



# BRITISH COLUMBIA LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS 2011-2012

## CLOSING DATE

**APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE VICTORIA ADDRESS BY 4:30 p.m. May 20, 2011**

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS  
HONOURABLE STEVE THOMSON, MINISTER

**\*\*SPECIAL MOUNTAIN SHEEP RESIDENT DRAW IS BACK, SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS\*\***

**\*\*\*EARLY SKEENA MOUNTAIN SHEEP DRAW - SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS\*\*\***

**MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN COLOUR**

### LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

Limited Entry Hunting, or LEH, is a system by which hunting authorizations are awarded to resident hunters based on a lottery, or random draw. The purpose of LEH is to achieve wildlife management objectives and maintain hunting opportunity.

LEH seasons are introduced where it has become necessary to limit the number of hunters or limit the number, class or sex of animals that may be taken. The following species of game are available under

LEH within certain areas of the province: Bison, Caribou, Elk, Grizzly Bear, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Sheep, and Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. All of these species, with the exception of Bison and Grizzly Bear, may also be available through a General Open Season, or GOS.

Although 'general' open seasons may precede or coincide with LEH seasons for the same species in the same area, the class of animal available during the 'general' open season will often be different from the class of animal available during the LEH seasons.

### HOW TO USE THIS SYNOPSIS

Each year nearly 1 in 4 LEH applications has an error of one kind or another which requires Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management staff to examine the application and make a judgment about whether to include it in the draw or not. This takes a substantial amount of time and is the major factor in determining when the draw occurs.

In previous years, Ministry staff have made tremendous efforts to 'save' applications that were completed incorrectly. This is no longer the case and you can greatly improve your chances of being in the draw by following these instructions carefully. Double check your hunter number and the hunt codes on your card. Once your application is submitted, changes will not be allowed.

This synopsis will show you how to apply for a LEH hunt. Hunting opportunities advertised in this synopsis are arranged by species, then by region, followed by class of animal, and finally by the Management Unit (M.U.) where the hunt takes place. Management Units may also be divided into zones for certain species. The 'MAP SECTION' of this synopsis displays these zone boundaries. Where a LEH occurs over an entire M.U., a map of that M.U. is not provided in this synopsis; for maps of M.U. boundaries, consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/).

The term 'species' as used in this booklet refers to the type of game animal, such as Moose, Elk, Caribou, etc., and encompasses all classes, such as bulls, cows, calves, etc., of that species. For example, if an applicant includes both a bull Moose hunt and an antlerless Moose hunt on the same application, they would be applying for the same species.

Each hunt is given its own unique 4-digit HUNT CODE, which is highlighted on the left of each column on each page. DO NOT use last year's LEH synopsis, because the hunt codes change each year.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Any resident of British Columbia who holds a Resident Hunter Number in good standing may apply. A resident may not apply for a LEH authorization if the resident's hunting licence or hunter number has been suspended, cancelled, or the resident has unpaid fines under the *Wildlife Act* or the *Firearms Act*. Applications made by a person who is ineligible will not be entered in the draw and NO refund will be issued. Also please note that if you have moved out of the province you must re-establish your residency in B.C. in order to be eligible.

A resident is:

- 1) a person who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, whose only or primary resident is in British Columbia, and has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*, or
- 2) a person who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

### FIRST NATIONS APPLICANTS

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is responsible for balancing land and resource conservation and protection with the economic and social benefits of recreational activities and a sustainable environment. It maintains this balance while respecting the aboriginal rights and title of the First Nations in the province.

A First Nation's aboriginal rights may include the right to harvest wildlife for food, social and ceremonial purposes within that First Nation's traditional territory. These harvesting rights may be limited by government regulations regarding conservation and public health and safety. Government regulations apply to any harvesting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, unless there is a demonstrable aboriginal or treaty right to sale or barter.

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 British Columbia and are exercising their aboriginal right to hunt for food, social and ceremonial purposes within their First Nation's traditional territory may be required to comply with conservation-based hunting regulations. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, First Nation individuals who are residents of B.C. should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the Regional Fish and Wildlife Office with respect to any requirements that may apply to them. First Nations whose traditional harvest rights are affected by conservation or public safety regulations would have been consulted in accordance with provincial policy and Ministry guidelines.

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THE FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT BRANCH CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY APPLICATION CARD THAT IS NOT COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET OR FOR THE NON-ARRIVAL OF AN APPLICATION AT ITS VICTORIA ADDRESS.

Each year, almost one in every four LEH applications is completed incorrectly. Fixing errors on LEH applications is the primary factor in delaying the LEH draw.

Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management staff will no longer be making many of the efforts we have in the past to correct applications, and applications **may be disqualified** if they are illegible or the instructions are not followed closely.

## EXAMPLES OF HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

### NAME CHANGE

If for any reason your name has changed since you last purchased hunting licences, please enter your previous name in brackets above your present name.

Be sure to enter your BC Hunter Number correctly, and double check it against your Resident Hunter Number Card. Hunter number errors are the most common and some of the most time consuming errors.

Name PRINTED IN CAPITAL LETTERS. Please do not **handwrite**.

Enter Mailing address only.

Before an applicant enters (x) in the YES box for a substitute Grizzly Bear Hunt, the applicant should be aware of the fact that this choice is made randomly and may result in a Grizzly Bear hunt in a location unfamiliar to the applicant. See 'Grizzly Bear Substitute Hunts' section below for details.

If entering as a single applicant remove this portion of the application.

If applying as a group or shared hunt, remember to record this serial number in the 'group hunt' section of the other group members application cards.

This is the phone number we will contact if we have any concerns.

Your second choice must be for the same species as your first choice (i.e. the first number in the hunt code must match).

This portion is only for **group & shared hunts**. Make sure the serial numbers of the applications in your group are identified in this section of the application. Mail **all** applications for the group together in one envelope. Group applications not mailed together will be entered as single applications. Make sure hunt codes match for the entire group. If they don't match they will be entered as singles.

Indians who are residents of B.C. and wish to hunt outside their traditional territory must do so in accordance with the Hunting Regulations. This includes submitting applications for a LEH authorization via the LEH draw. When completing their application card(s), 'INDIAN' should be entered in the space allotted for Resident Hunter Number. This is required as a means of identification to prevent computer rejection of an incomplete application card. Indian applicants must enter their complete mailing address including the postal code on the application card. Indians who are successful in the draw must comply with the requirements of Compulsory Reporting/Inspection or any other Hunting Regulations.

### HOW TO APPLY

Eligible residents of B.C. must apply for a LEH draw by filling out an official application for each species for which they wish to be entered.

Application cards may be obtained in person from any issuer of hunting licences, or by any Service BC Office. The fee for an application card is \$6.72, including taxes. This fee is not refundable.

### GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Please use a pen to make the entries on your application card(s). All entries should be legible and printed in CAPITAL LETTERS.
- DO NOT use 'liquid whitener' to make any alterations on application cards. If you make a mistake, draw a single line through the error and print the correction(s) above the incorrect entry.

- If you are applying for a Group or Shared hunt, application cards must be sent together in one envelope and the word 'GROUP' or 'SHARED' must be written in the bottom left corner on the front of the envelope.
- DO NOT staple, pin or tape application cards together.
- DO NOT send money, licences, etc., with your application card.
- Please ensure there is sufficient postage on the envelope.
- Address the envelope to the same address that is printed on the back of the application cards.

### SECOND CHOICES

An application card presents an option for you to make a second hunt choice for the SAME SPECIES. Entering a second choice is optional. If applying as a group, make sure that both first and second hunt choices match on ALL group member's applications. If you would like to learn more about how second choices operate, please consult: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html).

### WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES?

For the main (June 11) draw in 2010, the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch received more than 165,000 applications and issued roughly 27,000 authorizations for 8 species. Therefore on average, only one in every 6 applications was successful in 2010. The LEH draw is random, like a lottery, and there are no guarantees that any individual will be successful over time.

However, if you were successful in receiving an authorization for any species except antlerless deer, your odds may be reduced. For Elk in Regions 1 or 2 and for moose anywhere in the province, your odds are reduced by 66% for 3 years after being successful. For any other species (except deer) your odds are reduced by 50% for one year only. This is called 'enhanced odds' and it reduces the number of people who receive authorizations repeatedly.

### GRIZZLY BEAR SUBSTITUTE HUNTS

Occasionally, some Grizzly Bear hunts have so few applicants that there are hunting opportunities remaining following the initial LEH application processing. Any such left over hunts will be assigned to applicants who indicate on their LEH application(s) that they wish to be considered for a substitute hunt. An applicant should be aware that, by entering (x) in the YES box for a substitute Grizzly Bear hunt, they may be authorized for a Grizzly Bear hunt in a location that is unfamiliar to them. Enhanced odds will apply in subsequent years if you are successful for a substitute hunt.

### INDIVIDUAL (SINGLE) APPLICATIONS

Hunters applying for an individual hunt should complete all information on the LEH application except the lower, 'group' portion of the application card. This 'group' portion should be removed before submission. See the 'Examples of How to Complete Your Application' for detailed instructions for completion.

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## GROUP HUNTS

Group Hunts are available to hunters who wish to apply with a group of hunting partners with the chance that every person in the group will be allotted a LEH authorization.

Under this system, the application cards of the group members are combined and entered in the draw as 'one' application. If this 'one' application is drawn, each hunter in the group receives an authorization and each hunter may harvest an animal matching the description on the authorization.

Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Bison hunts or Elk hunts in Regions 1 and 2. For Moose, group hunt applications have been replaced by Shared Hunt applications (see 'Shared Hunts' section).

When applying for a Group Hunt, ensure that the desired hunts have sufficient authorizations to allow everyone in the group to receive an authorization otherwise each applicant in the group will be entered in the draw as an individual.

## SHARED HUNTS

Shared hunts are currently for Moose only, and they are intended to increase the number of people drawn for moose without increasing the number of Moose that may be harvested in a given year. Applicants can apply for moose as an individual, or a group of two, three or four.

When applying for a shared moose hunt, each member is entered in the draw individually, meaning your group has up to 4 chances to win. Groups of two will be allowed to take one Moose only, and a group of three or four will be allowed to take two Moose only. No group member may take more than one Moose and must cease hunting in the LEH shared hunt when he or she has harvested a Moose, as the annual Moose bag limit for a hunter is one.

All members of the group must have a valid Moose species licence and any group member may take a Moose until the group limit has been reached.

Communication is necessary within the group while hunting in order to avoid exceeding the group limit. The Harvest Details section of each group member's authorization must be filled out immediately following a kill. If a member of a group cannot participate, the others may still hunt and the non-participating member(s) may join the hunt later if the group quota has not been reached, but must first update the Harvest Details section of their LEH shared hunt authorization appropriately. See the 'Examples of How to Complete Your Application' for detailed instructions for completion.

## FALL HUNT DEADLINE

The deadline for the fall (main draw) LEH applications to reach the Victoria address is **4:30 p.m. Friday May 20, 2011.**

## SPRING HUNT DEADLINE

The deadline for the spring 2012 Grizzly Bear and early Skeena Mountain Sheep LEH applications to reach the Victoria address is

**4:30 p.m. Friday February 3, 2012.** Do NOT submit the application for the spring 2012 LEH draw until after July 31, 2011.

## ONE APPLICATION PER SPECIES

An applicant may only enter one application per LEH species in one calendar year, regardless of the class of the animal. The exception to this regulation is for an applicant that applied for a Grizzly Bear and/or Skeena Mountain Sheep in the spring draw. This applicant may apply for either (or both) of these species in the fall LEH draw providing that they did NOT receive an LEH authorization for that species in the spring draw.

## TWO LICENCES REQUIRED

If you obtain LEH authorization(s), you must also possess and carry your valid B.C. resident hunting licence and the appropriate valid B.C. species licence(s) while hunting under authority of LEH authorization(s).

## BAG LIMIT

A LEH authorization does not permit a person to exceed the regular hunting season bag limit for any species of game. See the 2010/2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis for information on provincial and regional bag limits. Please note that any big game animal taken by a licensed junior hunter is counted in the bag limit of the accompanying adult holder of a LEH authorization.

## COMPULSORY INSPECTION

All Elk in Regions 2 and 8, and all Grizzly Bear, Mountain Sheep, Mountain Goat, Caribou, bull Moose in Region 4, and moose in M.U.s 6-19, 6-20, and 6-22 to 6-25, and from the Nass Wildlife Area harvested must undergo a Compulsory Inspection. Please also refer to the 2010/2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis for updated Compulsory Inspection species requirements. For information on where you can obtain a Compulsory Inspection, please refer to the 'Compulsory Inspection Centres' section on the regional pages of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis or [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html).

Anyone who kills a bull Elk or a bull Moose under the authority of a LEH authorization must, while returning from the hunt, keep the antlers of the animal available for inspection by an officer.

## WHAT IS UP FOR 2012?

To improve customer service and LEH application processing efficiency, official LEH application purchase and completion will be available online in the near future. One year after this service becomes available, hardcopy LEH application cards will NOT be accepted.

For more information about this and other changes to the hunting program visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management website at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html) or sign up to receive notification and regulation changes via RSS feed, see page 5 for details.

## NOTICE! CHANGE TO LEH

This year, to reduce costs, the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch will not be mailing notices to applicants who are not successful in the draw. Once the draw has been run, please check the online draw status page for your results and be sure to call if you do not receive an authorization that you should. Notification of the results of the LEH draw will be available online at:

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html)

## MORE INFORMATION

Additional LEH information (e.g. how the LEH draw works; substitute hunts) can be accessed at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html).

## THIS SYNOPSIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

All persons hunting under LEH authorization in B.C. are required to comply with hunting regulations under the *Wildlife Act* as outlined in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/)

## NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

When a season is based on antler or horn restrictions, hunters are reminded that the antlers or horns of big game animals must be kept together with the species licence under which the animal was taken until the carcass arrives at a residence, a meatcutter or a cold storage plant, or it has been inspected by a qualified Compulsory Inspector.

### Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices and Conservation Officer Service District Offices

(Please call one of the District Offices for recorded information or to make an appointment)

<b>LEH Headquarters:Victoria</b> 4-2975 Jutland Rd.,V8T 5J9	(250) 356-5142	<b>Regional Office Williams Lake</b> 400-640 Borland St.,V2G 4T1	(250) 398-4530
<b>Regional Office Nanaimo</b> 2080 Labieux Rd.,V9T 6J9	(250) 751-3100	Bella Coola, CO Service	(250) 928-2701
Campbell River, CO Service	(250) 286-7630	Quesnel, CO Service	(250) 992-4212
Duncan, CO Service	(250) 746-1236	100 Mile House, CO Service	(250) 395-5511
Nanaimo, CO Service	(250) 751-3190	Williams Lake, CO Service	(250) 398-4569
Port Alberni, CO Service	(250) 724-9290	<b>Regional Office Smithers</b> Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Ave.,V0J 2N0	(250) 847-7260
Port Hardy, CO Service	(250) 949-2800	Atlin, CO Service	(250) 651-7501
Victoria, CO Service	(250) 391-2225	Burns Lake, CO Service	(250) 692-7777
<b>Regional Office Surrey</b> 10470 - 152nd St.,V3R 0Y3	(604) 582-5200	Dease Lake, CO Service	(250) 771-3566
Chilliwack, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	Queen Charlotte City, CO Service	(250) 559-8431
Maple Ridge, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	Smithers, CO Service	(250) 847-7266
Powell River, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	Terrace, CO Service	(250) 638-6530
Sechelt, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	<b>Regional Office Prince George</b> 4051-18th Ave.,V2N 1B3	(250) 565-6135
Squamish, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	MacKenzie, CO Service	(250) 997-6555
Surrey, CO Service	1-800-731-6373	Prince George, CO Service	(250) 565-6140
<b>Regional Office Kamloops</b> 1259 Dalhousie Dr.,V2C 5Z5	(250) 371-6200	Vanderhoof, CO Service	(250) 567-6304
Clearwater, CO Service	(250) 674-3722	<b>Regional Office Fort St. John</b> 400-10003 110 Ave.,V1J 6M7	(250) 787-4311
Kamloops, CO Service	(250) 371-6281	Chetwynd, CO Service	(250) 788-3611
Lillooet, CO Service	(250) 256-4636	Fort Nelson, CO Service	(250) 774-3547
Merritt, CO Service	(250) 378-8489	Fort St. John, CO Service	(250) 787-3225
<b>Regional Office Nelson</b> 401-333 Victoria St.,V1L 4K3	(250) 354-6333	<b>Regional Office Penticton</b> 102 Industrial Place,V2A 7C8	(250) 490-8200
<b>Regional Office Cranbrook</b> 205 Industrial Rd. G,V2G 7G5	(250) 489-8540	Grand Forks, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
Castlegar, CO Service	1-877-333-8537	Kelowna, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
Cranbrook, CO Service	1-877-333-8537	Penticton, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
Creston, CO Service	1-877-333-8537	Princeton, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
Fernie, CO Service	1-877-333-8537	Vernon, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
Golden, CO Service	1-877-333-8537	<b>REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS 1-877-952-RAPP (7277)</b>	
Invermere, CO Service	1-877-333-8537		
Nelson, CO Service	1-877-333-8537		
Revelstoke, CO Service	1-877-333-8537		

## LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING - TERMINOLOGY

**HUNT CODE:** Each hunt is given its own unique 4-digit HUNT CODE, which is highlighted on the left of each column on each page. Hunt codes change every year.

**AREA:** This term is used in conjunction with a place name to denote a specific land area within British Columbia. It can consist of a number of Management Units, a single Management Unit or a portion of a Management Unit, referred to as a Zone. Hunters should be aware access is limited in some areas and are advised to confirm access before applying.

**MANAGEMENT UNITS:** The province is divided into 225 management units identified by number. In this synopsis they are denoted by the initials 'M.U.' and a hyphenated number, i.e. M.U. 4-24, M.U. 3-14, etc.

**ZONE:** Means a portion of one or more management units. If the Management Unit has been divided into Zones, this will appear as Zone A of M.U. 4-24, Zone B of M.U. 4-24, etc. Maps of Zones may be found on pages 16-27.

**SEASON DATES:** Refer to a period of time that hunting may take place. All dates are inclusive, e.g., September 1 to September 30 means that hunting may commence on September 1 and continue through and including September 30.

**SPECIES:** In this booklet 'species' refers to the following game: Mountain Goat, Mountain Sheep, Elk, Moose, Caribou, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer, Grizzly Bear and Bison.

**CLASS OF ANIMAL:** This term refers more specifically to the sex, age or antler/horn configuration of the animal for which an authorization is available.

**TENTATIVE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS AVAILABLE:** The number which appears in the authorizations column is a tentative number only and may be adjusted prior to the draw resulting in a possible increase or decrease in the final number of available authorizations.

**2010 FIRST CHOICE ODDS:** This is a list of odds on being drawn for the same hunt in the 2010 Limited Entry draw. These odds pertain to hunts that were indicated as 'First Choice' selections on the 2010 application cards. They are a measure of the number of people who applied for each authorization available in 2010.



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in some areas and are advised to confirm  
access before applying.**



The Special Mountain Sheep resident draw has been re-instated and is available to resident hunters for fall 2011 and fall 2012\*.

There is only one special resident Mountain Sheep authorization for one Mountain Sheep.

While the special hunt allows the animal to be taken in excess of the regular bag limit, a second species licence may not be purchased until after the first species licence has been cancelled. If an animal is harvested during the special hunt, it will not be considered in the calculation of reduced odds for future LEH applications.

There are NO Group Hunt applications for this draw.

### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Application deadlines for the 2011 and 2012 Special Resident draws are:

2011 Hunt **Thursday, July 15, 2011**

2012 Hunt **October 21, 2011\***

### HOW TO APPLY

You may purchase and submit **as many Special Mountain Sheep applications as you wish**. Applications are available from all regular LEH application vendors OR Service BC Offices.

The non refundable application fee for each special Mountain Sheep application is **\$16.80** (includes HST).

Ten dollars each of application fee will be directed to a special account in the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) for projects specific to Mountain Sheep management.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Any resident who is eligible to hunt in BC (holds a Resident Hunter Number in good standing) may apply.

A resident who applies for the special Mountain Sheep draw may also apply for any regular LEH draw.

### MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These special Mountain Sheep applications MUST be received in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. July 15, 2011. Proof of postage, i.e. postmarks, cannot be taken into consideration for late arrivals. The Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch cannot accept responsibility for the non-arrival of an application to the Victoria address.

### NOTIFICATION

The winner of the special Mountain Sheep authorization will be notified by mail. The winner will also be posted on the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website. [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html). Unsuccessful applicants will **NOT** be notified.

### Completion of Application Cards

Please use a pen to make entries on your application card(s). PRINT your name CLEARLY in CAPITAL LETTERS and starting with your "Last Name".

Be sure to enter your correct BC Resident Hunter Number on each application card. We cannot accept responsibility for any applications card that is not completed according to the instructions on the card.

When entering your address, be sure it is your COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS. Do not enter your home address unless you have home delivery of mail. An incomplete or incorrect mailing address may result in your draw notification being undeliverable.

Synopsis apply to this special hunt. The successful applicant need not follow horn curl regulations that apply in the area hunted as the special Mountain Sheep authorization will be for "any ram".

### 2011 OPENING DATES FOR MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Subject to Change)

Region 3 Thompson	Sept. 10/11
Region 4 Kootenay	Sept. 10/11
Region 5 Cariboo	Sept. 1/11
Region 6 Skeena	Aug. 1/11
Region 7 Omineca/Peace	Aug. 1/11
Region 8 Okanagan	Aug. 25/11

### 2011 CLOSING DATES FOR MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Subject to Change)

In all Regions the closing dates are as follows:

Bighorn Mountain Sheep	Dec. 20/11
Thinhorn Mountain Sheep	Mar. 31/12

**Reminder:** The Special LEH draw winner in 2011 will be eligible to hunt in the fall of 2011.

## SPECIAL MOUNTAIN SHEEP RESIDENT DRAW FOR 2012

\*The Mountain Sheep special hunt is also available to resident hunters for fall 2012. The deadline for applications for the 2012 Special Mountain Sheep hunt is October 21, 2011. Applications received between July 16, 2011 and October 21, 2011 will be entered in the draw for the 2012 hunting opportunity.

**Reminder:** The Special LEH draw winner of the October 2011 draw will be eligible to hunt in the fall of 2012.

### SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The successful applicant for the special Mountain Sheep hunt must hold a valid resident hunting licence, a Mountain Sheep species licence and the special Mountain Sheep authorization while hunting. Please note that, while the special Mountain Sheep authorization allows the hunter to harvest 2 Sheep in the licence year, the hunter CANNOT hold more than one uncancelled Sheep species licence at any one time.

