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A MESSAGE FROM JOHN REYNOLDS, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT



Adoption of new moves to protect the environment and ensure sustainable development of British Columbia's resources will be welcomed by hunters, guides, and trappers. Clean water, clean air, renewed forests and unpolluted land all add up to good habitat for wildlife, and to the continued abundance of the game animals and furbearers that we have come to accept as normal in our province, along with the recreation and economic bounty they supply.

Implementing a sustainable development strategy is a challenge that calls for strong leadership in government, industry and institutions, and active participation by all sectors of society. Each of us in our varied roles will have to play our part day by day.

Hunters, guides and trappers have long regarded wildlife as a sustainable resource, and know the need for its conservation. The regulations in this synopsis are designed to ensure that our outstanding array of wildlife species is conserved. Some regulations preserve animal numbers; others, by directing hunting pressure to certain segments of a big game population, help restore balance and productivity. Some regulations maintain quality in the hunting experience itself; a few protect habitat by limiting vehicle use. By complying with the regulations you help ensure our game animals will continue to thrive in the future.

On a broad scale the individual's ability to maintain wildlife habitat is limited, though we can help by promoting integrated management of our resources - management that will protect wildlife needs and values when other resources are developed - and we can support organizations that work for wildlife.

Hunters, trappers, and guides also contribute to the enhancement of wildlife habitat through the Habitat Conservation Fund, which this year will make \$2.77 million available for 137 habitat projects throughout the province.

Hunters, trappers and guides are not strangers to the basic principles involved in environmental protection and awareness, integrated management, and sustainable development. Now, more than ever before, you have an opportunity to persuade your fellow citizens to bring them into common practice.

Good hunting!

John Reynolds
Minister of Environment

IMPORTANT REGULATION NOTICES 1990-91

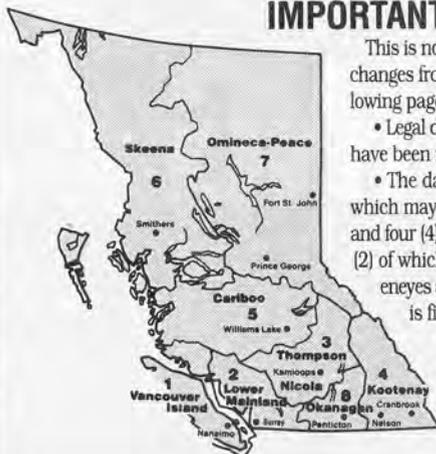
This is not a resume of all changes in the regulations for this year. Major changes from last year's regulations are shown in coloured type, in the following pages.

- Legal definitions for full curl and 3/4 curl ram bighorn mountain sheep have been revised to more specifically identify legal animals.

- The daily bag limits for ducks in aggregate is six (6), only one (1) of which may be a canvasback, one (1) northern pintail, two (2) goldeneyes and four (4) mallards. The possession limit for ducks is twelve (12), only two (2) of which may be canvasback, two (2) northern pintails, four (4) goldeneyes and eight (8) mallards. The daily bag limit for band-tailed pigeons is five (5), possession limit ten (10).

- It is an offence to discharge a firearm on or across the travelled portions of any provincial numbered highway.

- All native and introduced provincial vertebrates have been designated as wildlife. See page 15 for an explanation of the regulations affecting these species.



**TRADE IN BEAR PARTS
(To be Announced)**

Regulations related to the selling of bear parts are under review by Ministry of Environment staff. Changes to existing regulations are being considered for implementation this year and will be announced at a later date.

Resource Management Regions

The boundaries shown on this map delineate regions used by the Wildlife Branch in British Columbia for resource administration. Each region consists of a number of smaller management units (M.U.'s) which are referred to in these regulations.

HOW TO USE THIS SYNOPSIS

1. Read the "Province-Wide Regulations and Restrictions" on pages 2 to 17. This section summarizes licence requirements and general restrictions.
2. Refer to the Regional sections and maps beginning on page 18 and review the general restrictions applying in each region. Open season regulations and special areas restrictions are included in these sections.

This synopsis is not the law, but only a summary of the regulations pertaining to recreational hunting and trapping in British Columbia. For full details, contact Wildlife Branch, Victoria, B. C.

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DEFINITIONS

All Terrain Vehicle — means a wheeled or tracked vehicle propelled by motorized power, and capable of travel off a highway, including motor cycles but not including other vehicles licenced 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 who maintains a permanent residence in the Province, and who has been in actual residence therein for six (6) months in the previous twelve (12) months prior to any application under the Wildlife Act.

Big Game — means any mountain sheep, mountain goat, caribou, elk, moose, deer, grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, wolf or other mammal designated by regulation.

Bolt — means a shaft or missile designed to be shot from a crossbow or catapult.

Bow — means a longbow or a crossbow.

Brow Tine — means the first tine projecting forward 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 one year of age or over bearing visible bony antlers.

