the tip of the tine, and (b) the length of the tine is mea-

sured from its tip end, following the midline of the profile of the tine, and following the natural curvature of the tine, to the midpoint of the straight line along which the breadth is measured.

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.

White-tailed Deer - Four Points or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least four tines, including the brow tine, on one antler.



Wildlife - means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game and other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife by regulation.

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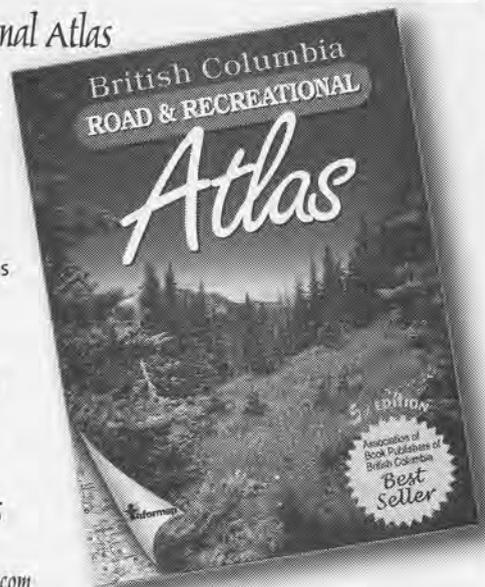
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 4. to use another person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.
 5. to be in possession of a big game animal without a properly cancelled species licence or otherwise by licence, permit, or as provided 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 bison with a weapon other than a) a centrefire rifle and ammunition other than ammunition constructed with a 175 grain or larger bullet which retains 2712 joules (2000 foot pounds) or more energy at 100 metres, or b) a bow having a pull greater than 22.6 kg within the archer's draw length, an arrow greater than 26 grams in weight and a broad-head greater than 8.1 grams in weight and 2.2 cm in width at its widest point
 16. to hunt with a firearm that is designed, altered or intended to be aimed and fired by the action of one hand or that has a barrel less than 305 mm (12 in) in length.
 17. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat.
 18. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or a boat propelled by a motor.
 19. 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.
 20. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind
 21. to hunt wildlife by the use of, or with the aid of, a light or an illuminating device.
 22. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by a helicopter.
 23. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
 24. to hunt wildlife within six (6) hours of being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
 25. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle or other mechanical device to disturb or harass wildlife.
 26. to hunt game, except migratory game birds, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
 27. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise
 28. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
 29. to use poison for the hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any wildlife.
 30. to use recorded or electronic calls to hunt wildlife (no exemption for trappers).
 31. to capture, possess or keep in captivity any live wildlife without a permit.
 32. to possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except those designated by regu-

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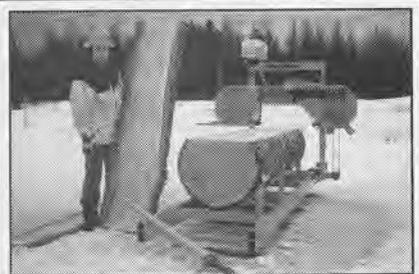
- Watch for road hazards and industrial traffic. Not all hazards are signed.
- Road conditions change. A road you expect to be open may be difficult to negotiate, deactivated or otherwise impassable.
- Roads not actively used for timber harvesting may be maintained to a wilderness standard or deactivated. Expect rough surfaces, potholes and cross ditches. Roads may be closed for safety reasons.
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lations, (ie: crows, English sparrows, cowbirds, magpies, Rock doves or European starlings or their egg or nest).

33. to buy or sell migratory birds (or their eggs or nests).
34. 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. 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 if he or she sells the pelt or skin to a licensed fur trader. (See Royalty Fees section on page 94).
35. to traffic in live wildlife, wildlife meat or offer to do so except as authorized by permit.
36. to traffic in dead wildlife or a part of wildlife except when the wildlife was lawfully killed in BC during an open season under the Wildlife Act 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.
37. 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. 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

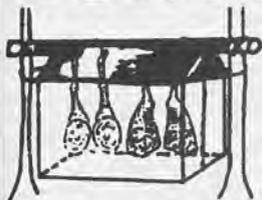
who complies with the requirement. Of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear, the hide must be removed to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter, the owner or operator of a cold storage plant or to a taxidermist, tanner or a fur trader. A person who kills 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.

38. 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.
39. to use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
40. to discharge, dump, discard or dispose of litter.
41. to shoot, hunt or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle except under permit.
42. to deface any notice posted under authority of the Wildlife Act.
43. to damage or interfere with a lawfully set trap.
44. to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licenced to do so.
45. to hunt black bear or grizzly bear by placing bait or using a dead animal or a part of it as bait
46. to hunt a grizzly bear or black bear less than 2 years old or any bear in its company.
47. to hunt the white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
48. to possess or transport a big game animal that was killed unintentionally

by accident or collision, or was illegally killed.

49. to kill or wound wildlife by accident or to protect life or property and fail to promptly report the killing to an Officer.
50. 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 c) 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, **or, if they move the bear from the kill site and within 48 hours gut the bear and dispose of the gall bladder with the gut pile.**
51. 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.
52. for the holder of a resident hunter number to change their name or residential address and fail within 30 days to notify the Director of the FWRA of the change. In the case of a legal name change, a document must be submitted evidencing the legal name change.
53. for the holder of a resident hunter number to fail to deliver their hunter number card to the director of the FWRA within 30 days of ceasing to be a BC resident.
54. to apply for, obtain, or use more than one resident hunter number.

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55. 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.
56. to export wildlife from BC unless you have a valid export permit, or are exempted from holding an export permit.
57. to intentionally feed or attempt to feed dangerous wildlife (cougar, coyote, wolf and bear) except when lawfully engaged in hunting or trapping where baiting is authorised.

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,

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- PENALTIES - Violators Be Warned!

- ▶ We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource!
- ▶ If you are convicted of an offense under the Wildlife Act or regulations, or the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 (Canada), 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, FWRA, 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.

B.C.'S BEAR PARTS TRADE BAN

- ▶ To protect grizzly and black bears, the B.C. government 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 of bear paws 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 MWLAP regional office for more information.

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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 FWRA Branch will contact some hunters by telephone this season.

▶ Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, compulsory reporting and the voluntary tooth return program for moose, 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!

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

▶ For information on the Canadian Firearm Licence, contact the Canadian Firearm Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or visit the website at www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca.

CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION EDUCATION (C.O.R.E.)

▶ 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) accepted the responsibility for the delivery of the program and graduate record keeping. C.O.R.E. graduates who are not a BCWF or affiliated club member are entitled to apply for a BCWF direct membership at half-price, 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: Outdoor Ethics and Game Care, Firearm Handling and Archery Equipment, Hunting Regulations, Animal and Bird Identification, Outdoor Survival, First aid and Field Craft, and Hunter Heritage, Conservation and Wildlife

Management chapters found in the C.O.R.E. 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, MWLAP, the BCWF office in Surrey, at 1-800-533-2293 or the MWLAP web page at

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>

▶ For a Bowhunter Education Program course recognized throughout North America, contact: B.C. Archery Association www.archeryassociation.bc.ca

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 FWRA 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 FWRA 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.

▶ If the holder of a hunter number card changes his or her legal name, residential

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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 the Director of the FWRA Branch 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 FWRA Branch. If a person who holds a BC resident hunter number

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 - matrix shot, 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.

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 Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation, MWLAP, PO Box 9374, Str Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9M1. See page 16 for name and address change form.

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. 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 (or 2 of the 5 years preceding application if the applicant has completed C.O.R.E.). This person must obtain the required permit from the Regional Office of MWLAP of the region in which the hunt is intended. Application for the permit must

be made on the proper form (available from MWLAP 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, but 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.

▶ In addition, it is illegal to hunt with a handgun in BC. See page 3 for definition.

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).

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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 had their permanent residence in the Province for seven months in the 12 months immediately before applying for the licence. A member of the Canadian Armed Forces enrolled in continuing full-time military service is eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence after making his/her permanent residence in BC 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 MWLAP Regional offices.

1. A Hunter Number Card may only be obtained by an applicant who produces a document issued by a province or state evidencing the successful completion of the C.O.R.E. (Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) examinations in B.C. or another North American government sponsored hunter safety training program completed while resident in that state or province.

2. 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.

3. 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 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.

4. Non-residents' qualifications for a Junior Hunting Licence are the same as in (3.) 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 14.

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

MIGRATORY BIRDS

▶ When hunting migratory game birds, you must carry with you a valid Canadian Migratory Game Bird hunting permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence. The permit is available at the Post Office.

▶ The Bird Banding Laboratory in Maryland collates all North American bird banding records. If you find a banded migratory bird, please report it to their toll free number at 1-800-327-BAND (2263).

BOWHUNTERS

▶ Bowhunters are asked to ensure that the box on their resident hunting licence counterfoil, indicating that they are bowhunters, is filled in at the time of issue by the licence issuer.

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 MWLAP Offices, Government Agents, and FWRA Branch, PO Box 9374 Stn Prov Govt, 4th Floor, 2975 Jutland Road, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1. 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

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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.

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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▲

Queen Charlotte Island (QCI)
Deer**\$.10.00★**
Non-Resident QCI Deer**\$.25.00★**

Duplicate Hunting and Species Licences

▶ 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 (HCTF).

▲ A youth hunting ducks or geese during Waterfowler Heritage Days does not require a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.

▼ A youth hunting ducks or geese during designated Waterfowler Heritage Days does not require a hunting licence or a

junior hunting licence (see below for details). An Acknowledgement of Responsibility, signed by a parent or guardian, is still required.

* Holders of a federal firearm licence are exempt from the requirement of holding a BC firearm licence; however, if you own a BB gun or Pellet gun and do not have a federal firearm licence, you require a BC BB and Pellet Gun Firearm Licence.

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

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.

WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS

▶ Waterfowler Heritage Days (WHDs) for the hunting of ducks and geese continue in Regions 1 to 6 and 8. Only young hunters between the ages of 10 and 18 who have met all provincial requirements are permitted to hunt, and they must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. The adult hunter can accompany a maximum of 2 youth hunters. The adult hunter can guide and advise the young hunter but is not permitted to hunt. WHDs will last two days in all regions except Region 4, where the WHD will be for 1 day. See individual regions for season dates. General open seasons in the affected regions may be reduced by 2 (or 1) days so that the overall number of hunting days for migratory game birds remains unchanged. Federal regulations have been amended to exempt young hunters from having to purchase the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit when participating in WHDs. Provincial regulations have

Species Licence Fees

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

Fees include HCTF surcharge, but not G.S.T.

~ BIG GAME ~

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Bison	\$70.00	\$700.00
Black Bear	\$20.00	\$130.00
(Non-B.C. Resident until June 30, 2003; on or after July 1, 2003) \$180.00		
Bobcat *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Caribou *	\$20.00	\$230.00
Cougar *	\$30.00	\$230.00
Deer ▲ (mule and white-tailed)	\$15.00	\$125.00
Elk	\$25.00	\$200.00
Grizzly Bear *	\$80.00	\$1,030.00
Lynx *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Moose	\$25.00	\$200.00
Mountain Goat *	\$30.00	\$275.00
Mountain Sheep *	\$50.00	\$620.00
Wolf	No Licence	\$50.00
Wolverne *	\$8.00	\$40.00

Licence Cancellation

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 2 days after the date of issue.
- ▲ Mule deer licence also valid for black-tailed and fallow deer.

~ SMALL GAME ~

	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Upland Game Birds	No Species Licence Required	\$50.00

All hunting and species licences expire March 31, 2004

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, harlequin and canvasback.

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

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

▶ The possession limit for all migratory game birds at all times (including while hunting, returning from hunting or at a residence) 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 Sharp-tailed grouse and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit. The bag limit for Sharp-tailed grouse in Region 7B is three times the daily limit.

been amended to exempt young hunters from having to purchase the provincial hunting licence (\$32.00) or the junior hunting licence (\$7.00) when participating in WHDs. In addition, youth between the ages of 14 and 18 are also exempt from the requirement to complete hunter safety training (CORE) prior to participating in WHDs. NOTE: Youth who wish to hunt ducks and geese outside of designated WHDs or who wish to hunt for any other species of game, must purchase the appropriate licence and, if 14 years of age or older, must complete CORE.

HUNTING METHODS

Handguns

▶ No person shall hunt wildlife with a handgun.

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.

Hunting for Bison

▶ No person shall hunt bison with a bow having a pull less than 22.6 kg within the archer's draw length, an arrow less than 26 grams in weight, and a broadhead less than 8.1 grams in weight and 2.2 cm in width at its widest point.

Falconry

▶ Licenced falconers may hunt small game by the use or with the aid of raptors throughout the Province during the regular open season or during bow only seasons 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, lynx, bobcat, 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/her 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 (LEH) seasons are open only to hunters who have drawn the appropriate LEH authorization. LEH 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.

▶ Species licences are required in addition to an LEH authorization.

Aboriginal Hunting

▶ The first priority of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that Indian people have 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 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 demonstrated 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. Indians who are residents of BC and are exercising an aboriginal right to hunt for sustenance purposes within a traditionally-used area are required to comply with hunting regulations related to public health and public safety. In situations where conservation of a particular species is of concern and 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. These restrictions may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, individuals should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the MWLAP Regional Office with respect to any specific requirements that may apply to them.

▶ Indians who are residents of BC and wish to hunt outside their traditionally-used areas must do so in accordance with the Hunting Regulations. This includes making application for a LEH authorization via the LEH draw. If an individual is in doubt regarding a traditional hunting area or practice, they should be in contact with the appropriate First Nations officials and the regional Wildlife Program staff to discuss specific situations.

▶ 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.

DEER LICENCE ENTITLEMENT

▶ A person must not possess more than **15** 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 **15** 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).



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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 MWLAP staff if, when a hunter disposes of a trophy, the licences and other documentation are transferred with the trophy to the new owner.

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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

Compulsory Inspectors will not complete the compulsory inspection unless ALL information and parts are submitted and able to be collected. Hunters are not in legal possession of the wildlife unless they comply with compulsory inspection requirements.

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to a compulsory inspector for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (ie, tooth) within 15 days of the kill (note exception below).

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

- grizzly bear • cougar • caribou
- mountain goat • mountain sheep
- elk taken in Regions 2, 8 and 7 (MU 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26)

1. Persons who gain the written approval from a Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official of MWLAP 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, caribou, mountain goat, a mountain sheep or an elk in Region 2 or 8 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 a compulsory inspector 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 (ie. Dall's, Stone's, California or Rocky Mountain):

- the portion of the skull including the nasal bones, the entire eye-socket, the horns and the associated connective bone structure, and
- the horns for insertion of a numbered aluminum plug by an officer.



For mountain goat:

- the horns.



For caribou:

- the incisor (front) tooth, the antlers, and for a caribou without at least one main beam measuring over 60 cm (24 inches) in length, the hide with evidence of sex attached.

• elk taken in Regions 2, 8 and 7 (MU 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26)

- an incisor (front) tooth (Regions 2 and 8) 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 • bison • wolverine • bobcat
- moose in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A (Omineca), or 8
- turkey (bearded), bow season only, in Region 4
- wolf in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 or in Region 4
- elk in Regions 1 or 4
- mule (black-tailed) deer in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58*
- mule (black-tailed) deer bucks or white-tailed deer in MUs 3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31 and 3-34 to 3-44 during the September 1 to September 9 youth and bow only seasons.

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, bison or an elk, an incisor (front) tooth in a Harvest Data Tooth return envelope to a MWLAP regional office and for a mule (black-tailed) deer or white-tailed deer in MUs 3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31 and 3-34 to 3-44 during the September 1 to September 9 youth and bow only seasons, an incisor (front) tooth in a Harvest Data Tooth return envelope to the Kamloops Regional office.

* Mule deer bucks in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to

7-36, 7-42 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58, must be compulsory reported within 72 hours by manually depositing a completed Harvest Data Card into a 24 hour drop box located outside only the MWLAP offices in Fort Nelson, Fort St John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, or 282 Second Avenue in Prince George.

Other than for Region 3 deer seasons above, PLEASE DO NOT SEND DEER TEETH.

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to fur bearing animals taken by trapping. Compulsory Reporting of fur bearing animals taken by trapping is on page 93.

Compulsory Inspection for Hunter Harvest is no longer available through the Regional Offices of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

Compulsory Inspections are a requirement for specific game species under the BC Hunting Regulations. These species are submitted for the purposes of data collection and enforcement. The Compulsory Inspection process includes taking measurements and/or parts of the animals for scientific analysis and provides wildlife managers with valuable information about the sex, age and condition of animals being harvested. Compulsory Inspections in concert with other data collection methods enable managers to set more specific hunting regulations. Without adequate information, the risk of over harvests would increase, thereby requiring managers to set more conservative harvest levels in order to protect animal populations.

In response to requests from hunting, trapping and guide outfitting groups concerning the need for alternate Compulsory Inspection locations and flexible hours and the Ministry's need to refocus constrained resources on other priority areas, Compulsory Inspections are now provided through the contracted services of qualified Compulsory Inspectors located in 27 locations throughout BC. This delivery system provides an improved service to hunters and at the same time results in a more efficient use of staff resources.

The Ministry undertook a broadly based and transparent procurement process for qualified individuals who met the criteria for Compulsory Inspectors. Following a thorough selection process, a Criminal Records Check and a comprehensive training course, successful candidates were appointed by the Chief Conservation Officer as Special Conservation Officers (Compulsory Inspectors) under the Environment Management Act.

The Compulsory Inspector locations are listed on the regional maps of each region.

For contact information, please contact the appropriate MWLAP Regional Office or the MWLAP Website at:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>

Bull Moose Antler Regulations

The Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation Branch recognizes three types of moose antler regulations. These regulations include the "spike-fork bull", "tripalm bull" and new this year, "10 point bull" (see page 3). The antler regulations have been used to improve and maintain suitable bull:cow ratios while providing as much hunting opportunity as possible. BC has been using moose antler regulations for 20 years. The spike-fork bull was implemented in the Omineca in 1981, and is now also used in the Southern Interior (Regions 3 and 8) and the Peace. The tripalm bull regulation was implemented in the Peace in 1996. The 10 point bull regulation was developed in 2003 to provide some additional opportunity to harvest large bulls in the Peace.

While moose antler regulations have proven successful, the FWRA Branch and Conservation Officer Service receive complaints each year that some bull moose

harvested under antler regulations are misidentified, shot and left in the field. It is the responsibility of the hunter to ensure that the moose is legal. The following notes will help to ensure that you correctly identify a legal bull moose:

1. You may not be able to identify the number of antler points without good quality high power binoculars. You may find it helpful to pack a small spotting scope as well.
2. Take your time. You may not be able to identify the number of points without a lengthy observation, and you may not be able to correctly count the points until the bull moves his head about.
3. Don't try long shots. At long range you may not be able to make an adequate study of the antler points.
4. Respect your prey. Take the time and effort to be sure your target is legal. If you aren't positive, don't shoot.

Should you accidentally shoot an illegal bull moose, field dress the carcass, leave it at the scene, go the nearest phone and report the matter to the closest Conservation Officer Service. Hunters who accidentally shoot an illegal animal and report it are viewed in a different light than those who intentionally kill an illegal animal, or fail to report the matter. Each case will be investigated and judged individually.

Hunters are reminded that, in addition to retaining evidence of species and sex, they must retain the antlers from their moose while returning from their hunt. In all regions, except the Peace, hunters must also collect an incisor tooth and submit the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return Envelope" (postage paid) after completing their hunt. These cards are available at no charge at the time of your license purchase. The incisor tooth is used to age the animal and provides valuable data to better manage the moose population.



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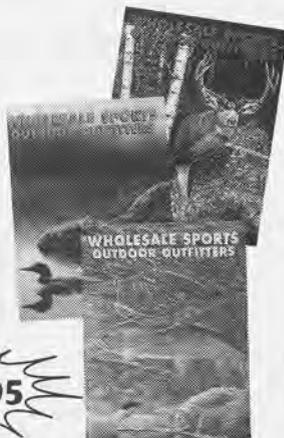
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GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

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) 940-4710.

Provincial Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected Areas

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms, or bows is prohibited in many Provincial Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected 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, Recreation Area or Protected 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, Recreation Areas and Protected 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,

Recreation Area or Protected 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 the regional office for further information, or consult the Park and Recreation Area Regulations.

▶ Individuals hunting in a Provincial Park, Recreation Area or Protected 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 2003/04 (February 2003) 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 the regional office, or from BC Parks headquarters at PO Box 9398 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M9.

▶ Most ecological reserves are also referenced in the BC Recreational Atlas, 5th 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.

▶ Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are NOT included in this synopsis.

Indian Reserves

▶ Indian Reserves are private land. Permission must be obtained from the local Indian business office in order to hunt on or across these lands.

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 their Contractors. The road allowance extends

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) - MWLAP 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) - MWLAP 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) - MWLAP may close or restrict the use of any vehicle over a defined area for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.

- (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
- (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 is to address the problems associated with increasing public pressure for 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.

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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 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.

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

- 1) Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of elk, moose, caribou, 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 or the tail.
- 2) Anyone who possesses or transports the whole carcass of an elk, moose, caribou, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer or fallow deer shall leave attached to the carcass
 - (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, or that portion of the head which bears the antlers, and
 - (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats, or that portion of the head which in males normally bears antlers.
- 3) Anyone who possesses or transports the whole carcass or part of the carcass of big game, other than that described in 2) above, must leave attached to the carcass:
 - (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, and
 - (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats.
- 4) Anyone who possesses or transports only the hide or part of the hide of a grizzly bear or cougar must leave attached to the hide:
 - (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, and
 - (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats.
- 5) Despite sections 3 and 4 above, a person who is in possession of a portion of a carcass or hide does not commit an offence if
 - (a) the person did not kill the wildlife they possess,
 - (b) the person received the wildlife from the person who killed it,
 - (c) the person possesses the portion of the carcass or hide for a purpose contemplated in section 36 (2) (is taking it to their residence, a meat cutter, etc) of the Wildlife Act,
 - (d) the person is transporting the portion of the carcass or hide in compliance with section 37

- (has a record of receipt, see Transporting Wildlife this page) of the Act, and
 (e) the person who killed the wildlife possesses a portion of the carcass or hide with the parts attached as required in 2) and 3) above.

▶ See also compulsory reporting and compulsory inspection requirements, page 15.

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 MWLAP.

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 (see page 86) 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 an officer, 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 covered under C.I.T.E.S. (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) a C.I.T.E.S. permit is also required for grizzly bear, black bear, wolf, cougar, lynx or bobcat exported out of Canada.

▶ A person who is ordinarily a resident of the United States may export a black bear hunted by the person, if it is in a fresh, frozen or salted condition and the person is exporting only the hide, the hide with paws and claws attached, the skull, or the meat excluding any organs, without obtaining a C.I.T.E.S. export permit.

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▶ When a big game animal has been processed by a taxidermist, a tanner or meatcutter, it may be exported with an export permit 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 MWLAP 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 the FWRA Branch or a MWLAP regional office 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 for this purpose.

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You need to know . . .

In Canada's National Parks:

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- Collection or removal of natural objects is prohibited (e.g. antlers, skulls)

Close to the Boundary?

- It's your responsibility to know where you are in relation to park boundaries. Obtain appropriate maps or contact park offices.
- Encouraging wildlife to move beyond park boundaries is illegal.

Report suspicious activities: 1-888-WARDENS (toll free)
 (1-888-927-3367)

For more information:

Mt. Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks	250-837-1194
Kootenay National Park	250-347-9361
Yoho National Park	250-343-6829
Pacific Rim National Park Reserve	250-726-7165
Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve	250-559-8818



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- **Moose Teeth:** a lower front tooth complete with root from your moose is required for accurate aging. The tooth is most easily removed by making cuts as deeply as possible on both sides of the tooth, hooking thumb over the top of the tooth and rotating the tooth forward, then cutting the root free. See the back side of the Harvest Card return envelope.
- **Tooth returns** are still required for other species for compulsory reporting and inspection where specified for either LEH or general open season hunts.

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.
- ▶ MWLAP 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.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions about West Nile Virus and Wildlife

Where in Canada has West Nile Virus (WNV) been detected in wildlife?

As of June 2003, WNV has been detected in Canadian wildlife, primarily birds, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. A map of regions reporting WNV activity in Canada can be found at: <http://wildlife.usask.ca/english/frameWestNile.htm>

Are crows and raptors the only bird species with WNV infection?

Since 1999, WNV has been detected in over 160 wild and captive bird species. This list is based on reports from public health, wildlife and veterinary diagnostic laboratories across Canada and the United States.

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Birds are the natural host and reservoir of WNV. Although other animals, including several mammals and an alligator, are susceptible to WNV infection, there is currently no evidence that animals other than birds develop a high enough virus load to transmit the infection to an uninfected mosquito. The list of animal species in which WNV infection has been detected has continually increased since 1999 and can be found at: <http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/research/westnile/wnvaffected.html>

How do I know if an animal has WNV infection?

Signs of infection in wildlife, like in humans, can range from no symptoms to severe symptoms of neurologic illness. Commonly reported signs in animals have included: weakness, stumbling, trembling, head tremors, inability to fly/walk, and lack of awareness that allowed them to be easily approached and handled. These signs do not necessarily indicate WNV infection, and the only way to confirm WNV infection is by laboratory testing of tissues for the presence of virus.

What should I do if I find sick or dead wildlife?

A cluster of sick or dead animals in an area may indicate WNV infection, but may indicate other wildlife diseases of concern. If you find sick or dead wildlife, contact your closest MWLAP office or the Wildlife Veterinarian at 250-953-4285. Since local health departments use dead crow reports to estimate WNV activity in an area, we request that you contact your local health department to report a sick or dead crow/corvid. <http://www.bccdc.org>

How do I handle a sick or dead animal?

There is no evidence to indicate you can be infected with WNV by handling a sick or dead animal. However, there are a number of other potential infections that could result from handling an animal. To protect yourself from any such exposure, it is recommended to wear gloves or to put a plastic bag over your hand before touching the animal and to wash your hands with soap and water immediately afterward. Protective measures for those working outdoors have been recommended by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/westnile/> and <http://wildlife.usask.ca/english/frameWestNile.htm>

What about game birds? Should hunters be concerned about eating the game they catch?

Some game birds have tested positive for WNV. However, there is no evidence of human infection by consumption of properly cooked infected game. Hunters are likely at higher risk of infection by mosquito exposure, particularly in wetland environments. Protective measures should be taken to prevent mosquito exposure while hunting. Also, WNV transmission to humans has been documented to occur by accidental injury in the laboratory and by blood transfusion. It is recommended that hunters wear gloves when dressing (cleaning) the birds to protect against accidental injury and exposure to blood. Immediately consult with a physician should an injury occur to discuss the risk of WNV exposure from the injury.

What is the threat to endangered and threatened bird species?

This is an issue of great concern, as these populations are already struggling to survive in the current environment. If some of these species are more vulnerable to fatal WNV infection, WNV may ultimately lead to their extinction or significantly set back the progress of the recovery programs.

Can my dog or cat get WNV by eating an infected animal?

Although this is thought to be a possibility, there has been no evidence to indicate transmission of WNV to cats or dogs that carry or consume infected animals. Dogs and cats can get infected by the bite of a mosquito, thus minimizing their exposure to mosquitoes is recommended.

For more information on mosquitoes and their control:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/vir/pp/ipm/insects/mosquito.html>

(keep reading past where the pictures are—most information is below them)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/pdf/pnotes/mosquitos-e.pdf>

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/mosquito/mosquito-e.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/mosquito.htm>

<http://whyfiles.org/016skeeter/7.html>

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/ipmp/Brochures/goodbugs.htm>

On insect repellents:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/insectrtp.htm>

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pmra-arla/english/pdf/pnotes/deet-e.pdf>

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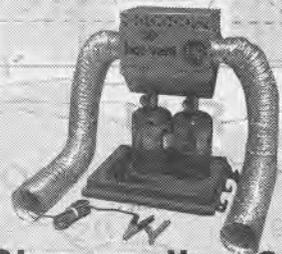
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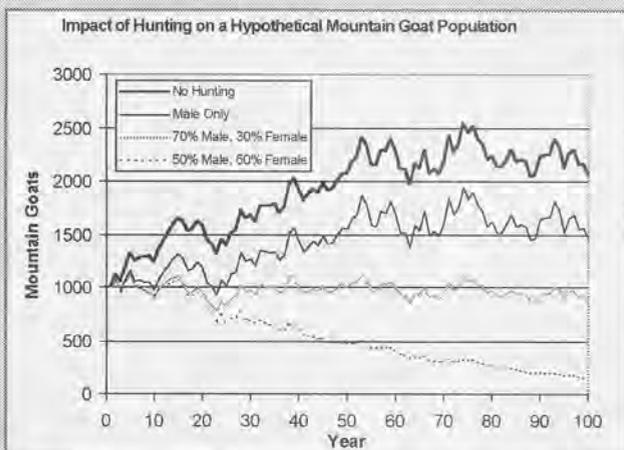
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IMPORTANT NOTICE - TO ALL MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

BC is home to about 50,000 mountain goats, or 90% of the goats in Canada. Goat numbers declined in a number of areas from 1950 to 1975, primarily because of over-hunting associated with increased access and high harvests of female goats. Recent hunting restrictions and reintroductions have largely reversed that trend, and today most mountain goat population's in the province are considered stable.

In recent years there has been a trend towards an increasing harvest of female goats in some areas. The Wildlife Program is attempting to address this concern through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male mountain goat (billy) while hunting. If high female harvests continue, more restrictive hunting regulations will need to be implemented.

Mountain goats are very sensitive to over-harvest, and even a small harvest of adult females can tip the balance between increasing and declining populations. The graph below shows just how sensitive mountain goats are to female harvest. In this example, an unharvested mountain goat population, while fluctuating yearly in response to weather and predators, increases from 1000 to over 2000 goats in 100 years. The same population of 1000 mountain goats is then harvested at 5% per year, but under 3 different hunting schedules: (1) only adult males are harvested, (2) 70% of the harvest is males and 30% are females; and (3) 50% of the harvest is males and 50% is females. When only adult males are harvested, goat numbers also increase. When the harvest is distributed as 70% males and 30% females, goat numbers are stable. But when the harvest composition is increased to 50% females and 50% males, the goat population rapidly declines.



Currently, the provincial mountain goat harvest from resident and non-resident hunters is comprised of about 70% males and 30% females. However, the resident harvest has averaged about 65% males and 35% females in recent years, and in 1998 the resident harvest was 60% males and 40% females. In some areas of the province it is close to 50% males and 50% females. Thus, mountain goat hunters are reminded that:

Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male mountain goat.

In order to ensure that you select a male mountain goat, please pay careful attention to the following criteria when viewing mountain goats: group composition, urination posture, genitalia, pelage, body size, and most importantly horn shape and size. While only one of these criteria may not allow you to reliably distinguish a male mountain goat, usually a combination of these features will.

1. Female and juvenile goats are found in groups throughout the year. They are rarely by themselves. Adult males generally live alone for most of the year. However, from late October to mid December, males seek out females, so both sexes can be found together at this time of year.

2. During urination, the male stretch forward with the front legs while keeping the hind legs stationary. The female, on the other hand, will move the hind legs apart, and then squat to situate her rump closer to the ground.

3. If you are at close range, you may be able to observe the genitalia in males, or observe the black vulval patch of the female if the tail is raised.

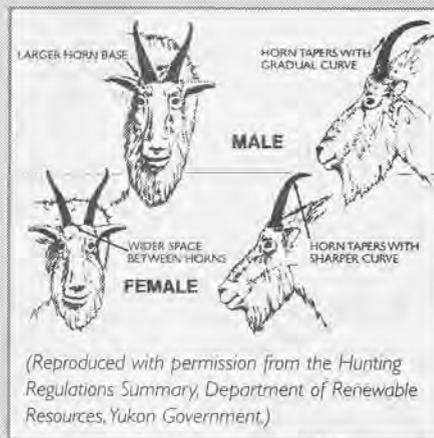
4. Males tend to have a bigger beard and pantaloons and longer hair over the top of the shoulders than do females.

5. Older males are usually larger than females, standing 3 to 6 inches higher at the shoulder and slightly longer in body length.