### MOUNTAIN SHEEP SPECIAL HUNT

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to hunt either a bighorn or thinhorn ram Mountain Sheep during the dates listed below. If hunting a thinhorn ram sheep, the successful applicant may hunt 21 days prior to the opening date listed below for the region intended to hunt.

If a Mountain Sheep is harvested during the special hunt, it will not be considered in the limit of one sheep per year. All other restrictions, including the location of open seasons, weapons restrictions, species, and sex listed in either this synopsis or the 2010/2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

### RECEIVE VIA RSS FEED NOTIFICATION OF REGULATION CHANGES

We have adopted a new system for notifying hunters and anglers of in-season or recent regulation changes. RSS is an internet-based technology that allows users to sign up for instant web updates. It is a convenient way to be notified of changes to regulations. To sign up for this service visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/news/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/news/) and for hunting regulation changes choose Wildlife and for fishing regulations choose Fish.

## REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS

The Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Environment, has established a partnership with the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre to operate a toll-free hotline that allows you to report known suspected poachers and polluters.

The RAPP program is simple, safe and effective. It is based on the principle that someone other than the criminal has information that can solve the crime.

Available 24/7  
Use This Number to Report:

Violations of Fisheries, Wildlife or Environmental Protection Laws (except salmon related violations which should be reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1-800-465-4336).

Wildlife/Human Conflicts where public safety is at risk.

Look for this sign along highways and forestry roads in British Columbia

**What you can do:**

1. Familiarize yourself with current regulations.
2. Record relevant details of suspicious activities, such as: time, date, location, descriptions of violators and/or vehicles. Photographs are useful.
3. Report any fish, wildlife or environmental offences as soon as possible to the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre.

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) operates in cooperation with the BC Wildlife Federation. The B.C.W.F. pays rewards up to \$2000 for information leading to the conviction of persons who have violated laws related to the protection of fish, wildlife, or the environment, or damaged the property of companies or individuals who provide access to hunters and anglers.



BISON

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Map 7A for boundaries)
Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Bison. Any group applications that are received for Bison will be entered as individuals.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

\* Also includes portions of M.U. 7-58 \*\* Also includes portions of M.U. 7-42
Limited motorized access with snow machines is likely to be necessary for November and December but snow depths may vary greatly from year to year.

A Bison species licence will be available only by mail and only to those persons successfully drawn for a Limited Entry Bison authorization.

Hunters are prohibited from using a weapon other than:

- a) a rifle that fires a 175 grain or larger bullet retaining 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 broadhead greater than 8.1 grams in weight and 2.2 cm in width at its widest point.

Successful hunters must, within 30 days of the kill, report in person or by mail to the Victoria, Fish and Habitat Management Branch, using a Harvest Data Card, the following information:

- location of kill (including M.U.) • date of kill • number of days hunted • sex of animal taken.

Hunters are reminded that under Section 35(2) of the Wildlife Act, anyone who kills or injures wildlife must make reasonable attempt to retrieve that wildlife, and if it is alive, to kill it. This is particularly important with Bison.

CARIBOU

The Ministry continues to offer a moose/caribou combination hunt for the Spatsizi area. For details and where to apply see Region 6 Moose Section page 9.

Successful hunters are required to submit the incisor tooth, the antlers, and for caribou without at least one main beam measuring over 60 cm in length, the hide with evidence of sex attached of all caribou taken, for compulsory inspection within 30 days after the date of the kill. Please contact a Fish and Wildlife Regional Office (page 5) for a list of qualified inspectors or www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Maps 6H, 6I & 6L for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-26

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Map 7L for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

ELK

VANCOUVER ISLAND (See LEH Maps IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG & IH for boundaries)
Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Elk in Regions 1 and 2. Any group applications that are received for Elk in Regions 1 or 2 will be entered as individuals.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

REGULAR LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING SEASONS

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

ELK

VANCOUVER ISLAND (See LEH Maps IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG & IH for boundaries)
Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Elk in Regions 1 and 2. Any group applications that are received for Elk in Regions 1 or 2 will be entered as individuals.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

\* Also includes Zone D of M.U. 1-09 \*\* Also includes Zone H of M.U. 1-10

\*\*\* These hunts are almost exclusively on private land and access to these areas is at the discretion of the landowner. Access during mid-week will not likely be available on private lands managed for industrial forestry activities. Access may not be available during part or all of the LEH season.

LOWER MAINLAND REGION 2 (See LEH Maps 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D & 2E for boundaries)
Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Elk in Regions 1 and 2. Any group applications that are received for Elk in Regions 1 or 2 will be entered as individuals.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds

Successful hunters are required to submit within 30 days of the kill, both antlers attached to a portion of the skull and one of the incisor teeth (including the crown and root) of any Elk taken to a C.I. Inspector. The following information must be supplied at the same time:

- location of kill (including M.U.) • date of kill • number of days hunted • sex of animal taken.

\* Also includes Zone C of M.U. 2-05. \*\* Also includes Zone B of M.U. 2-12.
\*\*\* The entire area in C of M.U. 2-05 and Zone B of M.U. 2-12, and portions of Zone A of M.U. 2-05 and portions of Zone A of M.U. 2-12 are restricted to ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY. Much of the area within C of M.U. 2-05 is Private Land. Permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to the hunt. Applying for a LEH in these areas does not guarantee that there will be Elk present during the selected season. Also the private landowners may restrict the number of hunters that are allowed onto their land. It is the hunter's responsibility to locate landowners willing to allow hunter access. This can be a long and challenging process with no guarantee of success.

Indian Reserves are private property. In the Sechelt First Nation's Traditional Territory they request hunters obtain permission, by contacting the resource management department at (604) 885-2273, prior to crossing or accessing any Sechelt Indian Band land.

Hunters are reminded that under S.35(2) of the Wildlife Act, anyone who injures wildlife must make reasonable attempt to retrieve that wildlife, and if it is alive, to kill it. This is particularly important for Roosevelt Elk in areas restricted to ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY, and these hunts are recommended only to archers with considerable big game hunting experience.





LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

THOMPSON REGION 3 (See LEH Map 3B for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4046-4062.

NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4063-4082.

\* Hunters should be aware that Management Unit 3-46 is located primarily within Wells Gray Provincial Park. Access is limited, ATV use is prohibited, and additional restrictions may apply.

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See LEH Maps 4A, 4E, 4H, 4J & 4N for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4083-4088.

\* Hunters are requested to select dry cows (cows without calves) or a calf when encountering a cow/calf pair.

NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4089-4123.

LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See LEH Maps 4A, 4E, 4H, 4J & 4N for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4124-4132.

\* Persons successful in drawing a LEH authorization for these bull Moose only hunts may hunt from September 1 to October 14 using ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY
\*\* Persons successful in drawing a LEH authorization for these bull Moose only hunts may hunt from September 1 to September 9 using ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY

Successful hunters are required to submit within 30 days of kill, an incisor tooth, and the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull of any bull moose to a C.I. Inspector.

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See LEH Maps 5A, 5C, 5E & 5H for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4133-4136.

NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4137-4206.



LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See LEH Maps 5A, 5C, 5E & 5H for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4207 through 4224 in the Cariboo region.

\* Also includes Zone C of M.U. 5-04.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Maps 6D, 6H, 6K, 6N & 6V for boundaries)

Continued this year the Ministry is offering a combination hunt in the Spatsizi for one Moose and one Caribou. See Hunt Code 4225 to apply. Persons successful in drawing a Moose/Caribou authorization may hunt for both moose and caribou. Please note that you may only enter one application card per LEH species per year and if you apply for this new combination hunt you may not apply for any other Moose or Caribou hunt.

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Includes a COMBINATION HUNT (4225) and REGULAR HUNTS (4226-4252) in the Skeena region.

\* Also includes portions of M.U.'s 6-03 and 6-11 \*\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-30
+ Successful hunters are required to submit within 30 days of kill, an incisor tooth, and the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull of any bull moose taken to a C.I. Inspector.

LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Maps 7D & 7K for boundaries)

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4270 through 4293 in the Omineca/Peace region.

NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4294 through 4338 in the Omineca/Peace region.

Those hunting on a "Cow or Calf" Moose LEH authorization are requested to take the calf when encountering a cow and calf together. By doing so you help to maintain the stock of prime breeding female moose, which are essential for the continuance of a healthy moose population.

PEACE RIVER AGE-RESTRICTED HUNTS

The following hunts are open ONLY to hunters who are under the age of 18 and WHO POSSESS A VALID HUNTER NUMBER CARD. To qualify as under 18, an applicant's 18th birthday must fall on or after August 1, 2011. Hunters who are under the age of 18 at the time of their hunt must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who is 18 years of age or older and who holds a valid hunting licence.

Table with 8 columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4339 through 4341 in the Peace River region.





MOUNTAIN GOAT

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Maps 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G & 6I for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 5102-5146 with various details.

\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-04
\*\*\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-22
++ Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-28, but excludes Chilkooot National Historic Site

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Maps 7B, 7C, 7F, 7H, 7I & 7J for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 5147-5185 with various details.

\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 7-19
+ Also includes a portion of M.U. 7-22
\*\* Excludes Monkman Park (closed to hunting)
++ Also includes portions of M.U. 7-21

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

OKANAGAN REGION 8

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 5186 Similkameen.

\* Also includes M.U. 8-02. No person shall hunt Mountain Goat within 0.4 km of the northern boundary of Highway No. 3 between Hedley and Keremeos.
Please remember that it is illegal to hunt on private land without the consent of the landowner. Indian Reserves are private land. Permission must be obtained from the local Indian Business office in order to hunt on or across these lands.

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP

If you applied for the 2011 Early Skeena Mountain Sheep draw for a 2011 hunt and received a LEH authorization, you are NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY for any other 2011 Mountain Sheep hunt, but you may apply for the 2012 early Skeena Mountain Sheep draw.

Due to concerns over the large percentage of illegal sheep harvested in the province, the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia and the Ministry have worked together to develop an education program relating to horn curl restrictions.

Successful hunters are required to submit horns and skull of all Mountain Sheep taken, including ewes and lambs, for compulsory inspection within 30 days after the date of the kill OR before December 5 of the year of the kill whichever occurs first.

THOMPSON REGION 3 (See LEH Maps 3D, 3F, 3G & 3H for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 6001-6017 with various details.

\* This hunt is currently under review and may be closed for the 2011 season.

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See LEH Maps 4I & 4L for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 6018-6025 with various details.

\* All persons using horses in Mt. Assiniboine Park are required to obtain a letter of permission from the Regional Manager, Parks and Protected Areas, 205 Industrial Rd G., Cranbrook, BC, V1C 7G5 (phone 250-489-8540)
\*\* Please note adverse snow conditions likely present at this time of year.

\*\*\* 2012 EARLY SKEENA MOUNTAIN SHEEP DRAW REGION 6\*\*\*

(Please note: the 2011 Skeena Mountain Sheep hunts were drawn in February 2011)
Limited Entry Hunt (LEH) applications for 2012 limited entry sheep hunts in the Skeena region (Region 6) will be drawn in February 2012, in order to provide hunters with more time to schedule and plan hunts in these remote areas.

Only one application for this early draw may be submitted per hunter and it must be submitted on a regular LEH application card. If you choose to apply for these early draws, please be advised that second choices are available, but must be from one of the other early Skeena Mountain Sheep draw hunts.

If you were successful in the 2011 early draw, you are not eligible to apply for any other LEH Mountain Sheep hunts for 2011. If you applied for an early Skeena Mountain Sheep draw and did not receive a LEH authorization you may apply for any other 2010 Mountain Sheep hunt.

Applications for the Early draw must be received in Victoria by February 3, 2012.
Notification of draw results will be sent out after the draw.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Maps 6H, 6I & 6J for boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Dates, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2010 First Choice Odds. Lists 6026-6031 with various details.







## SPRING 2012 GRIZZLY BEAR

**SKEENA REGION 6** (See LEH Map 6I, 6P, 6Q, 6R, 6S & 6T for boundaries)  
(See closed area Map 6U)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2011 First Choice Odds
3144	Meziadin	6-16	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	23	0.9:1
3145	Meziadin	6-16	B**	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	4	5.8:1
3146	Skeena	6-17		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	44	0.9:1
3147	Skeena	6-18		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	3	0.7:1
3148	Skeena	6-19	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	14	0.0:1
3149	Spatsizi	6-20	A***	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	17	0.6:1
3150	Spatsizi	6-20	B	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	18	0.7:1
3151	Spatsizi	6-20	C	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	5	0.0:1
3152	Mount Edziza	6-21	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	3	0.4:1
3153	Mount Edziza	6-21	B	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	30	0.8:1
3154	Skeena	6-22		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	30	0.2:1
3155	Skeena	6-23		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	7	0.6:1
3156	Skeena	6-24		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	4	0.8:1
3157	Teslin	6-25	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	5	1.2:1
3158	Teslin	6-25	B	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	12	0.4:1
3159	Skeena	6-26		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	17	0.4:1
3160	Skeena	6-27		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	7	0.3:1
3161	Skeena	6-28		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	1.0:1
3162	Skeena	6-29		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	3	1.7:1
3163	Skeena	6-30	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	18	1.2:1

\* Also includes M.U. 6-06.

\*\* Also includes portions of M.U. 6-14. Excludes a portion of Meziadin Lake Provincial Park.

\*\*\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-19.

+ Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-04.

++ Also includes a portion of M.U. 6-30.

Hunters are requested to select a male Grizzly Bear. For more details see page 15.

**OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7** (See LEH Map 7D for boundaries)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2011 First Choice Odds
3164	Omineca	7-02		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	46	1.5:1
3165	Omineca	7-03		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	17	2.6:1
3166	Omineca	7-04		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	17	2.5:1
3167	Omineca	7-05		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	12	3.1:1
3168	Omineca	7-06		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	27.0:1
3169	Omineca	7-07		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	7	5.3:1
3170	Omineca	7-14		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	6.0:1
3171	Omineca	7-16	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	5.0:1
3172	Omineca	7-16	B	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	3.0:1
3173	Omineca	7-16	C	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	6.0:1
3174	Omineca	7-17		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	2.8:1
3175	Omineca	7-18		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	2.3:1
3176	Omineca	7-23	A	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	15	1.4:1

## SPRING 2012 GRIZZLY BEAR

**OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7** (See LEH Map 7D for boundaries)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2011 First Choice Odds
3177	Omineca	7-23	B	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	12	0.6:1
3178	Omineca	7-23	C	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	43	0.6:1
3179	Omineca	7-23	D	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	48	0.1:1
3180	Omineca	7-23	E	Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.3:1
3181	Omineca	7-24		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	11.0:1
3182	Omineca	7-25		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	5.0:1
3183	Omineca	7-26		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	1.0:1
3184	Omineca	7-27		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	42	0.5:1
3185	Omineca	7-28		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	80	0.5:1
3186	Omineca	7-29		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	16.0:1
3187	Omineca	7-30		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	7.0:1
3188	Omineca	7-37		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	48	0.4:1
3189	Omineca	7-38		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	75	0.8:1
3190	Omineca	7-39		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.4:1
3191	Omineca	7-40		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	75	0.1:1
3192	Omineca	7-41		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.3:1
3193	Peace River	7-19		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	2	21.0:1
3194	Peace River	7-20		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	16	4.5:1
3195	Peace River	7-21		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	3	22.4:1
3196	Peace River	7-22		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	34.0:1
3197	Peace River	7-31		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	66.0:1
3198	Peace River	7-35		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	16.0:1
3199	Peace River	7-36		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	7	3.2:1
3200	Peace River	7-42		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	13.0:1
3201	Peace River	7-43		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	5	5.2:1
3202	Peace River	7-44		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	22	0.4:1
3203	Peace River	7-45		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	2	11.5:1
3204	Peace River	7-48		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	9.0:1
3205	Peace River	7-49		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	21	1.4:1
3206	Peace River	7-50		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	15.:1
3207	Peace River	7-51		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.6:1
3208	Peace River	7-52		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.3:1
3209	Peace River	7-53		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	50	0.3:1
3210	Peace River	7-54		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	17	1.2:1
3211	Peace River	7-57		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	2	4.0:1
3212	Peace River	7-58		Apr 15-June 15	Adult only	1	6.0:1

Hunters are requested to select a male Grizzly Bear. For more details see page 15.

**OKANAGAN REGION 8** (See LEH Map 8A for boundaries)

Hunt Code	Area	M.U.	Zone	Season Dates	Class of Animal	Tentative Number of Authorizations Available	2011 First Choice Odds
3213	Monashee	8-24	*	Apr 1-June 5	Adult only	4	39.5:1

\* Also includes a portion of M.U. 8-23.

Hunters are requested to select a male Grizzly Bear. For more details see page 15.

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING ETHICS

It is extremely important for hunters and trappers to realize that they use a public resource! With this privilege it is vital to maintain a perception among the public that we hunt and trap in an ethical and humane manner. The majority of British Columbians support hunting and trapping to one degree or another, but there is a prevalent misunderstanding among the general public as to the role that hunters and trappers play in conservation and environmental stewardship. Fuelling that misunderstanding are images and media reports of hunters and trappers who are at least perceived to be acting in a less than upstanding manner, or who disrespect the wildlife they pursue.

It is important for all of us to remember not only the legal obligations, but also the unwritten rules of ethics that keep hunting a great sport.

- Safety for yourself, your companions, and the public is the most important aspect of hunter training. Hunting accidents continue to be very rare because we all know that there is no room for recklessness at the expense of safety and courtesy.
- Have respect for the sensitivities of others. Do not display your kill or firearms where it may offend other people. What may impress your friends may not have the same effect on your neighbours.
- Respect wildlife and the sanctity of the harvested animals' lives. Strive to make every kill a clean one. Prepare your firearm in advance of, and during, the season to ensure accuracy and dependability. Practice your marksmanship at a licensed firing range, and do not shoot unless you have a clear shot of a vital part of the animal. Remember: "you can't pull the bullet back."

- Prepare the meat properly. Proper handling of meat is easy to learn and to not do so is both illegal and wasteful.
- Respect the environment by packing out everything you packed in! Nobody wants to arrive at a campsite and clean up the mess left by the previous occupants.
- Do not consume drugs or alcohol while hunting or trapping.
- Respect private property. Always seek permission from landowners and thank them for the opportunities given. Unless explicitly stated, permission granted once does not entitle you to access the property on subsequent occasions.
- Please respect gates, fences and equipment as they are there for a reason. Leave everything the way you found it.
- Be the eyes and ears for the enforcement agencies and report those who break the law. Remember the RAPP program 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or [www.rapp.bc.ca/](http://www.rapp.bc.ca/).
- Be aware that you are a mentor when youth are observing.
- Respect your fellow hunters. Work with one another to promote good relationships, safety, knowledge and a fair distribution of opportunity and harvest.
- Lead by example, you are an ambassador for the public and media image of hunting.

Ethical hunters and trappers are critical to effective and sustainable wildlife management, and to the ethical hunter we offer our sincerest gratitude; opportunities for the sustainable use of wildlife are possible because of you.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTERS

Before your hunt, we ask that you please take a few moments to consider the following information regarding harvesting a male or female Grizzly Bear. It is important that during your hunt you select a male Grizzly Bear, or future hunting opportunities may be reduced.

As with all game species, females play an important role in the sustainability of hunted populations. However, many hunters don't fully realize what effect the harvest of female bears has on both the viability of Grizzly Bear populations, and on future hunting opportunities. Modeling has repeatedly shown that a slight change in adult female survivorship, such as through hunting, can have a dramatic impact on a population's growth rate.

British Columbia's Grizzly Bear harvest is monitored very closely through compulsory inspection. Maintaining accurate records of the kill and sex of each Grizzly Bear is a key component of our comprehensive Grizzly Bear Harvest Management Procedure. In British Columbia, Grizzly Bear populations have been divided into 57 Grizzly Bear

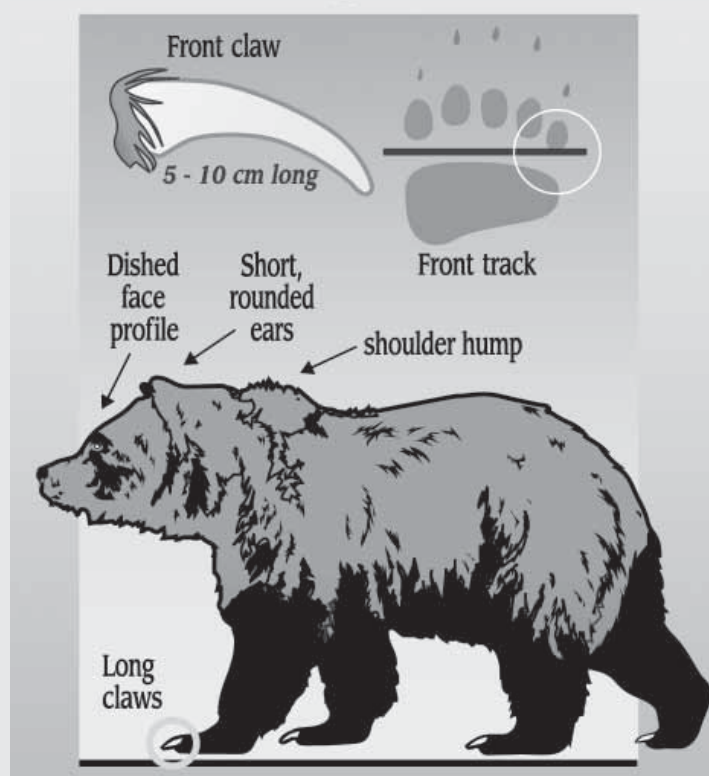
Population Units (GBPU), and the Ministry is confident that current harvest levels are sustainable within all hunted GBPU's in the province. By policy, the total allowable mortality (including known illegal kills, motor vehicle accidents, rail kills, wildlife conflict kills and hunting) of Grizzly Bears in a given GBPU may not exceed 6% of the population (some exceptions apply). The maximum allowable mortality of females is 30% of the total known human-caused mortality. If the female mortality exceeds 30% of the total mortality, then the harvest will need to be reduced in future years. With the exception of hunting, it is usually not possible to limit the mortality of females. Thus, it is the hunter who has a choice, and it is the hunter who can choose not to harvest a female Grizzly Bear.

Your patience, self control, awareness, education and pride are all factors which can ensure BC's Grizzly Bear populations continue to be managed to a world class standard. Each year the number of Grizzly Bear LEH authorizations has the potential to be reduced because of female over-harvest. It often takes patience and perseverance to distinguish a male from

a female grizzly, and even then mistakes may be made. We are appealing that you and your fellow hunters consider the implications of harvesting a female bear and take the extra time to use your abilities of judgment and discrimination to identify the sex of each bear before shooting.