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

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

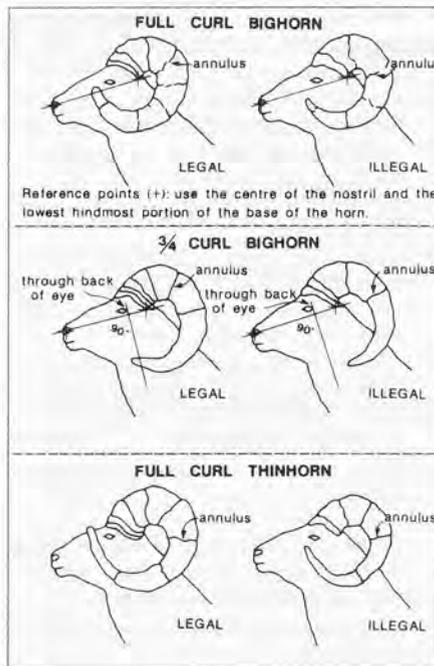
Compound Crossbow — means a crossbow on which the bow string runs through pulleys.

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 and Arrow 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.

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



Legal rams cannot be identified unless viewed squarely from the side. Horn annuli do not constitute a good field guide for aging sheep. These field definitions adequately conform to legal definitions, copies of which are available at Ministry of Environment offices. Age is no longer a valid criteria for measurement.

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, has at least one horn tip extending upwards beyond a straight line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

3/4 Curl Bighorn Ram — means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending beyond a straight line drawn through the back of the eye opening and at right angles to a line drawn between the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, has at least one horn tip extending 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.

Full Curl Thinhorn Ram — means any male thinhorn mountain sheep which has attained the age of eight (8) years as evidenced by yearly horn growth annuli as determined by the Regional Manager or his designate, or whose horn tip extends

upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge when viewed from the side.

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

Game Bird — means any grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or bird designated by regulation.

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

Hunt and Hunting — includes shooting at, attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking, or lying in wait for wildlife or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently wounded, killed or captured;

(a) with intention to capture the wildlife, or

(b) while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

Licence Year — means the period from April 1 to March 31 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.

Migratory Game Birds — for which there is an open season in B.C. and for which a Canadian Migratory Bird hunting permit is required are waterfowl (ducks and geese, including brant), coot, common snipe, band-tailed pigeon and mourning dove.

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

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 and arrows and crossbows** unless specifically restricted under hunting regulations.

Power Boat — means any boat, canoe or yacht powered by an electric, gasoline, oil or steam motor or by other mechanical means, but not a boat powered by oars or by an outboard motor which has been detached or removed from its operating position.

Raptor — means a bird of the order falconiformes known as vultures, eagles, falcons and hawks or the order strigiformes known as owls and includes the eggs of these birds.

Small Game — includes fox, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, coyote, skunk, wolverine, snowshoe hare and game birds.

Spike Buck — means a male deer having antlers that are composed of a main beam from which there are no bony projections greater than 1 inch in length.

Tine — or "point" means a branch of an antler which is longer than the breadth of its base and is at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length. For the purpose of determining the length of a tine

(a) the length of the tine shall be measured from the centre of its base to its tip end, and

(b) the base of the tine shall be measured along the nearest edge of the part of the antler commonly known as the main beam.

(An example of tine measurement is illustrated in the Trophy Bull Caribou diagram on page 53).

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

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IT IS UNLAWFUL

1. to enter, hunt over or trap in cultivated land, posted fenced land or private property without the owner's permission.
2. to make a false statement to an Officer, Conservation Officer, or Constable.
3. hunt at any time during the year except within the open season, or by authority of a permit issued under the Wildlife Act.
4. to use another person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.
5. to be in possession of a big game animal without a properly cancelled species licence or otherwise by licence or permit.
6. for a hunter to continue to hunt game species on any day in which he has taken his daily bag limit of that species of game, or to continue to hunt game species subsequent to any day in which he has taken his seasonal bag limit for that species of game.
7. to hunt moose, elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, caribou or grizzly bear with a shotgun. (Shotguns may be used only for the hunting of deer, black bear, cougar, coyote, wolf, game birds and small game. NOTE: A person using a shotgun for hunting deer, black bear, cougar and wolf must: (a) use a bore size of 20 gauge or larger; and (b) use shells of shot size SG, or larger.)
8. to hunt game birds with a rifle, except grouse and ptarmigan.
9. to hunt migratory game birds using a rifle, or a shotgun loaded with a single bullet, or any other weapon except a bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
10. to use, while hunting migratory game birds, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one, is disassembled or unloaded and encased.
11. to hunt with a set gun, or to hunt migratory game birds with a pump, repeating or auto-loading shotgun without a plugged magazine incapable of holding more than two shells.
12. to use full metal jacketed, non-expanding, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets for hunting game.
13. to use rimfire cartridges for hunting big game.
14. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat.
15. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or boat propelled by a motor.
16. to discharge, carry or have in possession a firearm containing live ammunition in its breech or in its magazine, in or on a railway car, motor vehicle, sleigh, aircraft, or bicycle.
17. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind.
18. to hunt wildlife by the use or with the aid of a light or illuminating device.
19. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by helicopters.
20. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
21. to hunt game within six (6) hours after being airborne in an aircraft, other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
22. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb game for the purpose of driving them towards another hunter.
23. to hunt game from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
24. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
25. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
26. to use poison for the taking or killing of any wildlife.
27. to possess or keep in captivity any wildlife without a permit.
28. to possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except the nests and eggs of crows, English sparrows, magpies, Rock doves or European starlings as designated by regulation.
29. to buy or sell migratory birds or their eggs or nests.
30. for a person who has taken a furbearing animal under a hunting licence in a prescribed open season, to offer for sale the pelt or skin from the animal unless he has paid a ROYALTY to the Province on the pelt or skin. (NOTE: See Royalty Fees section on page 8.)
31. to traffic or offer to do so in wildlife meat except as authorized by permit.
32. to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, black bear, cougar and furbearers,) and fail to remove the edible portions of the carcass to a place of consumption or to a cold storage locker or a meat cutting plant. The Ministry of Environment regards "a place of consumption" as a person's permanent residence and not a hunting camp or other type of temporary camp. Of Mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou, no less than one hind quarter must be removed to a place of consumption or to a cold storage locker or meat cutting plant.
33. to place bait for the purpose of attracting a migratory game bird, except under permit, or to hunt a migratory game bird within 402 metres (1/4 mile) of any baited area.
34. to use live birds as decoys, or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
35. to discharge, dump, discard or dispose of litter on any land or fresh water.
36. to shoot or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle.
37. to deface any notice posted under authority of the Wildlife Act.
38. to damage or interfere with a lawfully set trap.
39. to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licenced to do so.
40. to place bait for the purpose of attracting black bear or grizzly bear.
41. to unintentionally kill a big game animal and fail to report the kill to a Conservation Officer.