6. Adult males have longer, thicker horns and the circumference of the horn at the base is greater. Careful observation will show that there is less space between the horns of males than

females. Generally, the space between the base of the horns of an adult male is less than the diameter of the horn base, while the space between the horns of an adult female or juvenile is greater than the diameter of the horn base. Horn curvature is the single, most important characteristic to look at. For males, the horn curves back in a more uniform arch; while for females, the horn tends to curve more abruptly near the tip.

Remember, pack a spotting scope and take your time to observe each goat before you select an animal to shoot. Try to identify the sex of the goat using at least two of the above criteria. If you are hunting with a partner, check to make sure you are both in agreement. If you are not sure, don't shoot!

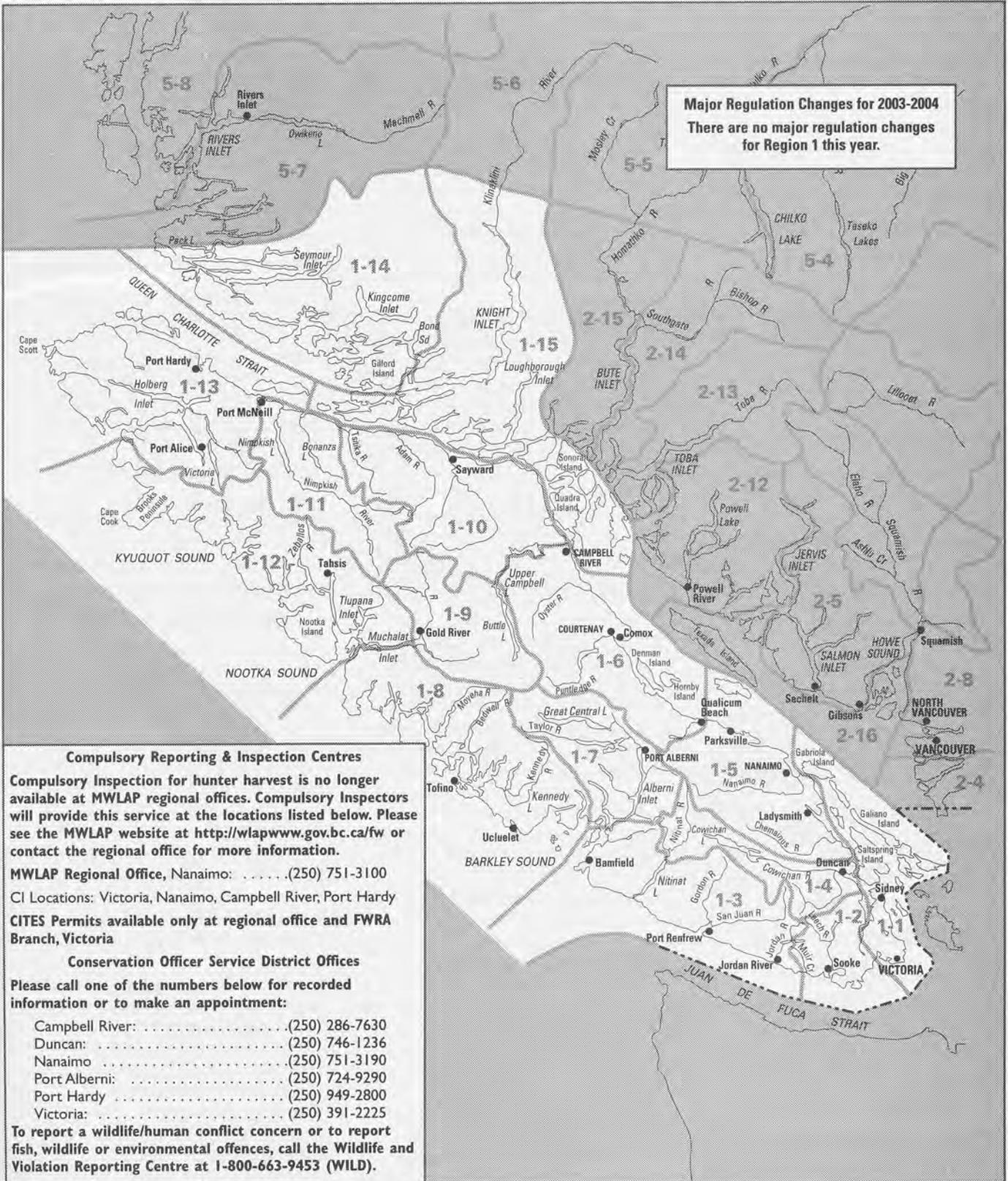


7. This is part of a continuing program to inform hunters of the need to select male mountain goats. While there has been a favourable decline in the number and proportion of female goats harvested since 1998, the Wildlife Program remains concerned over the numbers of female goats harvested in some areas. Copies of a video titled, "Is it a Billy or is it a Nanny?" may be borrowed from regional and Victoria fish and wildlife offices to help hunters to select male mountain goats. Copies are also available from the BC Wildlife Federation. Hunters are encouraged to view this video before their mountain goat hunt. The Wildlife Program will continue to monitor the proportion of nannies in the harvest and adjust hunting opportunities in response to local goat population trends and harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male mountain goat.

The Wildlife Program thanks the BC Wildlife Federation for purchasing copies of the video.

REGION 1

These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 5th edition.



Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004
 There are no major regulation changes for Region 1 this year.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres
 Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.
 MWLAP Regional Office, Nanaimo:(250) 751-3100
 CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Port Hardy
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Conservation Officer Service District Offices
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Campbell River:	(250) 286-7630
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To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).

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 A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and A35. On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Provincial Park the bag limit is 3 deer (antlered or antlerless) which are in addition to the provincial limit (see Map A1). Hunters must obtain the permission of the landowner before hunting on Sidney Island outside the park.

Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See pages 12 & 13 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 A19)
- ▶ Willow Creek in MU 1-6 (see map A20)
- ▶ Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain
- ▶ Snowmobiles & ATV's are prohibited in Zone B of MU 1-5 (Nanaimo River Camp) from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (see Map A17).

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ See page 15 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ No Shooting or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on pages 20 & 21. 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). Note No Shooting or Hunting areas in MU 1-1, Maps A2 to A6.

▶ 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: 604-940-4710) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ 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 and waterfowl is permitted in Vancouver Island Region during all open seasons, including archery only seasons.

▶ On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park and above the mean high-water mark, the open season for antlered and antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and fallow deer is August 23 to February 28/04. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island. See Map A1.

▶ 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 A10.

▶ 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 hunting is 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.

REGIONAL DISTRICT PARKS

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited in all Regional District Parks.

▶ Contact the Regional District in the locality you wish to hunt for information on new parks.

MUNICIPALITIES

▶ Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are not included in this synopsis. For more information, contact individual municipalities.

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Bligh Island Marine Park** ... (MU 1-12)
- Bodega Ridge Prov. Park** ... (MU 1-1)
- Brooks Peninsula Prov. Park** (MU 1-12)
- Cape Scott Prov. Park (waterfowl only)*** (MU 1-13)
(the drainage area of the Nahwitti Shushartie addition only is open to all hunting)
- Carmanah Walbran Prov. Park** (MU 1-3)
- Catala Island Marine Prov. Park** (MU 1-12)
- Claud Elliott Lake 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)

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Gibson Marine Prov. Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)(MU 1-8)
God's Pocket Marine Prov. Park(MU 1-13)
Gold Muchalat 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)
McBride Creek addition to Strathcona Provincial Park only(MU 1-7)
Main Lake Prov. Park(MU 1-15)
Marble River Prov. Park(MU 1-13)
Megin Talbot area only of Strathcona Provincial Park(MU 1-8)
Nimpkish Lake Prov. Park ..(MU 1-11)
Nuchatlitz Prov. Park(MU 1-12)
Octopus Islands Marine Provincial Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)(MU 1-15)
Quatsino Prov. Park(MU 1-13)

Sandy Island Prov. Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)(MU 1-6)
Schoen Lake Prov. Park(MUs 1-10, 1-11)
Sooke Mountain Prov. Park ..(MU 1-2)
Sulphur Passage Prov. Park ..(MU 1-8)
Sydney Inlet Prov. Park(MU 1-8)
Tahsish-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)

* Waterfowl includes ducks, coots, common snipe, snow geese, Ross's geese and Canada geese.

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

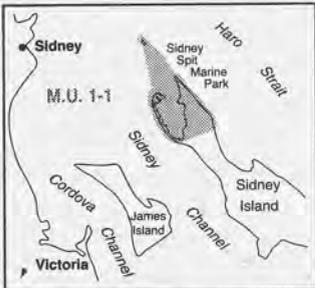
► The following parks are closed to hunting and the discharge of firearms. However hunters are permitted to carry unloaded firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park during a lawful hunting season:

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.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Sept 6 - Dec 10	2
	▲1-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
	★1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Aug 23 - Sept 5	2
Bow Only Season				
▲ 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 A17.				
Portion MU 1-6 restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Special Area Map A29.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
BLACK BEAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 6 - Dec 10	2
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1/2004- June 15/2004	2
	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 23 - Sept 5	
Bow Only Season				
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 or in zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A27.				
WOLF	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 6 - March 31/2004	3
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1/2004 - June 15/2004	3
All wolf taken in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 must be reported to a MWLAP office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 6 - March 31/2004	2
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1 - June 15/2004	2
RACCOON	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/2004	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	1-14, 1-15		Aug 1 - March 31/2004	10 (daily)
	1-14, 1-15		April 1/2004 - April 30/2004	10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - Mar 31/2004	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		Aug 30 - Dec 31	5 of each(15 of each)
	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 23 - Aug 29	5 of each(15 of each)
Bow only Season				
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 or in zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A17.				
PTARMIGAN	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	1-1 to 1-5		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
			No open season on mountain quail.	
PHEASANT (COCKS ONLY)	1-1 to 1-9		Oct 1 - Nov 30	2(6)
RAVEN	★1-1		Apr 1- Mar 31/2004	5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 15 to Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11 - Jan 23/2004	10(20)
DUCKS	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11 - Jan 23/2004	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye & 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 12 & 13				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11 - Jan 23/2004	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13				

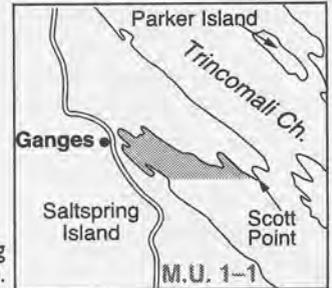
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
CANADA GEESE	1-3, 1-7 to 1-15		Oct 11 - Jan 23/2004(10)	
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Sept 15 - Oct 22	5(10)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Dec 15 - Jan 25/2004	5(10)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Feb 15 - Mar 10/2004	5(10)
	▲1-4 (Cowichan Bay)		Oct 11 - Oct 24	5(10)
			Dec 15 - Jan 25/2004	5(10)
			Feb 15/2004 - Mar 10/2004	5(10)
	▲1-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Sept 25 - Oct 10	5(10)
			Jan 10/2004- Jan 25/2004	5(10)
			Feb 15/2004 - Mar 10/2004	5(10)
▲See Map A10. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS				
DUCKS	1-1 to 1-15		★Oct 4 - 5	8(16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	1-1 to 1-15		★Oct 4 - 5	5(10)
CANADA GEESE	1-3, 1-7 to 1-15		★Oct 4 - 5	5(10)
CANADA GEESE	1-1, 1-2, 1-4 to 1-6		★Nov 1 - 2	5(10)
★Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. (see page 12 for details)				
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 12 & 13.				



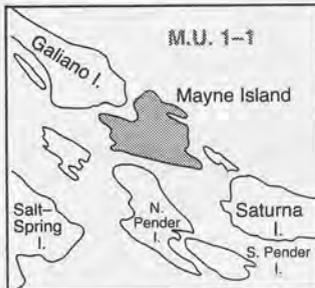
Map A1 Sidney Spit Marine Park exterior boundaries (situate in MU 1-1).



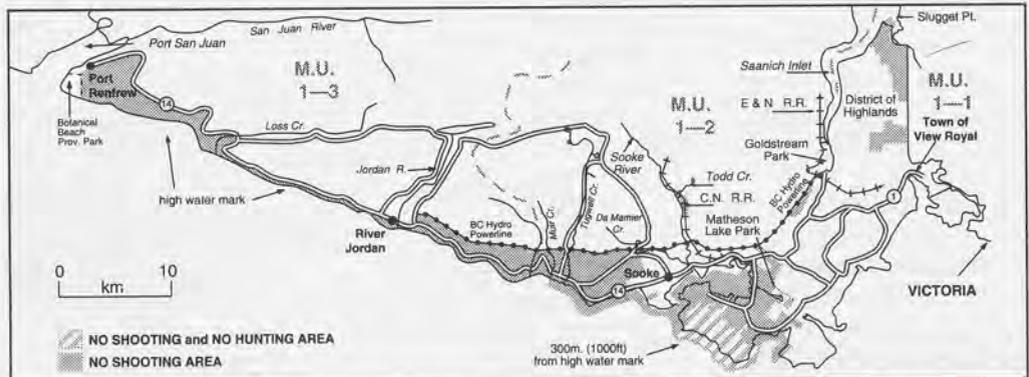
Map A2 Mudge and DeCourcy Islands No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-1).



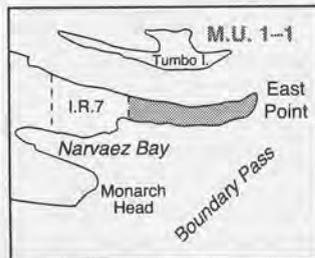
Map A3 Ganges No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-1).



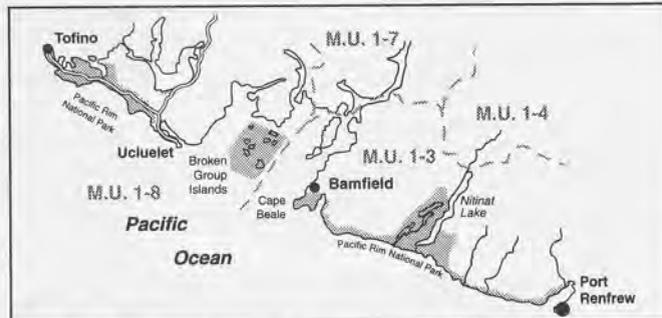
Map A4 Mayne Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-1).



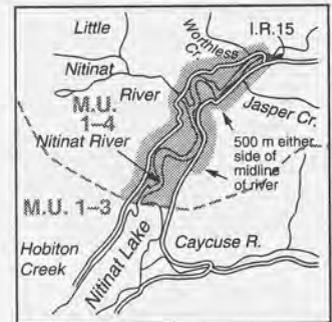
Map A5 Sooke - Metchosin. No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



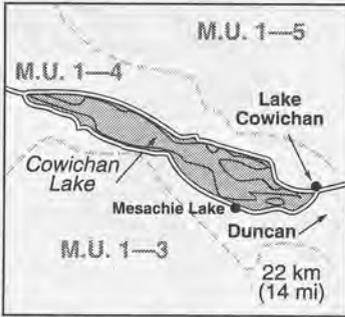
Map A6 Saturna Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-1).



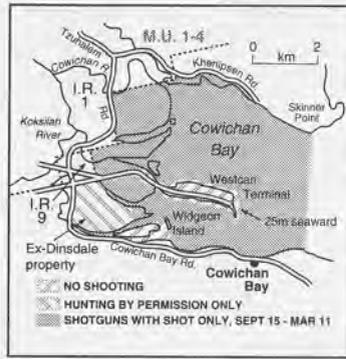
Map A7 Pacific Rim (West Coast) National Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 1-3 and 1-8).



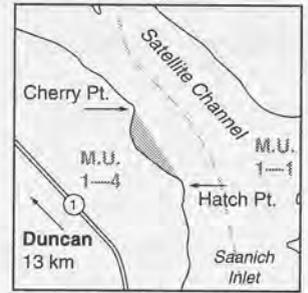
Map A8 Nitinat River No Shooting or Hunting Area. (situate in MU 1-4).



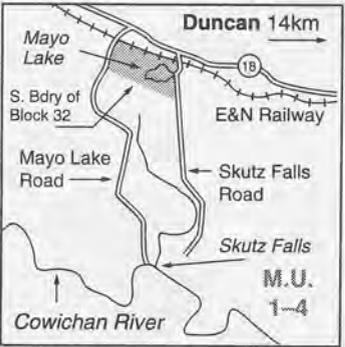
Map A9 Cowichan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



Map A10 Cowichan Bay Area (situate in MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Shotgun with Shot Only Area. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See page 30 for season dates.



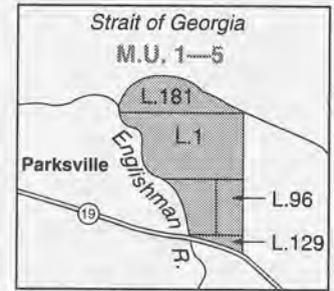
Map A11 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-4).



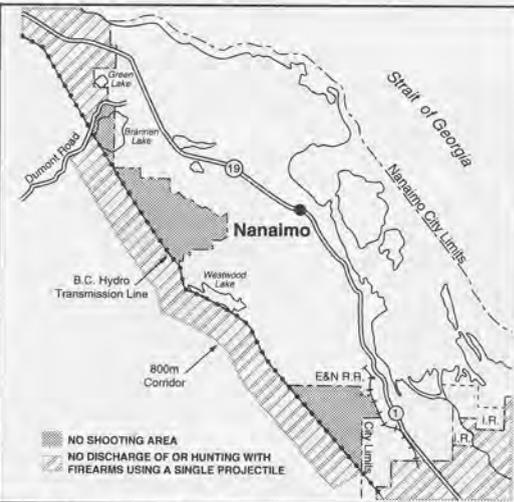
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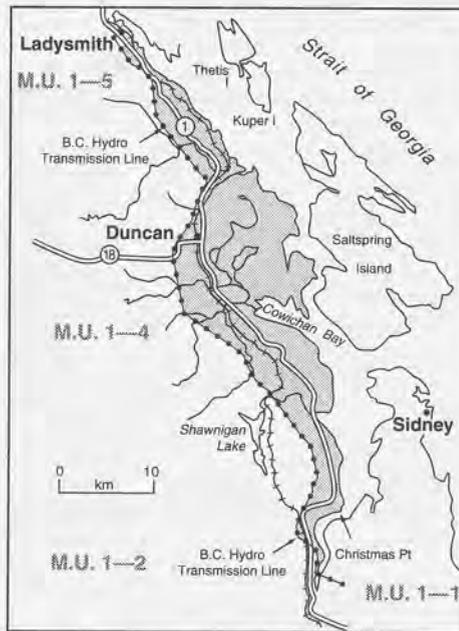
Map A13 Nanaimo-Ladysmith No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. Michael Lake: No Shooting on Michael Lake to the high water mark. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



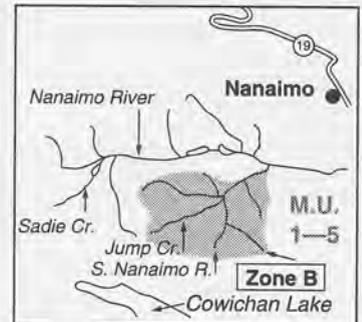
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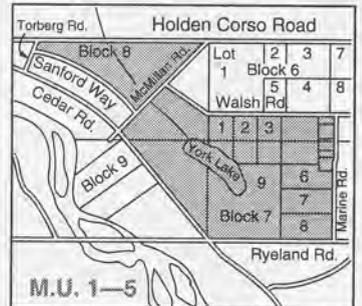
Map A15 Nanaimo - No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



Map A16 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 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



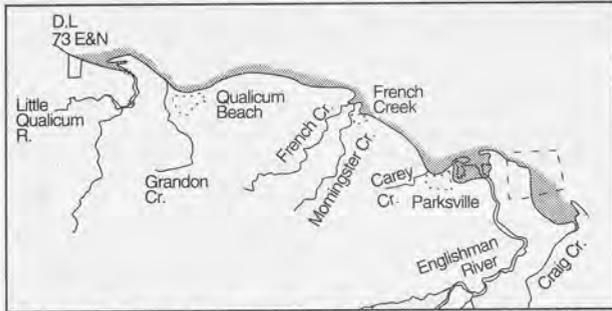
Map A17 Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATVs prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (situate in MU 1-5).



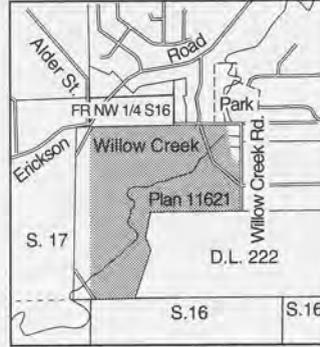
Map A18 York Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-5).

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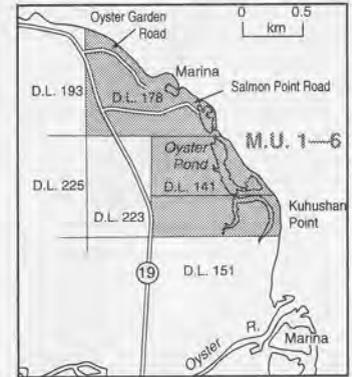
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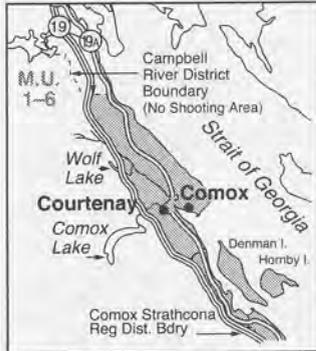
Map A19 Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Access Management Area (situate in MU 1-5). Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



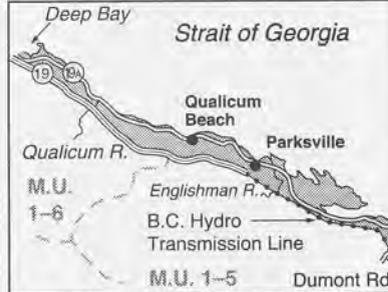
Map A20 Willow Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 1-6). Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



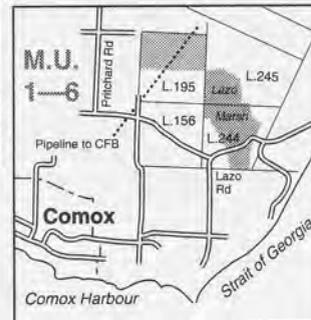
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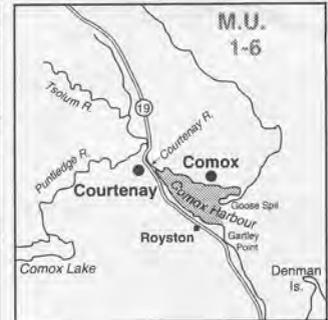
Map A22 Courtenay - Campbell River Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



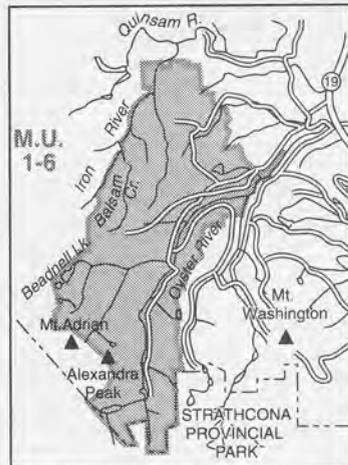
Map A23 Qualicum - Parksville Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MUs 1-5, 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of rifles or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



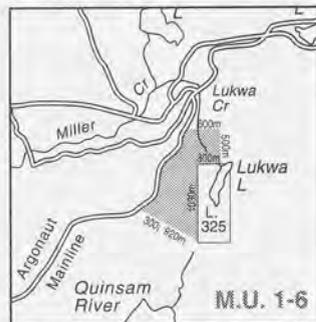
Map A24 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



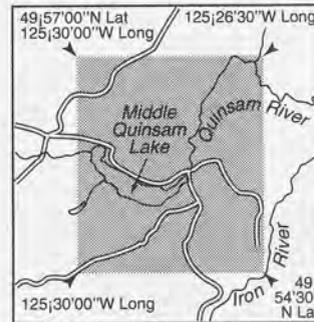
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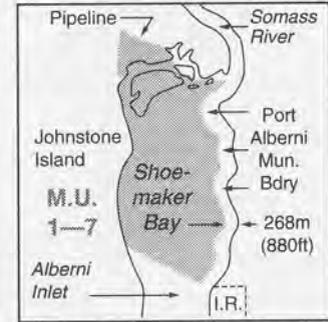
Map A29 Iron River/Oyster River Special Mule Deer Hunting Area (situate in MU 1-6). Special season for 2 point or greater mule deer is Sept. 6 to Dec. 10.



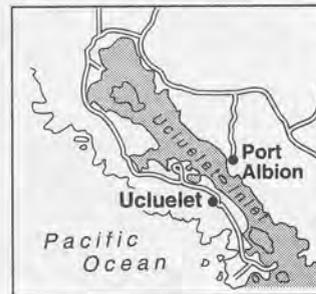
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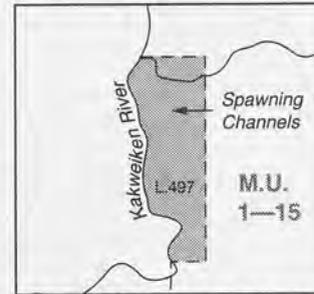
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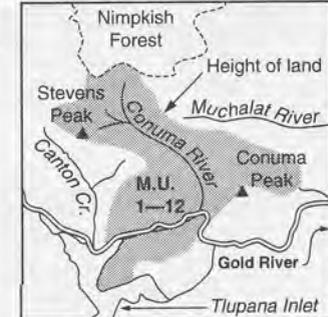
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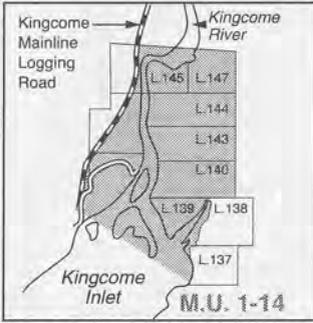
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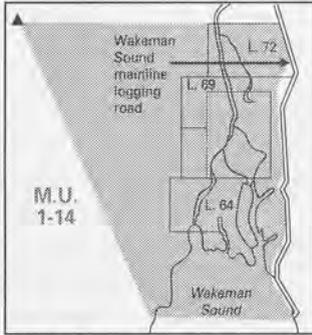
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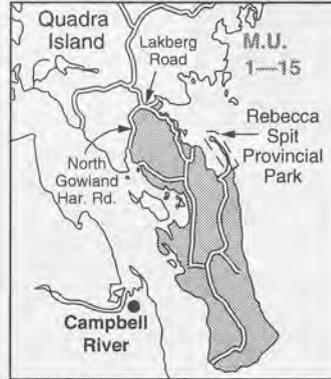
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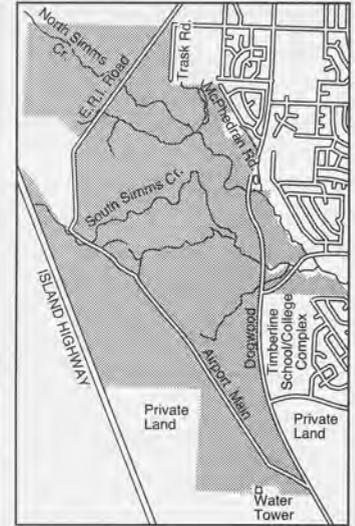
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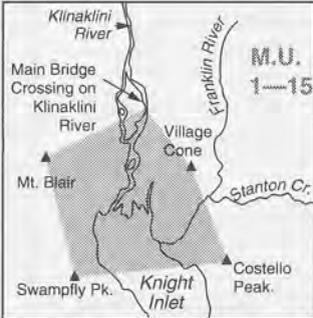
Map A34 Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-14).



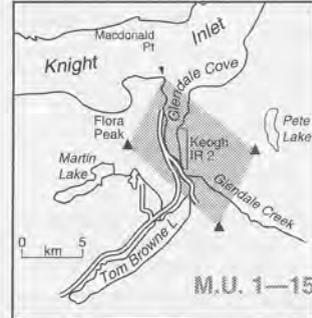
Map A35 Quadra Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-15). Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited. Open for antlerless deer Sept 6 to Dec 10. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug 23 to Sept 5. Bag limit = 2(1).



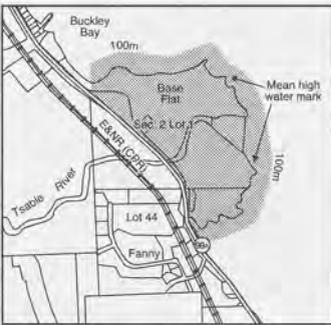
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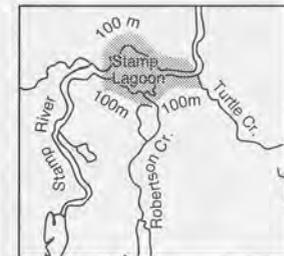
Map A37 Knight Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).



Map A38 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situate in MU 1-15).



Map A39 Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 1-6).



Map A40 Stamp Lagoon Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 1-7).

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
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Hunting and discharge of firearms, bow and crossbow are prohibited within CRD Water Supply Area Lands. These lands are approximately 15,500 hectares in size located north of Victoria, south of Shawnigan (Renfrew Road), west of the Malahat and east of the Sooke and Leech Rivers. For more information contact the CRD Water Department at 474-9600.

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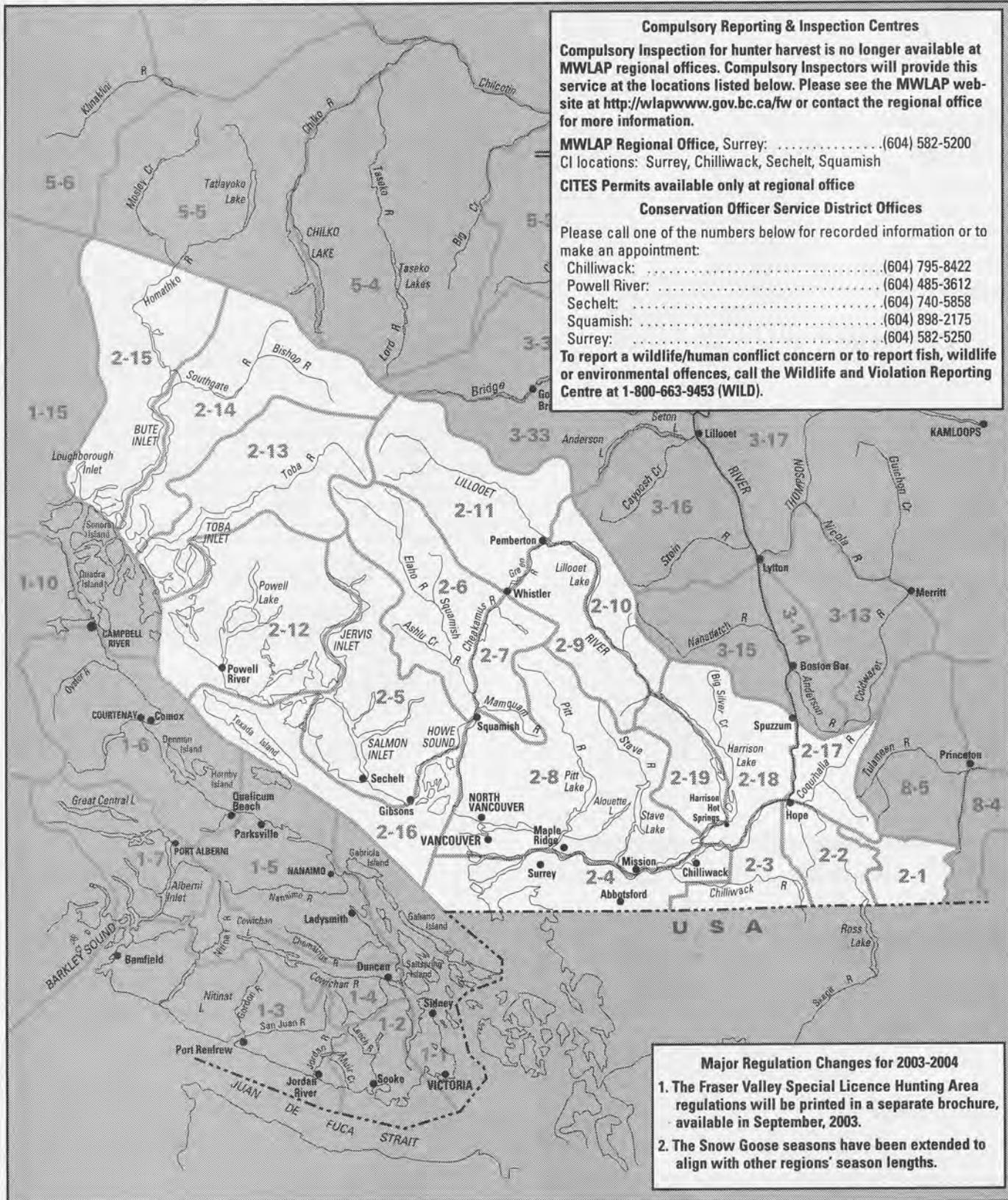
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REGION 2

Management Units



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 5th edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Compulsory inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP web-site at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

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Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

1. The Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area regulations will be printed in a separate brochure, available in September, 2003.
2. The Snow Goose seasons have been extended to align with other regions' season lengths.