Please do your research on male and female Grizzly Bear identification. A good place to start is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Bear Identification Video "Take a Closer Look" located the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Multimedia Library [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=multimedia.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=multimedia.main) (note: coloration properties of Yukon bears may not apply to Grizzly Bears in British Columbia). Generally, males have larger, less streamlined skulls than females. Adult males are also larger than females, at least a third larger, and sometimes twice as large as adult females. Another identification feature is that a female Grizzly Bear urinates behind her back legs whereas a male Grizzly Bear urinates in front of his back legs.

## Grizzly Bear



### Colour and Size can be misleading

Look for a combination of characteristics

- **Colour** varies from blond to black.
- **Distinctive shoulder hump**.
- **Rump** is lower than shoulder hump.
- Face **profile** appears dished-in between eyes and snout.
- **Ears** are short and rounded.
- **Front claws** are 5-10 cm (2-4 inches) long, slightly curved. Claw marks are usually visible in tracks.

## Black Bear



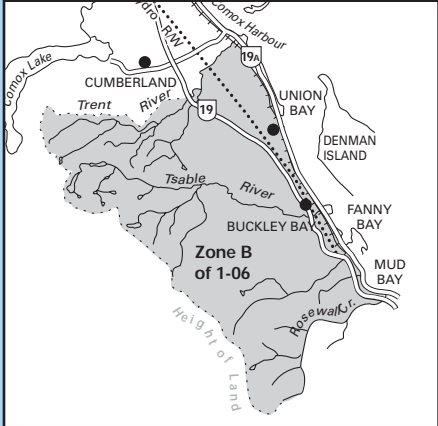
- **Colour** varies from blond to black, including white and blue.
- No **Distinctive** shoulder hump.
- **Rump** is higher than front shoulders.
- Face **profile** is straight.
- **Ears** are tall and pointed.
- **Front claws** are less than 4 cm (2 inches) long and curved. Claw marks are not usually visible in tracks.

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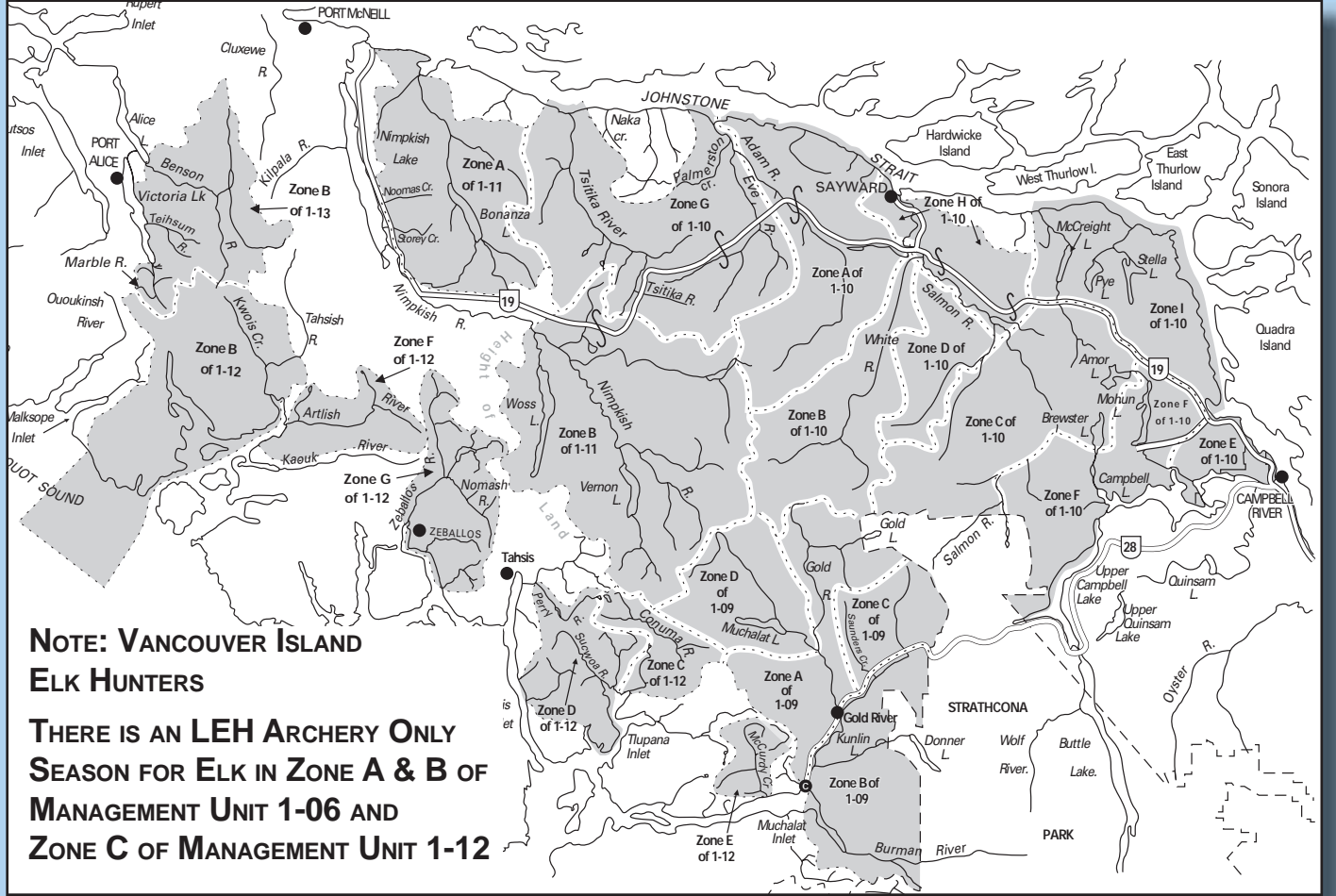
## Region 1

**HUNTERS SHOULD BE AWARE ACCESS IS LIMITED IN SOME AREAS AND ARE ADVISED TO CONFIRM ACCESS PRIOR TO APPLYING. IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING AN AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNT, PLEASE REVIEW THE APPROPRIATE LEH ZONE MAPS (PAGE 16-27) TO BE SURE OF THE AREA IN WHICH YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO HUNT. FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THE MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES, CONSULT THE 2010/2012 HUNTING TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS.**

MAP 1A) VANCOUVER ISLAND - ELK

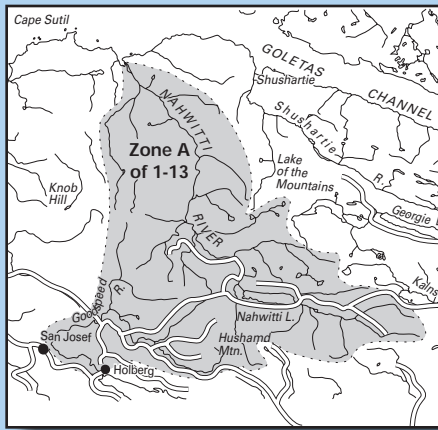


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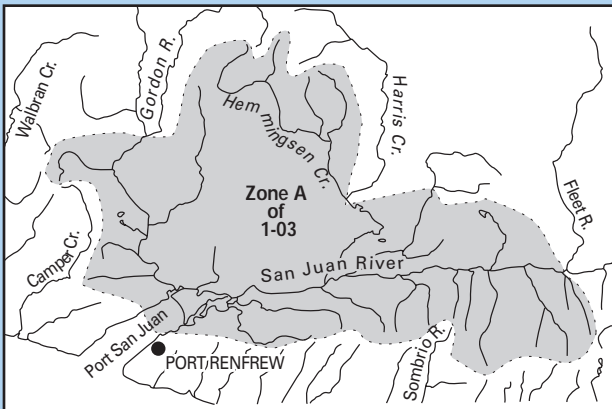


**NOTE: VANCOUVER ISLAND ELK HUNTERS**  
**THERE IS AN LEH ARCHERY ONLY SEASON FOR ELK IN ZONE A & B OF MANAGEMENT UNIT 1-06 AND ZONE C OF MANAGEMENT UNIT 1-12**

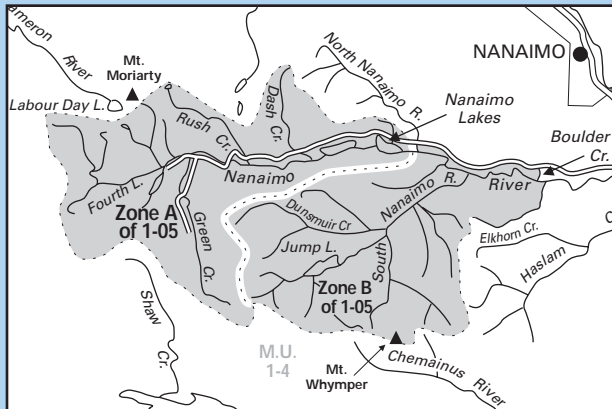
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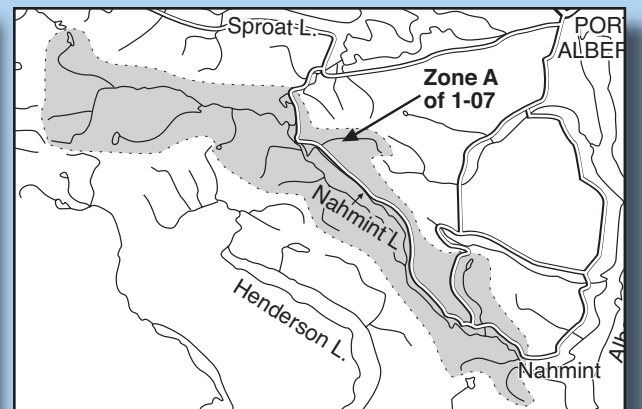
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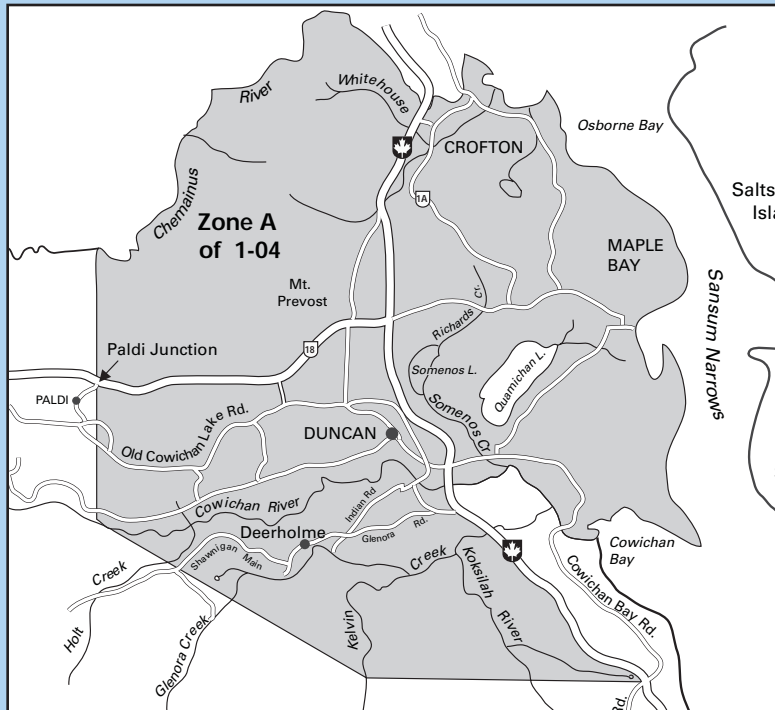
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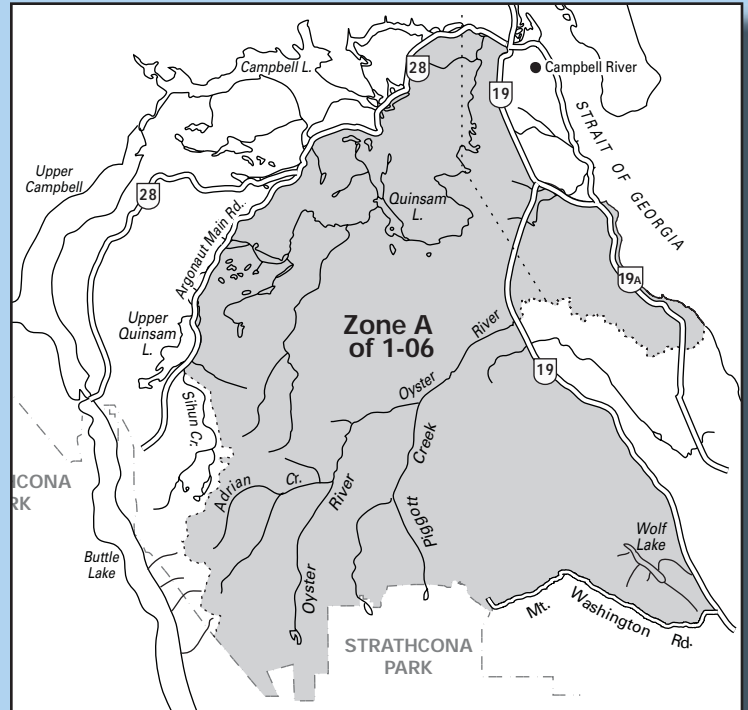
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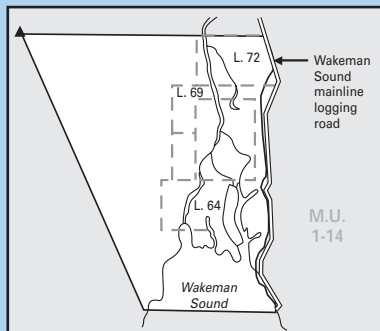




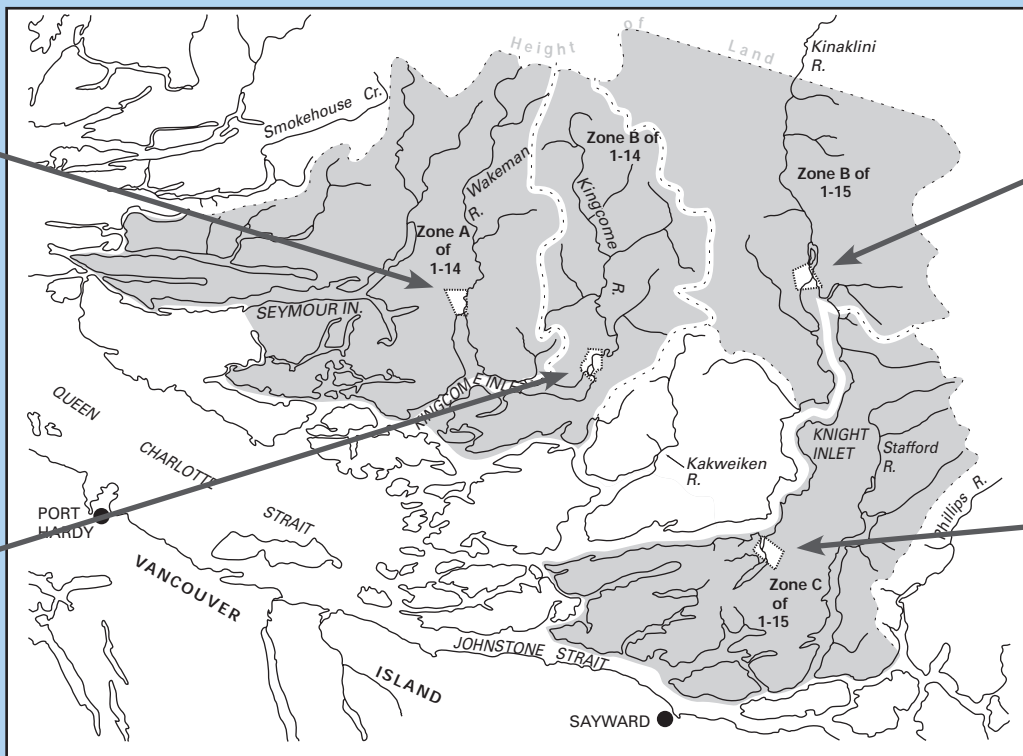
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**Region 1**

**WAKEMAN SOUND  
GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA**



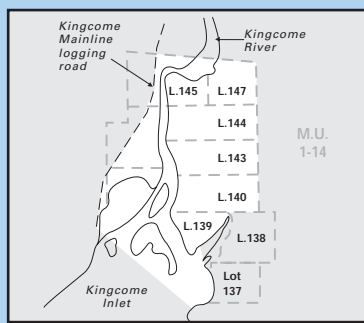
**MAP 1) KNIGHT/KINGCOME/WALKEMAN SOUND AND GLENDALE COVE  
GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA**



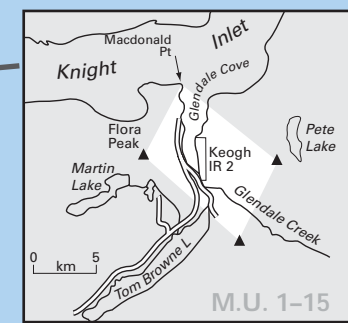
**KNIGHT INLET  
GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA**



**KINGCOME INLET  
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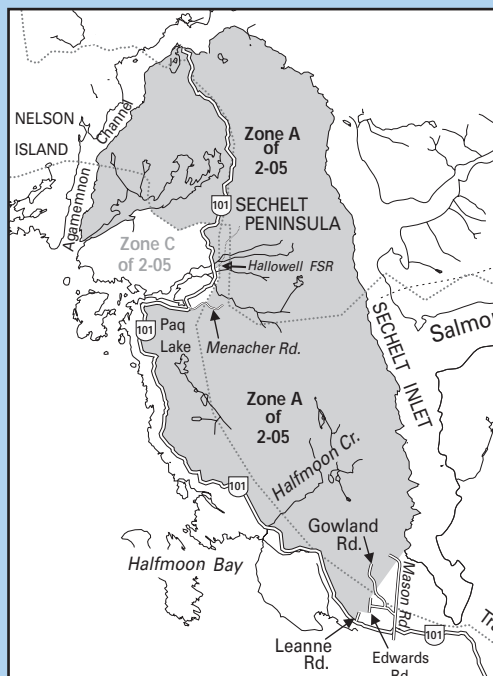


**GLENDALE COVE  
GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA**

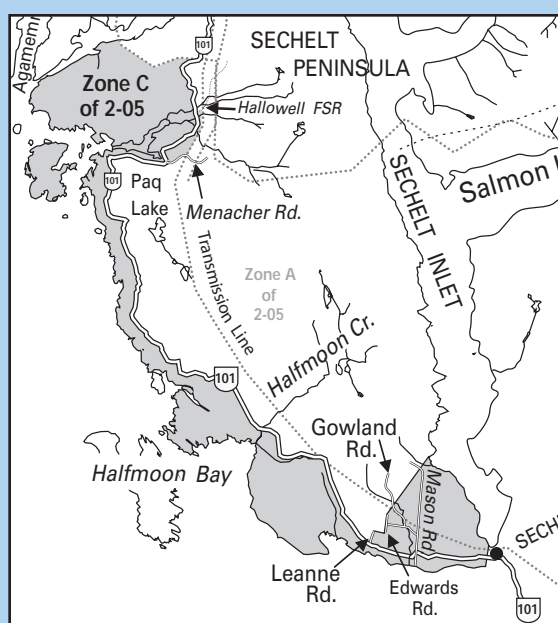


**Region 2**

**MAP 2A) SECHLT - ELK**

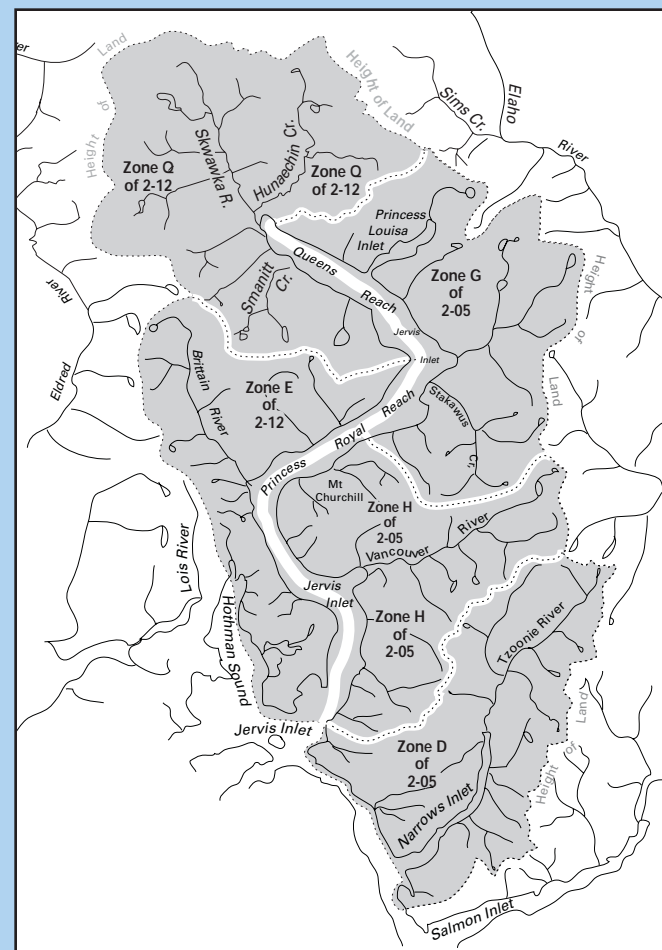


**MAP 2B) SECHLT - ELK**

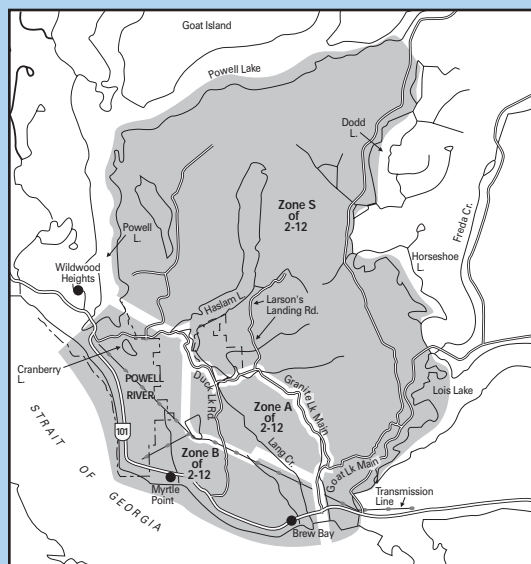


**ZONES A AND C OF 2-05 HAVE MANY NO SHOOTING AND FIREARM RESTRICTED AREAS. PLEASE REFER TO THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS FOR MAPS OF THESE AREAS.**