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 (see Map B25). These special licences are available through selected private outlets. For further information contact a government agents office.

▶ No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on pages 20 & 21

▶ 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.

REGIONAL DISTRICT PARKS

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited in and within 100m of all Regional District Parks.

▶ Contact the Regional District in the locality you wish to hunt for information on new parks.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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.

- Clendinning Provincial Park** .. (MU 2-6)
- Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area** (MU 2-17)
- Duck Lake Protected Area** (MU 2-12)
- Homathko Estuary Provincial Park** (MU 2-15)
- Indian Arm Prov. Park** (MU 2-8)
- Inland Lake Provincial Park** (MU 2-12)
- International Ridge Prov. Park** (MU 2-3)
- Malaspina Provincial Park** ... (MU 2-12)
- Mount Elphinstone Provincial Park** (MU 2-5)
- Mount Richardson Provincial Park** (MU 2-5)
- Pinecone Burke Provincial Park** (MU 2-8)
- Simson Marine Park** (MU 2-16)
- Skagit Valley Prov. Park** (MU 2-2)
- South Texada Island Provincial Park** (MU 2-16)
- Spipiyus Provincial Park** (MU 2-5)
- Tantalus Provincial Park** (MU 2-6)
- 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.

▶ 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 21 - Oct 31	1
	2-16	★Antlerless	Nov 5 - Nov 20	1
	2-2 to 2-19	★Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	▲2-16	Either Sex	Dec 16 - Jan 15/2004	3(2)

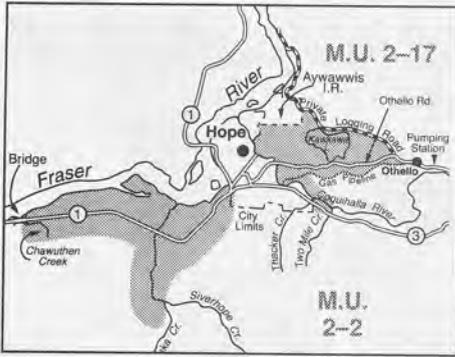
★ In those portions of MU 2-16 being Bowen Island and Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(2). See Map B20 for special seasons and restrictions on Bowen Island. - Season dates above do not apply on Bowen Island.

▼ Hunters must be under the age of 19. ▲Texada Island only.

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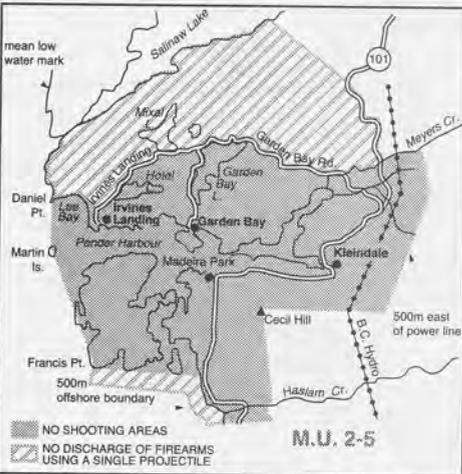
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MOUNTAIN GOAT	2-5		Sept 10 - Oct 15	1
	★2-6		Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	▼2-12 to 2-15		Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
★See Map B5. ▼See Maps B12, B14.				
BLACK BEAR	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-3 to 2-17		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	1
	Bow Only Season	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 1 - Sept 9
Bow Only Season	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
WOLF	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2004	3
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Aug 1 - March 31/2004	10 (daily)
	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		April 1/2004 - April 30/2004	10 (daily)
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	5
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2004	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 11 - Nov 30	2(6)
Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		Oct 11 - Jan 18/2004	10(20)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 23	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 11 - Jan 18/2004	8(16)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8(16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 12 & 13. See special area maps.				
BRANT	2-4		Mar 1/2004- Mar 10/2004	2(4)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 12 & 13.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	2-4, 2-5		Oct 11 - Jan 4/2004	▲5(10)
	2-4, 2-5		Feb 21/2004 - Mar 10/2004	▲5(10)
▲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. See pages 12 & 13. See special area maps.				
CANADA GEESE	2-5 to 2-7, 2-9, 2-10, 2-12 to 2-17		Oct 11 - Jan 18/2004	5(10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 6 - Sept 14	▲5(10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Oct 11 - Nov 30	▲5(10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Dec 20 - Jan 4/2004	▲5(10)
	2-2 to ★2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19		Feb 14/2004- Mar 10/2004	▲5(10)
	2-11		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5(10)
★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.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		★Oct 4 - Oct 5	8(16)
CANADA GEESE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19		★Oct 4 - Oct 5	▲5(10)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	2-4, 2-5		★Oct 4 - Oct 5	▲5(10)
DUCKS	2-11		★Sept 6 - Sept 7	8(16)
CANADA GEESE	2-11		★Sept 6 - Sept 7	5(10)
★Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. (see page 12 for details)				
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 12 & 13. See special area maps.				
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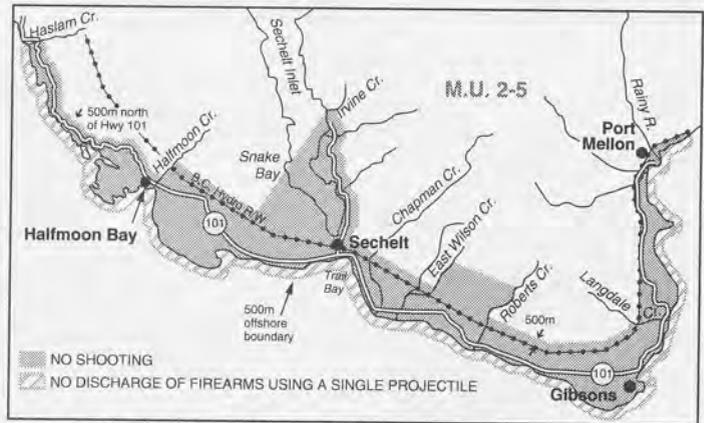
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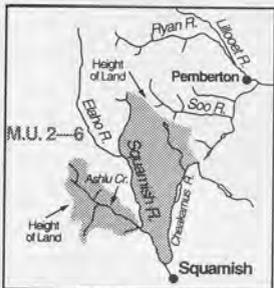
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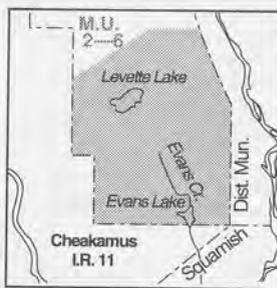
Map B2 Pender Harbour No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-5).



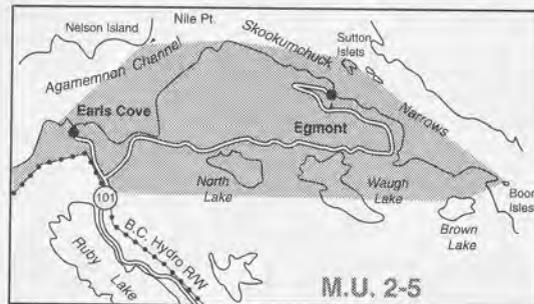
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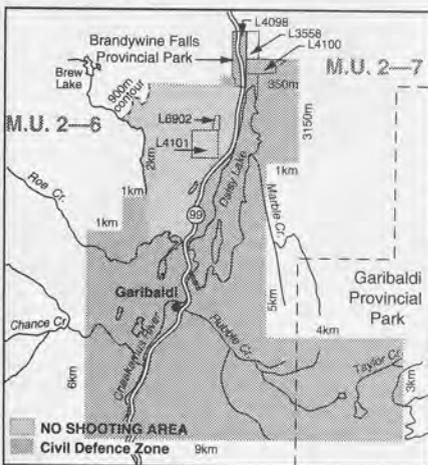
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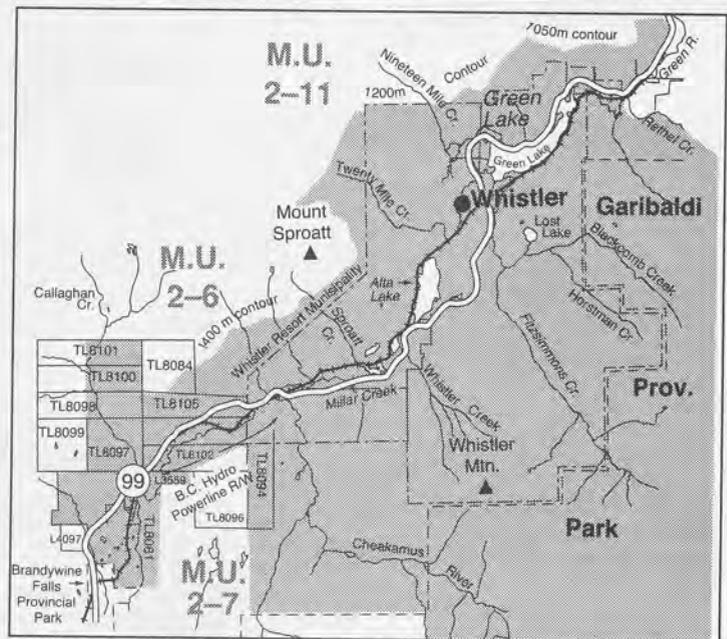
Map B6 Evans Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-6).



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



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).

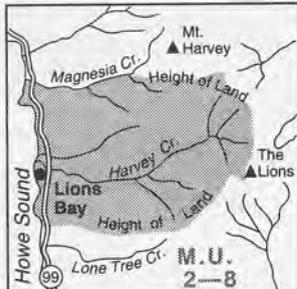


Map B8 Whistler No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 2-6, 2-7, 2-11).

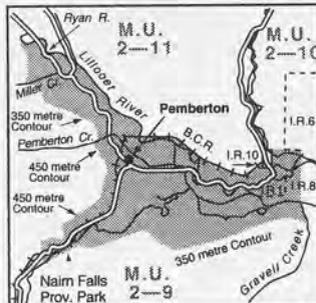
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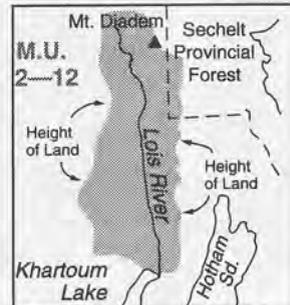
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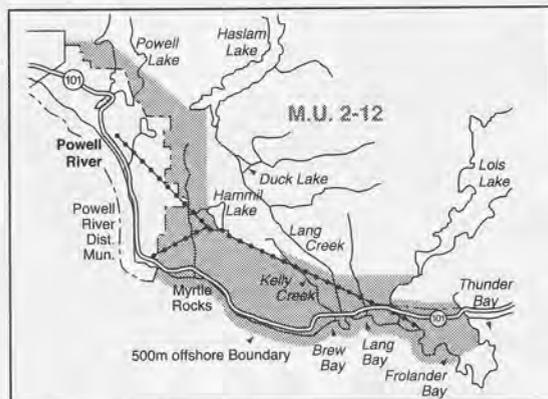
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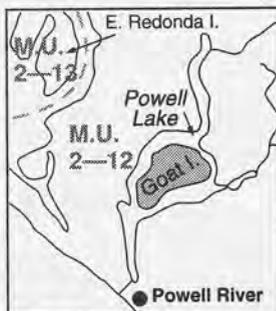
Map B11 Pemberton Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-9, 2-10, 2-11). The discharge of firearms using other than shot is prohibited.



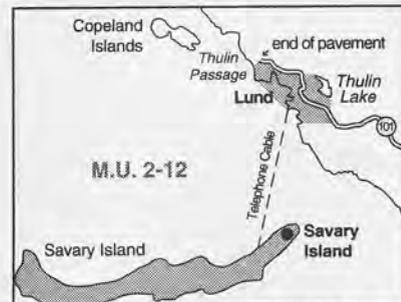
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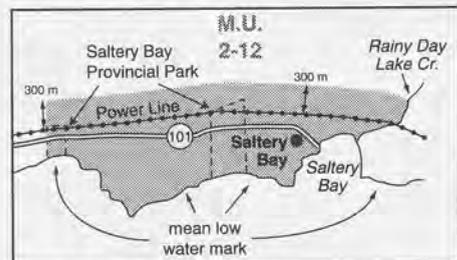
Map B13 Powell River Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-12). The discharge of firearms using other than shot is prohibited.



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



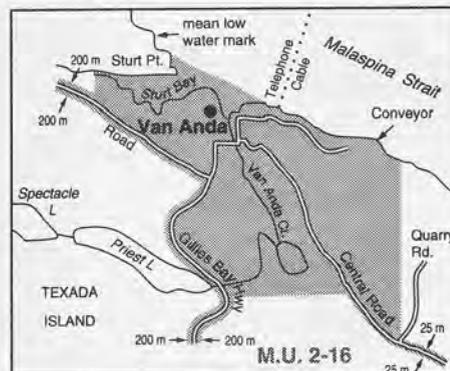
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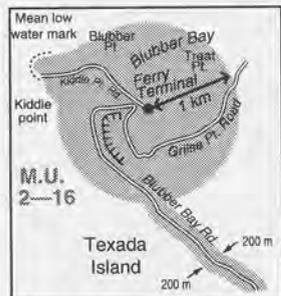
Map B16 Saltery Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-12).



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



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

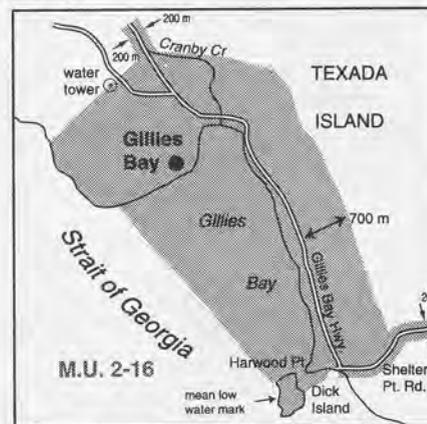


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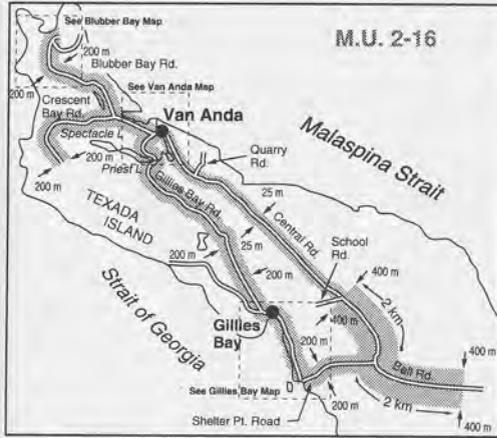


Map B20 Bowen Island No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16). Special Bow Season for mule (black-tailed) deer (cross-bows prohibited). Bucks: Sept 1 to Dec 15; Antlerless: Nov 5 to Dec 5; Any deer Jan 1 to Jan 15/2004. Bag Limit: 3(2). On

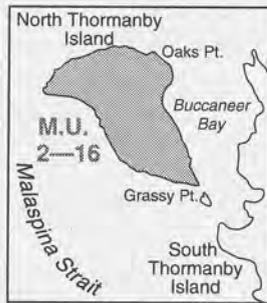
Bowen Island hunting is prohibited within 150 metres of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling or farm building. Hunting on private land by owner's permission only. Trespassing is an offence.



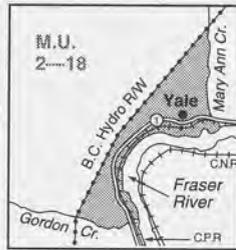
Map B21 Gillies Bay No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



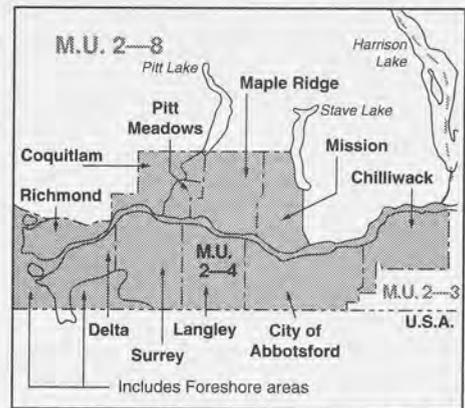
Map B22 Central Road/ Shelter Point Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-16).



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

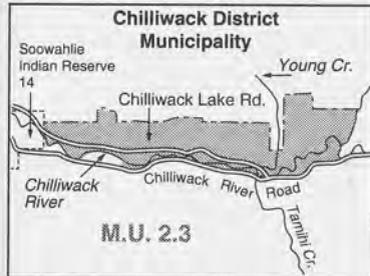


Map B24 Yale No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-18).

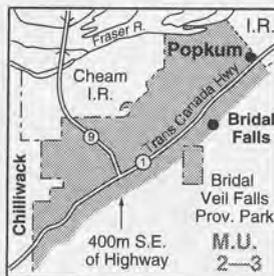


Map B25 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) (situate in MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within MU 2-4 & those portions of MU 2-8 within the corporate limits of the corporation of the district of Maple Ridge, the corporation of the district of Pitt Meadows, the district of Mission, 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

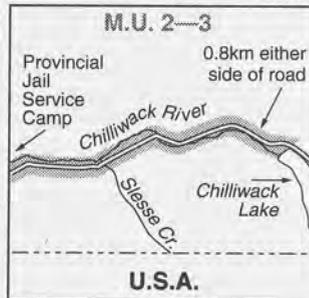
Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required. A FVSLHA brochure will be available in September.



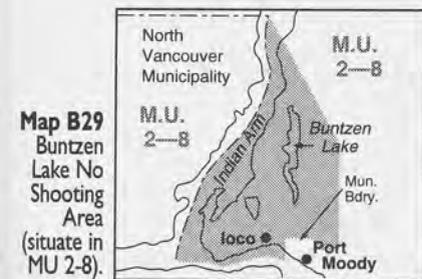
Map B26 Chilliwack Valley Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



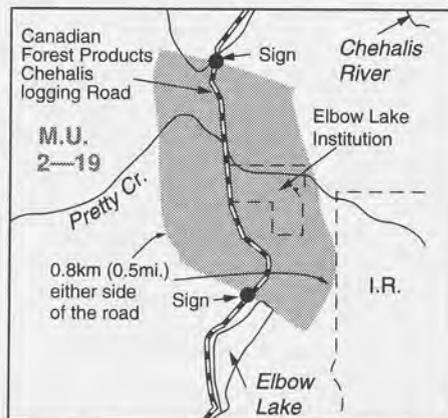
Map B27 Popkum No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3).



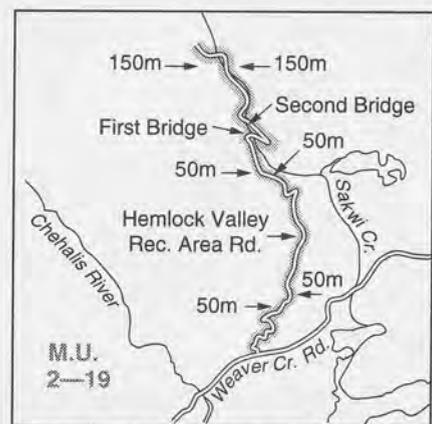
Map B28 Provincial Jail Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-3).



Map B29 Buntzen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-8).



Map B30 Elbow Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-19).



Map B31 Hemlock Valley No Shooting Area (situate in MU 2-19).

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Safety Guidelines for Hunters in Bear Country

Reduce Your Risk of Encountering a Bear^{1,2}

Most bears will avoid contact with humans if possible so by following these guidelines you can greatly reduce your chance of having an unwanted close encounter with one.

- Avoid camping on lakeshores, river banks, game trails, berry patches or other sites that may be frequented by bears.
- Keep odors to a minimum on your person and in your camp. Store food, grain, hay, pellets and any smelly materials in containers that keep odors in and bears out. Hang them out of reach of bears and away from sleeping tents.
- Dispose of fish offal in fast moving streams or the deep part of a lake, never along streambanks or lakeshores.
- Avoid places where bear sign (fresh scat, tracks, overturned rocks and logs, large areas of turf dug up, claw marks, bite marks and hair on trees) is abundant.
- If you sense a bear may be in the area shout or make other noise to let it know you're there and/or scare it away.
- Avoid carrion and recent kill sites (gutpiles, heads, bones left in the area). Watch and smell for carrion. Presence of ravens and magpies often indicates a carcass or gutpile is nearby.
- Approach any downed animal or hanging meat carefully if it's been left unattended for any length of time. If a bear has claimed the meat, abandon it. It is not appropriate to destroy a bear under these circumstances unless your safety is directly threatened.
- Keep a reputable brand of pepper spray in easy reach and know how to use it.

After a Kill¹

Game meat can be a strong attractant for bears. To avoid problems with bears be sure to handle and store it accordingly.

- Gut, pack and remove the carcass from the areas as soon as possible.
- Immediately separate the carcass from the gut pile.
- Never leave a gut pile or carcass on or near a trail.
- If you have to leave a carcass, hang it out of reach of a bear, at least 4 meters above the ground, 1.5 meters from the top and

side supports and at least 100 meters from any campsite. Cut it into pieces if necessary. Some hunters leave an article of clothing on the carcass to discourage a bear.

- Always leave the carcass where you can see it from a distance and preferably where you can approach it from upwind.

Returning to a Carcass²

- Observe the carcass with binoculars from a safe distance before approaching. If the carcass has been moved or partially buried be extremely cautious and alert to the presence of a bear.
- Make noise and approach from upwind if possible.
- If a bear has claimed the carcass leave it alone. Do not risk your safety or the bear's. It is unethical as well as illegal to kill a bear to defend hunted game.

If You Encounter a Bear³

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!** Bears 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.

Bear Attacks¹

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 pepper 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, car 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 Pepper Spray^{2,3}

Bear pepper spray is no replacement for common sense but is recommended for anyone travelling or working in bear country. No deterrent is 100% effective, but compared to all others, including firearms, bear pepper spray has demonstrated the most success in fending off threatening and attacking bears and preventing injury to the person and animal involved. The proper use of bear pepper spray will reduce the number of bears killed in self-defense and reduce human injuries caused by bears.

If you plan to carry bear pepper spray, 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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Here is a sample of wildlife projects that your hunting licence surcharges are supporting in 2003-04. A complete list of approved projects for 2003-04 can be found on the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund website (www.hctf.ca/newsrel/newsrel.htm):

Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy

Continued support for the implementation of the grizzly bear conservation strategy's mandate to ensure the continued existence of grizzly bears and their habitats; also funded through the strategy are three projects involving grizzly bears (Provincial Bear Awareness Program; Babine LRUP Area Grizzly Bear Monitoring Project; Grizzly Bear Population Density and Distribution in the Southern Coast Ranges) - \$180,000.

Mountain Caribou

Funds to evaluate the viability of mountain caribou in a metapopulation context & quantitatively identify adequate linkage corridors to facilitate population connectivity in fragmented landscapes - \$30,000.

Public Conservation Assistance Fund

Continued support for the partnership between the HCTF and the Public Conservation Assistance Fund to fund volunteer fish and wildlife conservation projects - \$100,000.

Haslam Elk Winter Range Enhancement

Seed funding to investigate the potential to use the Haslam unit near Ladysmith as a winter range enhancement demonstration site. It will look into the feasibility of implementing winter forage enhancement techniques such as: scarification & native grass seeding, shrub plantings & browse rejuvenation - \$5,000.

Lower Mainland Roosevelt Elk Recovery

Continued support for work initiated in 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 with HCTF funding, & additional assistance from local sportsman's clubs, the guide outfitter & numerous others, to establish viable elk populations in priority areas of the Sunshine Coast & Lower Mainland region by trapping &

translocating elk from urban areas to remote wilderness areas - \$35,280.

Stewardship and Restoration of "Columbian" Sharp-tailed Grouse Populations and Habitat

In partnership with the Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection, continued funding towards research, local stewardship, monitoring and habitat enhancement/restoration activities to increase "Columbian" sharp-tailed grouse populations to viable levels - \$58,969.

West Kootenay Ungulates

Continued support for the use of prescribed burning to enhance critical winter habitats of ungulates in the West Kootenay - \$32,300.

Ilgachuz Caribou Population Monitoring

Funding to provide an estimate of total caribou numbers during the post-calving season & calculate expected calf recruitment into the population through a late winter survey - \$15,900.

Defining the Predator Landscape for Ecosystem Planning

Continued support for determining the distribution, movement and habitat selection of wolves and grizzly bears in the northern Rockies in relation to ungulate prey - \$38,065.

Okanagan Mule Deer and Elk Habitat Restoration

Continued support for the use of prescribed burning to enhance the critical ungulate winter, fall and spring ranges in the south Okanagan - \$80,000.



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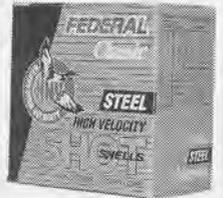
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REGION 3

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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

MWLAP Regional Office, Kamloops:(250) 371-6200

CI Locations: Kamloops, Lillooet

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Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

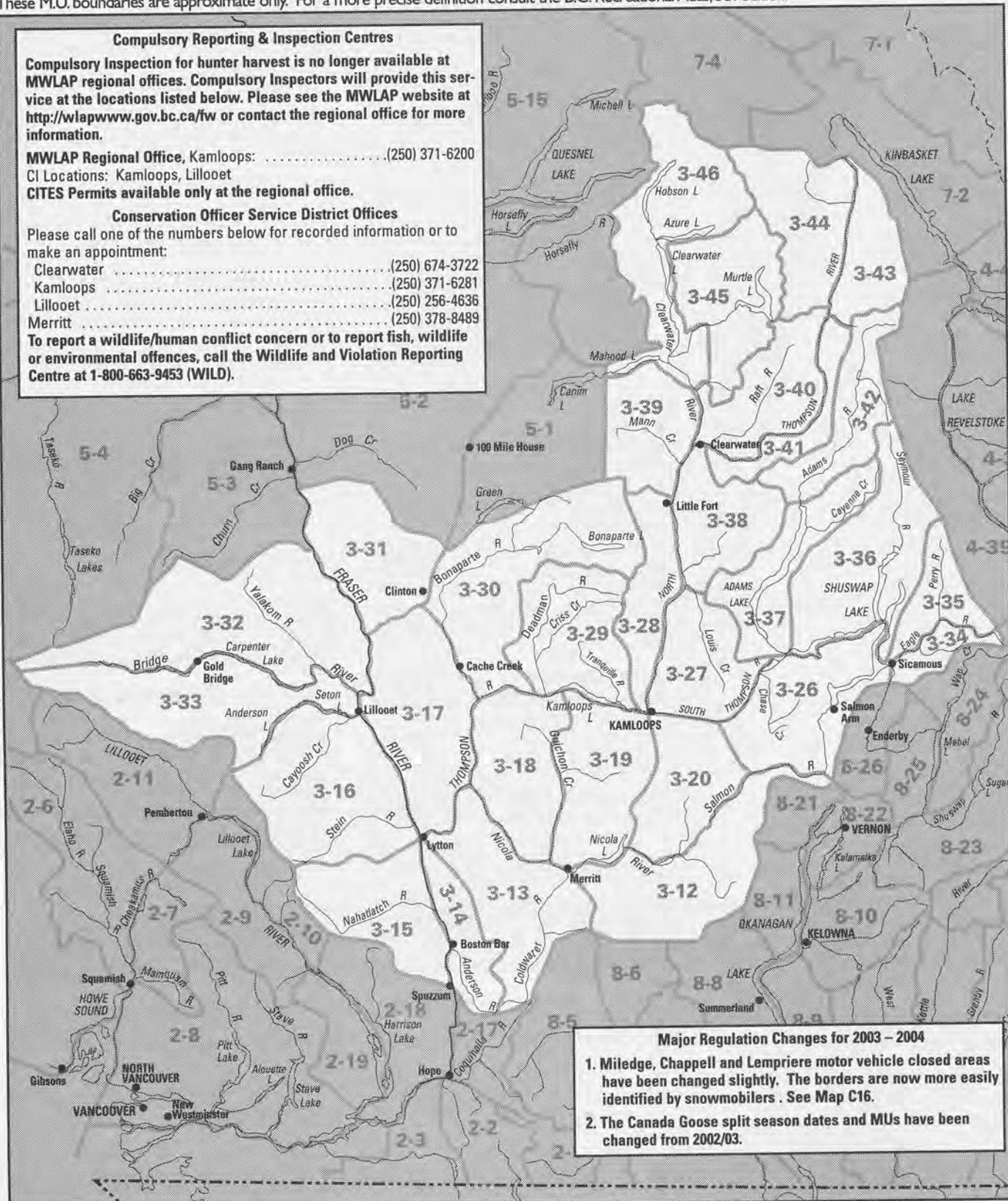
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Kamloops(250) 371-6281

Lillooet(250) 256-4636

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To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).



Major Regulation Changes for 2003 - 2004

1. Mileage, Chappell and Lempriere motor vehicle closed areas have been changed slightly. The borders are now more easily identified by snowmobilers. See Map C16.
2. The Canada Goose split season dates and MUs have been changed from 2002/03.

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 buck.

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 or area within which you are authorized to hunt will 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 motor vehicles is prohibited or restricted in the following areas. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.
- ▶ Skull Mountain Special Resource Mountain Zone (MU 3-28) other than on indicated open roads (see Map C18) or under permit from MWLAP, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.
- ▶ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MU 3-29. See Map C15.
- ▶ 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 C16.
- ▶ 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 C14.
- ▶ Porcupine Meadows Provincial Park. See Map C12.
- ▶ 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 following areas:
 - watershed of Clinton Creek. See Map C13.
 - Greenstone Mountain Burn (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road) (MU 3-19). See Map C6.
- ▶ The operation of snowmobiles is prohibited in the Chappell Creek Closed Area in MU 3-44 (the Chappell Trail is open to snowmobile use between December 1 and May 31). See Map C17.
- ▶ The recreational use of snowmobiles in the Monashee/Selkirk Mountains area (near Revelstoke) above 1300 m and below 2100 m is prohibited during the period Dec. 15 to April 15 (includes use of snowmobiles for hunting and commercial backcountry recreation). Use of snowmobiles for industrial access purposes is

exempted. (MUs 3-36, 4-38, 4-39) See Map D46.
 ▶ The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting 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.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken and all mule deer or white-tailed deer taken during the youth or bow only seasons in Region 3 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 15 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- ▶ No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on pages 20 & 21.
- ▶ 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, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- ▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.
 - ▶ Parks, Recreation Areas & Protected Areas marked with an asterisk (*) are exempt from the No Hunting No Shooting Restriction within 400m of the centre line of park roads.
 - ▶ These parks are NOT exempt from Highway No Shooting and No Hunting Areas as described on pages 20 & 21.
 - ▶ In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks, Recreation Areas & Protected Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.
- Adams Lake Marine Prov. Park** (MU 3-37)
 - Anstey-Hunakwa Protected Area*** (MU 3-36)
 - 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 Prov. Park** (MU 3-40, 3-44)
 - Bonaparte Provincial Park*** (MU 3-29, 3-30)
- Includes the former Bare Lake Access Management Area

- Buse Lake Protected Area** (MU 3-20)
 - Caligata Lake Provincial Park** (MU 3-40)
 - Chasm Provincial Park*** (MU 3-30)
 - Chu Chua Cottonwood Provincial Park** (MU 3-26, 3-38)
 - 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 C15
 - Marble Range Provincial Park** (MU 3-31)
 - Mehat Provincial Park** (MU 3-15)
 - Momich Lakes Provincial Park*** (MU 3-37)
 - Mount Griffin Protected Area** (MUs 3-34, 8-24)
 - Mount Savona Provincial Park*** (MU 3-18)
 - Mud Lake Delta Provincial Park** (MU 3-43)
 - Nahatlatch Provincial Park** (MU 3-15)
 - Nahatlatch Lakes Protected Area** (MU 3-15)
 - 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)
 - Pennask Creek Protected Area** (MU 3-12)
 - Porcupine Meadows Provincial Park** (MU 3-28, 3-29)
- Includes former Porcupine Ridge Access Management Area
- Pukeashun Protected Area** (MU 3-36)
 - Pyramid Creek Falls Prov. Park** (MU 3-42)
 - Roche Lake Provincial Park*** (MU 3-20)
 - Six Mile Hill Protected Area** (MU 3-19)
 - Spruce Lake Protected Area** (MU 3-32)
 - Stein Valley Niaka'pamux Heritage Provincial Park** (MU 3-16)
 - Taweel Provincial Park*** (MU 3-39)
 - Trepanier Protected Area** (MU 3-12)
 - Tsintsunko Lakes Prov. Park** (MU 3-29)
 - Tunkwa Provincial Park*** (MU 3-18)
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within the Tunkwa Lake Sanctuary. This area designated is the largest island in Tunkwa Lake.

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- Upper Adams River Provincial Park***
.....(MU 3-37, 3-42)
 - Upper Seymour Provincial Park***
.....(MU 3-36)
 - Walhachin Oxbows Provincial Park**
.....(MU 3-18)
 - Wells Gray Provincial Park**
.....(MU 3-39*, 3-40*, 3-46);
- ▶ Those portions of the park within MUs 3-40, 3-46 are only 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)
- ▶ Between April 16 and September 19, inclusive, for the purpose of section 26 (1) of the Act, there is no open season in the following Provincial parks:
- Cinnemousun Narrows Prov. Park** ...
.....(MUs 3-26, 3-36)
 - McConnell Lakes Provincial Park**
.....(MU 3-19)
 - Shuswap Lake Marine Provincial Park**
.....(MUs 3-36, 3-26)

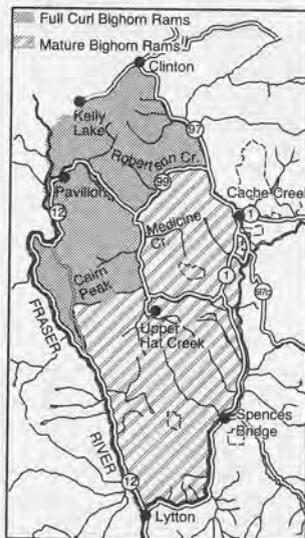
▶ Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows. Park roads are also closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows within 400 metres of the centre line.

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

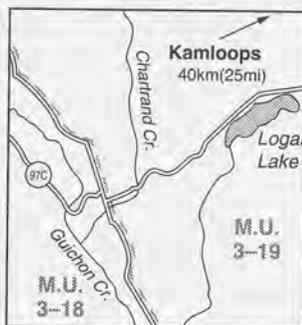
THOMPSON

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	
	Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	*Bucks	▲Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	*Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1	
* See definition on Page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.					
▲ Season restricted to hunters under the age of 19.					
★ Successful hunters who kill a deer during the youth or bow season are required to submit, within 30 days of the kill, one of the incisor teeth to the Kamloops Regional Office.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	Bucks	Sept 1 - Dec 10	1	
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1	
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	1	
	Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	▲Bucks	*Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	▲Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	* Season restricted to hunters under the age of 19.				
▲ Successful hunters who kill a deer during the youth or bow season are required to submit, within 30 days of the kill, one of the incisor teeth to the Kamloops Regional Office.					
MOOSE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1	
* See definition on page 3. 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 15.					
BIGHORN	**3-17, 3-31, 3-32	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
MOUNTAIN SHEEP	**3-17	*Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
*See definition on pages 4-5. **A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C1.					
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	2	
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	2	
WOLF	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2004	3	
COYOTE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL	
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2004	2	
Hunters are requested not to shoot a lactating cougar or cougar in the company of a lactating cougar.					
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	1	
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	1	
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	NBL	
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)	
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	10 (daily)	
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Apr 1/2003 to March 31/2004	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 & 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 30	2(6)	
MOURNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)	

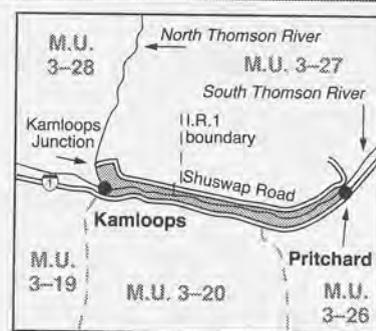
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIBE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10(20)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see pages 12 & 13.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5(10)
CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-18, 3-30 to 3-35, 3-38 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5(10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		Sept 10 - Sept 14	5(10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		Oct 1 - Dec 20	5(10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		Feb 20/2004 - Mar 10/2004	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:				
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		*Sept 6 - Sept 7	8(16)
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		*Sept 6 - Sept 7	5(10)
<i>*Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. (see page 12 for details)</i>				



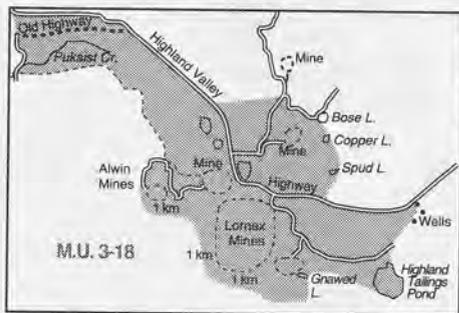
Map C1 Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (situate in MU 3-17).



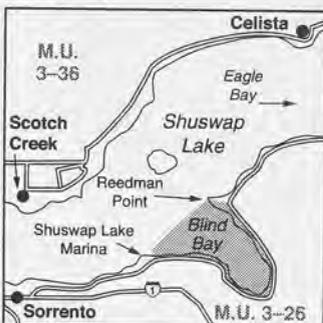
Map C2 Logan Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 3-19).



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).



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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 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2). 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).

Bobcat: The regional bag limit for Bobcat is one (1).

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is five (5).
 Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar in MU's 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, and 4-40 is 1 (one). The bag limit for Cougar in MU's 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, and 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2).

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ **Public access by land or air prohibited in Baynes Lake area (MU 4-22) April 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed April 1 to April 14 and July 1 to Aug. 1. See Map D49.**
- ▶ **Public access prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year round. See Map D50.**

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ 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 MWLAP offices for details.
- ▶ See definitions of "motor vehicle" and "snow-mobile" on pages 4 & 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. 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 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 trans-

port 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.

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)
- ◆ The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) 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 Yahk River Road on the East Yahk 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

- ▼ Yahk 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 of 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 Midgely 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 and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 m elevation

- ◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-14

- * the watershed of Dog Creek upstream from the Peter Creek bridge, from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

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 5 km point (on each); the watersheds of Gladstone, Hutchison and Sangrida Creeks and above 750 meters in elevation in the watersheds of Dawson's, Sunshine and Twobit Creeks from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

MU 4-18

- ★ Marsden Face during the period Dec. 1 to April 15 (Map D11)
- * Grohman Creek (Map D11)
- ◆ the watersheds of Smallwood and Garry Creeks from a point 20 metres southeast of the intersection of the Smallwood Creek and Garry 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 an unnamed creek (locally known as 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

- ★ **Baynes Lake area (Map D49).**
- ★ Powerplant area (Map D22)
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D20 and D21
- ★ 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 Whimpter 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 D23)
- ★ Ridgemont area (Map D27)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D30)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D31)
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles) (Map D25)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (except snowmobiles) (Map D26)
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area (Map D29)

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 Nilksuka 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 with-

in the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt from the regulation, and the following rights of way are also 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 Nichol森
- The Dogtooth road located at Golden (Map D40)

MU 4-25

- ★ Canal Flats area, from Dec. 1 to Apr. 30, except private properties and access to private properties. (Map D33)
- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D34)
- ★ Columbia Lake area. Note changes to 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. (Map D43)
- ◆ 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

MU 4-38, 4-39, 3-36

The recreational use of snowmobiles (includes use of snowmobiles for hunting and commercial backcountry recreation) is prohibited during the period Dec. 15 to April 15 in the following areas:

- ▶ Monashee/Selkirk Mountains area above 1300 m and below 2100 m. Use of snowmobiles for industrial access purposes is exempted. (MUs 3-36, 4-38, 4-39). See Map D46.
- ▶ **Caribou Basin, Frisby Ridge, Keystone/Standard Peak and Sale Mountain areas.** See Maps D51, D52, D53 and D54.

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. All turkey taken during the fall bow season must be Compulsory Reported. See page 15 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 pages 20 & 21.

NATIONAL PARKS

- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- ▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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:
 - Beaver Creek Protected Area** ... (MU 4-8)
 - Elk Valley Prov. Park** ... (MU 4-23)
 - Gladstone Prov. Park** ... (MUs 4-14, 8-15)
 - Goat Range Provincial Park** ... (MU 4-17, 4-30)
 - Hamber Prov. Park** ... (MU 4-40)
 - 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.

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- 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.
- Pilot Bay Provincial Park (MU 4-6)
- Premier Lake Provincial Park (MU 4-21)
- Syringa Provincial Park(MU 4-15)
- Valhalla Provincial Park(MU 4-16)
- West Arm Provincial Park(MU 4-7)
- Whiteswan Lake Prov. Park ..(MU 4-24)
- Windermere Lake Prov. Park (MU 4-25)

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:

- Akamina-Kishinena Prov. Park (MU 4-1)
- Bugaboo Prov. Park(MU 4-27, 4-34)
- Cummins Lakes Provincial Park (MU 4-40)

- Cummins River Protected Area (MU 4-40)
- Elk Lakes Prov. Park(MU 4-23)
- Gilnockie Provincial Park(MU 4-4)
- 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)
- except that area contained within the upper pasture fence boundary.
- Mount Assiniboine Prov. Park (MU 4-25)
- All persons using horses in this park are required to obtain a Letter of Authority from the East Kootenay District Park office, Box 118, Wasa, B.C. (Ph. 250-422-4200).
- Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park ... (MUs 4-19, 4-20, 4-26).
- Closed to the use of snowmobiles and motor vehicles.

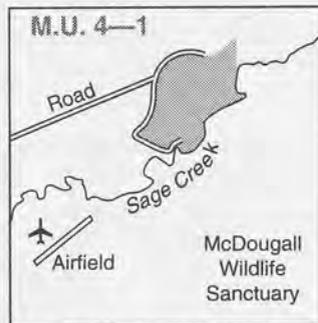
- Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Corridor Protected Area (MU 4-26)
- St. Mary's Alpine Prov. Park (MU 4-20)
- Top of the World Prov. Park (MU 4-21, 4-22)
- Horse use is restricted to the Coyote Creek, Galbraith and Fish Lake horse trails. Grazing is prohibited except in the vicinity of Nicole Creek and Coyote Creek campsites.
- ▶ 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.

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SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	4-1 to 4-6, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	4-38 to 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 20	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 21 - Nov 10	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
★See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 48.				
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 30	1
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	▲Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	*Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 20	1
▲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 7 - Oct 20	1
	Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9
▲See definitions on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
Successful elk hunters must report a kill by submitting one of the incisor teeth (including crown and root) to an official of MWLAP, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or MWLAP office.				
Hunters are required to submit the antlers and an incisor tooth of any bow-killed elk within 15 days of the kill.				
MOOSE	All moose seasons in Kootenay Region are on the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. Please refer to LEH synopsis.			
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
★See Mountain Sheep closed area in MU 4-35 (Map D48).				
▲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 1/2004 - June 30/2004	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 31/2004	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	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 4-4 to 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 31/2004	10
WOLVERINE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 - Jan 31/2004	1
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
COUGAR	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39		★Sept 10 - Mar 31/2004	2
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40		★Sept 10 - Feb 28/2004	1
	Pursuit Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Dec 1 - Feb 28/2004
Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, or 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 4-5, 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, 2003 the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 25. The cougar season in MUs 4-6, 4-8 west of Salmo River, 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, 2003 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 15/2004	1
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		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.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	NBL
TURKEY (BEARDED)				
Bow Only Season	4-3, 4-21, 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-35		Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
See Compulsory Reporting requirements on page 15.				
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - 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.				
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 30	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 11 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 11 - Dec 25	8(16)
	Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 12 & 13.			
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, CANADA GEESE, AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 11 - Dec 25	5(10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 12 & 13. See Map D6. Hunters please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1/2004. For more information, phone 250-402-6900.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:				
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		★Sept 10	8(16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, AND CANADA GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		★Sept 10	5(10)
★Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19 (see page 12 for details).				

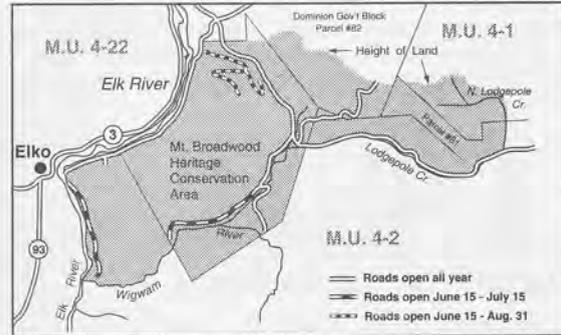
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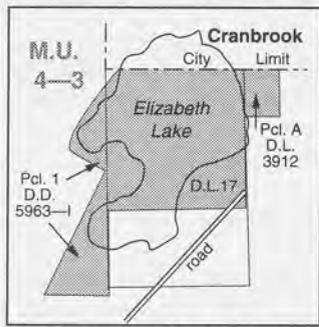
Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-1). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or operation of motor vehicles.



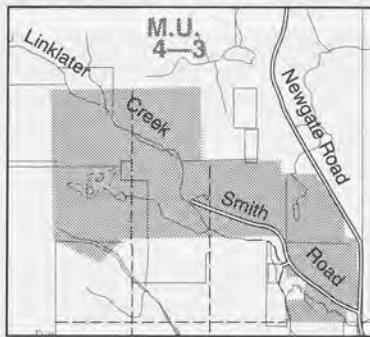
Map D2 Galton Range Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Highlighted roads are open all year.



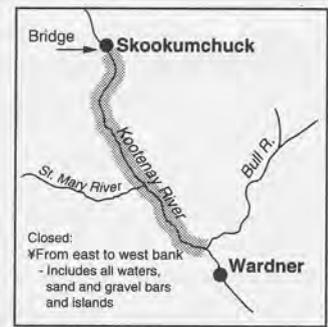
Map D3 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Highlighted roads open as noted on the map.



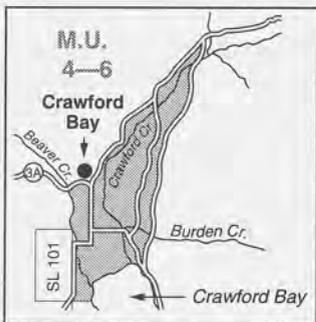
Map D4 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, No Shooting, No Trapping Area, No Motorized Vehicles (situate in MU 4-3).



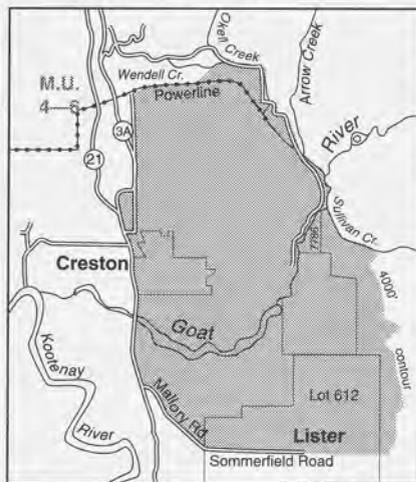
Map D5 Linklater Creek Access Management Area. Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year round (situate in MU 4-3).



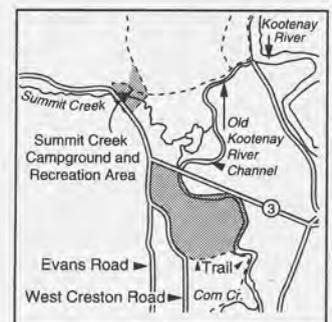
Map D6 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situate in MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



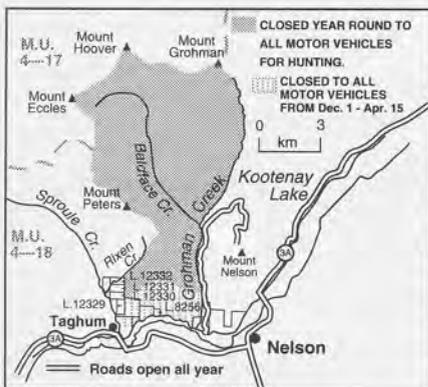
Map D8 Crawford Bay Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-6).



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 D10 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situate in MU 4-7).



Map D11 Mardsen Face and Grohman Creek Access Management Area. Shaded area closed year round to use of motor vehicles

for the purpose of hunting. Hatched area closed to all motor vehicles at all times from Dec 1 to Apr. 15 and closed year round to the use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting. (situate in MU 4-18).

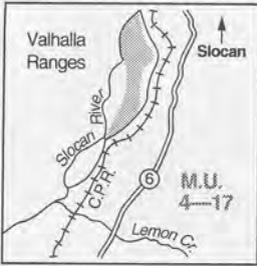


Map D12 Selkirk No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 4-7, 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou..

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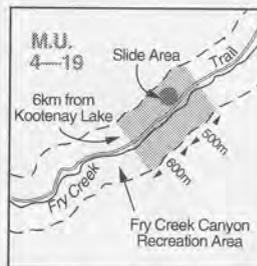
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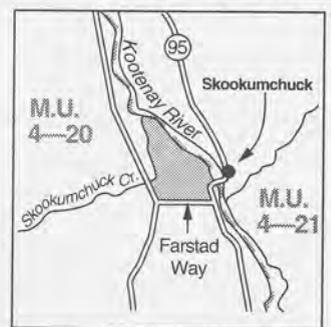
Map D13 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-17).



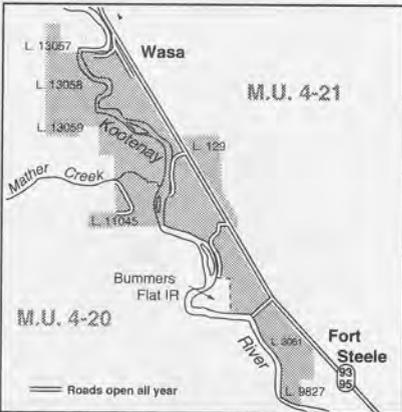
Map D14 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-19).



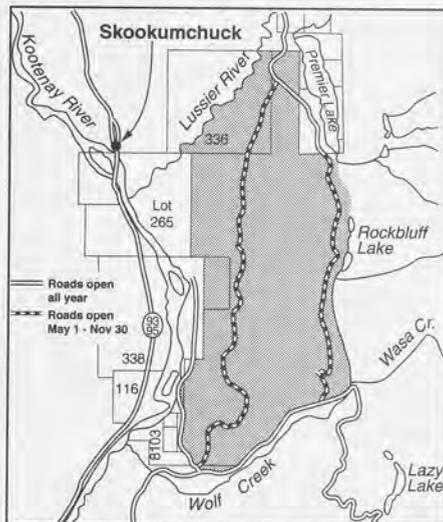
Map D15 Fry Creek No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-19).



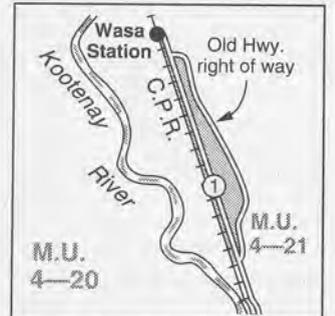
Map D16 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-20).



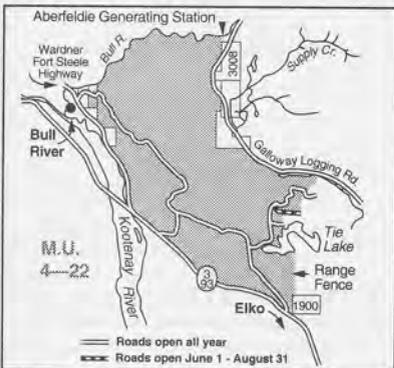
Map D17 Cherry Creek/ Bumpers Flats Motor Access Management Area. Roads shown as open lines are open year round (situate in MUs 4-20, 4-21)



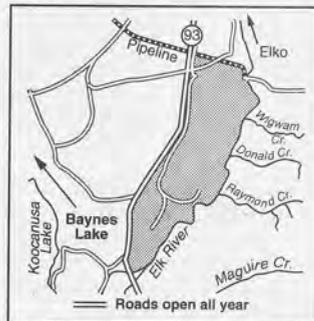
Map D18 Premier Ridge Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30, and roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



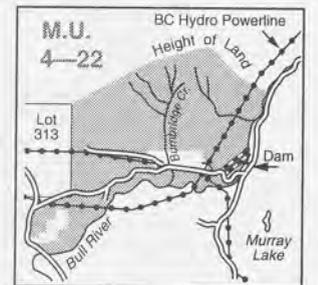
Map D19 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 4-21). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



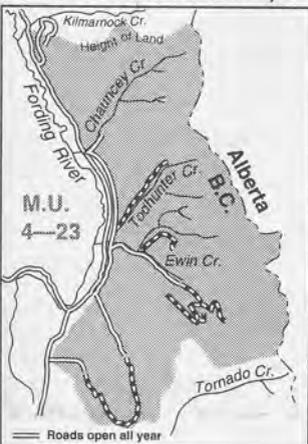
Map D20 Pickering Hills Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District



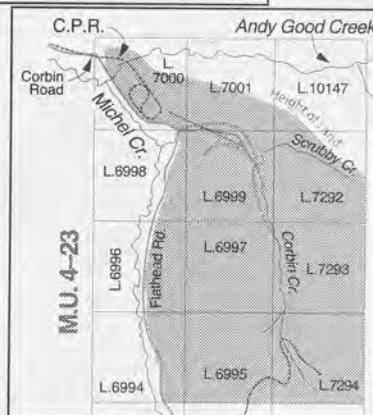
Map D21 Sheep Mountain Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22).



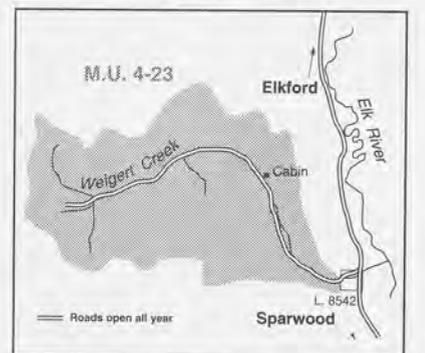
Map D22 Powerplant Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-22). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



Map D23 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.

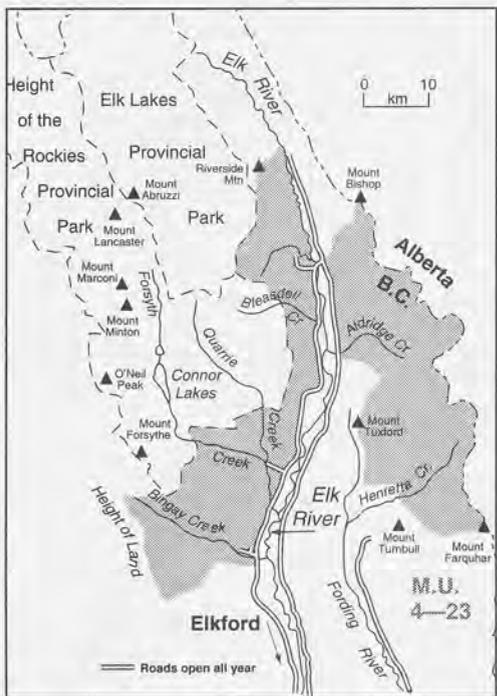


Map D24 Fording Coal Limited Coal Mountain mine. No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-23).

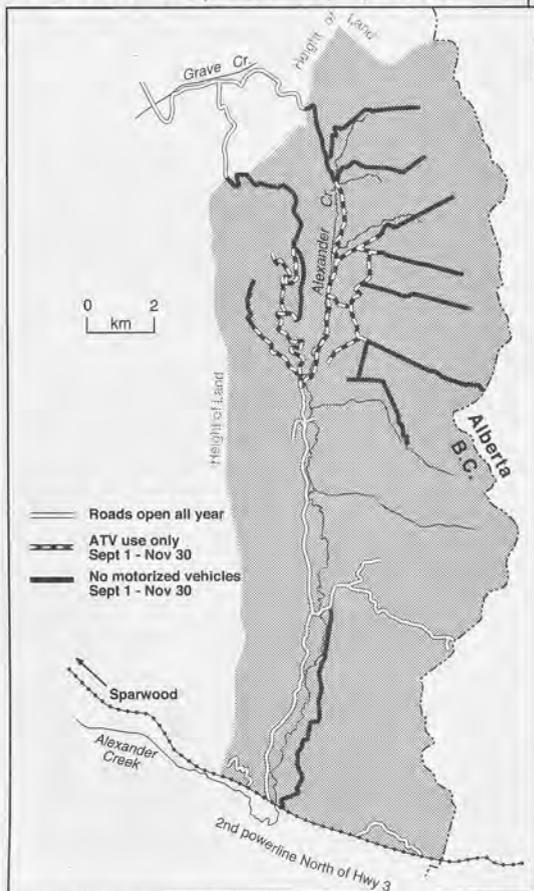


Map D25 Weigert Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles.

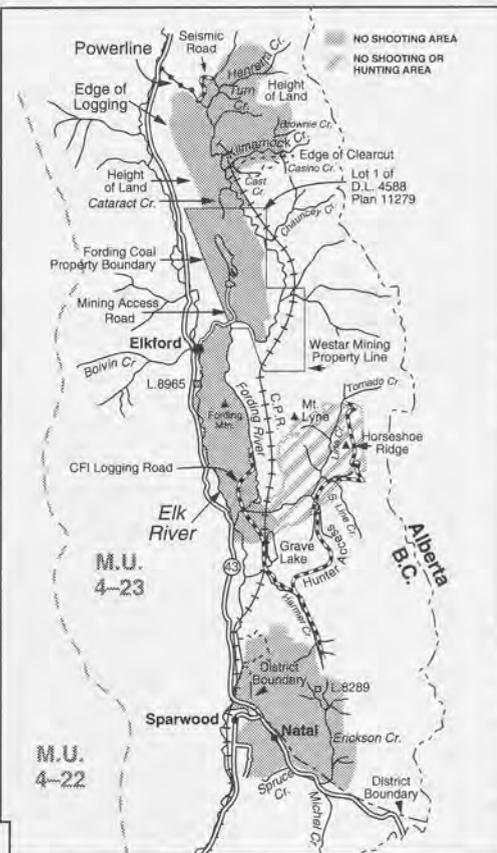
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Map D26 Upper Elk Valley - Fording River Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Closed year round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

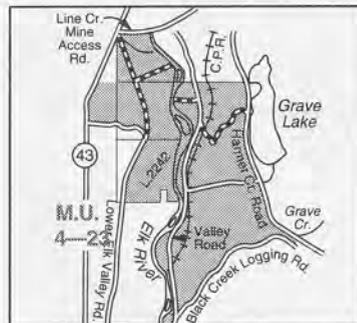
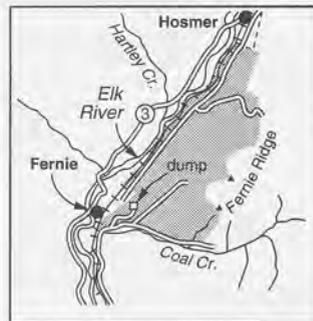


Map D29 Alexander Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles are allowed. See snowmobile restriction on page 48.

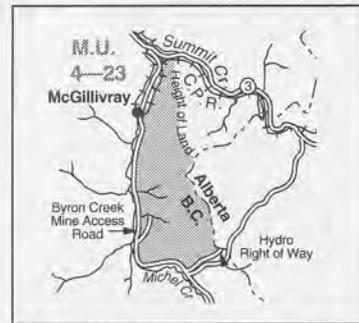


Map D27 Ridgemont Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines open year-round.

Map D28 Luscar, Fording River Operations, Natal Ridge, Sparwood Ridge, Greenhills, Fording Mountain and McGillivray 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.



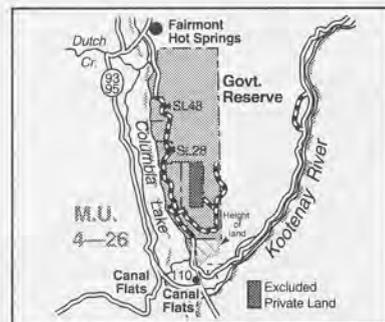
Map D30 Grave Prairie Motor Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 15 to Sept 30.



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

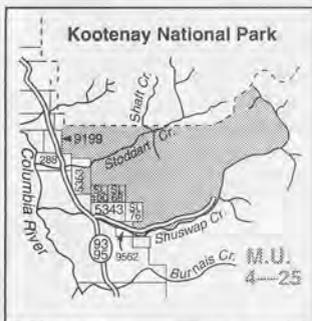


Map D32 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25).

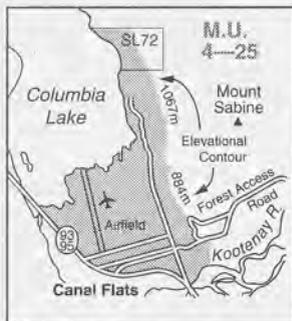


Map D33 Columbia Lake and Canal Flats Access Management Areas (situate in MU 4-25). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30; roads shown as open lines are open year-round. Hatched area closed from Dec 1 to Apr 30 only.

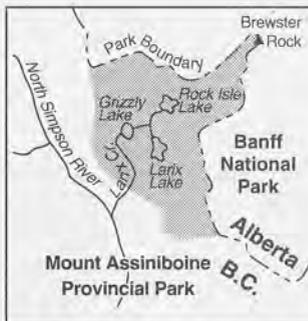
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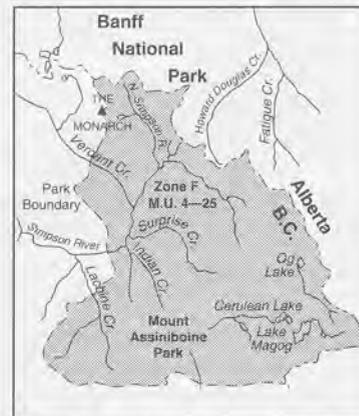
Map D34 Stoddart Creek Access Management Area (situate in MU 4-25). Road shown as open line is open year-round.



Map D35 Canal Flats Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 4-25).



Map D36 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25).



Map D37 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25).



Map D38 Fairmont No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



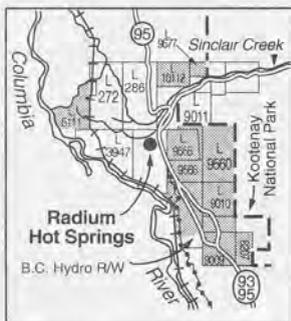
Map D39 Windermere No Shooting Area (situate in MU 4-25)



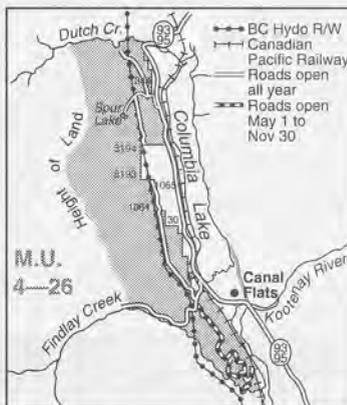
Map D40 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area. Closed to use of any conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). (situate in MU 4-25). Contact Cranbrook MVLAP office for more information.