**MAP 2C) NARROW/TZONIE, VANCOUVER RIVER, DESERTED RIVER, BRITAIN RIVER AND SKWAWKA RIVER - ELK**

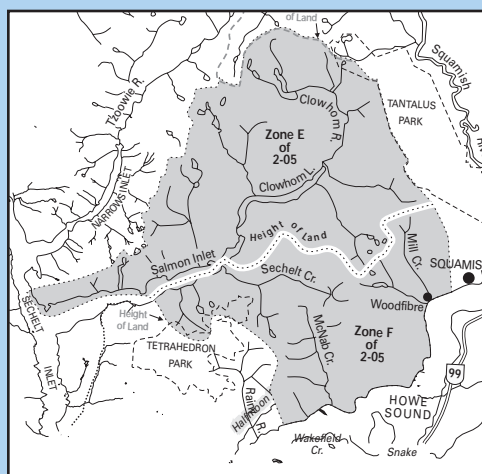


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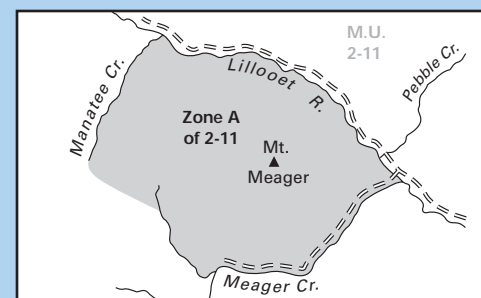


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**MAP 2E) CLOWHOM/McNAB - ELK**



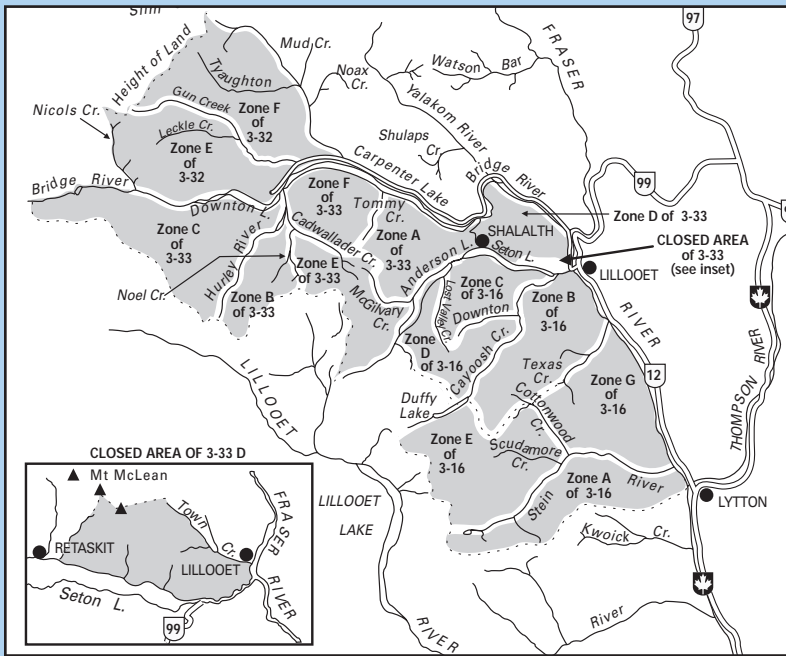
**MAP 2F) MT. MEAGER - MOUNTAIN GOAT**



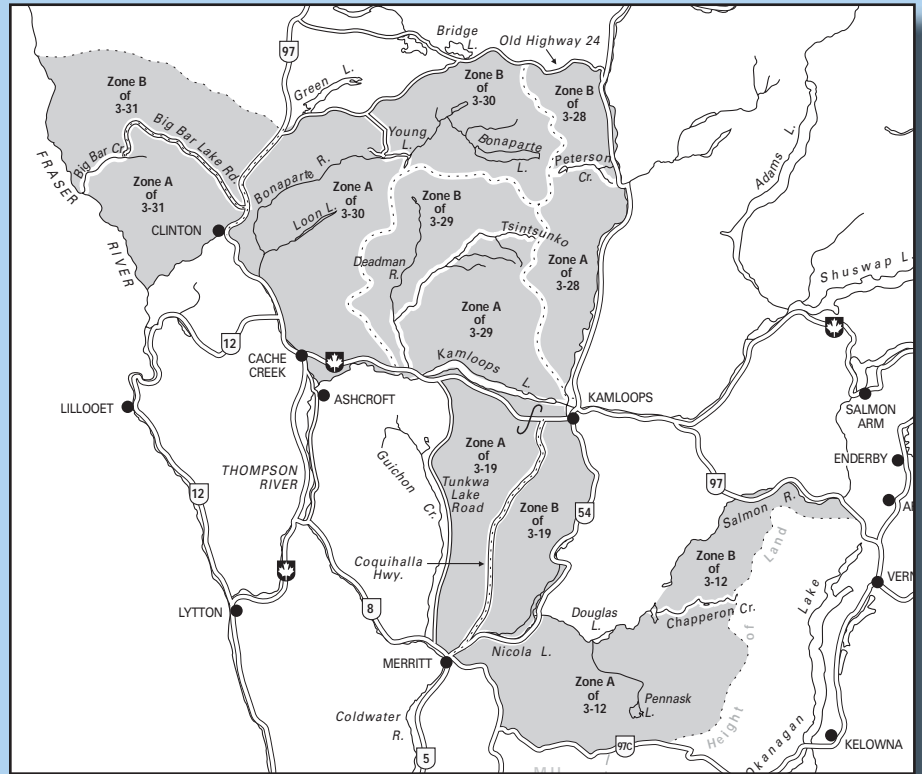
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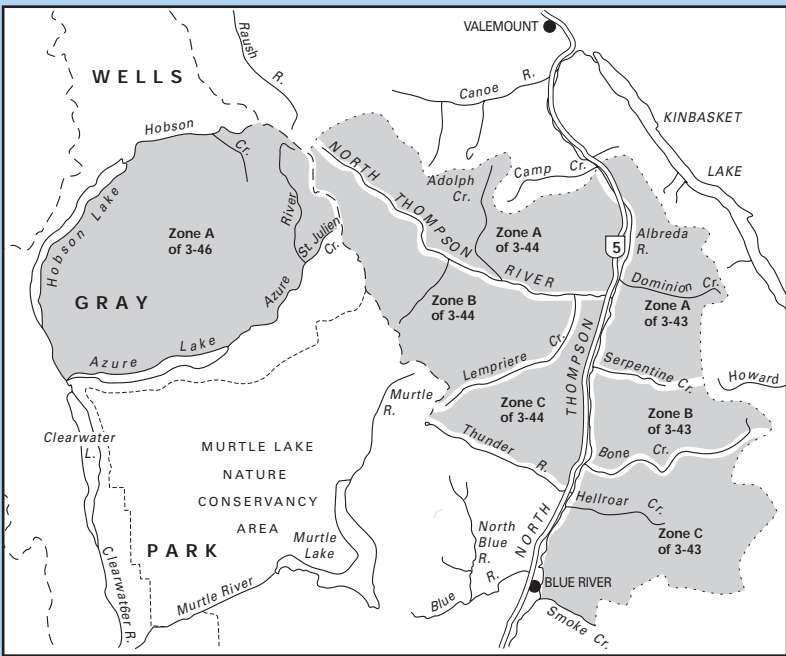
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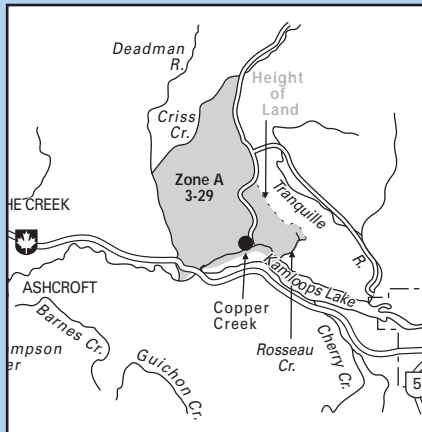
MAP 3B) KAMLOOPS - MOOSE



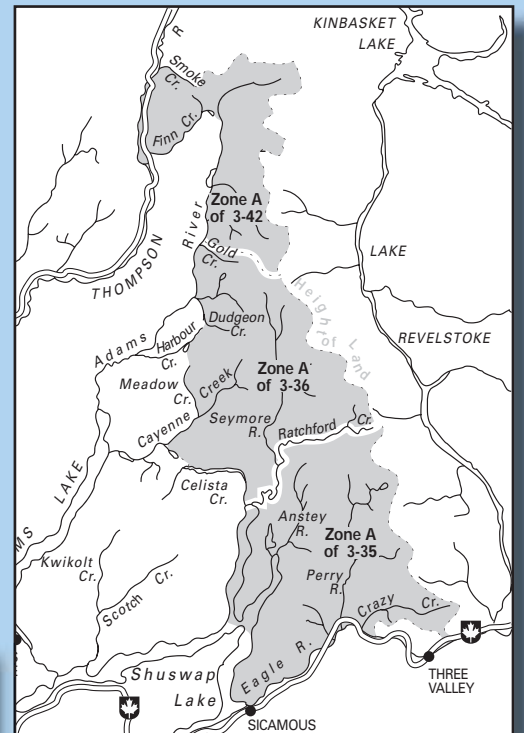
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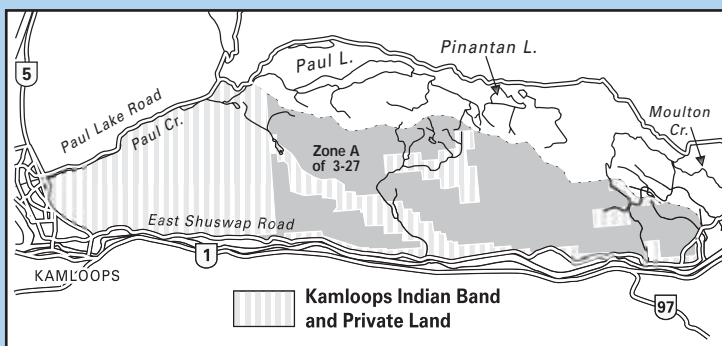
MAP 3D) KAMLOOPS LAKE - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



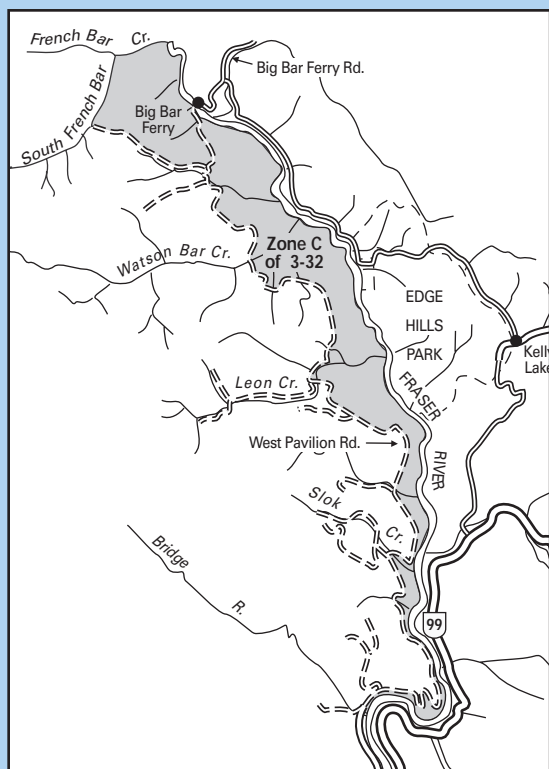
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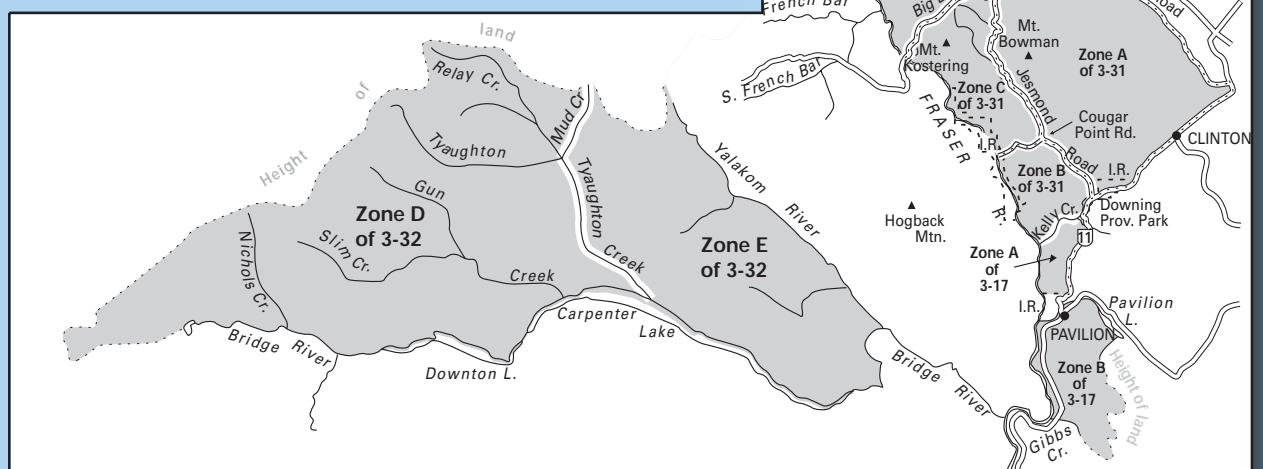
MAP 3G) SOUTH THOMPSON - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 3F) FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 3H) FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

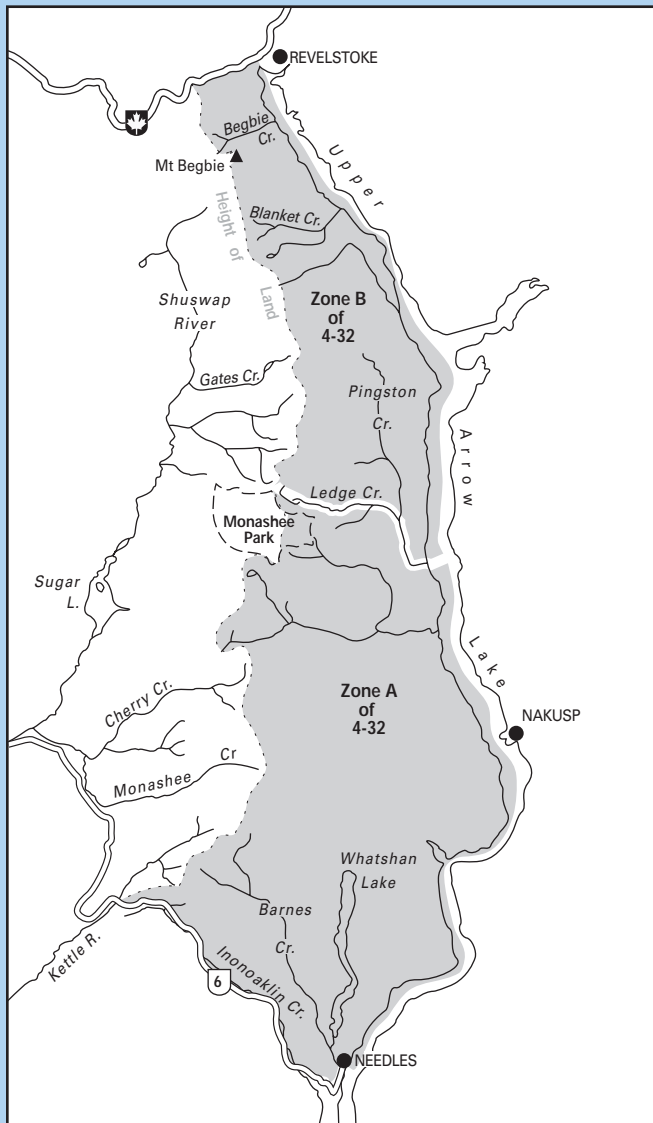




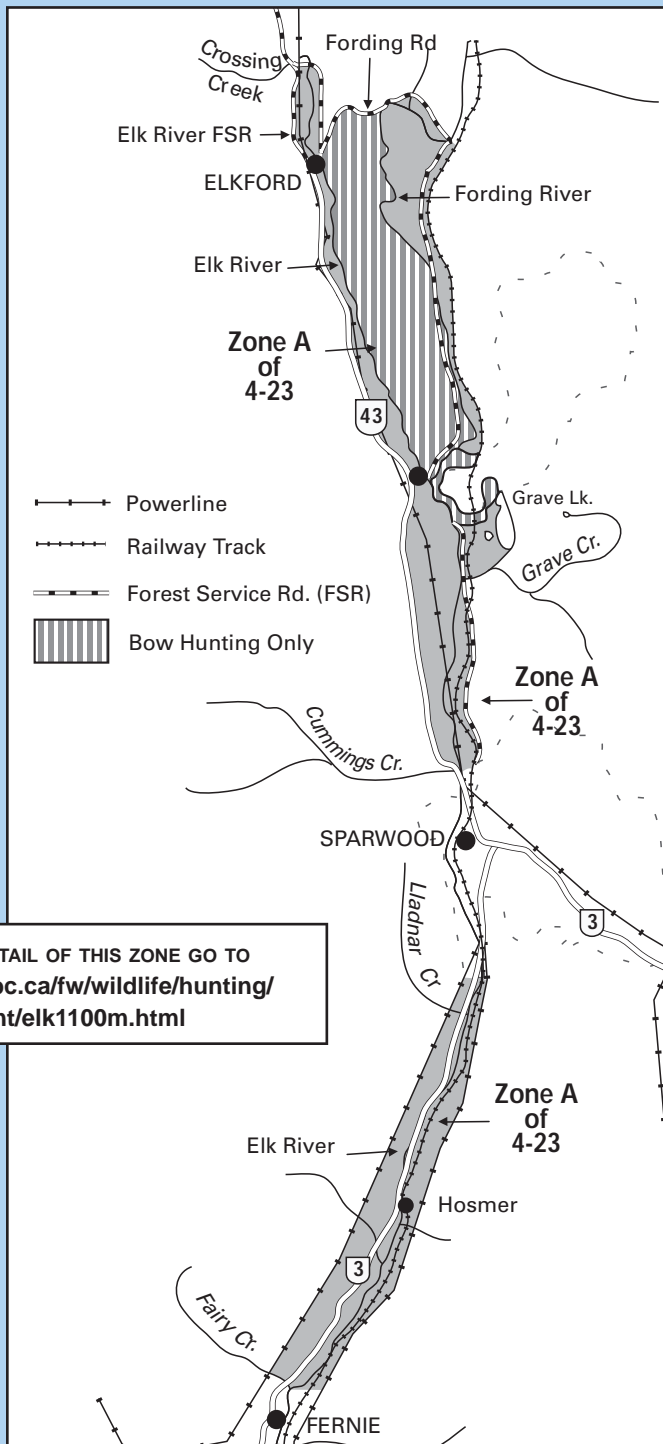
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**Region 4**

**MAP 4A) KOOTENAY - MOOSE**

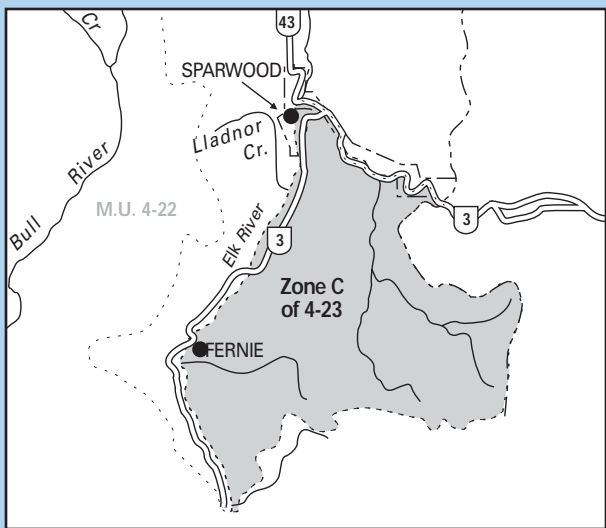


**MAP 4B) KOOTENAY - ELK**

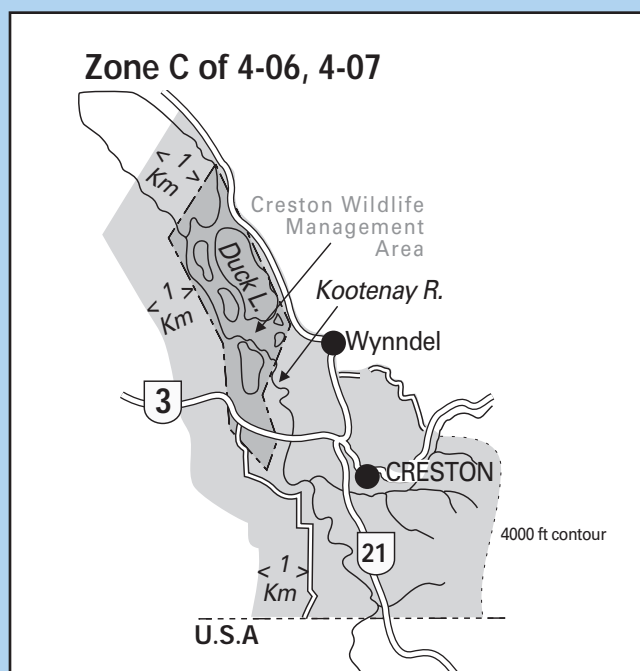


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**MAP 4C) KOOTENAY - GRIZZLY BEAR**