Map D41 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MUs 4-25, 4-26). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



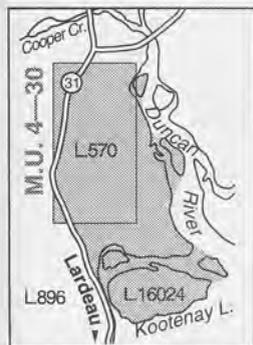
Map D42 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 4-25 and 4-35)



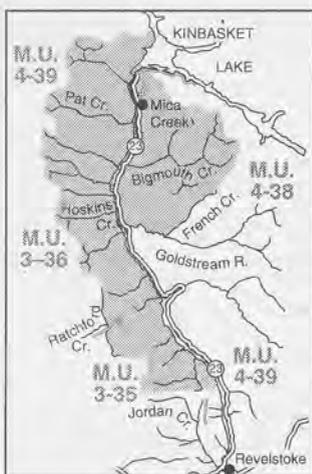
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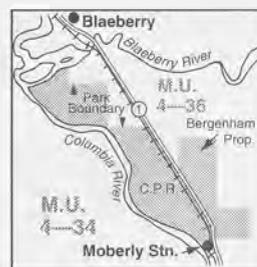
Map D44 Edgewater No shooting or hunting Area. (situate in MU 4-35)



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

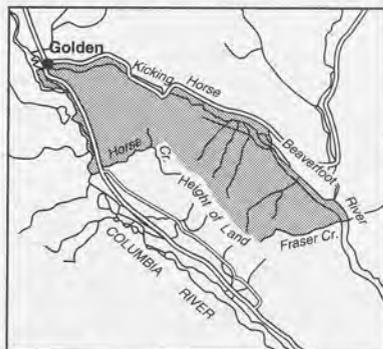


Map D46 Monashee/Selkirk Mountains Snowmobile Restricted Area. Recreational use of snowmobiles (including for hunting or commercial backcountry recreation) is prohibited above 1300 m and below 2100 m from Dec 15 to Apr 15. Access routes shown as open lines are open year round (situate in MUs 3-35, 3-36, 4-38, 4-39).

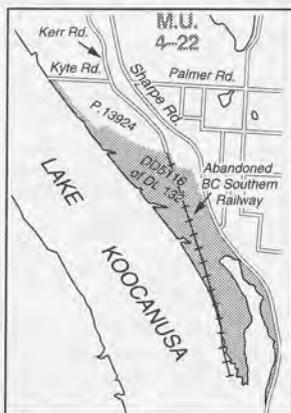


Map D47 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situate in MU 4-36). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.

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Map D48 Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35).



Map D49 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). Public access by land or air prohibited Apr. 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed Apr. 1 to 15 and July 1 to Aug. 1.

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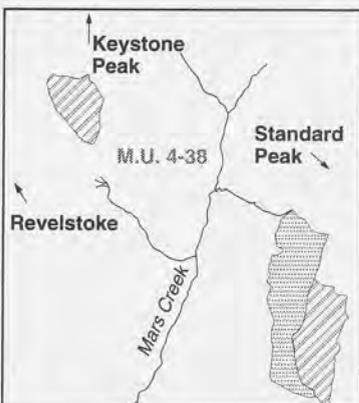
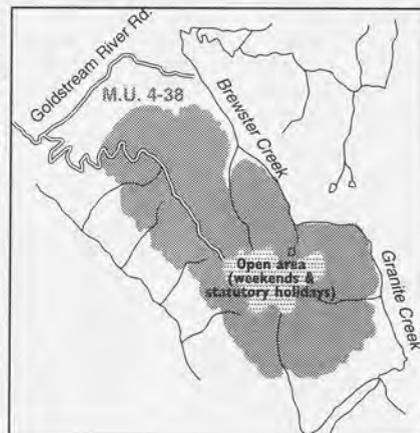


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Map D50 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310m elevation level of either side of said road.

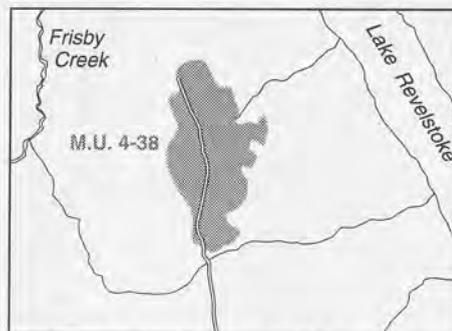
Map D51 Caribou Basin (MU 4-38). Snowmobiles prohibited Dec. 15 to Apr. 15. Trail and hatched area open weekends and statutory holidays.



Map D52 Keystone/Standard Peak (MU 4-38). Snowmobiles prohibited Dec. 15 to Apr. 15.



Map D53 Sale Mountain (MU 4-38). Snowmobiles prohibited Dec. 15 to Apr. 15.



Map D54 Frisby Ridge (MU 4-39). Snowmobiles prohibited Dec. 15 to Apr. 15, except on marked trail.

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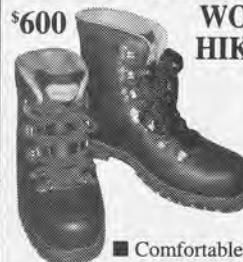
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REGION 5



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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

MWLAP Regional Office, Williams Lake: (250) 398-4530
 CI Locations: Hagensborg, Williams Lake

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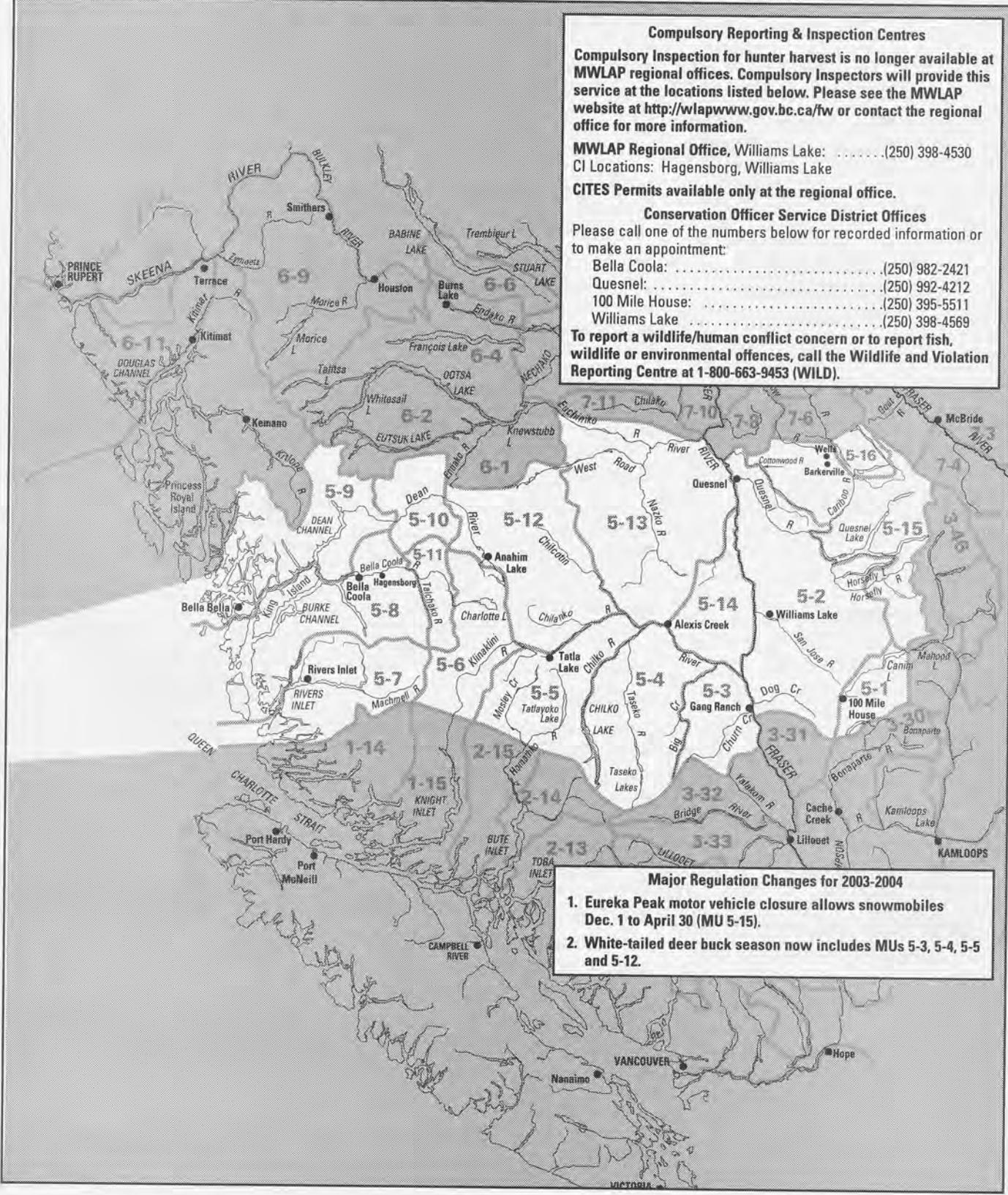
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

- Bella Coola: (250) 982-2421
- Quesnel: (250) 992-4212
- 100 Mile House: (250) 395-5511
- Williams Lake (250) 398-4569

To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).

Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

1. Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure allows snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 30 (MU 5-15).
2. White-tailed deer buck season now includes MUs 5-3, 5-4, 5-5 and 5-12.



BAG LIMITS

- ▶ Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two (2), one of which may be antlerless but only available under LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one (1).
- ▶ Wolf: The bag limit for wolf is three (3).
- ▶ Bobcat: The bag limit for bobcat 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.

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. All moose taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill in a Harvest Data Tooth return envelope to a MWLAP Regional office in person or by mail. See page 15 for requirements.

HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ No shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 20 & 21.
- ▶ 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 (see page 20).

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 from Sept. 10 to Nov. 30.
- ★ 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.
- ◆ 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 and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area - see Map E3.
- ▲ 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.
- ▲ 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 E7.
- * Gaspard-Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area, except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E8.
- ▲ 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.
- ★ Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and any side roads, westerly from the intersection of Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and Groundhog Creek.
- ★ 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 E9.

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 E13.

★ Valleau Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E12.

▲ 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'yl-os Park, see Map E11.

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 - see Map E17.

MU 5-9

◆ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area - see Map E19.

MU 5-12

★ Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from its intersection with Far Creek.

★ Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road and any side roads - restriction is north-westerly 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 57 of this road (this road runs north of Hwy 20 from Chilanko Forks).

★ 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

★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - see description under MU 5-12.

■ 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 E21.

◆ Stum Lake - Between Mar. 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 E18.

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 E20.

★ 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 E22.

▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see description under MU 5-13. See Map E21.

MU 5-15

▲ Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; see Map E23. **Snowmobiles allowed December 1 to April 30.**

★ 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 E25.

NATIONAL PARKS

▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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)

Bowron Lake Provincial Park

... (those portions in MU's 5-15, 7-5, 7-6 only)

Cariboo Mountains Provincial Park *

... (MU 5-15)

Cariboo River Provincial Park * (MU 5-15)

Churn Creek Protected Area* ... (MU 5-3)

See Map E7

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)

Kluskoil 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'yl-os Provincial Park* ... (MU 5-4, 5-5)

Tweedsmuir Provincial Park

See Maps E16, E17 ... (MU 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2)

White Pelican Provincial Park

... (MU 5-13, 5-14)

▶ Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected Areas marked with an asterisk (*) are exempt from the No Hunting No Shooting Restriction within 400m of the centerline of park roads.

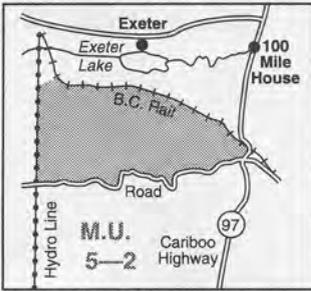
▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

▶ 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.

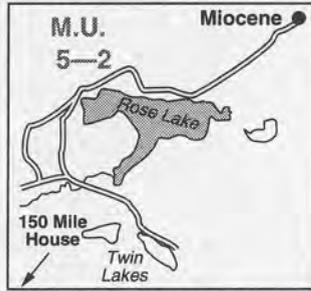
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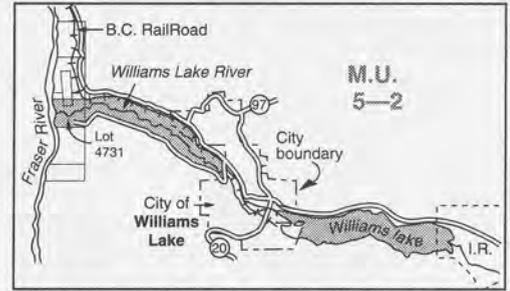
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	★ 5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	★ 5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	★ 5-1 to 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
	Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only Season	5-8, ▲5-11	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 24	1
*See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
★A total of two deer may be taken regionally within a licence year; however no more than one buck may be taken in each of the time periods listed above.				
Please take note of the regional bag limit for deer on page 58.				
▲A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E16.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-5, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
MOOSE	All moose seasons in Cariboo Region are on the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. Please refer to Notice to moose hunters on page 58. (See Map E14)			
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2, 5-3, 5-4★	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
★See Map E10				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	5-3 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
See Maps E9, E11, E15, E24, E25. See LEH Synopsis for LEH goat only areas in MUs 5-5 & 5-6.				
CARIBOU	5-12	*5 point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 15	1
*See diagram on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30, Apr 1/2004 - June 30/2004	2
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30, Apr 1/2004 - May 31/2004	2
WOLF	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	3
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2004 - May 31/2004	3
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	3
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - Dec 31	1
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - April 30/2004	2
	5-11		Jan 1/2004 - Mar 31/2004	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 31/2004	10(daily)
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	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)
See closed areas in MUs 5-3 and 5-14, Maps E8 and E27.				
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 1/2004 - Mar 31/2004	5
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1/2004 - May 31/2004	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, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Harlequins and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see page 12 & 13.				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S 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 12 & 13.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS				
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		*Sept 7 - Sept 8	8(16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AND CANADA GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		*Sept 7 - Sept 8	5(10)
★Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. (see page 12 for details)				



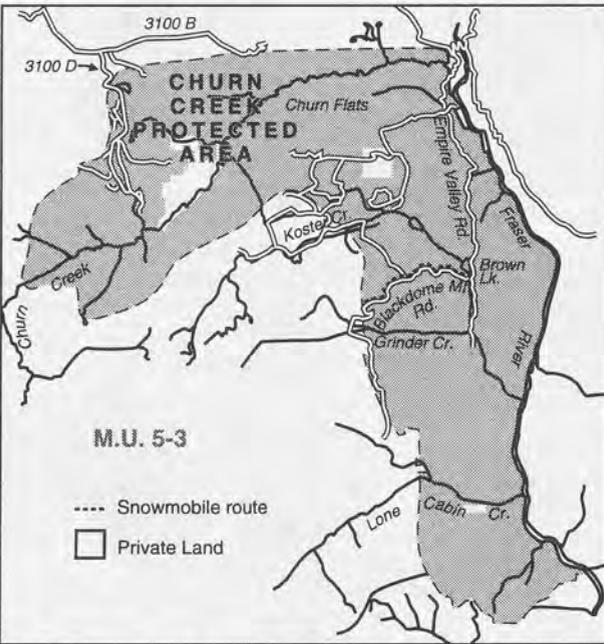
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



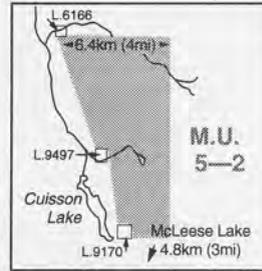
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



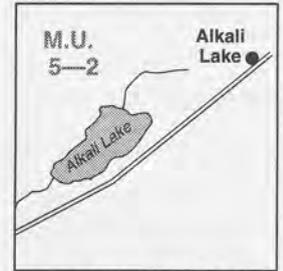
Map E3 Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



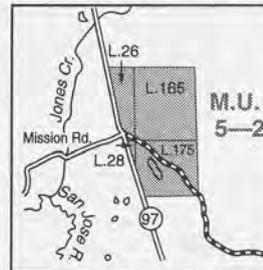
Map E7 Churn Creek Protected Area (situate in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.



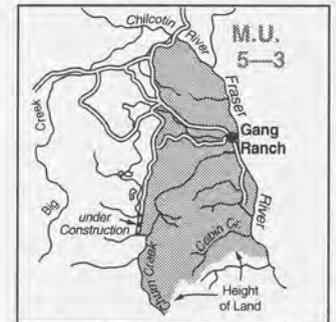
Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-2).



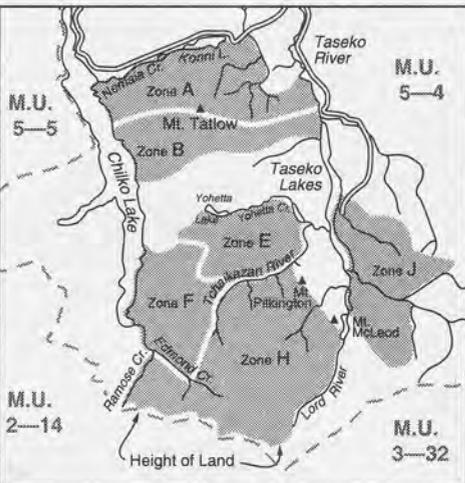
Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 5-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



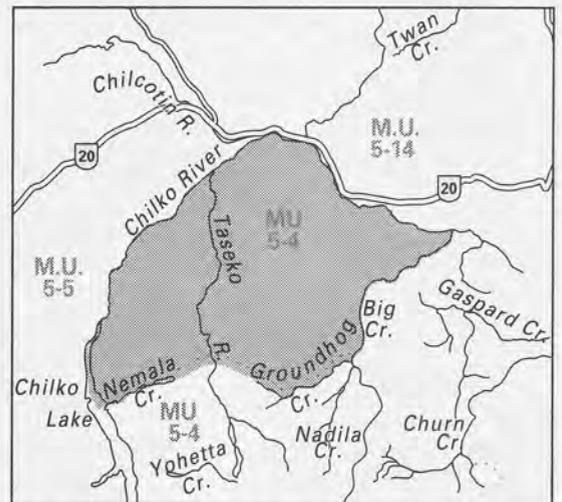
Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area closed year round (situate in MU 5-2). Road shown in dashed line is open.



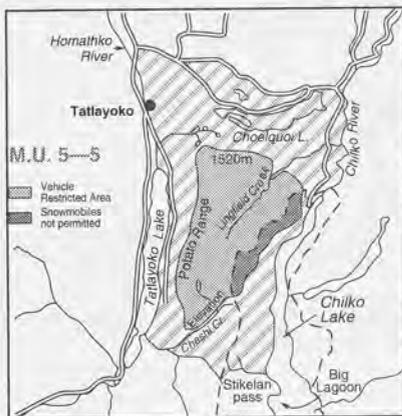
Map E8 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (situate in MU 5-3).



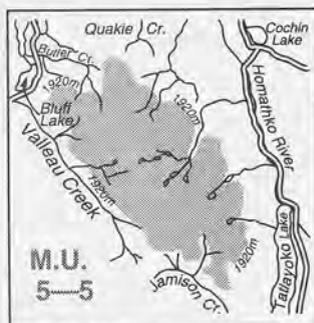
Map E9 Yohetta Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas for Mountain Goat MU 5-4, zones A, B, E, F, H, J. The operation of all terrain vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport equipment or wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yohetta LEH area.



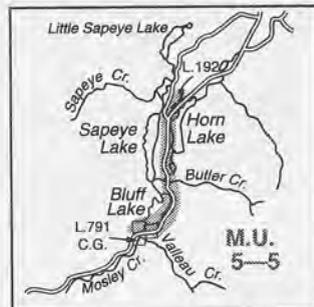
Map E10 Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4. The remainder of MU 5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.



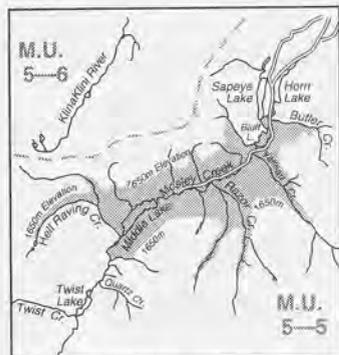
Map E11 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Access Management Area (situate in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31 except in Ts'ily-os Park.



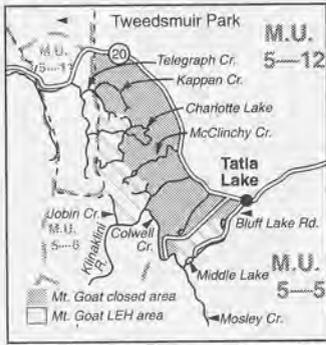
Map E12 Valleau Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-5).



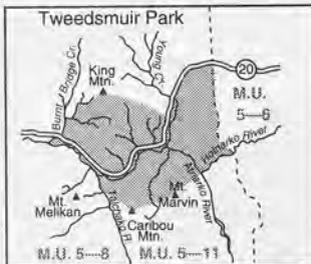
Map E13 Horn-Bluff Lakes 1/4 Mile Road Restriction (situate in MU 5-5). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



Map E14 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 5-5).



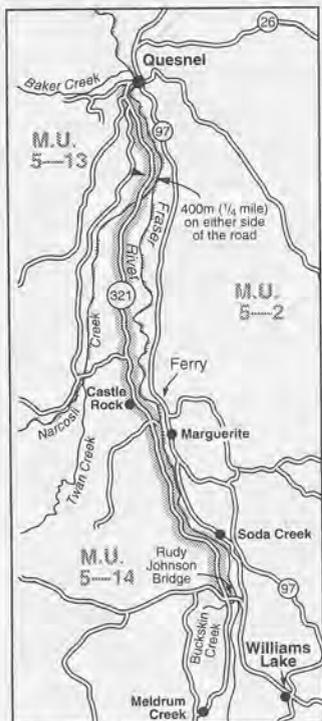
Map E15 Perkins Peak - Kappan Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area. Jobin-McClinchy & Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (situate in MUs 5-5, 5-6).



Map E16 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 E17 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



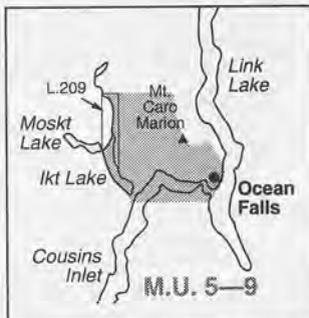
Map E17 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). See Map F1 on Page 68 for more details



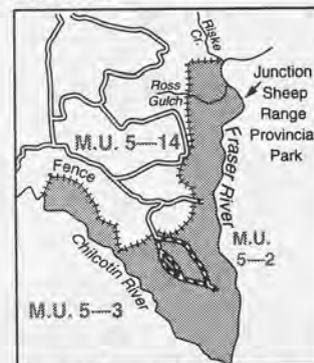
Map E21 West Fraser Road Restricted Area (situate in MUs 5-13, 5-14). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



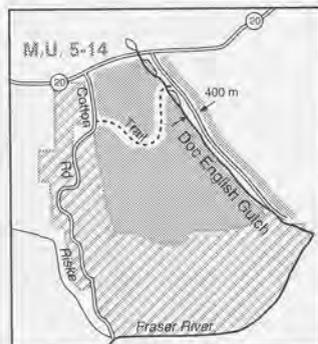
Map E18 Tibbles Road Single Projectiles Prohibited Area (situate in MU 5-13).



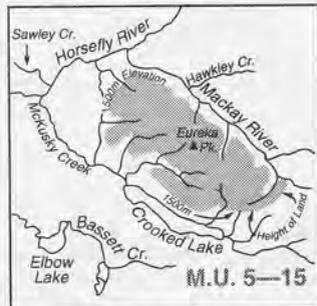
Map E19 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-9).



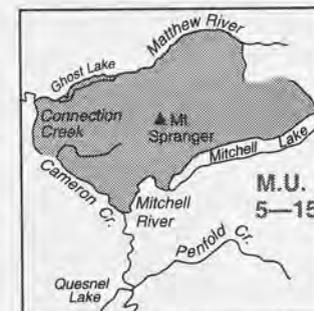
Map E20 Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Road shown in dashed line open April 1 to Nov 30.



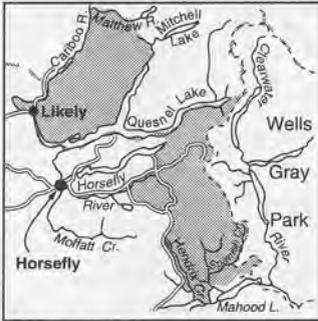
Map E22 Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-14). Roads highlighted in white are open. Portions of hatched area are private land & for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas.



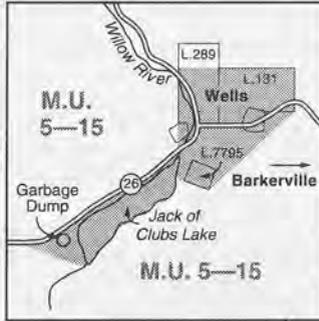
Map E23 Eureka Peak Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 5-15). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Check the LEH Synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 - Apr. 30.



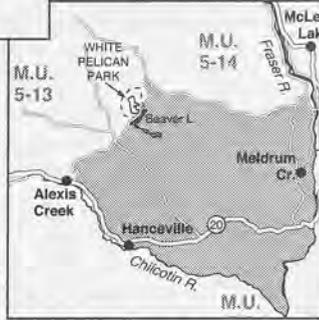
Map E24 Mt. Spranger Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 5-15).



Map E25 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situate in MU 5-15). See LEH Synopsis for area open to LEH.



Map E26 Wells No Shooting Area (situate in MU 5-15).



Map E27 Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (situate in MU 5-14).

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THREATENED CARIBOU LISTING

▶ In 1996, the federal, provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for wildlife committed to a national approach for the protection of species at risk in Canada. The commitments that were made are outlined in the National Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk (the National Accord). For further information, see <http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/species/sar/strategy/index.htm>

▶ In May 2000, the national Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designated all caribou in the southern two-thirds of BC (referred to as the Southern Mountain Population), as well as caribou in a portion of north-eastern BC (referred to as the Boreal Population) as Nationally Threatened. This designation affects the following Wildlife Management Units:

- Region 5: MU 5-12
- Region 6: MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-17 and 6-18
- Region 7A: MUs 7-30, 7-37 and 7-38
- Region 7B: MUs 7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43, 7-48, 7-49, 7-55 and 7-56

▶ In May 2002, COSEWIC reviewed the status of woodland caribou in Canada, and confirmed the nationally threatened designations. These caribou are considered at risk because of conservation concerns over their immediate and longer-term viability.

▶ The COSEWIC designation obligates the province under the National Accord to provide immediate legal protection to the caribou herds in the MU's listed above.

▶ In response to the COSEWIC designation, and British Columbia's commitment to the National Accord, the following actions were undertaken in 2000-01 and 2001-02:

1. Hunters were notified in the 2000/01 Hunting Synopsis that caribou in the MU's listed above had been designated as Nationally Threatened.
2. Those MU's known to have Boreal Caribou (MUs 7-48, 7-49, 7-55 and 7-56) were closed to caribou hunting in 2001.
3. Caribou hunting regulations in MU 5-12 were changed to only allow caribou to only be harvested under the "5 point bull regulation" in 2001.
4. The development of caribou recovery plans was initiated in 2000-01 and 2001-02.

▶ In response to the COSEWIC designation, and British Columbia's commitment to the National Accord, the following were implemented in 2002-03:

1. MU 7-19 (the Belcourt Herd) was closed to caribou hunting.
2. All caribou herds with General Open Seasons within the COSEWIC listed area were managed on the "5 point bull regulation" only.

3. The first recovery plan for caribou in the south-eastern portion of the province (commonly called "Mountain Caribou") was released in the fall of 2002.

▶ In response to the COSEWIC designation, British Columbia's commitment to the National Accord, and proclamation of the federal Species at Risk Act, the following actions have been implemented in 2003-04:

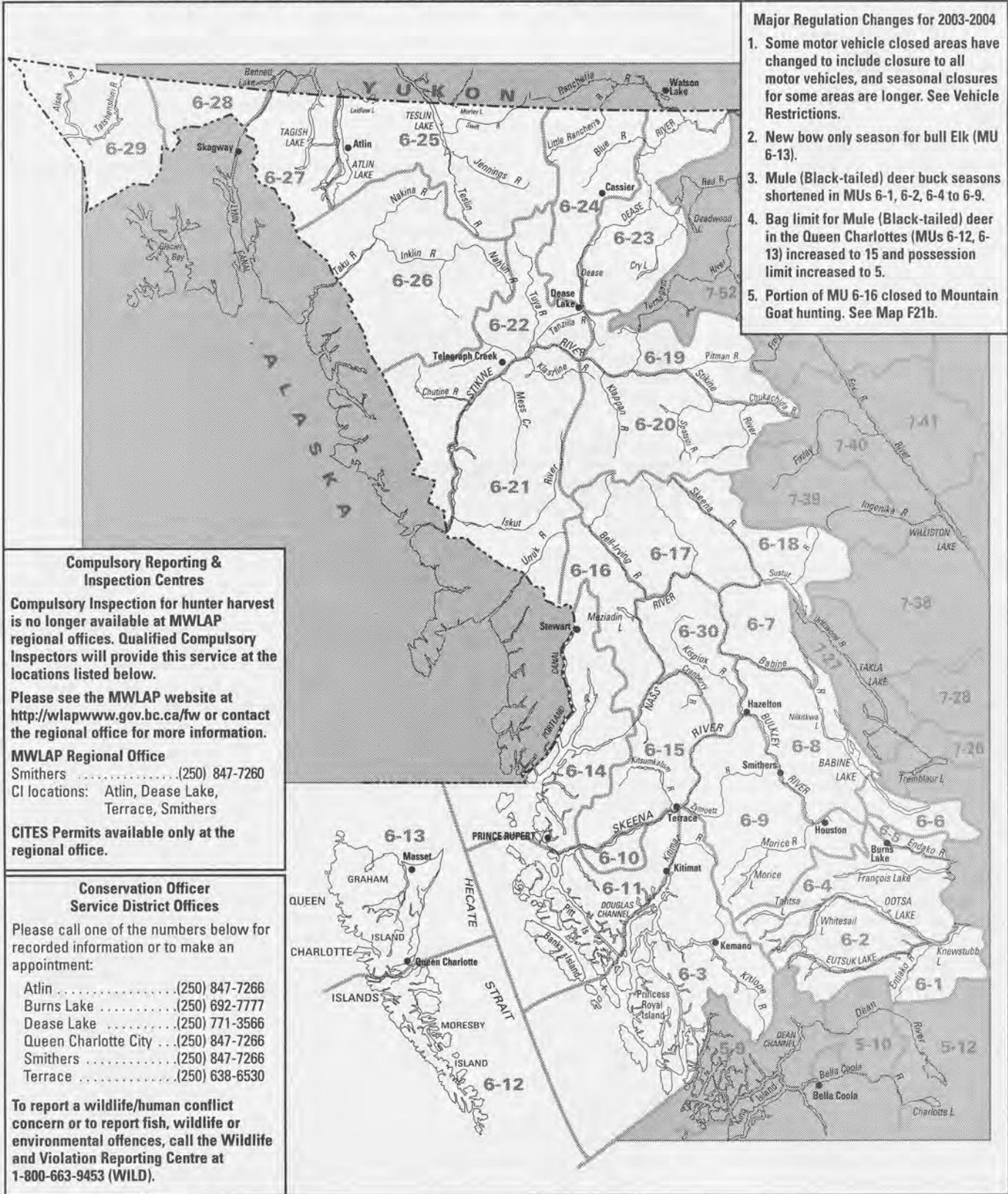
1. The Northern Caribou Technical Advisory Committee developed a draft Recovery Strategy that includes standards (principles and evaluation criteria) under which sport hunting could be maintained for a local caribou population within the recovery area, as well as guidelines for establishing a conservative allowable harvest level that will not impede recovery actions.
2. Using the standards set by the committee, regional wildlife biologists have determined that the Itcha-Ilgachuz caribou population (2,500 animals, increasing population) and the Chase-Sustut population (575 animals, stable population) meet the conservation criteria for allowing a harvest. Seasons have remained open in MUs 5-12, 6-17, 6-18, 7-37 and 7-38.
3. Caribou hunting seasons were closed in MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 7-21, 7-22, 7-30, 7-31, 7-36, and 7-43.

▶ Caribou in the northern one-third of the province have not been listed and are not covered by this notice.

REGION 6



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 5th edition.



- Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004**
1. Some motor vehicle closed areas have changed to include closure to all motor vehicles, and seasonal closures for some areas are longer. See Vehicle Restrictions.
 2. New bow only season for bull Elk (MU 6-13).
 3. Mule (Black-tailed) deer buck seasons shortened in MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9.
 4. Bag limit for Mule (Black-tailed) deer in the Queen Charlottes (MUs 6-12, 6-13) increased to 15 and possession limit increased to 5.
 5. Portion of MU 6-16 closed to Mountain Goat hunting. See Map F21b.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below.

Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

MWLAP Regional Office
 Smithers(250) 847-7260
 CI locations: Atlin, Dease Lake, Terrace, Smithers

CITES Permits available only at the regional office.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Atlin	(250) 847-7266
Burns Lake	(250) 692-7777
Dease Lake	(250) 771-3566
Queen Charlotte City	(250) 847-7266
Smithers	(250) 847-7266
Terrace	(250) 638-6530

To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).

BAG LIMITS

▶ Deer: The bag limit and possession limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 1, except in MUs 6-12 and 6-13, where the bag limit is 15 and possession limit is 5. The bag limit and possession 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

1. 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, year round.
2. The use of snowmobiles is permitted to transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, from Dec. 16 to Mar 31.
3. The use of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited beyond 400 metres on either side of the following roads between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15:

▶ 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.

4. The use of all motor vehicles is prohibited above 1400 metres in elevation on Tساتيا Mountain (MU 6-20), Klastine Plateau (MU 6-21), Level Mountain (MU 6-22, 6-26) and Gnat Pass (MU 6-19). This applies to both roads and off-road areas.

5. Between May 1 and Nov. 15, the use of all motor vehicles along the following roads/trails is prohibited:

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Adsit Lake Rd (MU 6-24) and the road leading to Porcupine Lake and including 400 m beyond the end of both roads.

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Todagin Mtn. Mining Access Rd (MU 6-20) between Coyote Cr. and Lat. 59 29 1.8 and Long. 129 38 3.6 (start of alpine), then beyond 10 m on either side of the road to its end at Lat. 57 42 13.43 and Long. 129 48 1.04.

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Goldpan Rd (MU 6-23) from Dease Lake Townsite to its junction with Little Eagle River.

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Hot Lakes Rd and side roads (MU 6-24), between its junction with Hwy 37 and Lat. 59 29 1.8 and Long. 129 38 3.6 (start of alpine), then beyond 10 m on either side of the road to its end at Lat. 59 30 13.5 and Long. 129 32 12.0.

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Cassiar Townsite/Quartzrock Creek access roads (MU 6-24) commencing at the junction of Hwy 37 and Cassiar Townsite access road, then west to Cassiar Townsite, then north along Quartzrock Creek access road to 400 m beyond the headwaters of Quartzrock Cr.

▶ Beyond 400 m on either side of Midway Mine Access trail (MU 6-24) from its junction with an unnamed trail locally known as the Midway Mine Access Trail, then south along the trail to a point 5 km north of the Little Rancheria River and including 400 m beyond that point (Map F29).

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

▶ A Nisga'a Hunting Licence is not required for 2003 but may be implemented by 2004. Call 1-866-633-0888.

▶ Access to the Endako Mines and Huckleberry Mines Sites (MU 6-4) is prohibited under the Mines & Trespass Acts.

▶ Hunters should check special area maps for no shooting and no hunting areas that might apply in areas they wish to hunt (pgs 68 - 71).

▶ No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on pages 20 & 21.

▶ 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).

▶ 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. 23.

NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS

▶ A series of rut closures are in place along various rights of way as set out below:

1. There is no open season for moose during the period Sept. 25 to Oct. 10 within 400 meters of:

- Klappan Rail Grade (MUs 6-18, 6-20).
- Highway 37, from the Junction of the Dease Lake turnoff to the Yukon border (MUs 6-23, 6-24). See Map F32.
- the road locally known as Blue River Road, east from Highway 37 to the Blue River Indian Reserve #2 (MU 6-23). See Map F32.
- the trail locally known as One Ace Mountain Road, west from Highway 37 to One Ace Mountain (MU 6-24). See Map F32.
- the road locally known as McDame Road, southeasterly from Highway 37 near Good Hope Lake to Atan Lake (MU 6-23). See Map F32.
- Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24).
- Goldpan Road (MU 6-23).
- Jade/Boulder Road (MU 6-19).
- Todigan 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 F40).
- Twenty Mile Road (east of the Hyland River), south from the Alaska Highway to the Liard River (MU 6-23). See Map F34.
- the road locally known as Midway Mine/Silvertip Road, south from the Yukon border to the mine site (MU 6-24) (Map F32).
- that portion of the Alaska Highway in MU 6-25 (Map F41).
- the road locally known as the Smart River Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F41
- the road locally known as Logjam Creek

- Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F41
 - 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 F35.
 - the road locally known as Bull Creek/Blue Canyon Road/ Spruce Creek road to the junction with Bull Creek (MU 6-25). See Map F36.
 - the road locally known as Warm Bay/O'Donnell Road (MU 6-25). See Map F37.
 - 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 F38.
2. 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 F39.

NATIONAL PARKS

- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks.
- ▶ Hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (MU 6-12).

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- ▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.
- ▶ 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** See Maps F30 and F31 (MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27)
- Babine Lake Marine Park**(MU 6-6)
- Babine Mountains Provincial Park**(MU 6-8) See Map F10.
- Babine Mountains Trails Provincial Park**(MU 6-8)

- Babine River Corridor Provincial Park**(MU 6-7, 6-8)
- Border Lake Provincial Park** (MU 6-21)
- Boulder Creek Prov. Park**(MU 6-9)
- 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)
- Burns Lake Provincial Park**(MU 6-4)
- Chukachida Protected Area**(MU 6-19, 6-20)
- Craig Headwaters Protected Area**(MU 6-21)
- Damdochax Protected Area**(MU 6-17)
- Entiako Provincial Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-1)
- Francois Lake Provincial Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-4)
- Gitnadoix River Recreation Area** See Maps F7 and F10(MU 6-10)
- Great Glacier Provincial Park** (MU 6-22)
- Khutzeymateen Prov. Park**(MU 6-14)
- Hunting of wildlife is prohibited in the valley below 1,000 meters above sea level within this park. See Map F18.
- Kitlope Heritage Conservancy Protected Area**(MU 6-3)
- Kitwanga Mountain Provincial Park**(MU 6-15)
- Lava Forks Provincial Park**(MU 6-21)
- Little Andrews Bay Provincial Park**(MU 6-4)
- Mount Edziza Prov. Park and Rec. Area** See Map F27(MU 6-21)
- Naikoon Prov. Park**(MU 6-13)
- No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to Sept. 14. See Map F14.
- Netalzul Meadows Provincial Park**(MU 6-8)
- Nilkitwa Lake Provincial Park** (MU 6-8)
- Ningunsaw Provincial Park**(MU 6-21)
- Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Prov. Park**(MU 6-15)

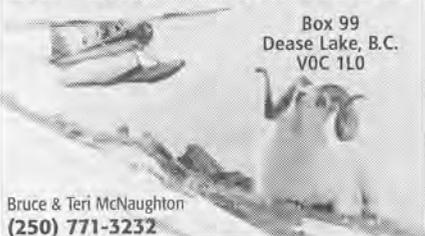
- Pitman River Protected Area**(MU 6-19)
- Rainbow Alley Prov. Park**(MU 6-8)
- Seven Sisters Provincial Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-9)
- Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Prov. Park** See Maps F22 to F24(MU 6-20)
- Spatsizi Headwaters Provincial Park**(MU 6-20)
- Stikine River Recreation Area**(MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22). See Maps F22, F23, F24, F26 and F27.
- Sustut Protected Area**(MU 6-18)
- Sustut Provincial Park**(MU 6-18, 7-38)
- Sutherland River Provincial Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-6)
- Sutherland River Prov. Park**(MU 6-6)
- Swan Lake Kispiox River Prov. Park**(MU 6-30)
- Tatshenshini-Alsek Prov. Park**(MU 6-29)
- Todayin South Slope Provincial Park**(MU 6-20)
- Tuya Mountains Provincial Park**(MU 6-22)
- Tweedsmuir Park and Recreation Area** See Map F1(MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4)
- Tweedsmuir Protected Area**(MU 6-2)
- Tweedsmuir Corridor Protected Area**(MU 6-2)
- Uncha Mountain Red Hills Prov. Park**(MU 6-1)

▶ 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.

▶ 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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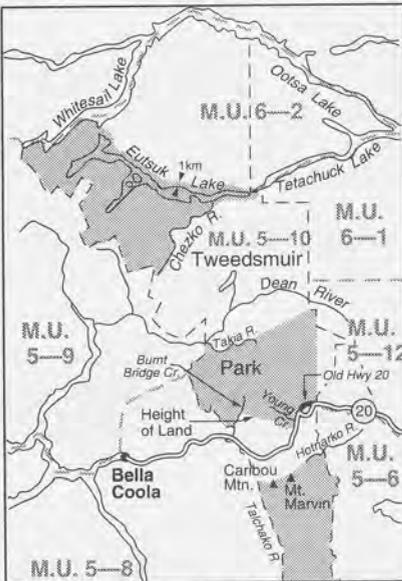


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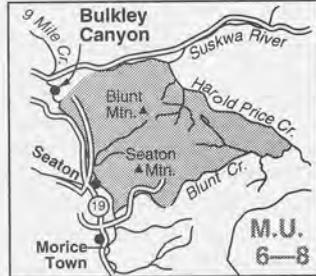
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9	*4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 19	1
	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9	*4 Point Bucks	Oct 20 - Nov 20	1
	6-12, 6-13	Bucks	June 1 - Feb 28/2004	◆15(15)
	6-12, 6-13	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Feb 28/2004	◆15(15)
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only Season	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
*See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
◆The possession limit for deer in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 5 (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 30	1
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
MOOSE	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-16, 6-30	*Bulls	Oct 20 - Oct 26	1
	▲6-17, 6-18 to 6-29	*Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 15	1
Bow Only Season	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, F7 and F22. ▼Parts of several MUs are closed to hunting of moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10. See Notice to Moose Hunters. See Maps F22, F32, F34 to F41.				
*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 MWLAP, or by mailing the tooth in a Harvest Data Card "Tooth Return" envelope, which may be obtained from any licence issuer, Government Agent or MWLAP office.				
ELK	6-13	Bulls	Sept 15 - Nov 15	1
Bow Only Season	6-13	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 14	1
THINHORN MT				
SHEEP	6-17, 6-18 to 6-26, *6-27	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
See Maps F22, F27, F43, F30. *A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F30.				
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 F10 and F26. Special Bow Only Season. See Map F2. *Portion of 6-16 closed. See Map F21b.				
▲Parts of several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F10, F20, F23, F24, F26, F27, F31, F33, F43, and F21b.				
CARIBOU	6-17 to 6-20, 6-22 to 6-27	*5 point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 10	1
*See definition and diagram on page 3. 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 F22, F42 and G19				
BLACK BEAR	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	6-1 to 6-30		Apr 1/2004 - June 30/2004	2
WOLF	6-1 to 6-30		*Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	3
	6-1 to 6-30		*Apr 1 - June 15/2004	3
*In that portion of MUs 6-1 and 6-2 being Tweedsmuir Park, the open season for wolf is Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004				
COYOTE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	10
WOLVERINE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Sept 15 - Jan 15/2004	1
LYNX	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15 to 6-30		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	1
RACCOON	6-12, 6-13		No closed season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	6-1 to 6-30		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)
	6-1 to 6-30		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	10 (daily)
BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	6-1 to 6-30		Sept 10 - Nov 15	10(30)
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-30		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	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		Aug 15 - Feb 28/2004	10(30)
COOTS, COMMON				
SNIFE	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 13/2004	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 13/2004	8(16)

Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 12 & 13.

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S 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 13/2004	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
CANADA GEESE, AND 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 13/2004	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE				
DAYS DUCKS	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		★Sept 23 - Sept 24	8(16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AND CANADA GEESE	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		★Sept 23 - Sept 24	5(10)
★Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. (see page 12 for details). The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.				



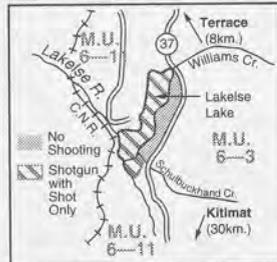
Map F1 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). The general open hunting season for bull moose in MU 6-2 in Tweedsmuir Park is Oct 20 to Nov 15.



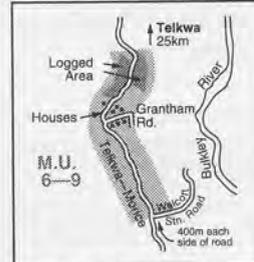
Map F2 Blunt Mountain Special Area (situate in MU 6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 to Oct 19.



Map F3 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).



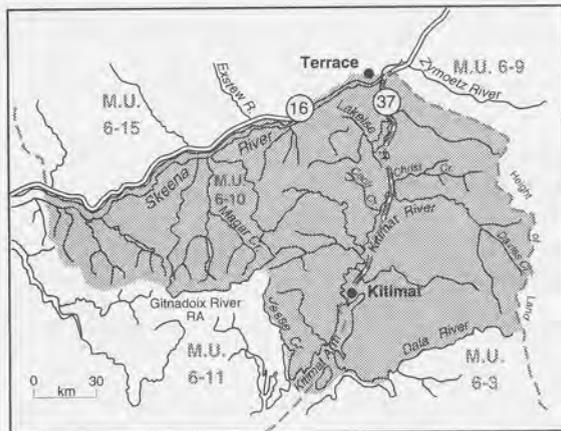
Map F4 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Shotguns Only Area (situate in MU 6-11).



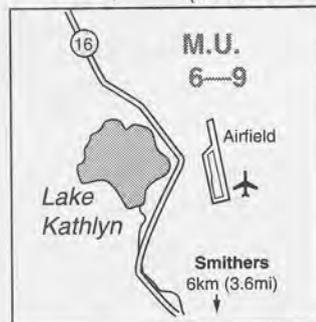
Map F5 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F6 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area 0.4 km either side of road (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F7 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-10 and in portions of 6-3, 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 and 6-11 that are outside of the shaded Smithers Bull Moose LEH area, the general open season for bull moose is Sept 10 to Nov 15.



Map F8 Lake Kathlyn No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).

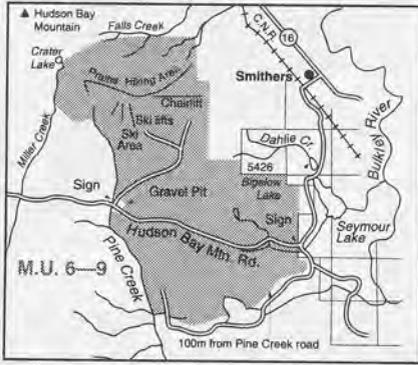
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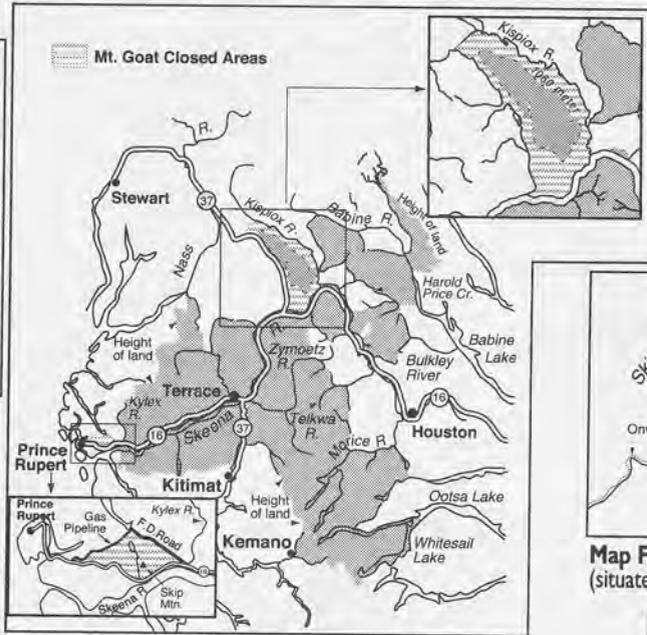
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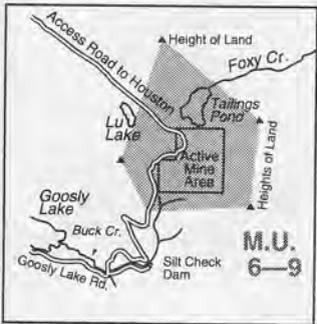
Map F9 Hudson Bay Mountain and Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



Map F10 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) and Mountain Goat Closed Area in MU 6-30. Note: no open season for mountain goats on Skip Mountain (situate in MU 6-14).



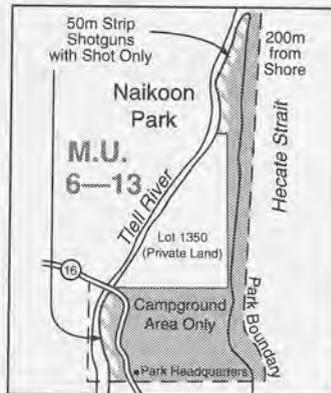
Map F11 Sandspit No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-12).



Map F12 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



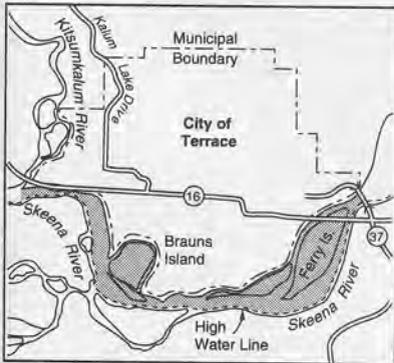
Map F13 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13)



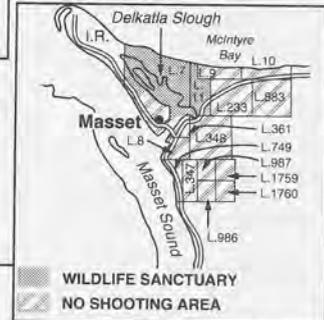
Map F14 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Hunters should note the 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tiell River are open for Shotguns with Shot Only as indicated on map. (Closed along Hwy).



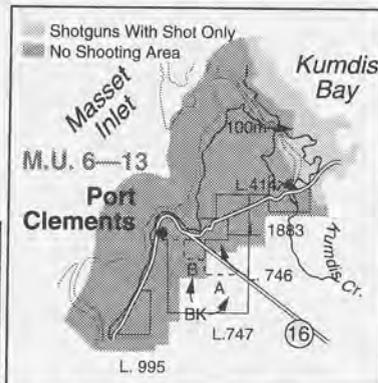
Map F15 Houston Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-9).



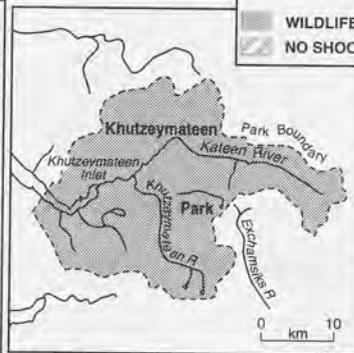
Map F16 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-9, 6-15).



Map F19 Masset No Shooting Area (situate in MU 6-13). Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.

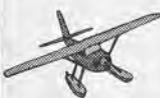


Map F17 Port Clements No Shooting Area and Kumdis Bay Shotgun with shot only area (situate in MU 6-13).



Map F18 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.

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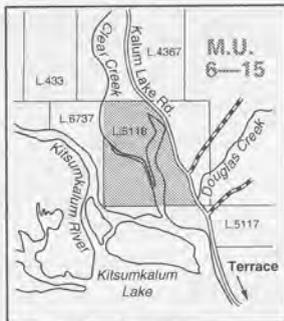


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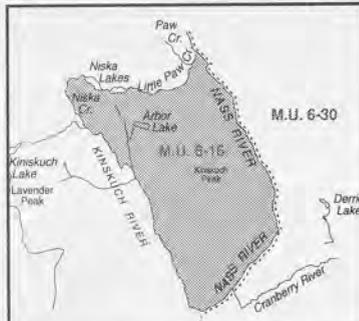
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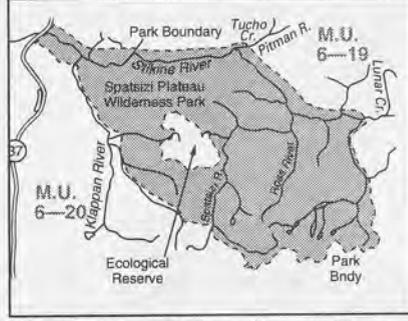
Map F20 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-14).



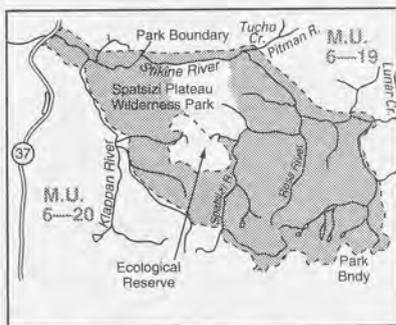
Map F21a North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-15).



Map F21b Nass Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 6-16).



Map F22 Spatsizi Caribou, Mountain Sheep and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



Map F23 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-19, 6-20).



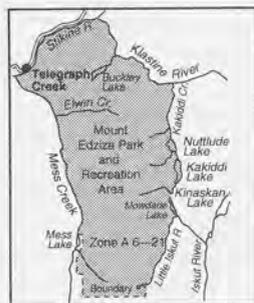
Map F24 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 6-20).



Map F25 Spatsizi (Cold Fish-Gladys 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.



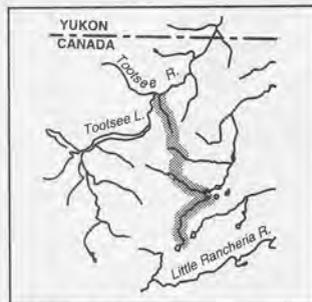
Map F26 Todagin Mountain No Shooting Area, Mountain Goat Closed Area and motor vehicle Prohibited Area (situate in MU 6-20). See vehicle restrictions on page 65.



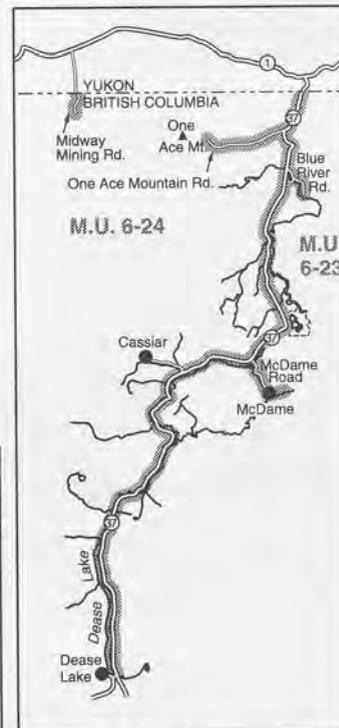
Map F27 Mt. Edziza Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in MU 6-21).



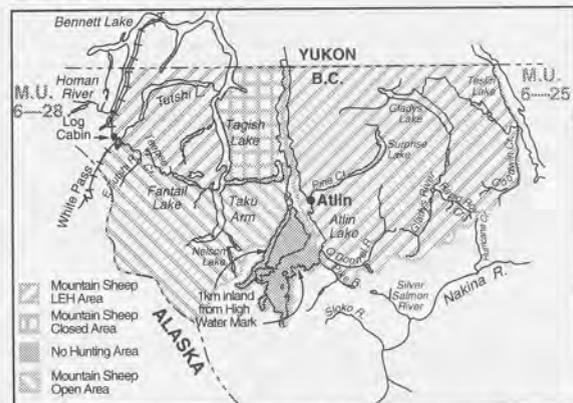
Map F28 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-18, 7-39).



Map F29 Midway Mine Access Trail. When using the access trail, the use of motor vehicles is prohibited beyond the shaded area shown above from Aug 1 to Nov 15 (situate in MU 6-24).



Map F32 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.

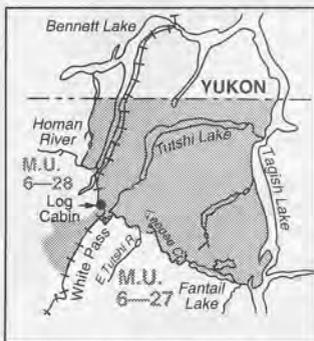


Map F30 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area from Aug 1 - Oct 15 (situate in MU 6-25, 6-27).



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

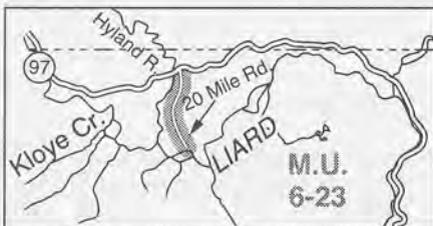
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Map F33 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area. (situate in MUs 6-27, 6-28).



Map F36 Bull Creek Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400 m of Bull Creek Rd from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



Map F34 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.

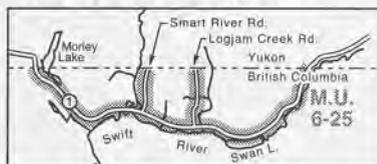


Map F37 O'Donnell Road Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of O'Donnell Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.

Map F40 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.



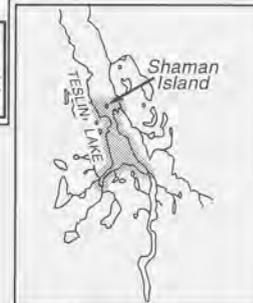
Map F38 Gladys Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400m of the road listed in the legend.



Map F41 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.



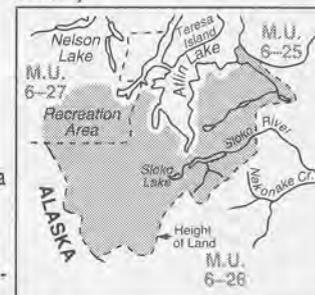
Map F35 Surprise Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400 m of the roads listed in the legend.



Map F39 Teslin Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 with 400m of the shore of and over the portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (Burial Island) and including Shaman Island.



Map F42 Kawdy Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



Map F43 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situate in MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27).



Map F44 In that portion of Atlin Park, within MUs 6-25 and 6-27, the hunting of all wildlife is prohibited.

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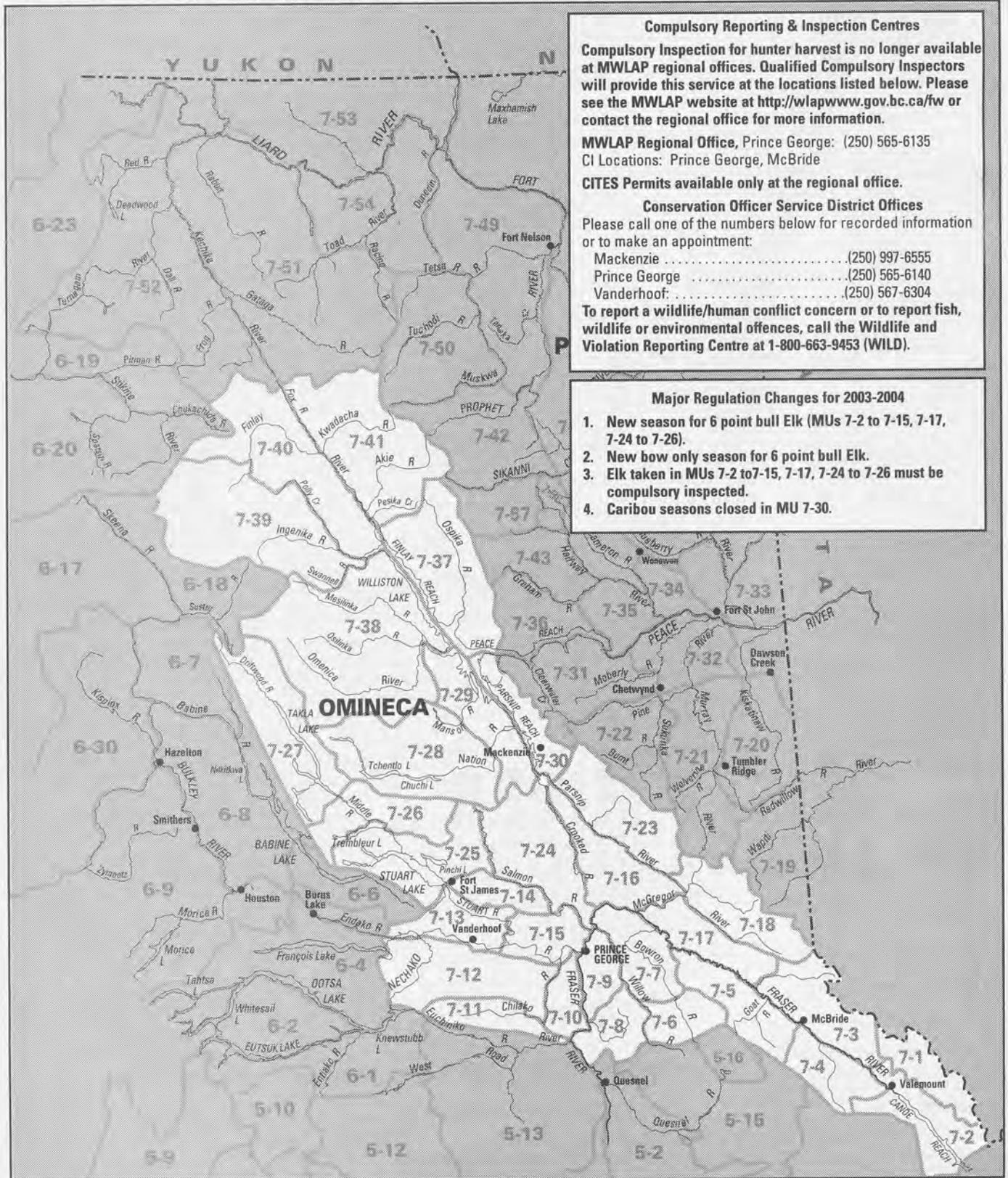
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Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

1. New season for 6 point bull Elk (MUs 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26).
2. New bow only season for 6 point bull Elk.
3. Elk taken in MUs 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26 must be compulsory inspected.
4. Caribou seasons closed in MU 7-30.

BAG LIMITS

▶ **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A and 7B (Omineca/Peace) is two. Only one buck may be taken in region 7A and 7B combined. The bag limit for mule deer bucks in 7B is one in two years, therefore a hunter who takes a mule deer buck in 7B cannot take another in 7B until the calendar year of the kill and subsequent calendar year have expired. Note: if you harvested a mule deer buck in 7B in 2001 under the previous one deer in three years bag limit, you can not take another male deer buck in 7B until the 2004 season. One mule deer may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

▶ **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse is 10 (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed). The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10.

▶ **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 MWLAP 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 RESTRICTION 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 wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife.

◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife.

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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 and that part of MU 7-3 it accesses from its crossing Fraser River during the periods April 15 to June 15 and August 15 to November 20.

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, including the Selkutz 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 15 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 MWLAP.

▶ 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, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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:

- ▲ **Arctic Pacific Lakes Provincial Park** (MU 7-16, 7-18, 7-23)
- ▲ **Bobtall Mountain Provincial Park** (MU 7-12)

▲ **Bowron Lake Provincial Park (those portions in** MU 7-5, 7-6, 5-15 only)

▲ **Carp Lake Prov. Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-24)

▲ **Chase Provincial Park** (MU 7-38)

▲ **Close-to-the-Edge Prov. Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-18)

▲ **Crooked River Provincial Park (addition on west side of Crooked River only)** (MUs 7-16, 7-24)

▲ **Dahl Lake Prov. Park – Henry and Chuck Lakes addition only** (MU 7-12)

▲ **Ed Bird-Estella Provincial Park** (MU 7-40)

▲ **Erg Mountain Provincial Park** (MU 7-5)

▲ **Eskers Provincial Park – Taginchil Lake and southwest additions only** (MU 7-15)

▲ **Evanoff Provincial Park** (MU 7-17)

▲ **Finger-Tatuk Provincial Park** (MU 7-11)

▲ **Finlay – Russel Protected Area** (MU 7-39, 7-40)

▲ **Finlay – Russel Provincial Park** (MU 7-39, 7-40)

▲ **Fort George Canyon Provincial Park** (MUs 7-9, 7-10)

▲ **Foster Arm Protected Area** (MU 7-2)

▲ **Fraser River Provincial Park** (MU 7-10)

▲ **Giscome Portage Trail Protected Area** (MU 7-24)

▲ **Heather – Dina Provincial Park** (MU 7-30)

▲ **Holliday Creek Arch Protected Area** (MU 7-3)

▲ **Jackman Flats Provincial Park** (MU 7-2)

▲ **Kakwa Provincial Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-18, 7-19)

▲ **Kwadacha Recreation Area** (MU 7-41)

▲ **Kwadacha Wilderness Provincial Park** (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50)

▲ **Lower Raush Protected Area** (MU 7-4)

▲ **Monkman Provincial Park – that portion in MU 7-18 only**

▲ **Mount Blanchet Provincial Park** (MU 7-27)

▲ **Mount Pope Provincial Park** (MU 7-25)

▲ **Mount Robson Provincial Park – Swift Current Creek addition only** (MU 7-13)

▲ **Mudzenchoot Provincial Park** (MU 7-28)

▲ **Muscovite Lakes Provincial Park** (MU 7-29)

▲ **Nechako Canyon Protected Area** (MU 7-12)

▲ **Omineca Protected Area** (MU 7-38)

▲ **Omineca Provincial Park** (MU 7-29, 7-38)

▲ **Ptarmigan Creek Prov. Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-5)

▲ **Purden Lake Provincial Park addition only** (MU 7-7)

▲ **Rubyrock Lake Prov. Park** (MUs 7-25, 7-26)

▲ **Slim Creek Provincial Park** (MU 7-5)

▲ **Small River Caves Provincial Park** (MU 7-3)

▲ **Stuart Lake Marine Park** (MU 7-25)

▲ **Stuart Lake Provincial Park** (MU 7-25)

▲ **Stuart River Provincial Park** (MU 7-13, 7-15)

▲ **Sugarbowl – Grizzly Den Prov. Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-5, 7-7, 7-17)

▲ **Sustut Protected Area** (MU 6-18)

▲ **Sustut Provincial Park** (MU 6-18, 7-38)

▲ **Takla Lake Marine Park** (MU 7-27)

▲ **Tatlatui Provincial Park** (No open season for mountain sheep) (MU 7-39)

▲ **Three Sisters Lake Prov. Park** (MU 7-9)

▲ **Trembleur Lake Provincial Park** (MU 7-26)

▲ **Upper Raush Protected Area** (MU 7-4)

▲ **West Twin Provincial Park and Protected Area** (MU 7-5)

▲ **Whiskers Point Provincial Park – southeast addition only** (MU 7-24)

▶ 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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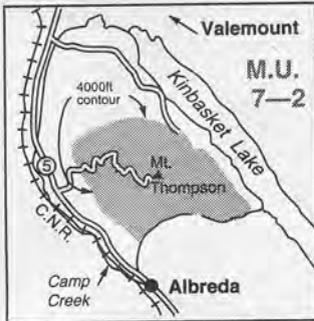
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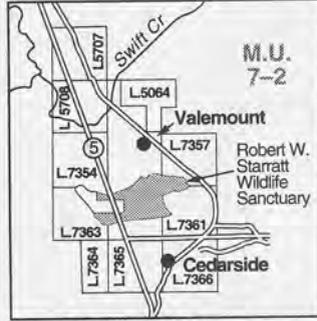
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SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
(Black-tailed)	7-6 to 7-15, 7-24 to 7-26	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
<i>*See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	*Spike-fork 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	*Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
<i>*See definition on page 3&4. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers and an incisor tooth must accompany the species licence.</i>				
<i>+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.</i>				
ELK	7-41	*6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	*6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	*6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
<i>*See definition on Page 3. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Elk taken in MUs 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26 must be compulsory inspected. See page 15.</i>				
BIGHORN MTN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
THINHORN MTN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
<i>Tatlatui Provincial Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. See page 73 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.</i>				
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
<i>MUs 7-3, 7-4. (See Map G6). See special area maps.</i>				
<i>Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.</i>				
CARIBOU	7-37 to 7-41	*5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
<i>*See diagram on page 3. See special area maps. For MU 7-39, see Map G16.</i>				
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 1/2004 - June 15/2004	2
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	3
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	3
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15/2004	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		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>				
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 (30)
<i>For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.</i>				
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 28/2004	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)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 12 & 13.</i>				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, CANADA GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 12 & 13.</i>				

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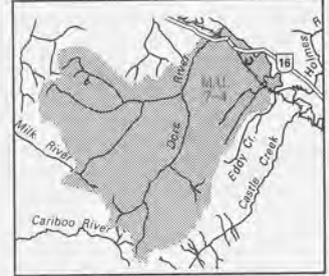
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-2).



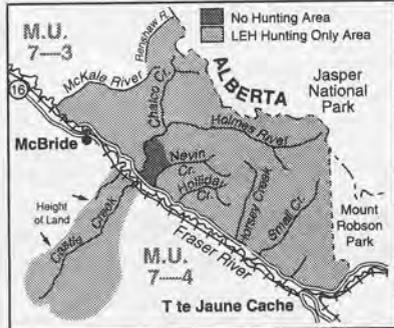
Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in MU 7-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



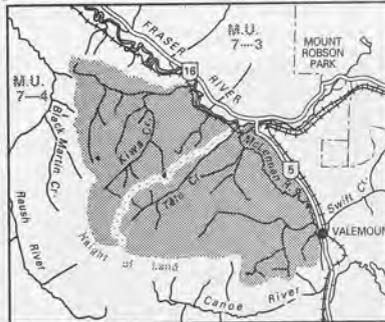
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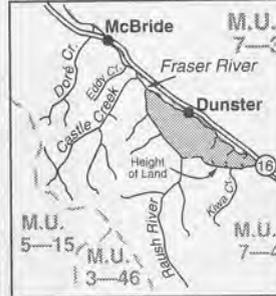
Map G4 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area. Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situate in MU 7-4).



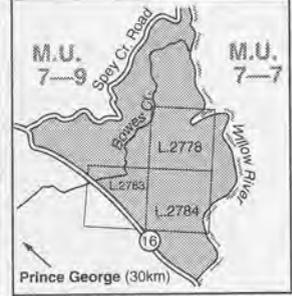
Map G5 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas. Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situate in MU 7-3 and MU 7-4).



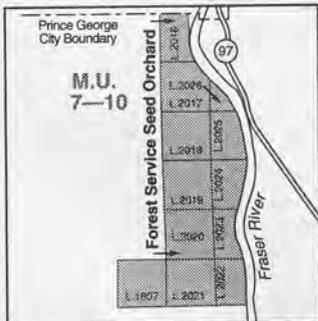
Map G6 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area. Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situate in MU 7-4).



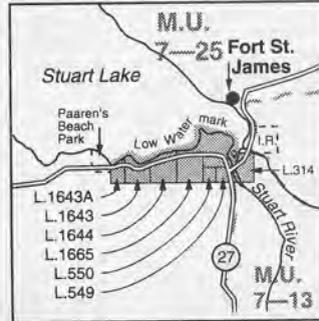
Map G7 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-4).



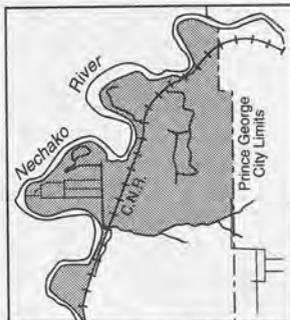
Map G8 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-9).



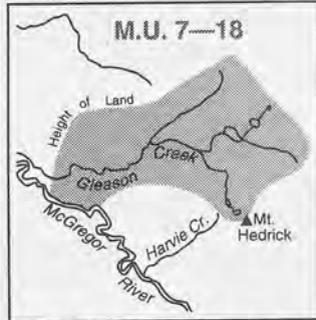
Map G9 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-10).



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 Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-18).



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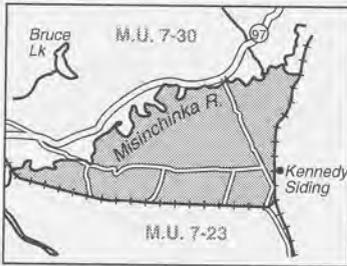
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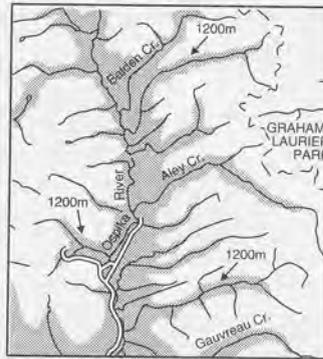
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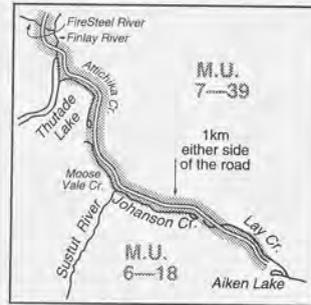
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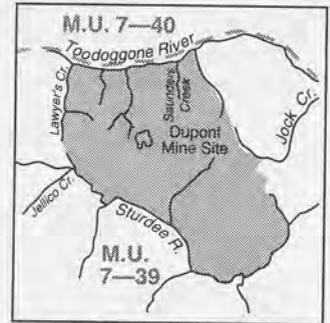
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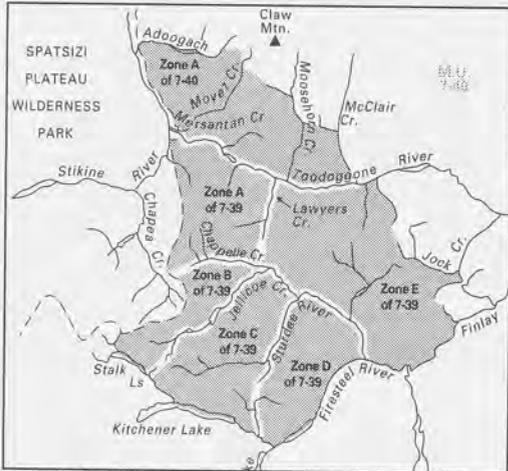
Map G14 Ospika River Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-37).



Map G15 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situate in MUs 6-18, 7-39).



Map G16 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 G17 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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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease...What is it?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system that affects mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk. CWD belongs to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). TSEs tend to be species specific and not naturally transmitted between species.

Other TSEs include:

- scrapie, identified in domestic sheep and goats for more than 200 years;
- bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle (BSE or "mad cow disease");
- Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, which occurs naturally in one of every one million humans; and
- new variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans, which has been linked to the large-scale outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle herds in Great Britain.

What does CWD look like?

Signs of the disease include gradual weight loss and changes in behaviour. In early stages of the disease the animal may look normal, but in later stages affected animals may show weight loss, drooling and difficulty swallowing, increased drinking and urination, poor coordination or stumbling, trembling or depression. Signs may be present for days, weeks or months before death. Difficulty swallowing can lead to pneumonia and a rapid death if feed is breathed into the lungs or aspirated. After infection with the CWD agent occurs, symptoms may not appear for years. In captivity, infected animals are usually 2 to 7 years old before symptoms are noticed, but there have been younger cases.

Infection appears to be fatal in all cases. However, because the clinical signs are quite nonspecific, CWD is not diagnosed by the symptoms or by testing a live animal. Laboratory and microscopic examination of a small area of the base of the brain as well as the tonsils and lymph nodes associated with the head of deer are the only methods to confirm the diagnosis of CWD. Research is continuing on developing simpler tests, especially for live animals.

MWLAP requests hunters report any deer or elk that are thin or showing signs of nervous system disease.



Where is CWD found?

The disease in mule deer was first identified in the 1960s and monitoring programs later identified the disease in deer and elk in northeastern Colorado and adjoining parts of Wyoming and Nebraska. At present, CWD is recognized in wild free-ranging deer and some elk in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Illinois and most recently in Utah.

CWD is or was present in game farmed elk in a number of states (Montana, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Wisconsin and Nebraska), in Saskatchewan and, recently, in a single elk and a single white tailed deer on game farms in Alberta. A Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) disease control program was initiated in 2000 to eradicate the disease on infected elk farms in Saskatchewan. Over 7500 animals were destroyed with approximately 3 % positive for CWD. The CFIA CWD program has now expanded to Alberta elk and deer farms.

Since the fall of 2000, seven wild mule deer and one wild white-tailed deer harvested in Saskatchewan have been confirmed to be CWD positive. Wildlife agencies in Saskatchewan and Alberta joined the CFIA and other disease experts in an expanded control program that includes wild deer herd reductions and intensive sample collections to confirm the number and distribution of infected wild deer. To date, only these eight positives have been found in wild deer and elk surveillance programs in BC, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba.

How is CWD transmitted?

An abnormal protein known as a prion is believed to cause Chronic Wasting Disease, but the exact method(s) of transmission is not understood. Experimental and circumstantial evidence suggests infected deer and elk probably transmit the disease through animal to animal contact and/or contamination of feed or water sources with saliva, urine and/or feces.

Is there a risk to humans?

There is no evidence to suggest that CWD can infect humans. As a precaution, the World Health Organization and other human health experts recommend that all products from animals known to be infected with any prion disease should not be used for human food. As a minimum, experts suggest that hunters in areas where CWD has been identified should avoid eating the brain, spinal cord, eyes, tonsils, spleen or lymph nodes of deer and elk because the infectious agent tends to concentrate in those tissues.

Is CWD in British Columbia?

All CWD infections in game farmed elk and wild deer in Canada appear to be linked directly or

indirectly to contact with infected cervids from affected areas in the USA. British Columbia has never permitted the farming of native species of deer or elk, and BC does not permit the import of any native cervid species into the province. In addition, there are significant geographical and spatial barriers to animal movement between areas where deer or elk are infected with this disease and our borders. At this time, Chronic Wasting Disease is not known to occur in British Columbia or in any wild cervids in neighbouring jurisdictions.

How can we learn more about CWD?

British Columbia initiated a CWD surveillance program of deer and elk during 2001. We do not expect to find the disease and have not to date. This may be because of the reasons above, however, the surveillance program is necessary due to the concerns. Detection of CWD or confirmation that it is not present requires hard work and significant funding. Our program primarily focuses on random surveys of road kills and some hunter killed deer and elk. Sick animals showing signs of CWD are preferentially tested as they are considered to be the most effective indicator of the disease's presence. Regional WLAP offices in Cranbrook and Fort St. John are collecting road mortalities and hunters and game cutters are assisting with harvested animal samples to provide brain samples.

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to report the location of live or dead deer or elk with CWD-like signs to their local Wildlife office or the Wildlife Veterinarian. An animal of interest is a deer or elk of 18 months or older that is emaciated and shows some of the following signs: abnormal behaviour, drooling, increased drinking and urination, stumbling, trembling and depression.

For More Information:

The following web sites provide further information regarding CWD:

<http://www.cwdinfo.org/>

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/animal/heasan/di_semala/cwdmdce/cwdmdce.shtml

http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/research/chronic_wasting/chronic_wasting.html

www.scwds.org, hit 'newsletters', then April 2002 issue, vol. 18, no. 1

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/diseases/>

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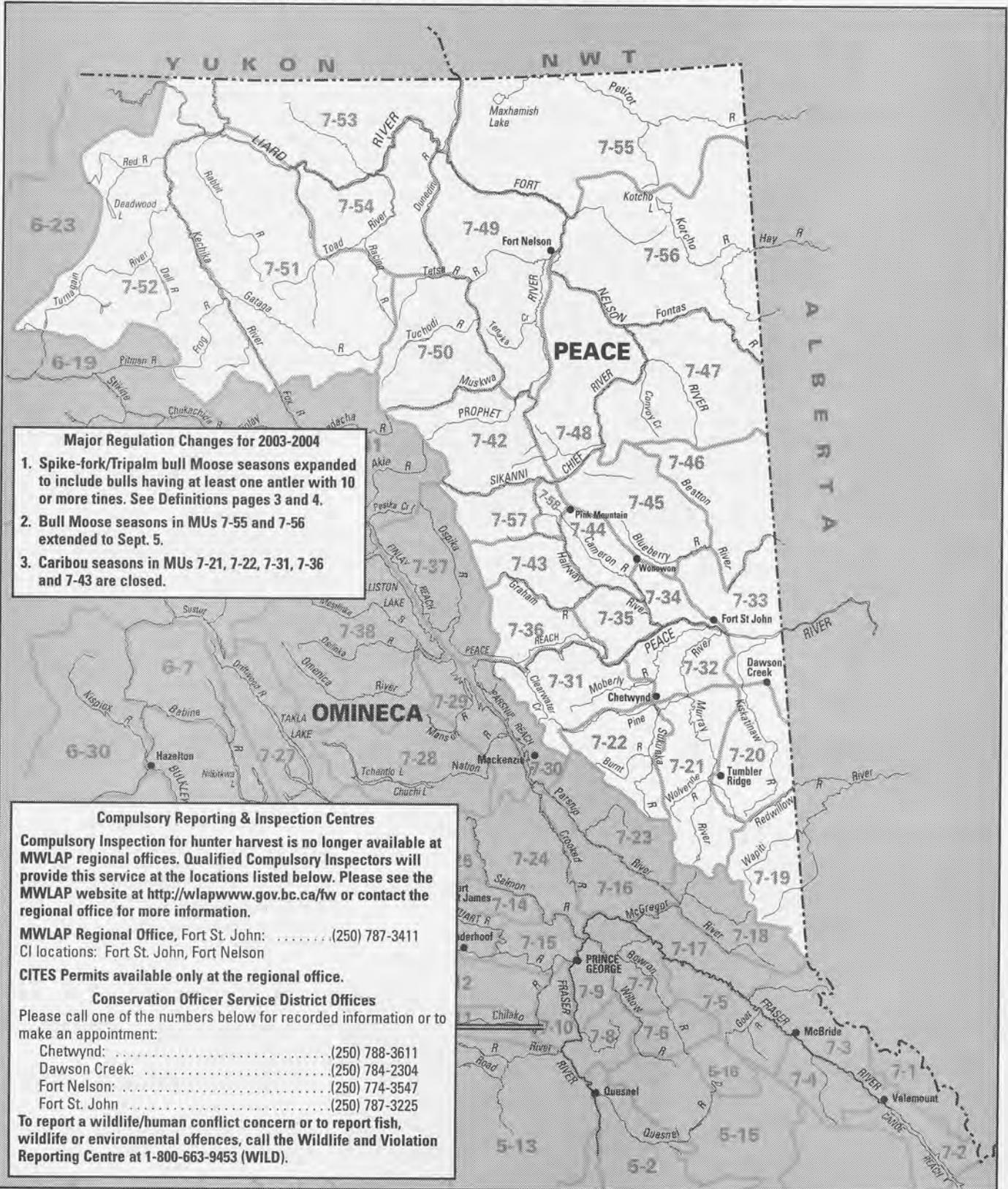


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Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

1. Spike-fork/Tripalm bull Moose seasons expanded to include bulls having at least one antler with 10 or more tines. See Definitions pages 3 and 4.
2. Bull Moose seasons in MUs 7-55 and 7-56 extended to Sept. 5.
3. Caribou seasons in MUs 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36 and 7-43 are closed.

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

MWLAP Regional Office, Fort St. John:(250) 787-3411
 CI locations: Fort St. John, Fort Nelson

CITES Permits available only at the regional office.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
 Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

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To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).

BAG LIMITS

▶ **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A and 7B (Omineca/Peace) is two. Only one buck may be taken in region 7A and 7B combined. The bag limit for mule deer bucks in 7B is one in two years, therefore a hunter who takes a mule deer buck in 7B cannot take another in 7B until the calendar year of the kill and the subsequent calendar year have expired. Note: If you harvested a mule deer buck in 7B in 2001 under the previous one deer in three years bag limit, you cannot take another mule deer buck in 7B until the 2004 season. One mule deer may be antlerless available only under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

▶ **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed) is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10. 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. This only applies if the sheep taken is determined by compulsory inspection to be under 8 years of age, otherwise the bag limit is one mountain sheep (provincially) per year. Contact the MWLAP 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 20 & 21.

▶ 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 (see page 20).

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

▶ 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

▼ 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.

Note definitions of "Motor Vehicle", "ATV" and "Snowmobile" in Section A, "Definitions".

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. Onion Lake Trail (MU 7-21) and Talisman et al Murray Road (C-22-E/93-1-15) are open year round.

Contact MWLAP 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 Kechika Access Management Area- Restriction applies to vehicles other than aircraft in portions of these MU's. For information and maps showing specific routes and vehicle restrictions within the Muskwa Kechika, contact MWLAP office in Fort St. John and Ministry of Forests offices in Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek.

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

▶ Hunters are reminded that when they take livestock into the wilderness, they should purchase locally grown feed that is known to be weed-free. The spread of invasive weeds is common every year and can be prevented by using local weed-free feed and checking all vehicles to ensure they are weed-free before leaving home. For further information on this matter, please contact your local Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries office.

▶ **No Shooting Areas:** Please note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on pages 20 & 21.

▶ 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 mule deer taken in Region 7b (Peace) must be compulsory reported within 72 hours by manually depositing a completed Harvest Data Card into a 24 hour drop box located outside only the MWLAP offices in Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, or 282 Second Avenue in Prince George. See page 15 for requirements.

NATIONAL PARKS

▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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:

- Bearhole Lake Prov. Park and Protected Area**(MU 7-20)
- Beatton River Provincial Park**(MU 7-33)
- Bocock Peak Provincial Park**(MU 7-31)
- Butler Ridge Provincial Park**(MU 7-35)
- Dall River Old Growth Provincial Park**(MU 7-52)
- Denetiah Corridor Protected Area**(MU 7-51)
- Denetiah Provincial Park**(MU 7-52)
- Dune Za Keyih Protected Area**(MU 7-51)
- Dune Za Keyih Provincial Park** (MU 7-51, 7-52)
- Ekwan Lake Protected Area**(MU 7-56)
- Goguka Creek Protected Area**(MU 7-48)
- Graham-Laurier Prov. Park**(MUs 7-36, 7-43)
- Gwillim Lake Provincial Park – the new Elephant Ridge and north addition only**(MUs 7-21, 7-22)
- Hay River Protected Area**(MU 7-56)
- Hole-in-the-Wall Provincial Park**(MU 7-22)
- Horneline Creek Provincial Park**(MU 7-51)
- Jackpine Remnant Protected Area** (MU 7-55)

- Kakwa Provincial Park & Protected Area**
See Map G20(MU 7-18, 7-19)
- Kiskatinaw River Protected Area**(MU 7-33)
- Klin-se-za Protected Area**(MU 7-31)
- Klua Lakes Protected Area**(MU 7-48)
- Kwadacha Wilderness Provincial Park**(MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).
- Kotcho Lake Village Site Prov. Park**(MU 7-56)
- Liard River Corridor Protected Area**(MUs 7-49, 7-53, 7-54)
- Liard River Corridor Provincial Park**(MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Liard River West Corridor Provincial Park**(MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Maxhamish Lake Protected Area**(MU 7-55)
- Milligan Hills Provincial Park**(MUs 7-46, 7-47)
- Muncho Lake Provincial Park**
See Map G44(MUs 7-51, 7-54)
- Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park and Protected Area** (MUs 7-42, 7-50, 7-51)
- Peace River Corridor Prov. Park**(MU 7-33)
- Pine Le Moray Provincial Park**(MU 7-22)
- Pine River Breaks Prov. Park**(MU 7-21)
- Pink Mountain Provincial Park**(MU 7-58)
- Portage Brule Rapids Protected Area**(MU 7-53)
- Prophet River Hotsprings Provincial Park**(MU 7-42)
- Redfern-Keily Provincial Park**(MU 7-42)
- Scatter River Old Growth Provincial Park**(MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Sikanni Chief Canyon Protected Area**(MUs 7-45, 7-47, 7-48)
- Sikanni Chief Falls Protected Area**(MUs 7-42, 7-57)
- Sikanni Old Growth Prov. Park**(MUs 7-47, 7-48)

- Smith River – Fort Halkett Protected Area**(MU 7-53)
- Stone Mountain Provincial Park**
See Map G41(MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54)
- Thinahtea South and North Protected Areas**(MU 7-55)
- Toad River Hotsprings Prov. Park**(MU 7-54)
- Wapiti Lake Provincial Park**(MU 7-19)

▶ 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. An exception is that horses are authorized for use in parks and protected areas within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, where no letter of permission is required.

▶ Horse users intending to use parks other than in the Muskwa-Kechika are required to get a Letter of Permission from BC Parks prior to their trip.

▶ The use of exotics, such as llamas and ostriches, is prohibited in provincial parks and protected areas of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

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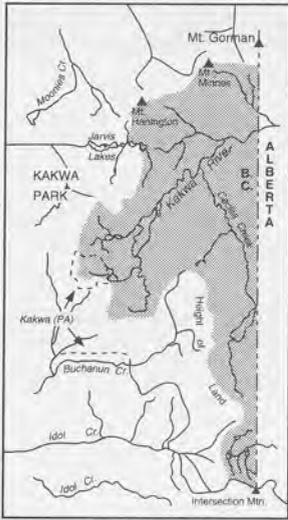


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SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	7-19, 7-36, 7-42, ★7-43A, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-57, 7-58 7-20 to 7-22,	▲4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-31 to 7-35, ★7-43B to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	Bow Only Season 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	1
<i>Note new bag limit of one mule deer buck in two years (however, if you harvested a mule deer buck in Region 7B in 2001, you cannot harvest another mule deer buck in Region 7B until 2004. (see page 79). Any mule deer taken must be compulsory reported (see page 15). ★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information. ▲ See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19, 7-36, 7-42 ★7-43A, 7-48, 7-57, 7-58 7-20 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-35, ★7-43B to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
		▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	Bow Only Season 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	1
<i>★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information. ▲ See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
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 1/2004 - June 15/2004	2
<i>See page 18 for restrictions on bears.</i>				

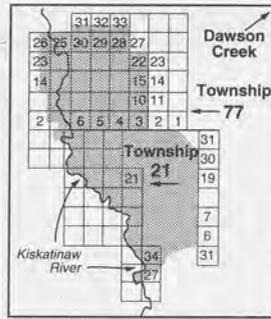
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MOOSE	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-54, 7-57, 7-58	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-55, 7-56	Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 5	1
	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-54, 7-57, 7-58	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-55, 7-56	★Bulls	Sept 6 - Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 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
Bow Only Season	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
★ Open only for bull moose: (a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("Spike-fork bull moose"), (b) having antlers with at least three points (tines) on one brow palm ("Tripoint bull moose") or (c) having at least one antler with a minimum of 10 points (tines), including the brow palm. See definitions on pages 3 & 4. 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 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	7-50	▼★3 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
★See definitions on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▼Portion of 7-50 only. See Map G40.				
BIGHORN MTN. SHEEP	7-19	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
See special area Map G20.				
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 79 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	▲7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-57		Sept 1 - Oct 15	1
▲See special area maps G35, G42 to G49 inclusive. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
CARIBOU	7-50*, 7-51*, 7-52, 7-53, 7-54*, 7-57	Bulls	Aug 20 - Aug 31	1
	7-42, 7-50 to 7-54, 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 and diagram on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See page 15 for Compulsory Inspection details.				
COUGAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Dec 1 to Feb 28/2004	1
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	3
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	3
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2004	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-47 to 7-58		Oct 15 - Jan 15/2004	1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2004	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	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(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	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 28/2004	10(30)
RAVEN	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		No Closed Season	5
Hunting of raven is restricted to private land only.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10(20)
See Map G32				
DUCKS	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8(16)
See Map G32. Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 12 & 13.				
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5(10)
See Map G32. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.				

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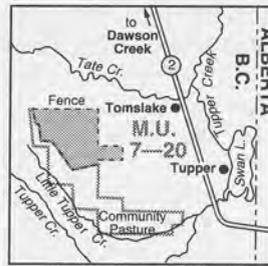


Map G20 Kakwa Provincial Park and Protected Area (situate in MU 7-19). No Hunting Area.

Map G24 Groundbirch Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-21). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct 31.



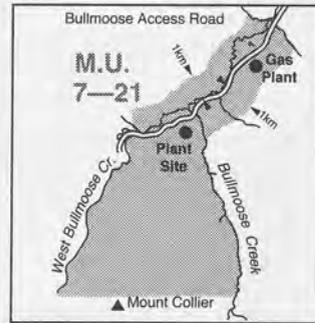
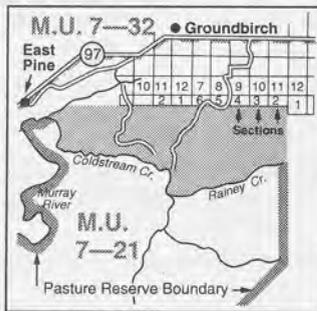
Map G21 Bear Mountain Area (situate in MU 7-20). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



Map G22 One Island Restricted Firearms Area (situate in MU 7-20). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.

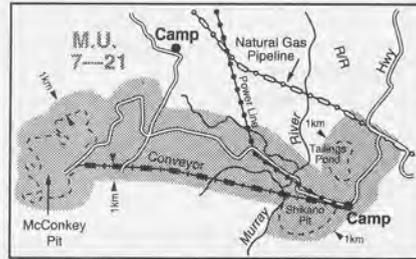


Map G23 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas (situate in MUs 7-20, 7-33). The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

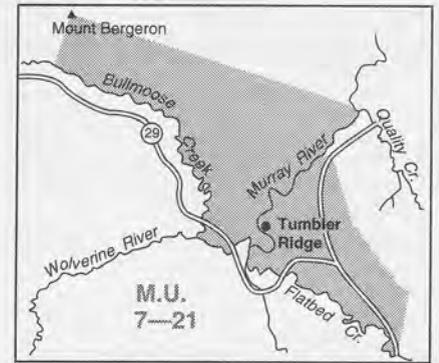


Map G25 Bullmoose Mine No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).

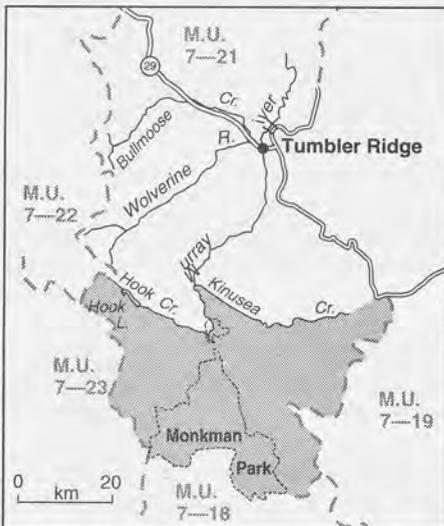
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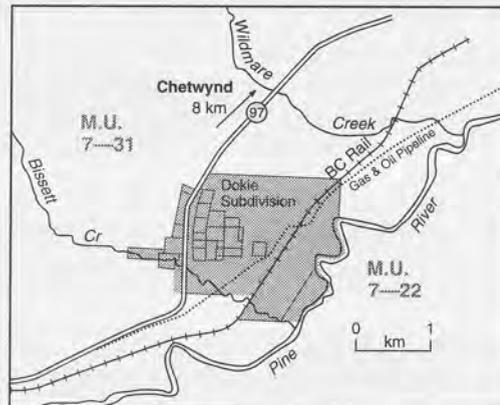
Map G26 Quintette Coal No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



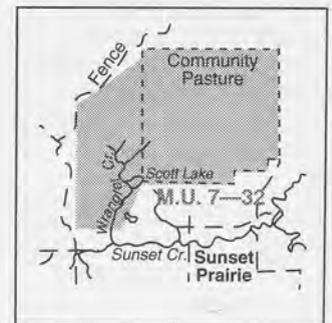
Map G27 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-21).



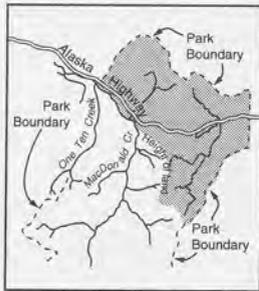
Map G28 Southeast MU 7-21 Vehicle Elevation Closure (situate in MU 7-21)



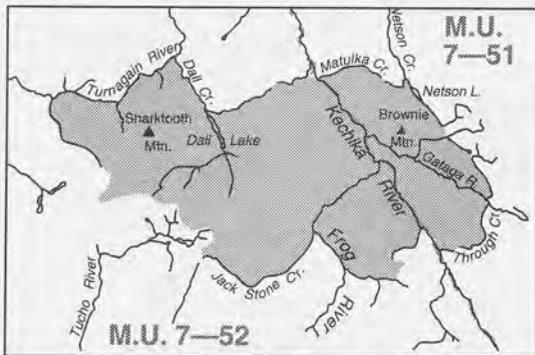
Map G29 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in MU 7-22 and 7-31).