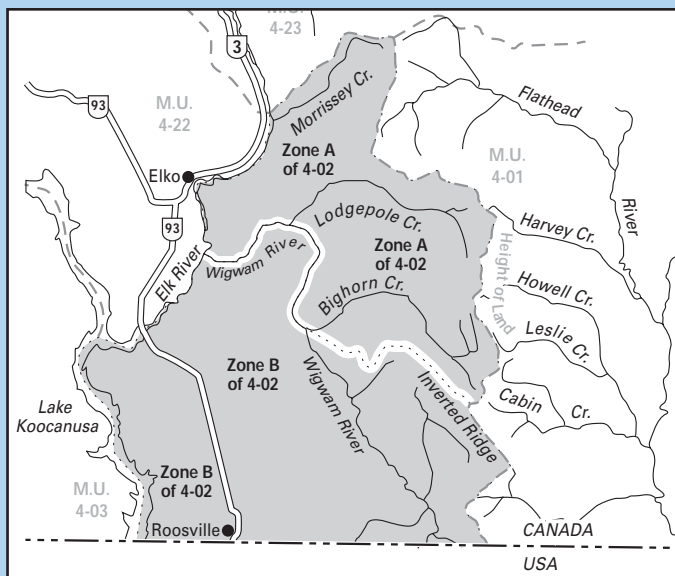


**MAP 4D) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK**



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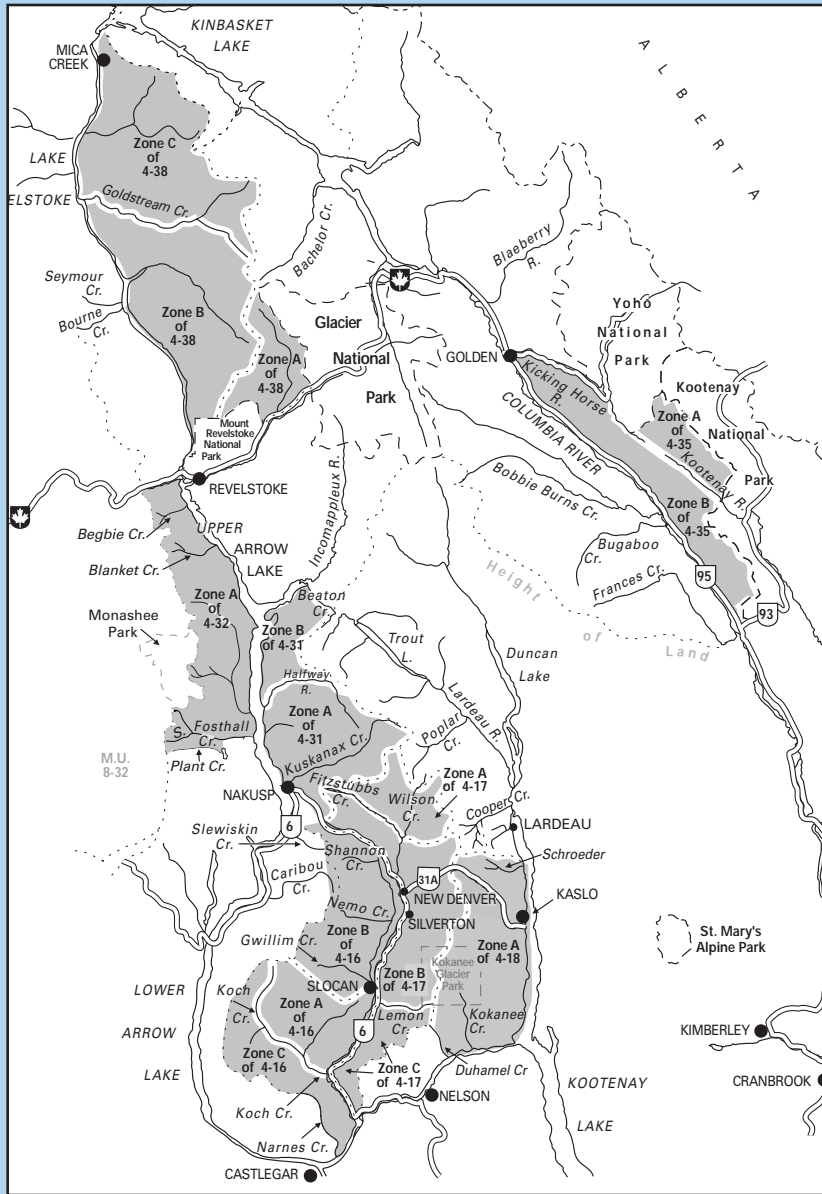
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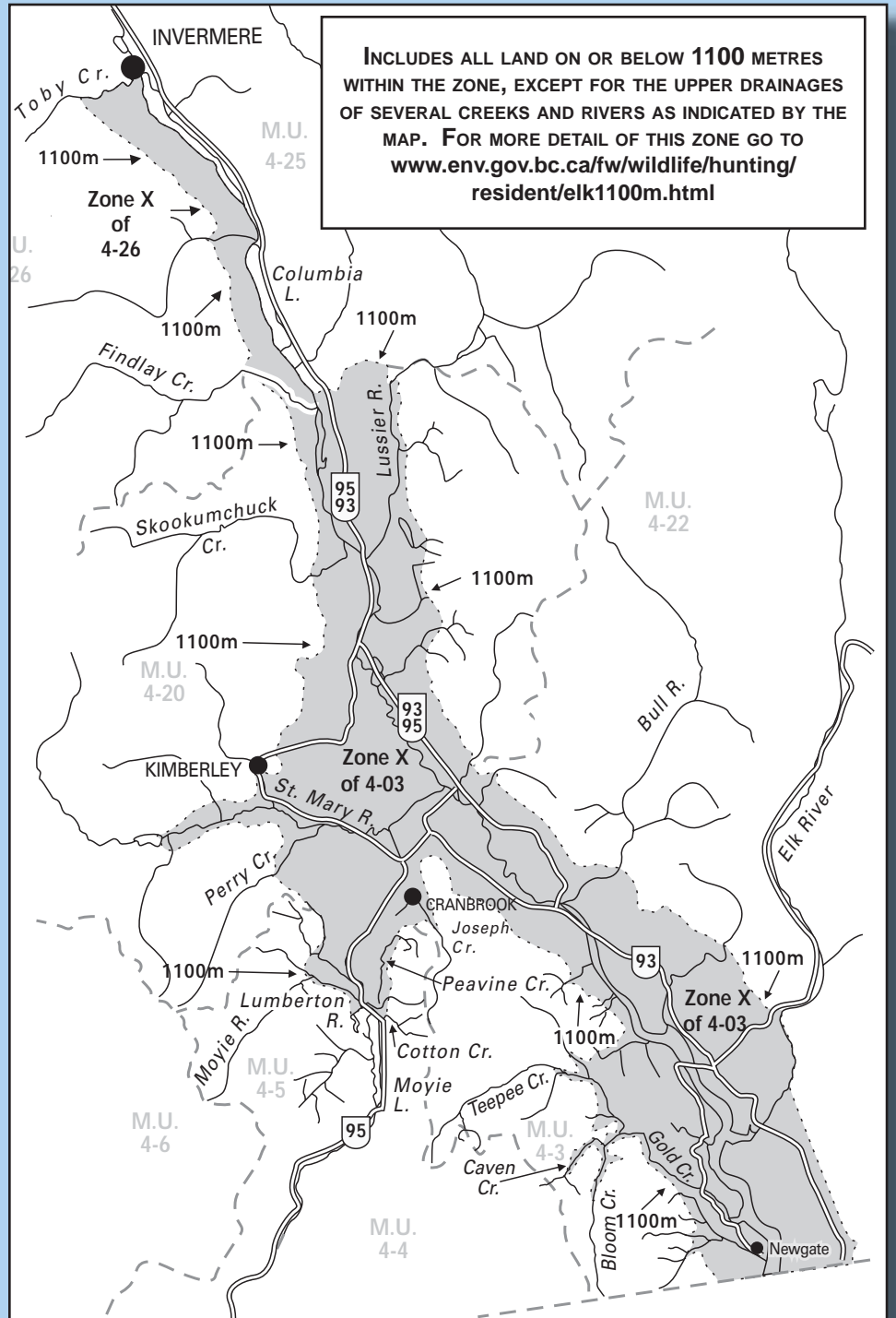
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## Region 4

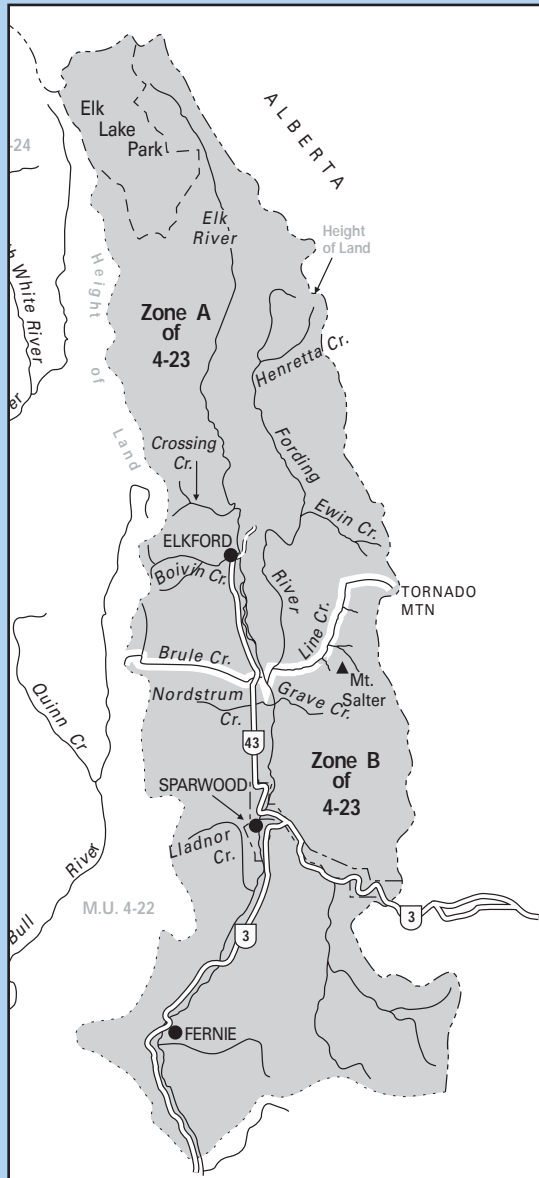
### MAP 4F) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



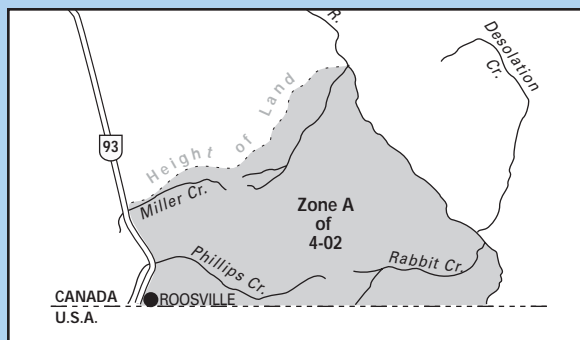
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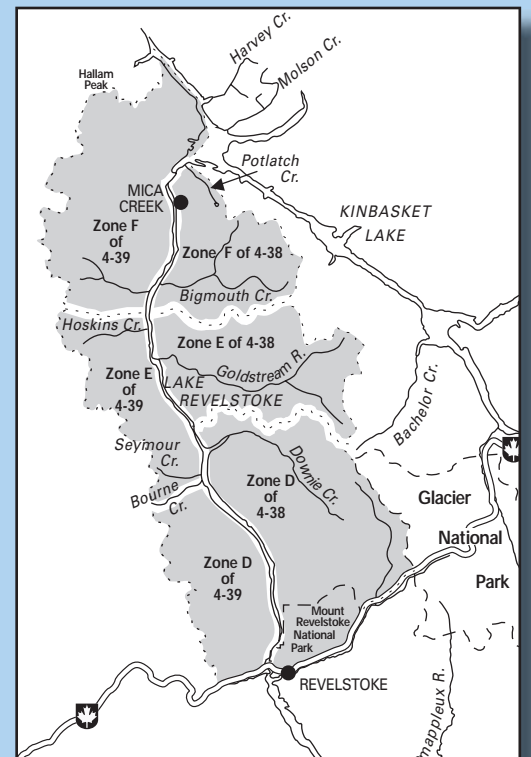
### MAP 4H) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



### MAP 4I) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



### MAP 4J) KOOTENAY - MOOSE

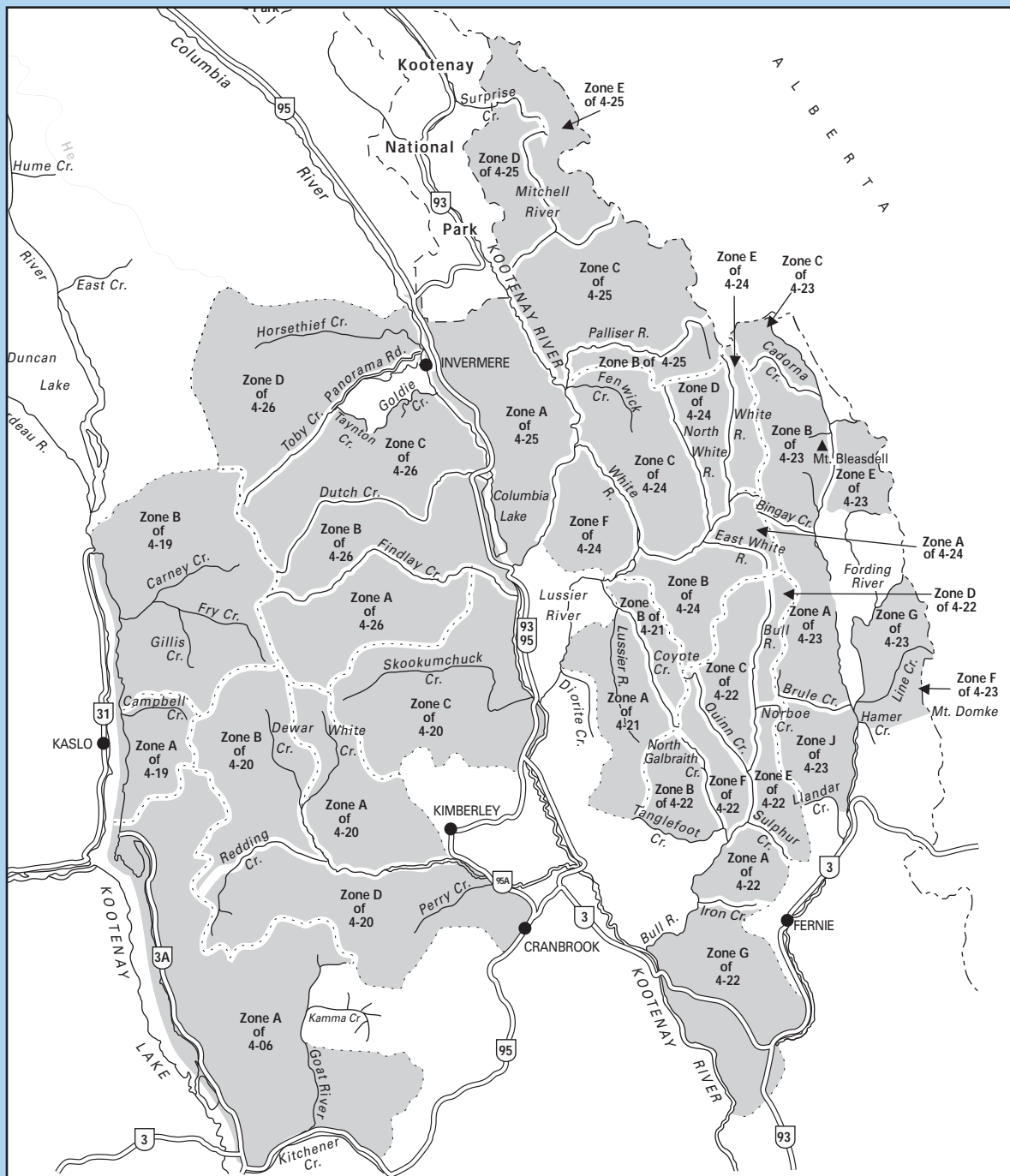




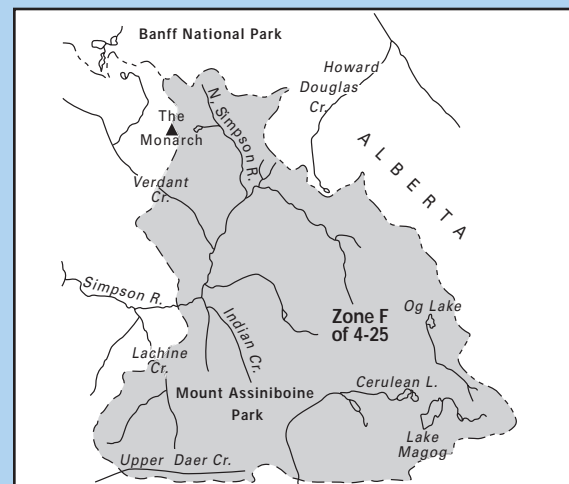
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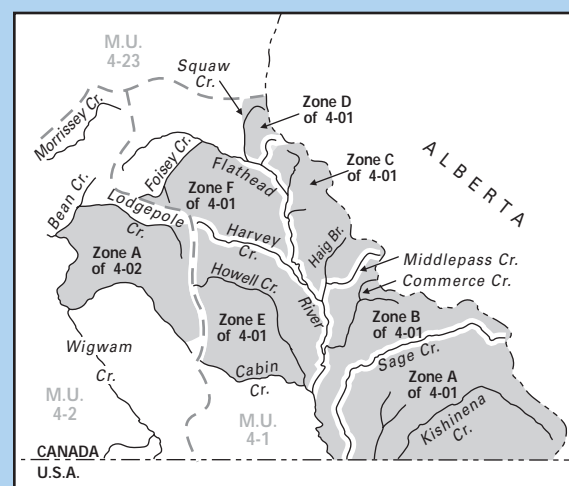
MAP 4K) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



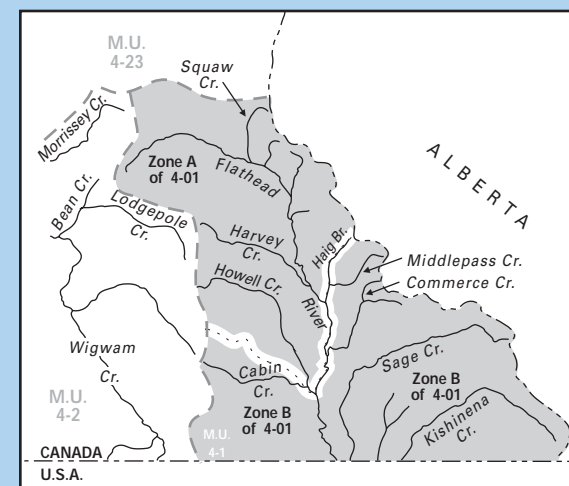
MAP 4L) MT. ASSINBOINE PARK - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



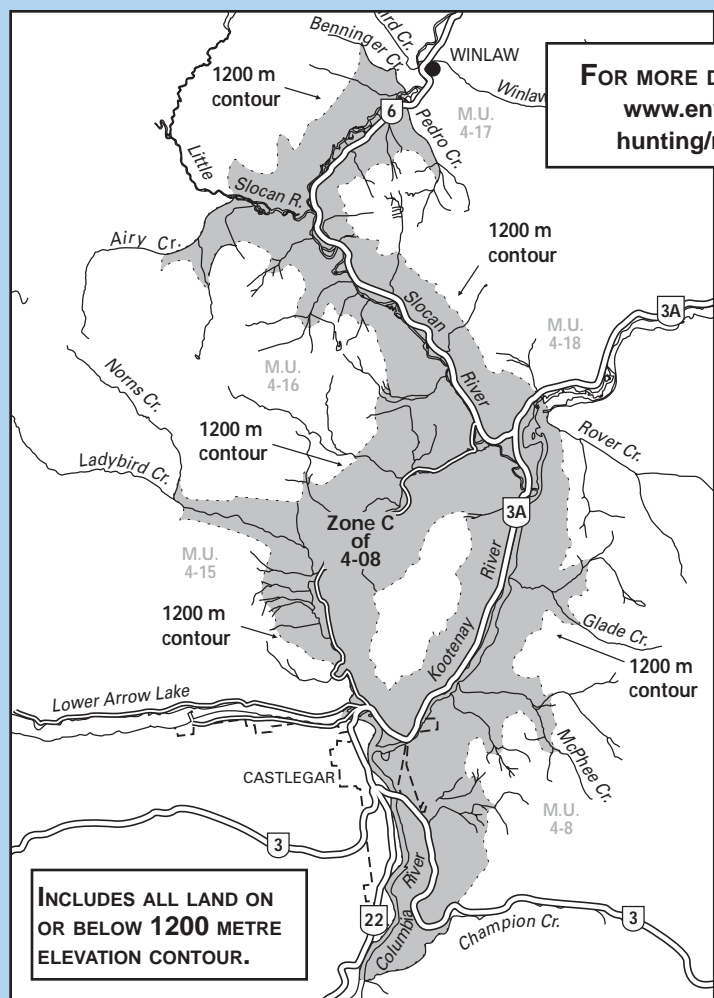
MAP 4M) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 4N) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



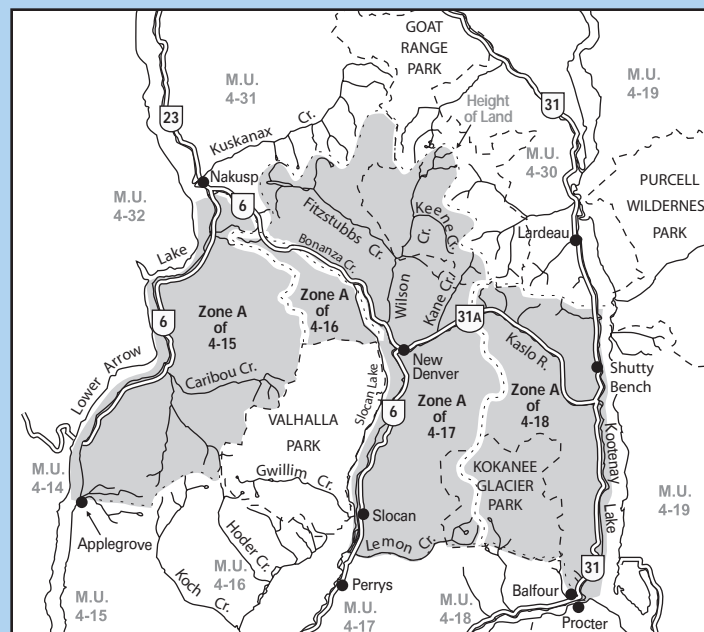
MAP 4O) KOOTENAY - ANTLERLESS ELK



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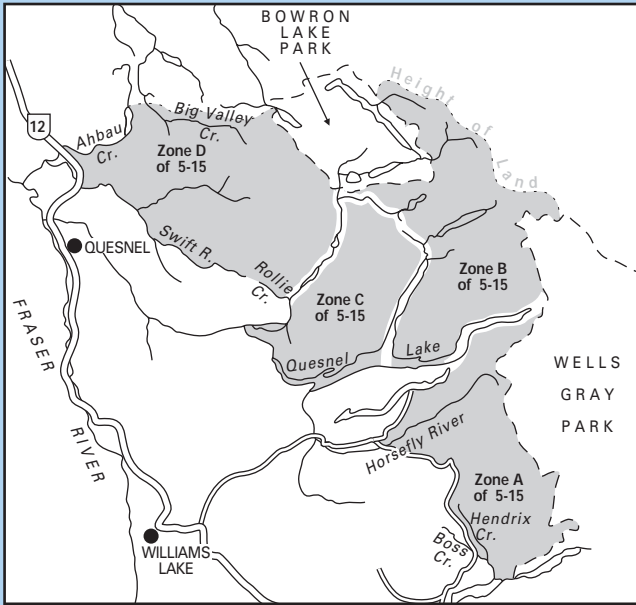
MAP 4P) KOOTENAY - GRIZZLY BEAR