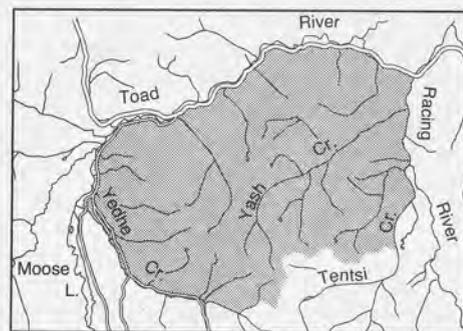
Map G30 Sunset Prairie Restricted Hunting Area (situate in MU 7-32). From June 1 to Oct 31 hunting is prohibited.



Map G41 Stone Mountain Provincial Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54).



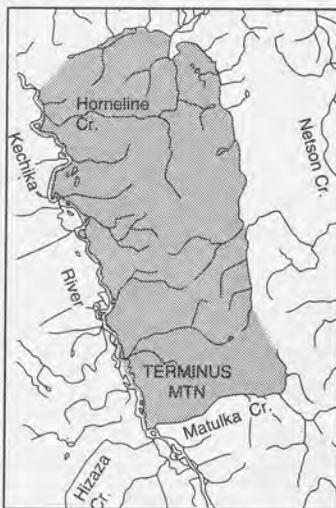
Map G42 Frog River Special Mountain Goat Hunting Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-52). The open season for mountain goat is Aug 25 to Oct 5.



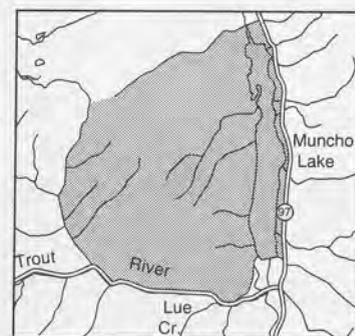
Map G43 Yash - Yedhe Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



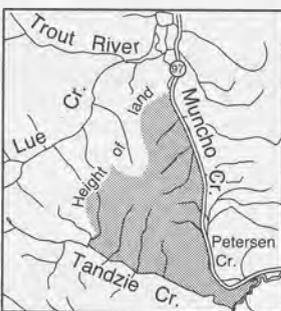
Map G44 Muncho Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MUs 7-51, 7-54).



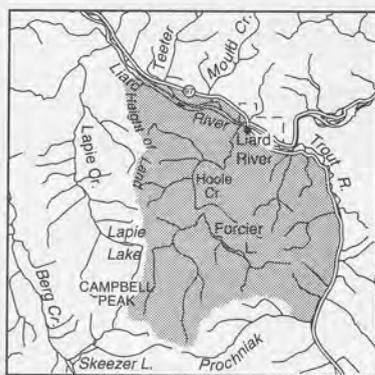
Map G45 Terminus Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



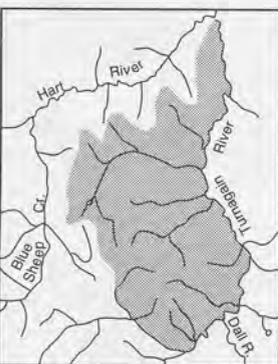
Map G46 Muncho Lake Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G47 Petersen Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G48 Hoole Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-51).



Map G49 Deeh Ridge Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in MU 7-52).

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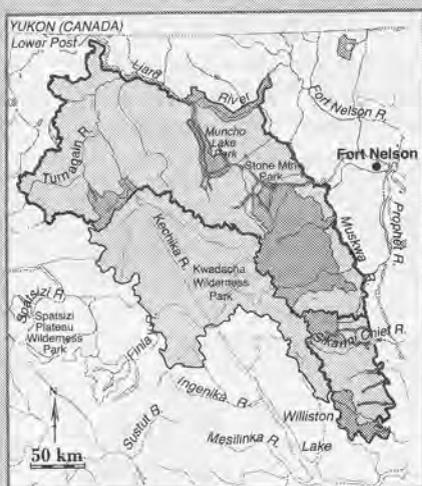
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• In July, 1998, the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act was enacted by government, confirming the area established by Order in Council # 1367 in 1997 which set aside 4.4 million hectares of land in NE British Columbia to be managed to ensure that the wilderness and wildlife values were protected in perpetuity while still permitting environmentally responsible industrial development in 3/4 of the area. In the spring of 2001, with the completion of the Mackenzie LRMP, an additional 1.9 million hectares of land were added to the M-KMA, bringing the total to 6.3 million hectares, with 3/4 being special management lands and 1/4 being parks.

• Objectives for the management of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area were developed as part of the Fort Nelson, Fort St. John and Mackenzie 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, trapping, 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.

Access in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (See Map on Page 83)

The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is subject to special access regulations. It is strongly recommended that any hunters using motorized access to the M-KMA closely consult the maps showing the boundaries and designated routes. These maps can be viewed in the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and Ministry of Forests offices in Fort Nelson and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection office in Ft. St. John. Larger scale maps showing the routes can also be purchased from McElhanney Associates in Fort St. John [(250) 787-0356]

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 Management Area continues to be protected from vehicular damage by the Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area regulations. See map G-36 for clarification.

Any enquiries specifically regarding access and hunting regulations should be directed to the Fort St. John Regional Office at (250) 787-3225. For more information regarding the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, please contact the Muskwa-Kechika Program Manager (250) 787-3534.

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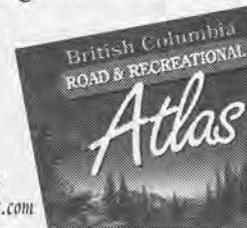
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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> or contact the regional office for more information.

MWLAP Regional Office, Penticton:(250) 490-8200
 CI location: Summerland, Grand Forks, Vernon

CITES Permits available only at the regional office.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

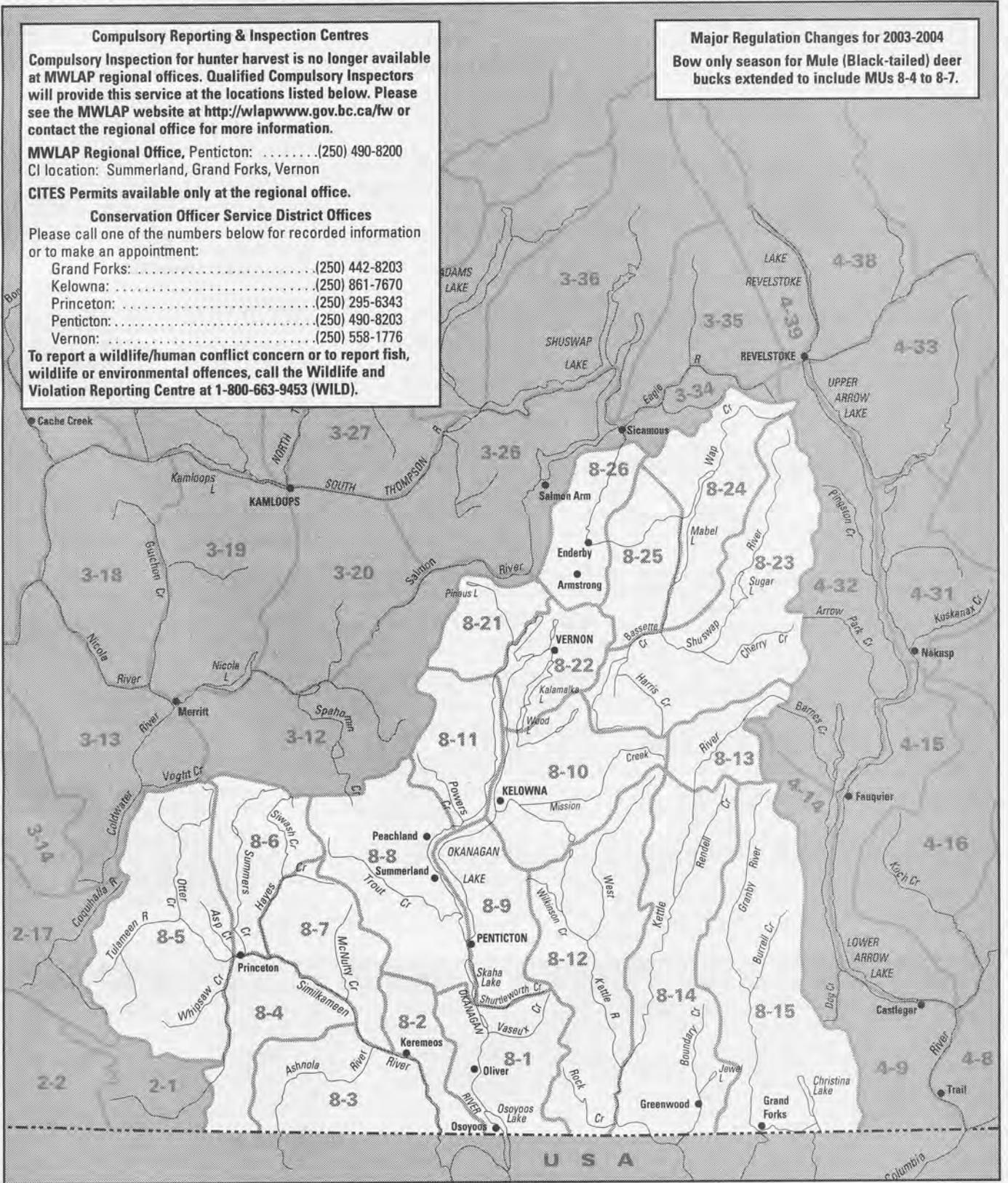
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

- Grand Forks:(250) 442-8203
- Kelowna:(250) 861-7670
- Princeton:(250) 295-6343
- Penticton:(250) 490-8203
- Vernon:(250) 558-1776

To report a wildlife/human conflict concern or to report fish, wildlife or environmental offences, call the Wildlife and Violation Reporting Centre at 1-800-663-9453 (WILD).

Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

Bow only season for Mule (Black-tailed) deer bucks extended to include MUs 8-4 to 8-7.



BAG LIMITS

▶ Deer: The combined limit for deer is 2. Both deer may be antlerless, but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. The bag limit for mule deer is 1. Antlerless mule deer are available only through Limited Entry Hunting. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, with only one of each sex allowed. Antlerless white-tailed deer are available only through Limited Entry Hunting or the late Bow only 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 15 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail, 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 pages 20 & 21. 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.

NOTICE TO ELK HUNTERS

▶ A three year study on the population of elk in the Princeton area has been initiated. The objectives of the study includes determining habitat requirements, mortality factors, and herd demographics. Hunters are requested not to shoot any elk fitted with a radio collar or with an ear tag.

NATIONAL PARKS

▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

▶ 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:

- Anarchist Protected Area**(MU 8-1)
- Brent Mountain Protected Area** ... (MU 8-8)
- Cascade Recreation Area** ... (MUs 2-17, 8-5)
- Cathedral Protected Area**(MU 8-3)
- 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. Hunters are permitted to carry unloaded firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the Core Area during lawful hunting season. Contact Park Branch staff for details.
- Darke Lake Prov. Park**(MU 8-8)
- Enderby Cliffs Protected Area** ... (MU 8-26)
- Eneas Lake Prov. Park**(MU 8-8)
- Fintry Protected Area**(MU 8-11)
- Gladstone Provincial Park**(MU 8-15, 4-14)
- Granby Provincial Park**(MU 8-15)
- Graystokes Protected Area**(MUs 8-10, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-23)
- Greenbush Lake Protected Area**(MU 8-23)
- Kalamalka Protected Area**(MU 8-22)
- Keremeos Columns Provincial Park**(MU 8-2)
- Kingfisher Creek Protected Area** (MU 8-25)
- Monashee Protected Area**(MU 8-23)
- Mount Griffin Protected Area**(MUs 8-24, 3-34)
- Myra-Bellevue Protected Area**(MUs 8-10, 8-12)
- Nickel Plate Prov. Park**(MU 8-7)
- Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park**(MU 8-9)
- Silver Star Prov. Park** (MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26)
- No Hunting Area. See Map H18.
- Snowy Protected Area**(MU 8-3)
- South Okanagan Grasslands Protected Area**(MU 8-1)
- Trepanier Protected Area** ... (MUs 8-8, 3-12)
- Vaseux Protected Area**(MU 8-1)
- White Lake Grasslands Protected Area**(MU 8-1)

▶ 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.

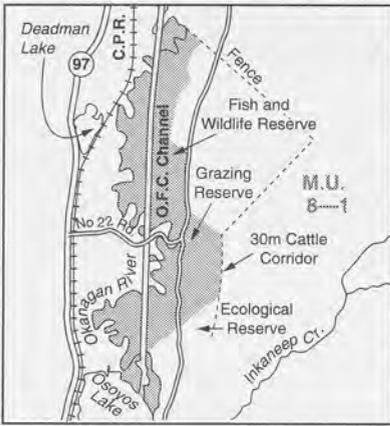
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-Tailed)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 20	1
	8-12 to 8-15	★4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Oct 31	1
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Nov 10	1
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-24 to 8-26	Bucks	Nov 25 - Dec 10	1

★ See definition on page 5. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

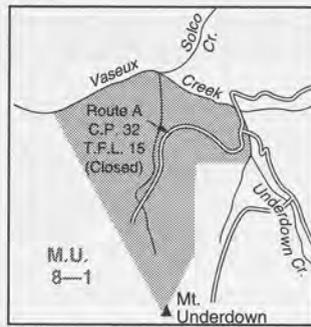
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-3 to 8-7	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	1
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 to Nov 24	1
	Youth Season	*Bucks	Sept 1 to Sept 9	1
	Bow Only Season	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 25 - Dec 10
<i>*This season is open to hunters under the age of 19 only.</i>				
MOOSE	8-1 to *8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
<i>*Granby Provincial Park (MU 8-15) and Gladstone Provincial Park (MU 8-15, 4-14) are closed to moose hunting. See special area maps</i>				
<i>*See definitions on Page 3&4. Antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
<i>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 15.</i>				
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
<i>▲See definition on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence. All elk taken in the Okanagan sub-region must be Compulsory Inspected. See page 15 for Compulsory Inspection information.</i>				
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2004 - June 15/2004	2
<i>The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31)</i>				
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
COYOTE	8-1, 8-9		Sept 1 - June 30/2004	NBL
	8-2 to 8-8, 8-10 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - March 31/2004	NBL
LYNX AND BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28/2004	1(of each)
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Mar 31/2004	2
<i>Hunters are requested not to shoot a lactating cougar or cougar kittens.</i>				
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2004	10 (daily)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2004 - Apr 30/2004	10 (daily)
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED,				
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5(15)
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Dec 10	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>				
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)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-9		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5(15)
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)
PHEASANT	8-1 to 8-3, 8-8 to 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2(6)
MOURNING DOVE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5(10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	10(20)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	8(16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
WHITE FRONTED GEESE,				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
CANADA GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Nov 28, Dec 20 - Jan 5/2004, Feb 21/2004 - Mar 10/2004	5(10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see page 12 & 13.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS				
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		*Sept 10 - Sept 11	8(16)
WHITE FRONTED GEESE,				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		*Sept 10 - Sept 11	5(10)
<i>*Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19 (see page 12 for details).</i>				

Hunting in Parks

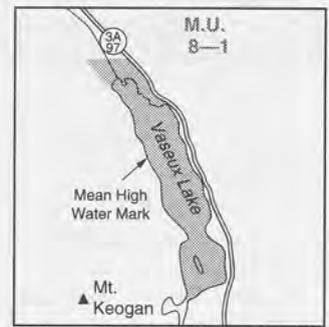
If the season during which you want to hunt takes place within a provincial park, certain park regulations may apply (specifically with regards to access). Please contact the BC Parks office in the area in which you want to hunt to determine if any special conditions apply.



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.



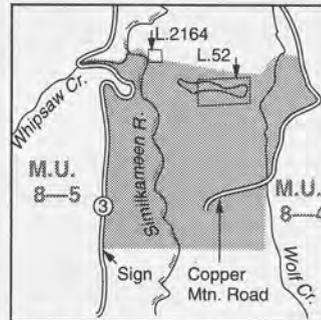
Map H2 Underdown Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-1). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



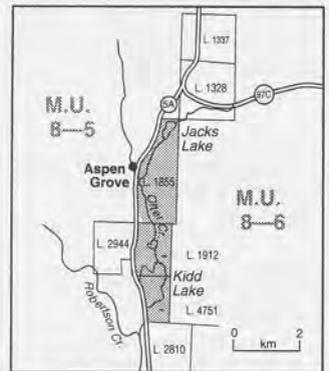
Map H3 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situate in MU 8-1).



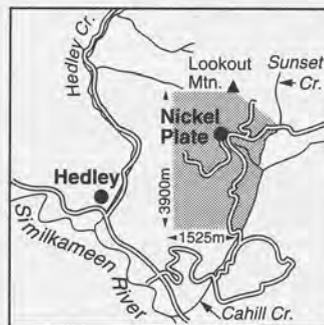
Map H4 Kaleden, Pentiction and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Shotguns Only Area (situate in MUs 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



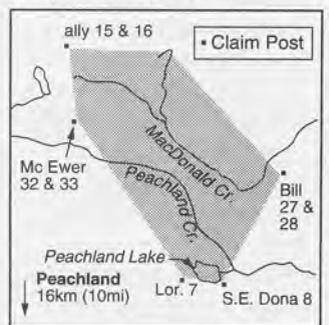
Map H5 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MUs 8-4, 8-5).



Map H6 Willow Heights No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-6).



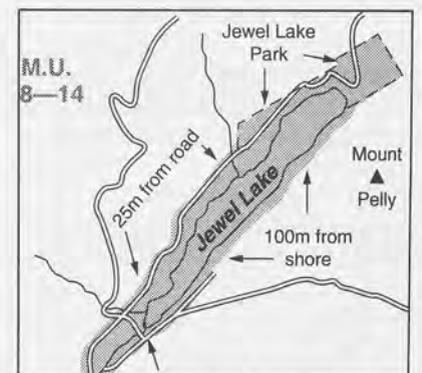
Map H7 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-7).



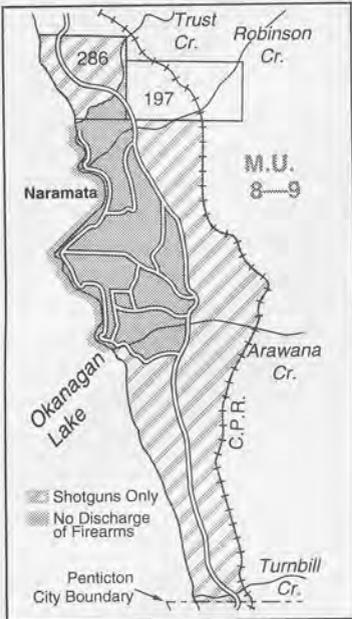
Map H8 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-8).



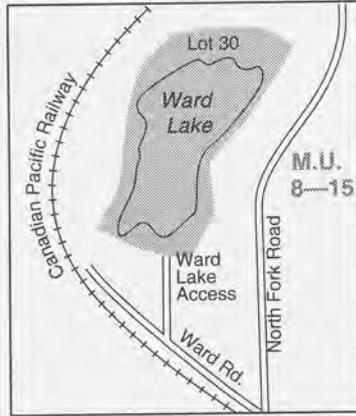
Map H9 Garnet Fire Vehicle Restricted Area and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (situate in MU 8-9).



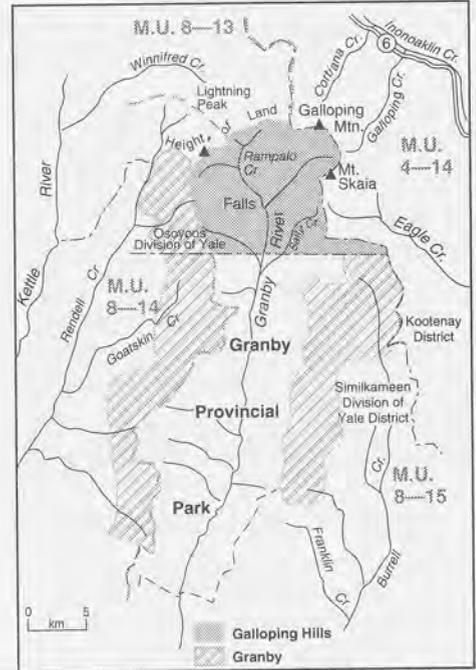
Map H10 Jewel Lake No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situate in MU 8-14).



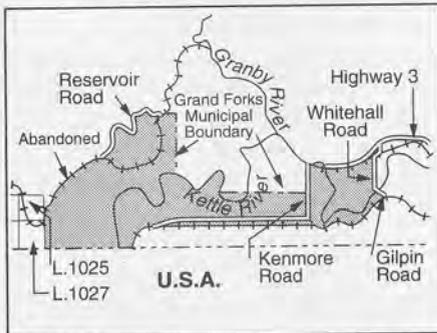
Map H11 Naramata No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in MU 8-9).



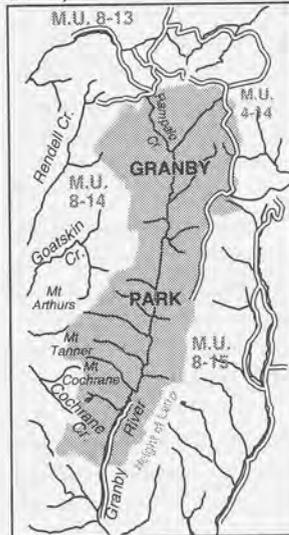
Map H12 Ward Lake No Hunting, No Shooting and No Trapping Area (situate in MU 8-15).



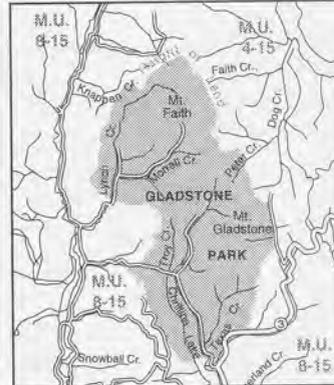
Map H13 Galloping Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MU 8-15) and Granby Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in MUs 8-14 & 8-15).



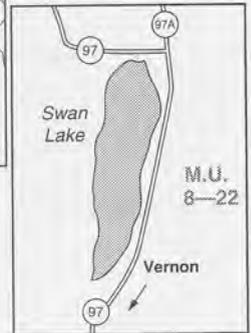
Map H14 Grand Forks Shotgun Only Area (situate in MU 8-15).



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



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

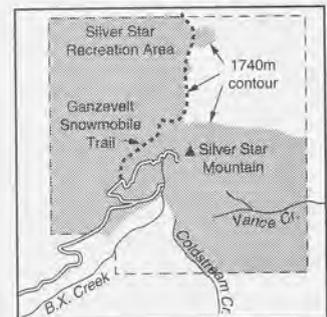


Map H17 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in MU 8-22).

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

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2003-2004

- 1 **Fisher has been designated a red-listed species. Therefore, all trapping seasons are closed for fisher. Fisher which are captured accidentally must be compulsory inspected. See pages 93 and 95.**
- 2 **Trappers should note the 2003-2004 Schedule of Royalties.**

TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS

1. It is an offence to trap unless you have completed, since July 1, 1982, a trapper education course approved by the Director of the FWRA Branch.
 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 hares
 - (iii) a mechanically powered killing snare
 - f) trap a wolverine, marten, 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 shotgun less than 20 gauge, or using a shot shell loaded with shot smaller than the shot size 1 Buck.
 2. 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, the egg trap(s) he or she has set for raccoons at least once every 24 hours, and killing traps or killing snares that he or she has set on the trapline at least once every 14 days.
 - 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 egg 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.
6. a) It is an offence to trap wildlife using a firearm from one hour after sunset on any day until one hour before sunrise on the day following.
 - b) A person who holds a trapping licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping licence, while trapping on a registered trapline, who uses a firearm to kill a fur bearing animal caught in a trap, is exempt from section 6a).

COMPULSORY REPORTING AND INSPECTION OF FUR BEARING ANIMALS

► In order to better record the harvest of fur bearing animals, the FWRA Branch requires that certain species be reported or submitted to a MWLAP 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.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

▶ Trappers must report, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season, the capture of:

- (i) a wolverine in regions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
- (ii) a lynx in region 4 and 8
- (iii) a bobcat in M.U.'s 1-14 and 1-15, and region 2, 4, and 8, or
- (iv) a wolf from region 1 and 4

▶ Compulsory reporting forms are available from any MWLAP, 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

▶ Fur Bearing Animals that are killed incidentally in areas with no open season must 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 all regions
- (iii) a weasel in region 1, and M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13, and a long-tailed weasel in M.U.'s 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 and 2-19, 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 licence),
- 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 submitted may not be reclaimed by the trapper but may be donated by the FWRA Branch for 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.

fur bearing animal - means any fox, badger, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, sea otter, raccoon, skunk, squirrel*, weasel, wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

* does not include ground squirrels.

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.

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, or has lamination of the trap jaws to increase the surface area of the jaw face.

trapping - means the act of setting or placing a trap in an operative condition, or killing by the use of a firearm.

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) restrict the rights of another person
 - (i) to hunt, or
 - (ii) capture wildlife where authorized by regulation or a permit.

B.C. FUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

▶ In British Columbia, some 3,500 trappers actively manage 16 fur bearing animal species, following standards, legislation and regulations developed by MWLAP. 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 species guidelines are planned for the future.

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 fur bearing animals. 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.

NOTE:

Gloves should be worn while handling wolf carcasses as a precaution against contracting hydatid disease.

TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

▶ In cooperation with, MWLAP, the BC Trappers Association (BCTA) delivers the Trapper Education Program (TEP). This program includes beginner courses and advanced courses for experienced trappers. In addition, BCTA-TEP instructors, along with MWLAP, 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.

▶ Basic TEP courses are 3 days in length.

▶ The "British Columbia Trapper Education Manual" is available from the BC Trappers Assn. (who produced and published it) at TEP courses for \$35.00.

▶ 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 the delivery of a course is subject to instructor availability. Plan in advance!

▶ Requests for TEP courses may be directed to the Provincial Trapper Education Coordinator:

Marlene Sharpe, 5- 595 Ongman Road
Prince George, B.C. V2K 4L1
Phone: 250-561-1602

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.

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 **\$32.00** (includes Habitat Conservation Trust Fund surcharge)
2. For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her licence has been lost or destroyed (an affidavit is required) \$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, 2004.

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 or hunting licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping or hunting licence when selling pelts, lawfully taken by him or her to the holder of a fur trader's licence.

3. a) 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.

b) 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 if he or she sells the pelt or skin to a licensed fur trader.

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	\$0.75	Muskkrat	\$0.07
Black Bear	\$4.15	Otter	\$4.04
Bobcat	\$2.88	Raccoon	\$0.36
Coyote	\$1.09	Skunk	\$0.15
Fox	\$1.08	Squirrel	\$0.06
Lynx	\$3.19	Weasel	\$0.18
Marten	\$1.34	Wolf	\$3.28
Mink	\$0.50	Wolverine	\$8.50

INFORMATION

Trapline Cabins

▶ Trappers should register their trapline cabins on Crown Land. Cabin applications may take six months or more to process. Contact the MWLAP 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FISHERS

▶ **Following a recent review of fisher status by the BC Conservation Data Centre, fisher were changed from S3 (Blue-listed) to S2 (Red-listed). Therefore, the trapping season has been closed for fisher, effective immediately. MWLAP is requesting continued cooperation from trappers to ensure viable fisher populations and to gain further information regarding fisher status. Please submit any accidentally killed fisher to the nearest MWLAP office (see Compulsory Inspection requirements, page 93) along with informa-**

tion on when, where and how it was captured. Fisher seasons will remain closed until new information is collected that indicates the population is secure, and we encourage trappers to help provide that data through submission of carcasses. Further strategies to minimize fisher capture and enhance populations are summarized below.

Harvest Reduction Efforts

- ▶ Modify marten 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

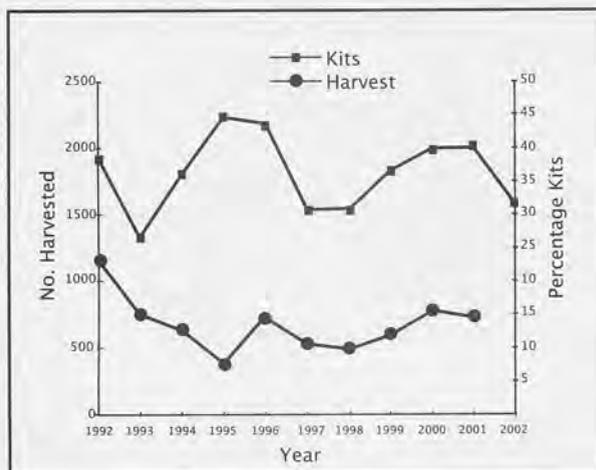
- ▶ establish food sites for fisher (helps marten and weasel also). Hang carcasses in trees to reduce competition by other land predators
- ▶ complete marten trapping as early in the season as possible to help reduce the incidental capture of adult female fisher
- ▶ establish non-trapping or refuge sites on your trapline.

COLLARED, IMPLANTED OR EAR-TAGGED FURBEARING ANIMALS

▶ Several fur bearing animal research projects are under way within the province. Please report the harvest of any collared, implanted or ear-tagged animal and return collars or implants to the nearest MWLAP regional office. Radio collars and implants are property of the Crown and cannot be retained.

OTHER INFORMATION

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 FWRA 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.



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 graph on the left.

▶ The proportion of kits in the harvest is an indication of the recruitment rate. Harvest should be restricted when this proportion is low.

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2003/2004 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(3-12 to 3-15, 3-18, 3-20, and 3-26).

SPECIES	REGIONS (MUs)	TRAPPING SEASON	SPECIES	REGIONS (MUs)	TRAPPING SEASON
BEAVER	1,2,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	SKUNK	1(14,15), 2,	
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31		3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Feb 28
MUSKRAT	1,3,4,5,8	Oct 15 - Apr 30	WOLF	1	Nov 1 - Jun 30
	2	Nov 15 - Feb 15		2(2-4,7-10,17-19),	
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31		3(45,46), 8	No Season
				2(5,6,11-16),	
RIVER OTTER	1,2,(2-5, 12-16)	Nov 15 - Feb 28	3(12-20, 26-44)	Oct 15 - Feb 28	
	2(6-11, 17-19), 3,4,5	Oct 15 - Apr 30	4*, 5, 6	Oct 15 - Mar 31	
	6,7	Oct 1 - May 31	7	Oct 15 - May 31	
	8	Nov 1 - Apr 15			
MARTEN	1,2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15	BOBCAT	1,6,7	No Season
	6,7(1-48, 55-58)	Nov 1 - Feb 28		2,3,4**, 5,8	Nov 15 - Feb 15
	7(49-54)	Nov 1 - Mar 15			
MINK	1, 3, 4, 5,		LYNX	1,2	No Season
	7(1-48, 55-58), 8	Nov 1 - Feb 15		3,5,6,7,8	Nov 15 - Feb 15
	2,6(3,11,14)	Nov 15 - Feb 15	4	Nov 15 - Dec 31	
	6 (except 3,11,14)	Nov 1 - Feb 28			
7(49-54)	Oct 15 - Feb 15	RACCOON	1,2,3,4,5		
			6(except 12,13), 7,8	Oct 1 - Mar 31	
			6(12,13)	Jan 1 - Dec 31	
WEASEL	1,6(12,13)	No Season	SQUIRREL	1,2,3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Mar 15
	2***, 3,4,5,8	Nov 1 - Feb 15		6,7	Nov 1 - Mar 31
	6(except 12,13), 7	Nov 1 - Feb 28			
WOLVERINE			FISHER	No Open Season	
	1,2,8	No Season			
	3,4,5	Nov 1 - Jan 31			
	6, (except 3,11,14), 7	Nov 1 - Feb 28			
6(3,11,14)	Nov 1 - Feb 15	BLACK BEAR**	1,2,3,4, 8	No Season	
			5,6(3,11-14)	Oct 15 - May 15	
COYOTE	1(14,15), 2,		6(except 3,11-14), 7	Oct 1 - May 31	
	3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct 15 - Mar 31			
FOX					
	1(14,15), 2,				
	3,4,6,7	Oct 15 - Feb 28			
	5	Oct 15 - Mar 31			
8	No Season				

* 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 7, item 46 and page 8 for regulations concerning bear parts.)

*** There is no open season on long-tailed weasel in M.U.'s 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 and 2-19.