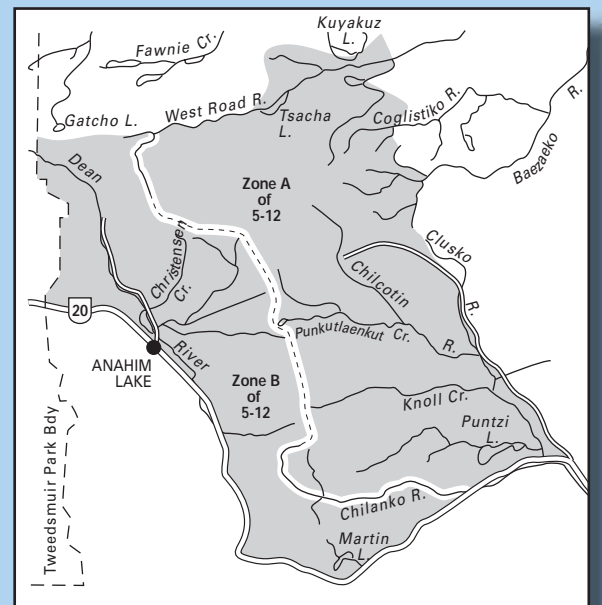
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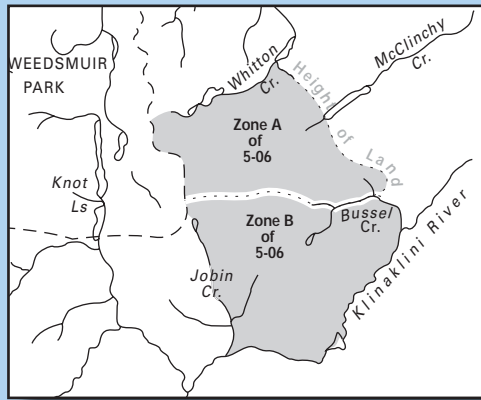
MAP 5A) QUESNEL - MOOSE & GRIZZLY BEAR



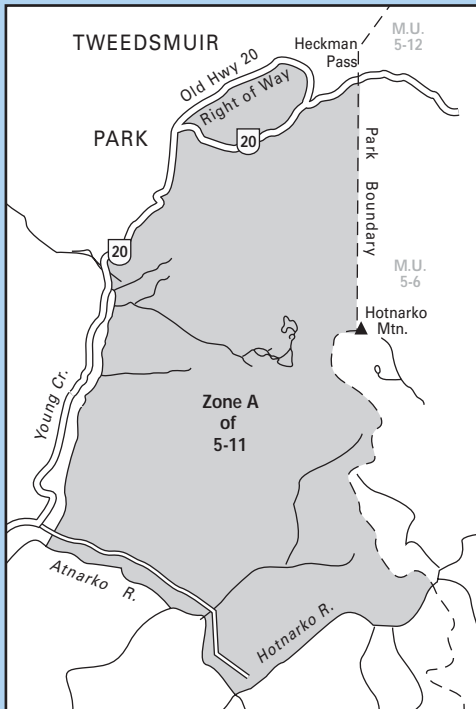
MAP 5c) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE



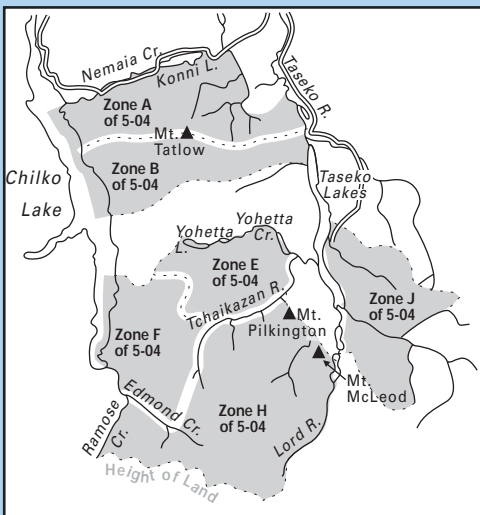
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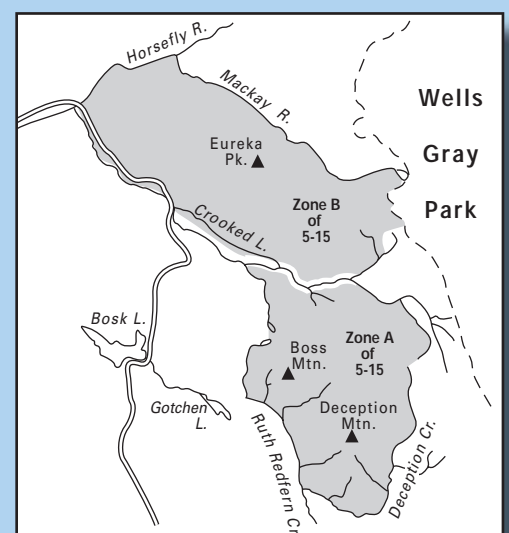
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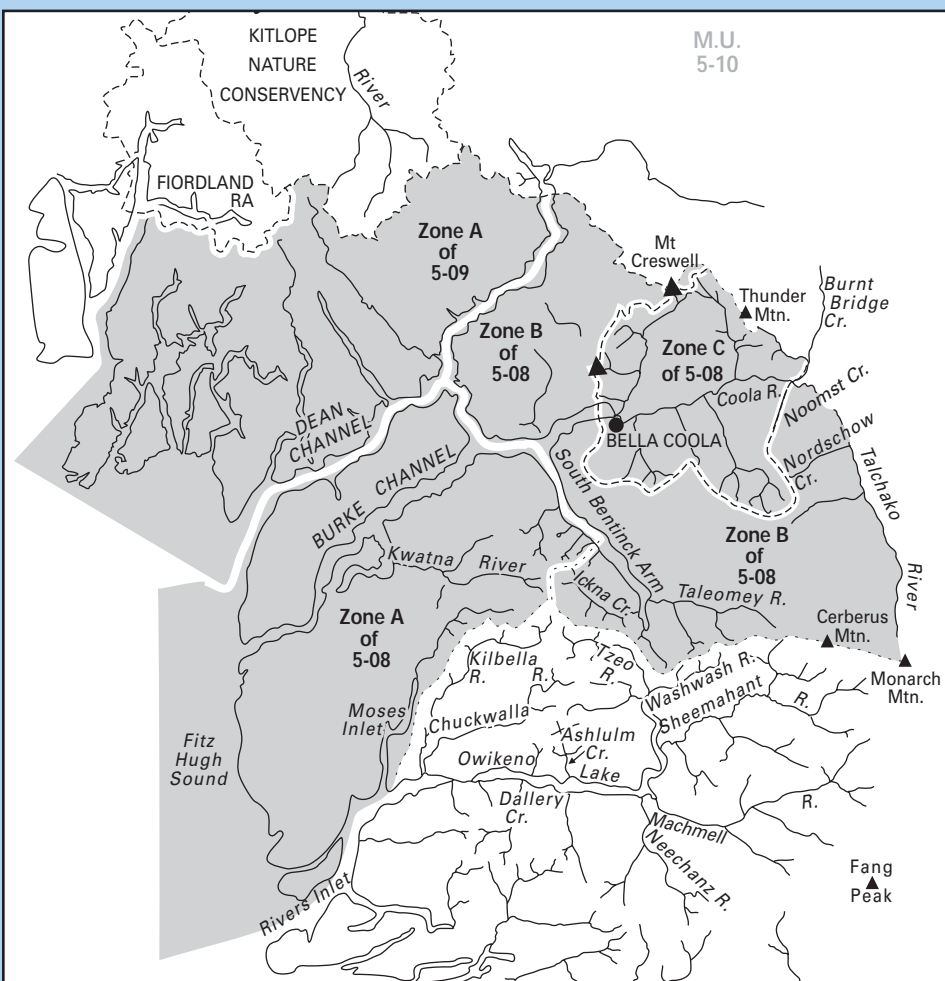
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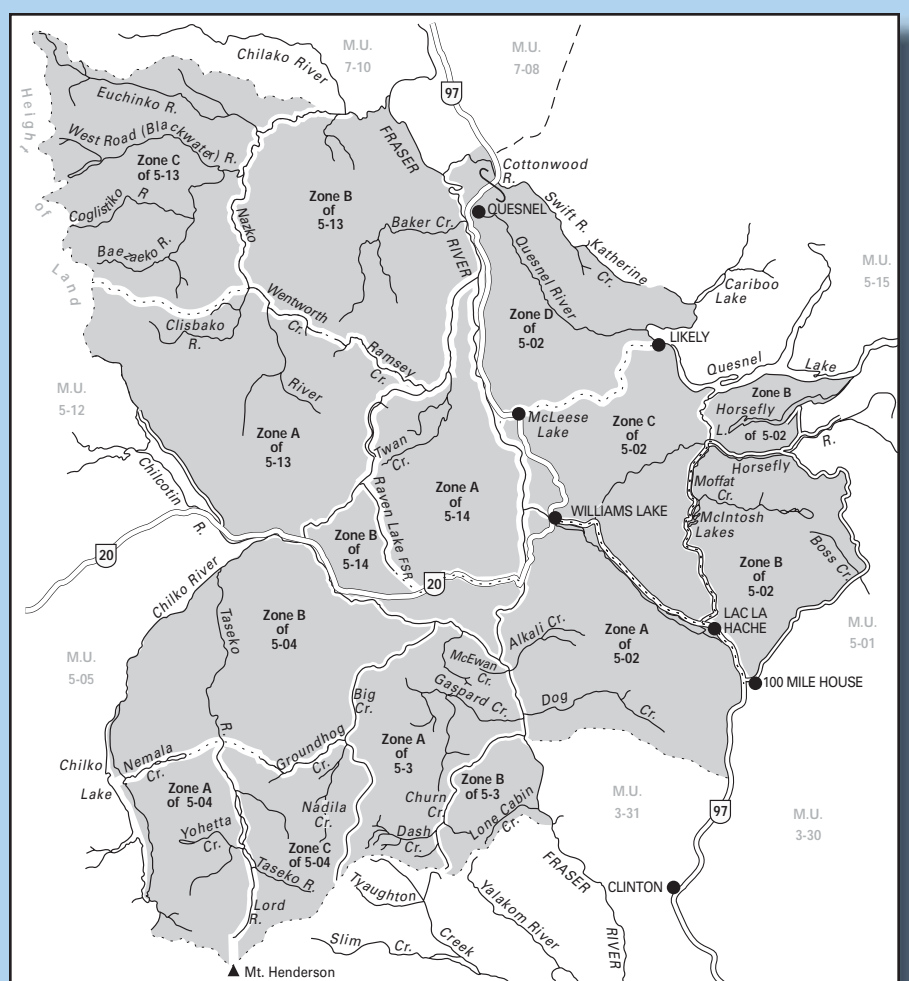
MAP 5f) EUREKA/BOSS-DECEPTION - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 5g) COASTAL - GRIZZLY BEAR



MAP 5h) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE AND ANTLERLESS DEER

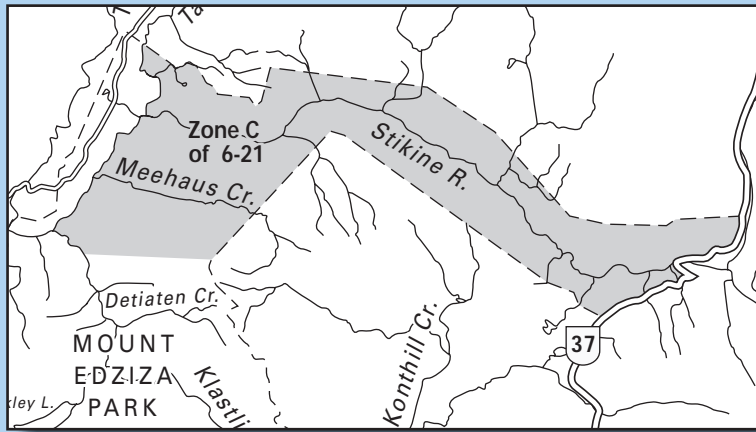




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## Region 6

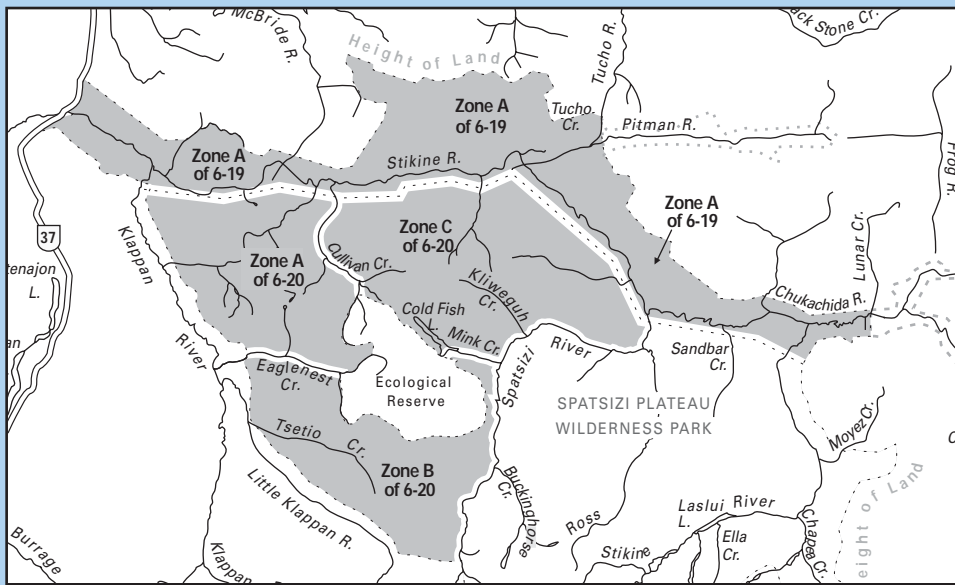
MAP 6A) STIKINE - MOUNTAIN GOAT



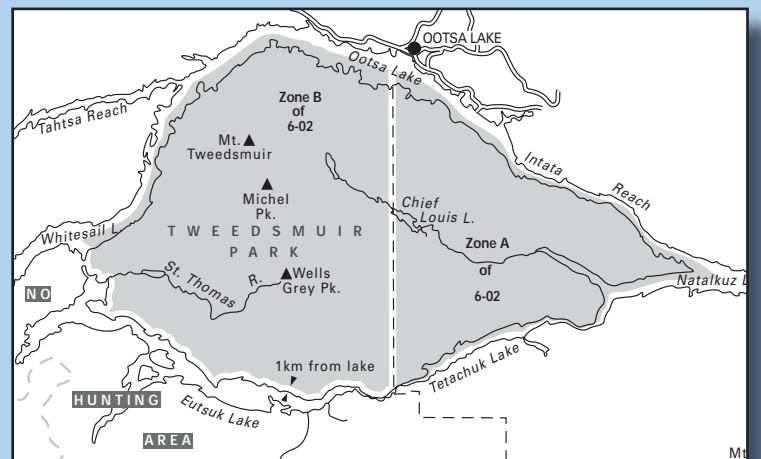
MAP 6B) ATLIN - MOUNTAIN GOAT



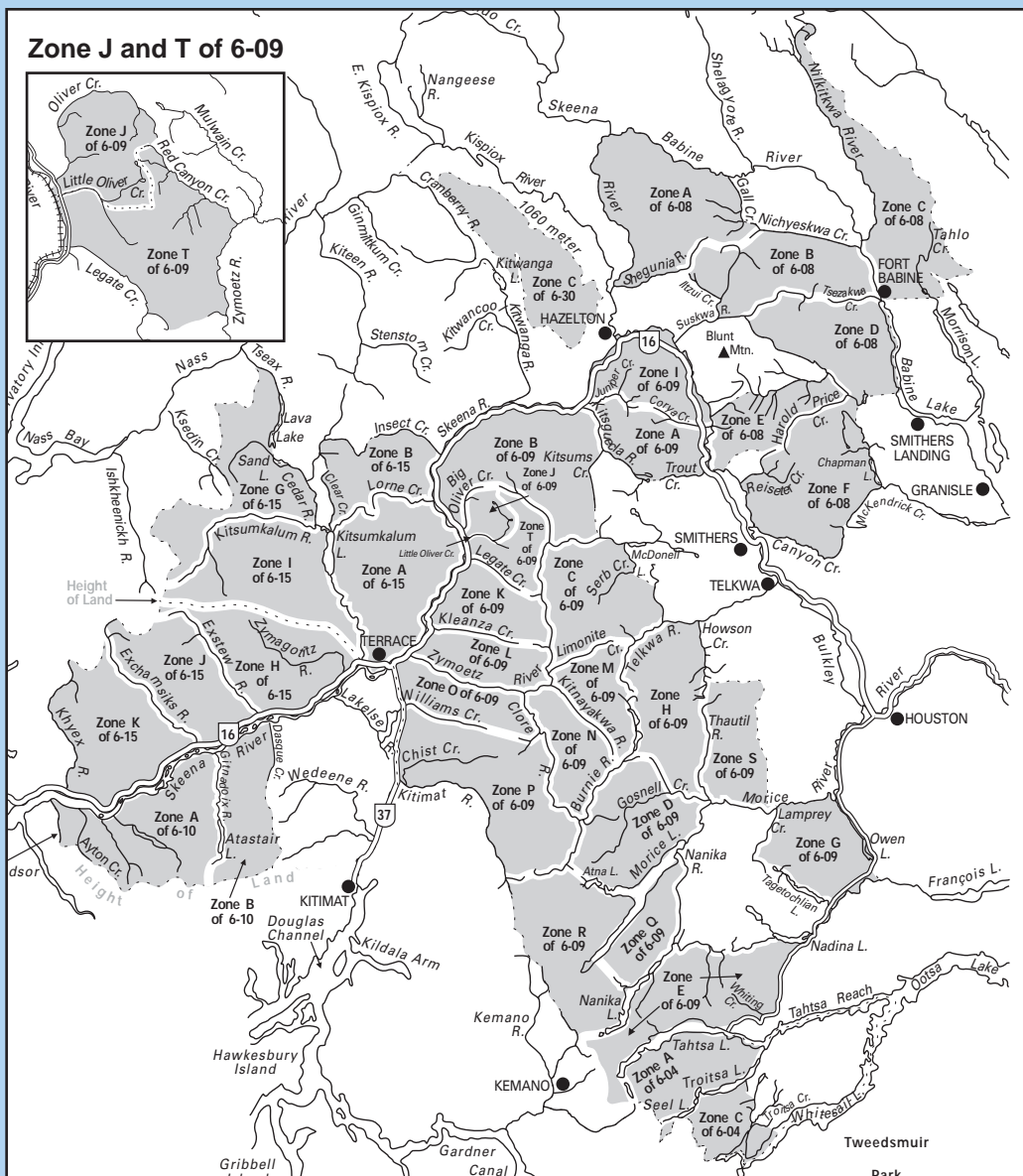
MAP 6C) SPATSIZI - MOUNTAIN GOAT



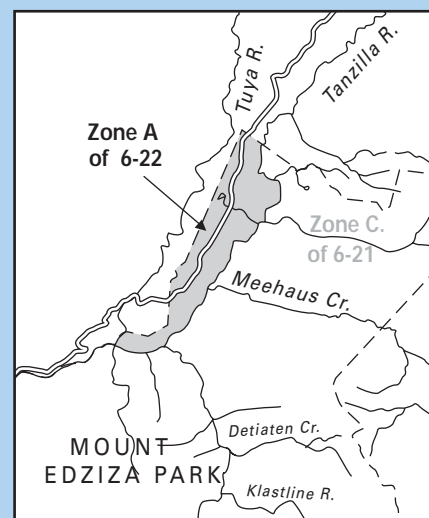
MAP 6D) SMITHERS - MOOSE AND TWEEDSMUIR - MOUNTAIN GOAT



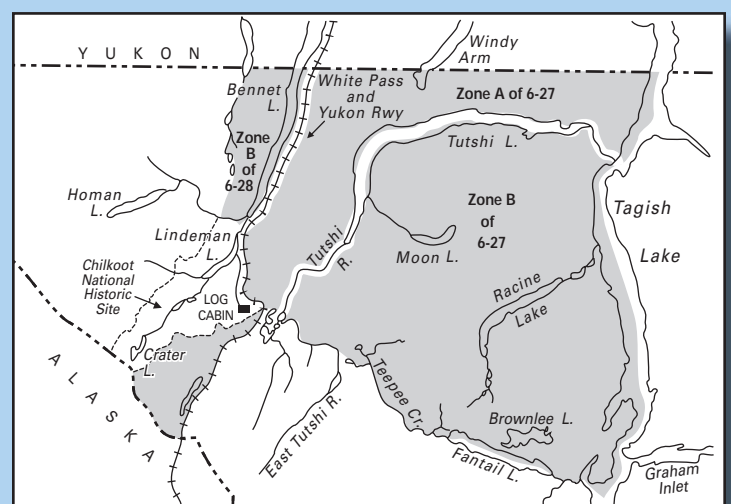
MAP 6E) SKEENA AND BABINE MOUNTAIN - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 6F) STIKINE - MOUNTAIN GOAT



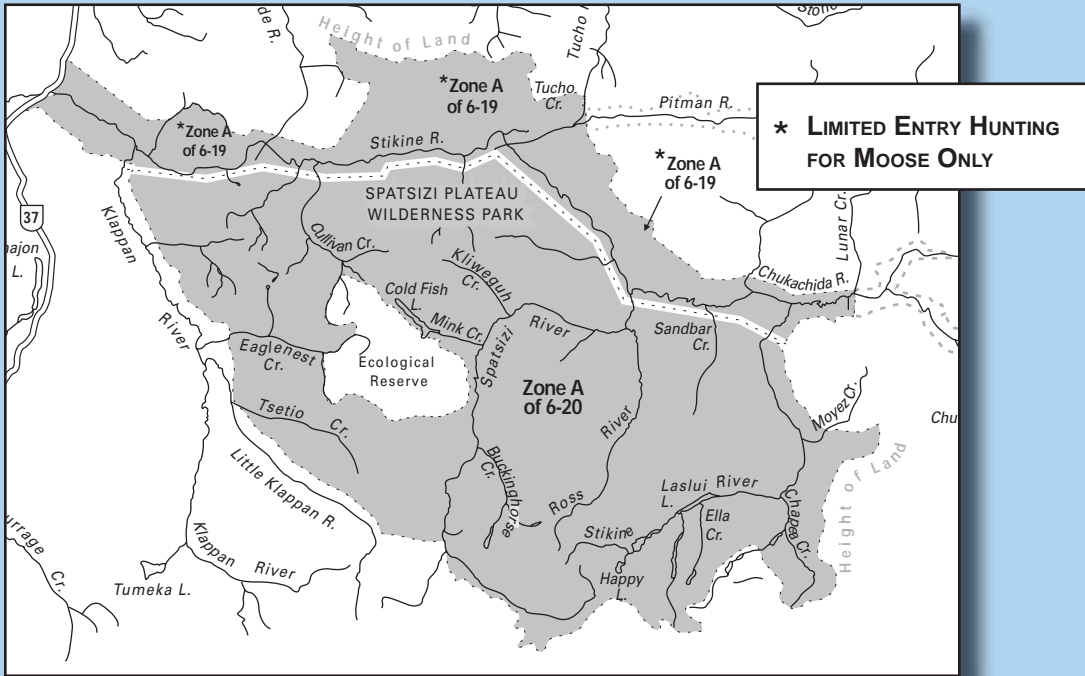
MAP 6G) TAGISH HIGHLANDS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



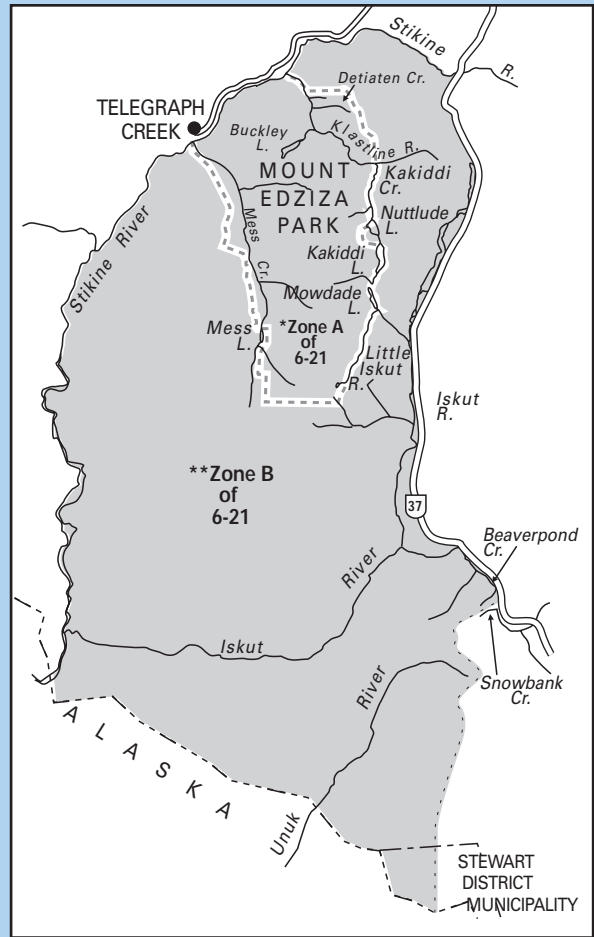
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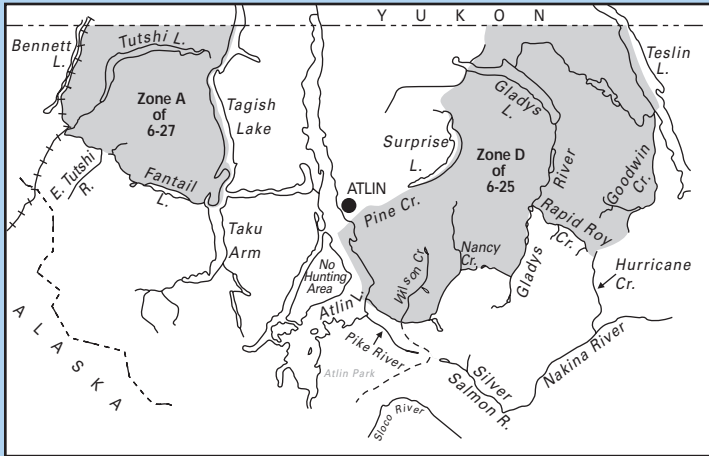
**MAP 6H) SPATSIZI - MOUNTAIN SHEEP & CARIBOU AND STIKINE - MOOSE**



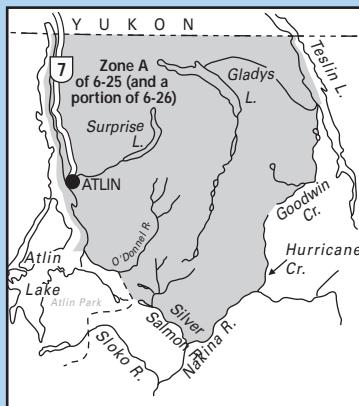
**MAP 6I) EDZIZA - MOUNTAIN GOAT, MOUNTAIN SHEEP, CARIBOU AND GRIZZLY BEAR**



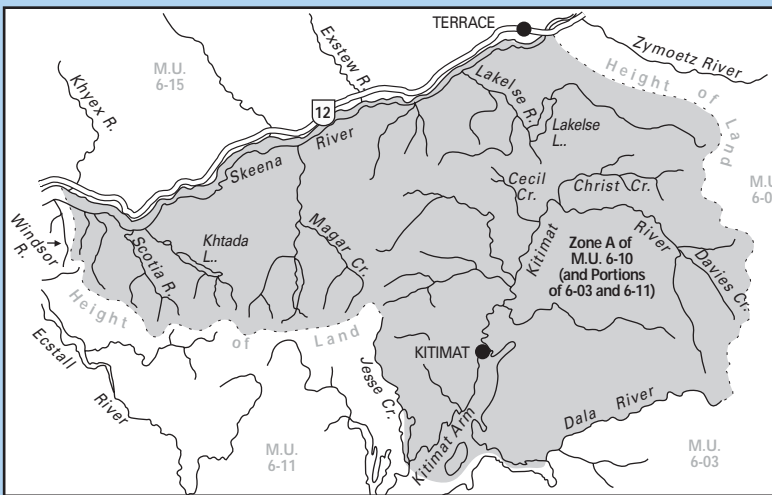
**MAP 6J) ATLIN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP**



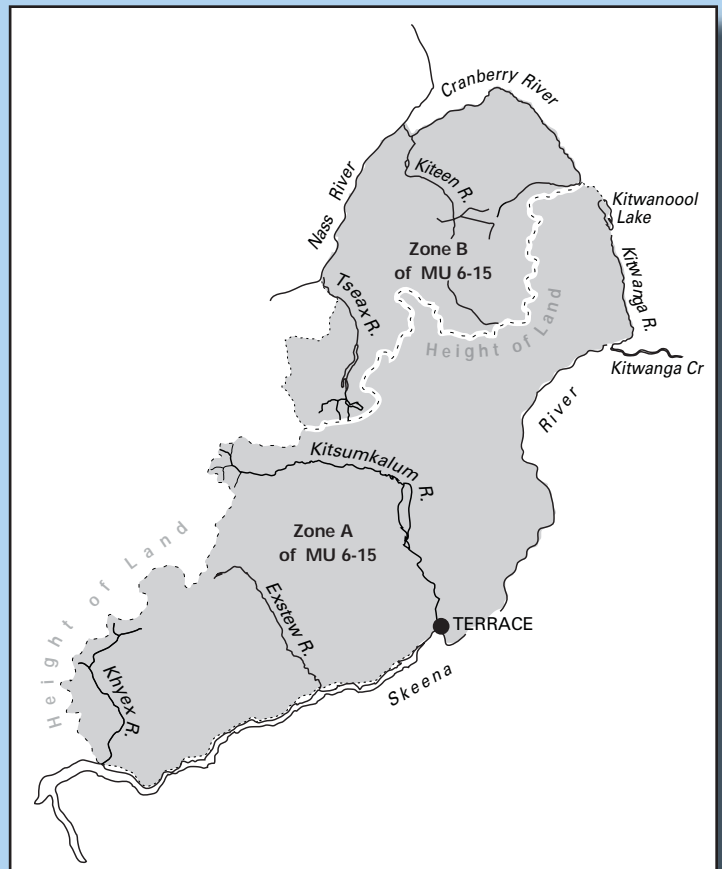
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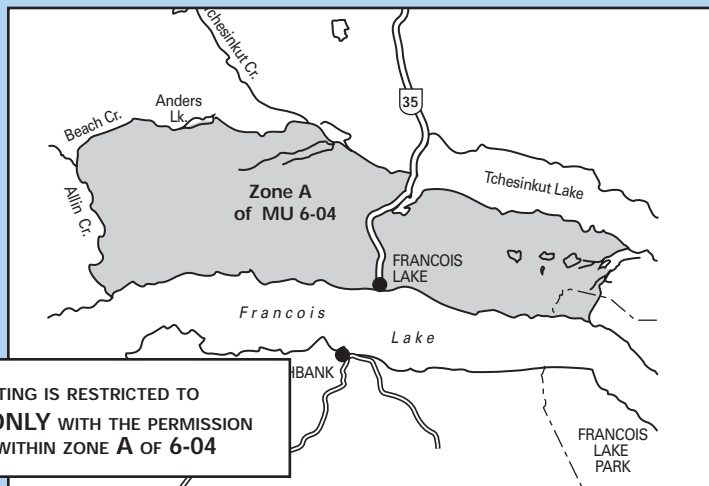
**MAP 6K) SMITHERS - BULL MOOSE**



**MAP 6N) SMITHERS - MOOSE**



**MAP 6O) FRANCOIS LAKE - MULE DEER**

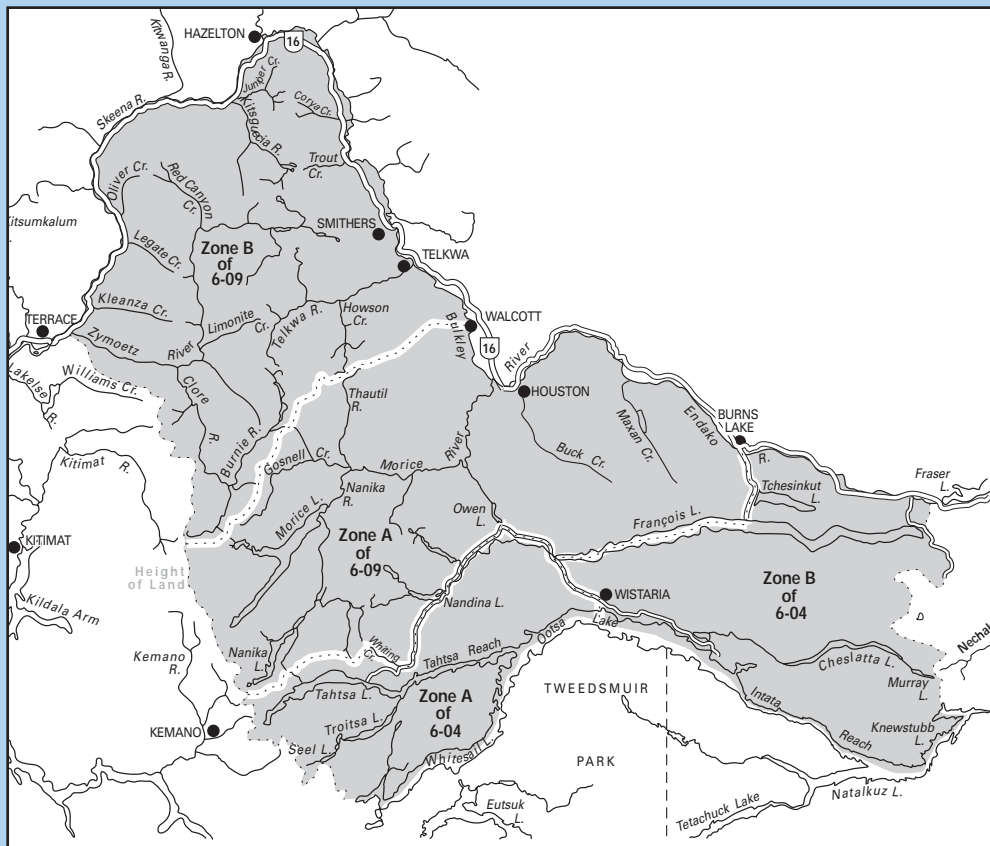




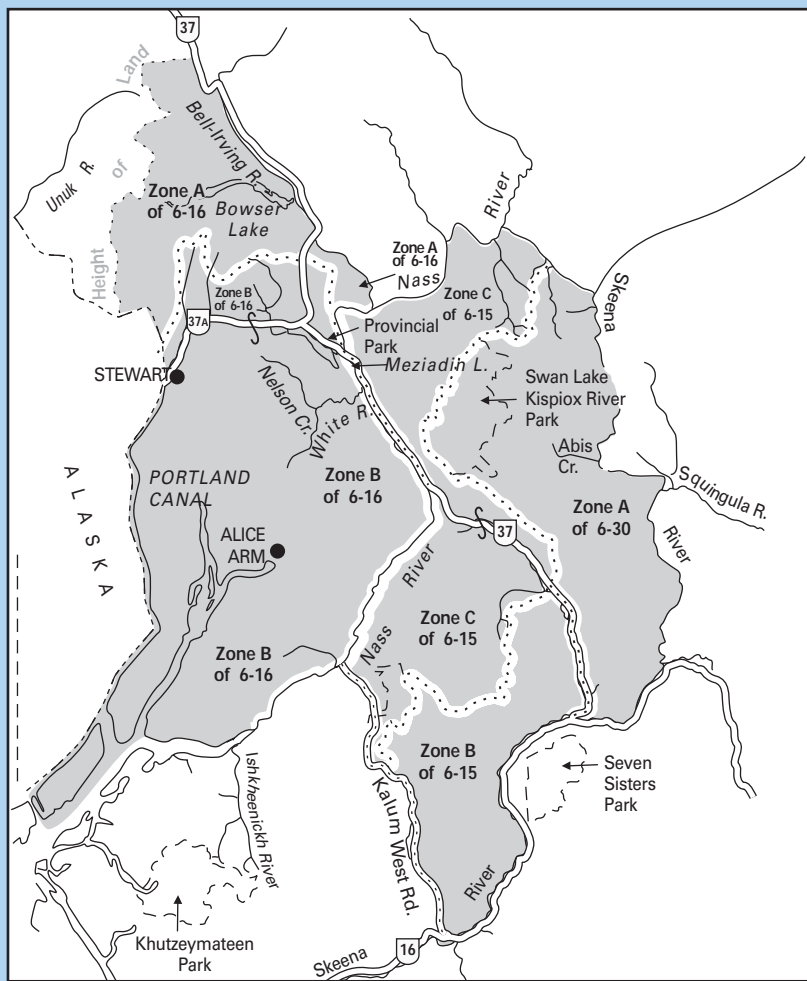
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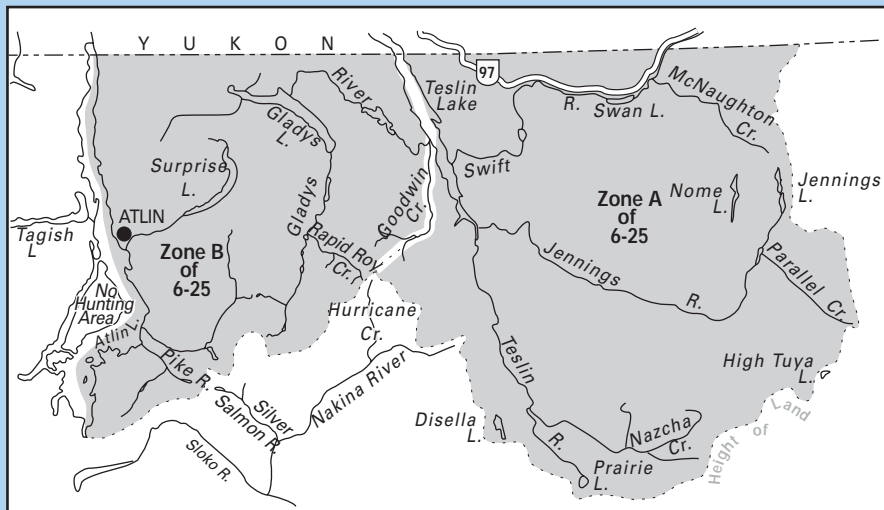
**MAP 6P) BULKLEY - TAHTSA - GRIZZLY BEAR**



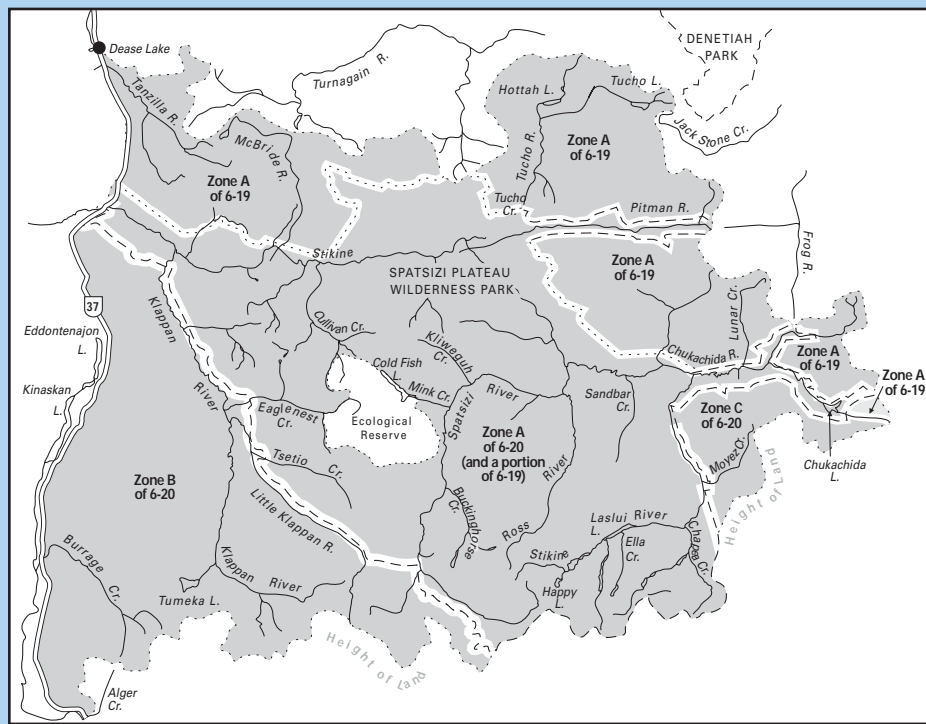
**MAP 6Q) MEZIADIN - GRIZZLY BEAR**



**MAP 6R) TESLIN - GRIZZLY BEAR**

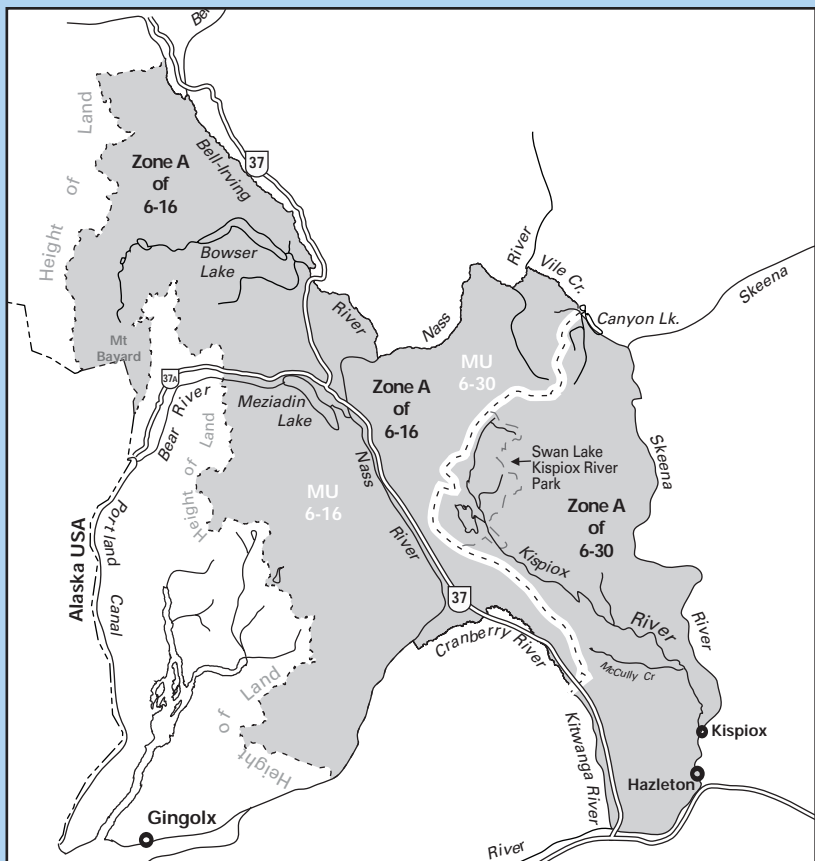


**MAP 6S) SPATSIZI - GRIZZLY BEAR**



**SPATSIZI WILDERNESS PARK: THERE IS NO ROAD ACCESS TO SPATSIZI PARK. BEFORE APPLYING FOR HUNTS IN THIS AREA PLEASE INVESTIGATE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COSTS INVOLVED.**

**MAP 6V) SMITHERS - MOOSE**



**MAP 6U) BABINE RIVER GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA**



**BABINE RIVER GRIZZLY CLOSED AREA IS CLOSED SEPT 1-NOV 15**

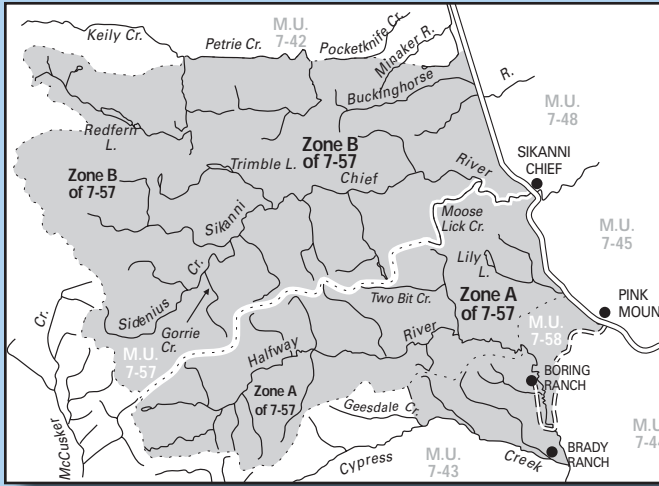
**MAP 6T) SKEENA - GRIZZLY BEAR**



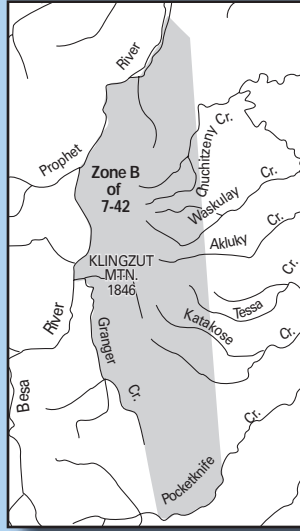
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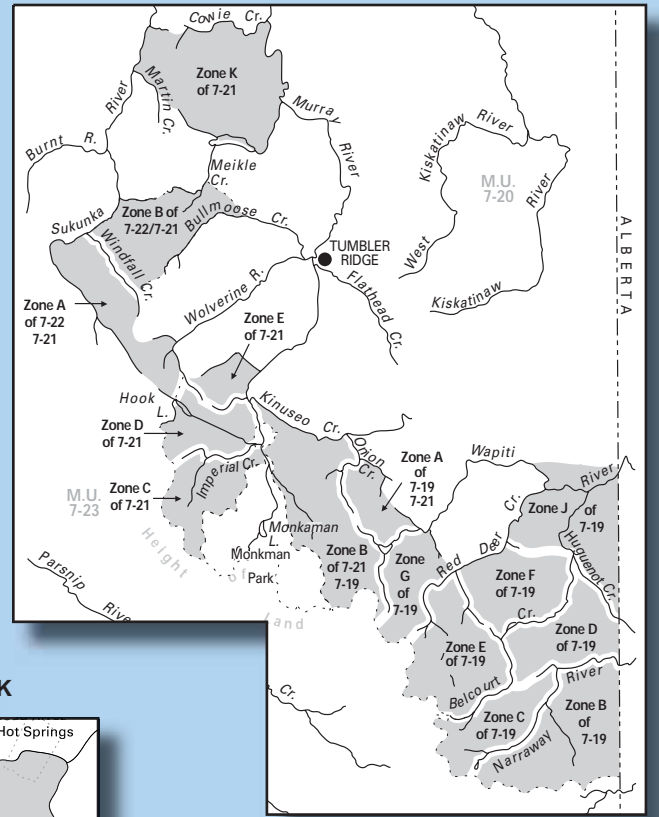
MAP 7A) PEACE - BISON



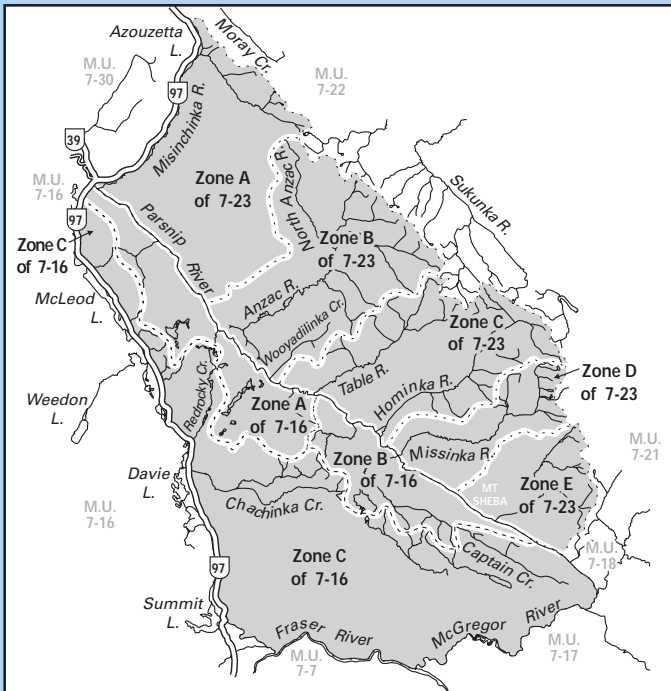
MAP 7B) PEACE RIVER - MOUNTAIN GOAT



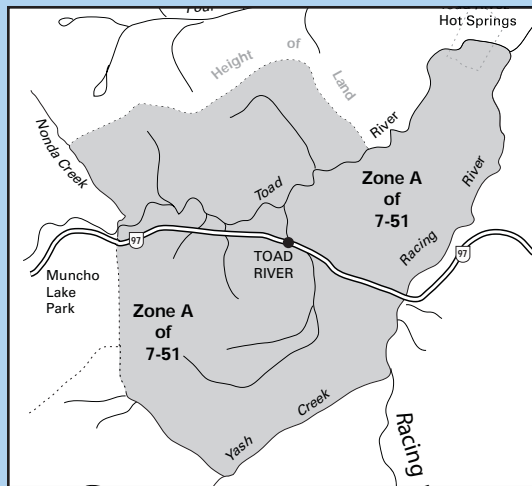
MAP 7C) PEACE RIVER - MOUNTAIN GOAT



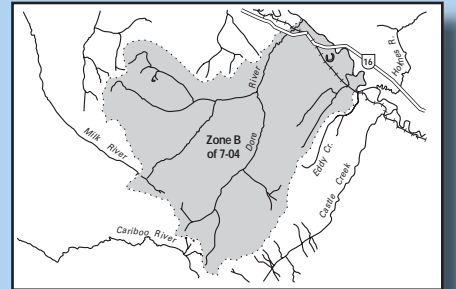
MAP 7D) PARSNIP - MOOSE AND GRIZZLY BEAR



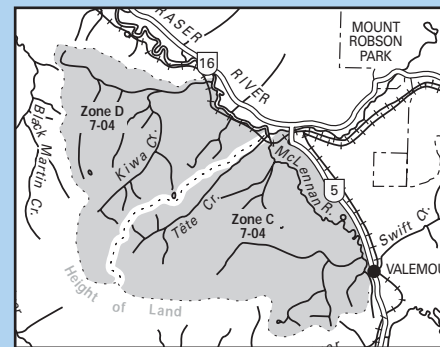
MAP 7E) TOAD RIVER - ELK



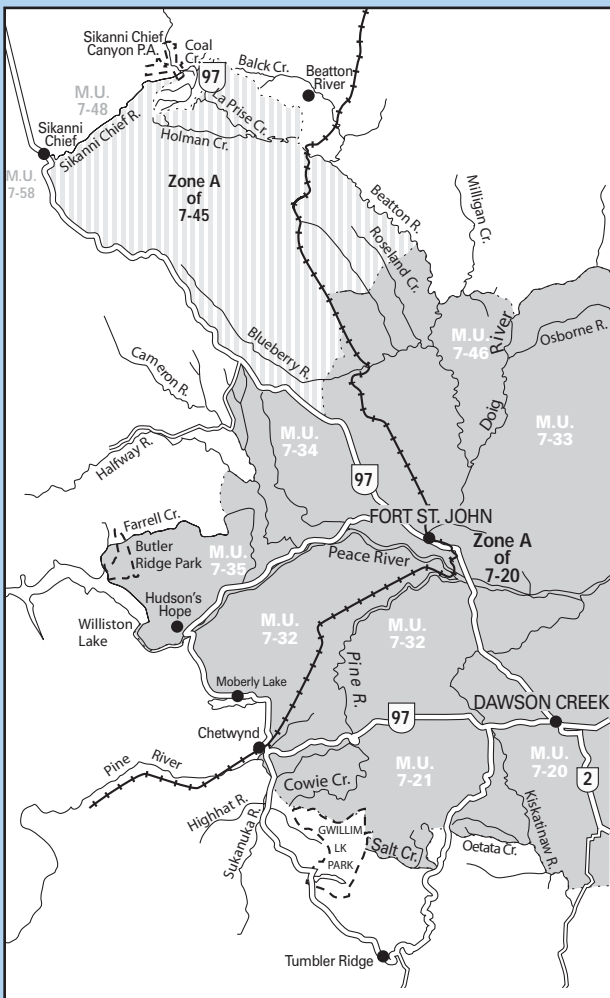
MAP 7F) DORE RIVER - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 7H) KIWA CREEK - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 7G) PEACE - ELK



**SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR ZONE A OF 7-20 ELK MAY ALSO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND ONLY AND ANY CROWN LAND WITHIN 2000 METRES OF PRIVATE LAND WITHIN M.U.'s 7-22, 7-43, 7-44, 7-58 AND ZONE A OF 7-45.**

**SEE THIS MAP FOR ZONE A OF 7-45 AND SEE THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING SYNOPSIS FOR M.U.'s 7-22, 7-43, 7-44 AND 7-58.**

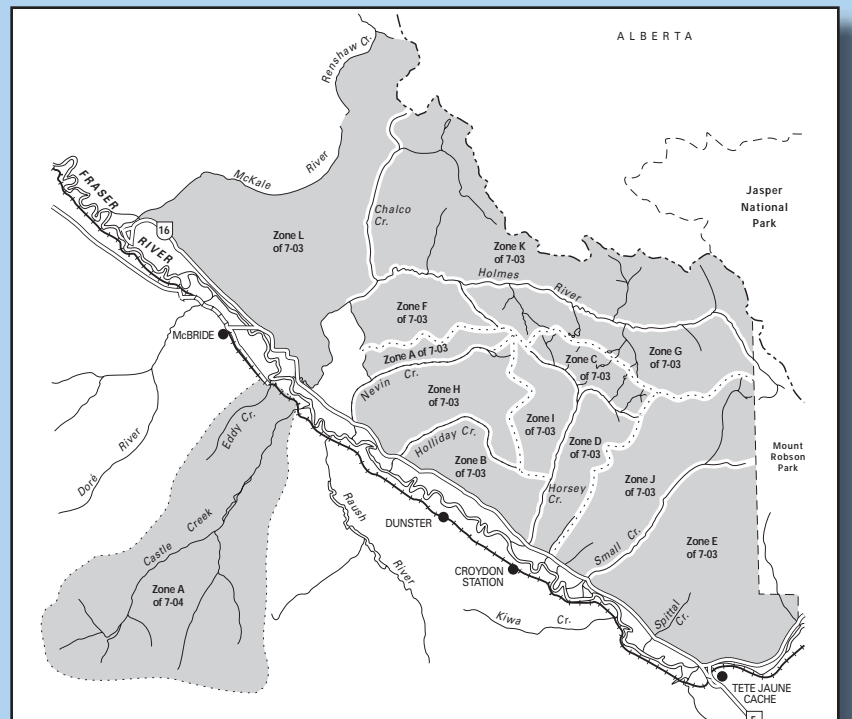
**Zone A of 7-20**

Zone A of 7-20 is open to both Crown land and private land, this zone fully encompasses M.U.'s 7-32, 7-33, and 7-34 and portions of M.U.'s 7-20, 7-21, 7-35, 7-45 and 7-46

**Zone A of 7-45**

Zone A of 7-45 is open to PRIVATE LAND only. Also includes any Crown land only within 2000 metres of private land

MAP 7I) HOLMES RIVER AND CASTLE CREEK - MOUNTAIN GOAT

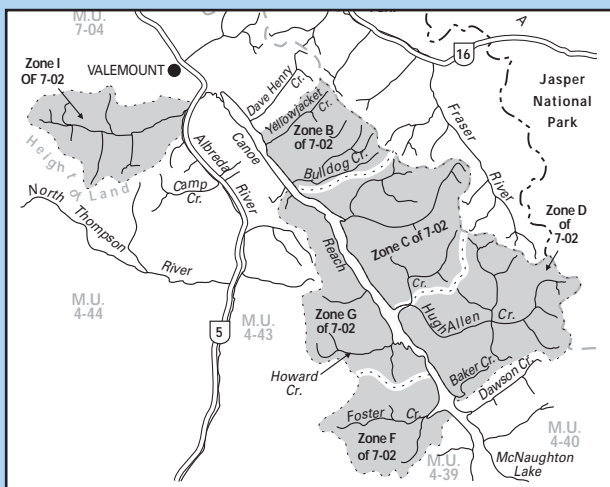




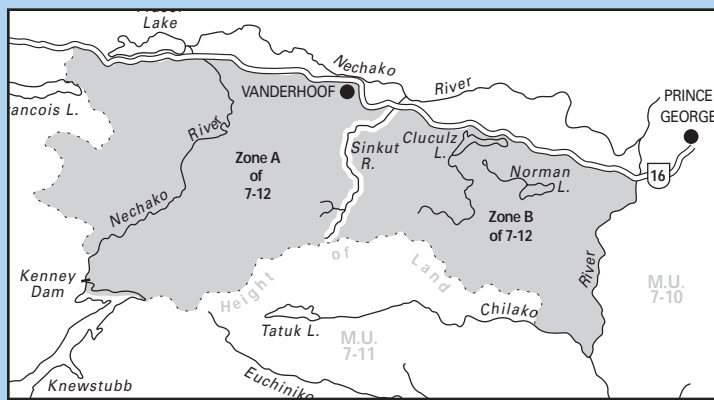
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**Region 7**

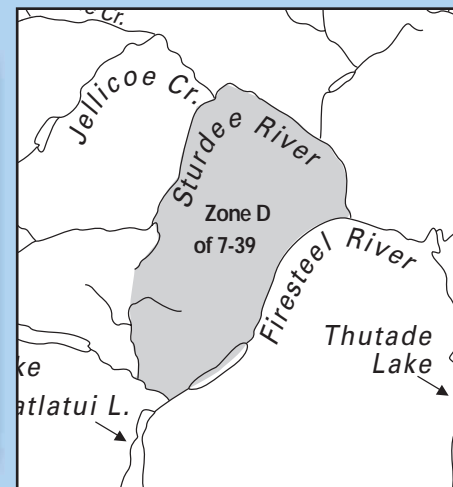
**MAP 7J) KINBASKET - MOUNTAIN GOAT**



**MAP 7K) PRINCE GEORGE - MOOSE**

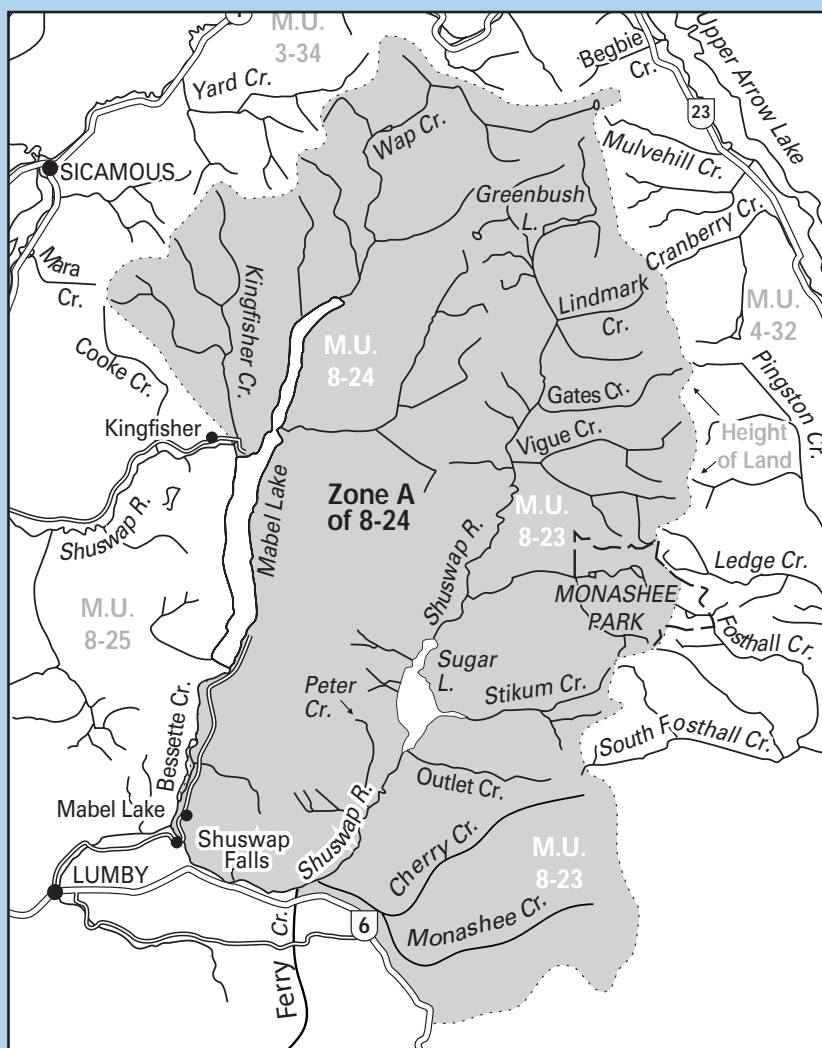


**MAP 7L) EDOZADELLE - CARIBOU**

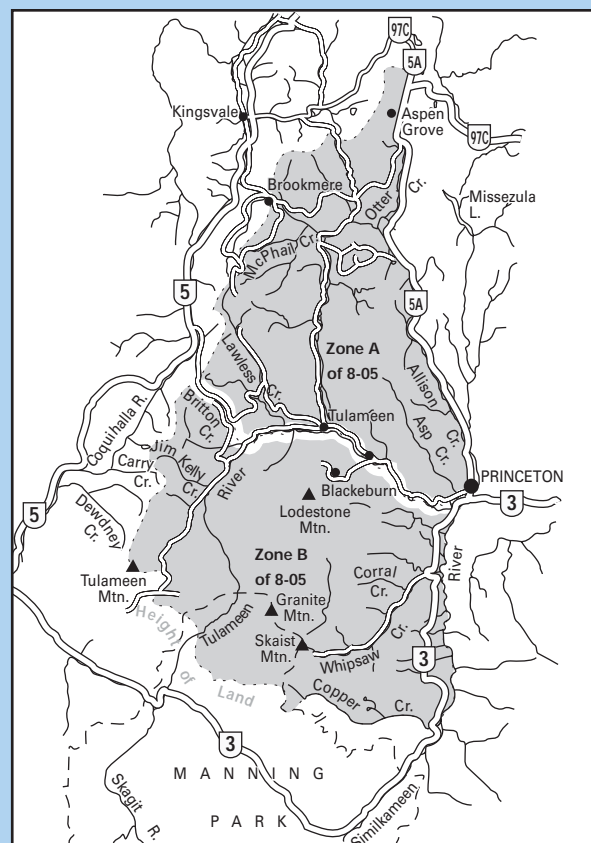


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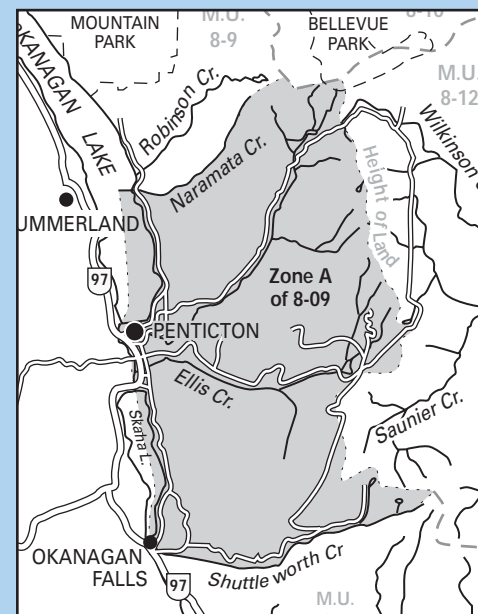
**MAP 8A) MONASHEE - GRIZZLY BEAR**



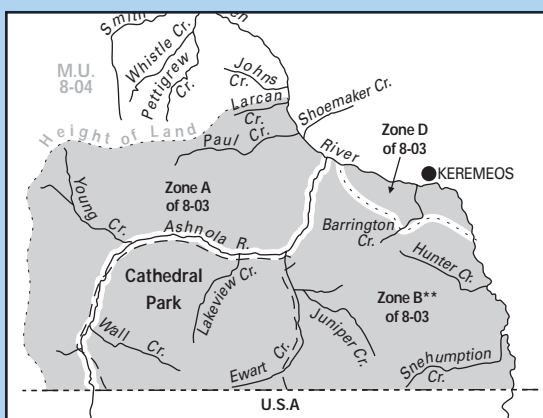
**MAP 8B) OKANAGAN - MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER**



**MAP 8E) OKANAGAN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP**



**MAP 8C) ASHNOLA - MOUNTAIN SHEEP**



**MAP 8D) GRANDBY - MOUNTAIN SHEEP**



**NOTICE TO ASHNOLA MOUNTAIN SHEEP HUNTERS:**  
 INDIAN RESERVES ARE PRIVATE LAND. PERMISSION  
 MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL INDIAN  
 BUSINESS OFFICE TO HUNT ACROSS RESERVE LANDS.

## THE WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HORN CURL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia has partnered with the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to develop an education program for hunters relating to horn curl restrictions that apply to the harvest of wild sheep in the province.

The Society and the Ministry have become increasingly concerned about the number of illegal sheep kills occurring in British Columbia, in some cases resulting from a lack of diligence. In some cases illegal kills may result in increasing hunting restrictions (such as Limited Entry seasons in place of general open seasons) or the complete closure of a season.

In an attempt to limit the number of illegal sheep harvested in British Columbia, the Wild Sheep Society has created a horn curl education program, with the support of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The Society's horn curl education program is divided into two sections: an education component, and a test component.

Both the Society and the Ministry highly recommend that all sheep hunters review the horn curl education program and participate in the horn curl test. Even for experienced sheep hunters this will provide a helpful review.



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Please review the Education Page for the Horn Curl Education Program and take the Horn Curl Test at [www.wildsheepsociety.net/](http://www.wildsheepsociety.net/)



### NOTICE TO HUNTERS



In-season regulation changes are posted on the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management website. Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations. Please check our website for in-season changes before your hunt: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/) Or subscribe to RSS a new internet-based service that allows users to sign up for instant web updates. See page 5 for details.

## NOTICE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

Minimizing the female (nanny) harvest of Mountain Goats has been identified as an important conservation action. Previously, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has addressed concerns with the harvest of females through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male Mountain Goat (billy). While the proportion of females in the harvest has decreased, there continues to be concerns over the high harvest of female mountain goats in some areas. In order to address this concern, a regulation has been implemented that states **"It is unlawful to hunt a female Mountain Goat accompanying a kid or a female Mountain Goat in a group that contains one or more kids."**

This regulation does not protect all female Mountain Goats as a solitary female Mountain Goat, or a female Mountain Goat within a group of goats that does not contain kids, would still be legal to harvest.

For more information on how to select a billy, you can borrow the video **"Is it a Billy or is it a Nanny?"** from any of the Ministry regional offices, or from the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch in Victoria. The same video is also available from the BC Wildlife Federation. To test yourself on mountain goat sex identification go to [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/docs/goat\\_orientation\\_08Utah.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/docs/goat_orientation_08Utah.pdf).

The recently completed *"Management Plan for the Mountain Goat in British Columbia"* contains detailed information on managing Mountain Goats in BC, and is available for downloading at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/eirs/bdp/biodiversity\\_publications\\_index/bdpStaticPageM.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/eirs/bdp/biodiversity_publications_index/bdpStaticPageM.htm)