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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 make his home in British Columbia and be present in the Province for six months in the 12 months immediately before applying for the licence.

A member of the R.C.M.P. or Canadian Armed Services enrolled in continuing full-time military service is eligible to obtain a resident hunting licence after making his home in British Columbia for one month 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. A Hunter Number Card may be obtained in either of two ways:

1. By the successful completion of the C.O.R.E. (Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) safe firearms handling test and written examination or other North American government sponsored hunter safety training program completed while resident in that state or province.

To obtain information concerning the availability of the C.O.R.E. textbook or C.O.R.E. examinations, contact the office of the Government Agent or the Ministry of Environment.

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 advertisements in the local media.

Note that the C.O.R.E. graduate card issued to C.O.R.E. graduates will **not** be accepted for the purchase of a hunting licence. Residents who have only a C.O.R.E. card may obtain a B.C. Resident Hunter Number Card free of charge by presenting the C.O.R.E. card at any Government Agent's office.

2. A Hunter Number Card can also be obtained when an applicant can produce a document showing that he has previously held a resident hunting licence legally issued to him on or after his 14th birthday, in British Columbia or another province of Canada or a state of the United States.

A resident 14 years of age and under 19 must apply for a hunting licence in person in the presence of his 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 or carry a firearm.

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

A Junior Hunting Licence can only be issued to a parent or guardian on behalf of his/her child or ward, resident in B.C., 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. Wildlife taken by the junior under this licence is included in the bag limit of the licenced adult who must accompany and supervise him while hunting. No species licences or Limited Entry Hunting applications may be purchased

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with the junior licence, however during a hunting season, a licenced junior hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holder of a valid Limited Entry Hunting authorization and a valid species licence. Any big game animal taken by the junior hunter is included in the bag limit of the accompanying adult. (Non-resident qualifications for a Junior Licence differ. Consult a Government Agency or Ministry of Environment regional office).

Indians as defined under the Indian Act (Canada) who are residents of British Columbia are **not required** to obtain any type of hunting licence. Indians however are **not exempt** from the requirements of the Limited Entry Hunting regulations.

FIREARMS ACQUISITION CERTIFICATE

All persons (except a juvenile accompanied by a licenced adult) are required to obtain a Firearms' Acquisition Certificate before taking possession of a gun whether they plan to buy, borrow or trade to obtain it. Application forms are available at firearms' dealers or from local police. The price of a certificate is \$10.00. For further information, consult the Criminal Code.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

Non-residents of British Columbia hunting big game must be accompanied by a licenced B.C. guide. On the 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. A non-resident of B.C. who is a resident of Canada may be accompanied by a resident of B.C. in place of a licenced B.C. guide, provided the B.C. resident is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada who has held a hunting licence and a big game species licence for each of the 5 years preceding application for a permit to accompany a non-resident hunter. This person must obtain the required permit from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment of the Region in which he in-

tends to hunt. A non-resident of Canada may also be eligible under this procedure providing that he qualifies 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). Permits to accompany may not be available for all species and areas, check with the appropriate regional office. **Application for the permit must be made at least one month prior to hunting.**

Handguns

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

Small game

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

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.

HUNTING LICENCE FEES

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

A person to carry a firearm (5 year)	\$10.00
A resident of British Columbia	
— to hunt all game and carry firearms	21.00*
— who is a Canadian citizen 65 years of age or over to hunt all game and carry firearms	1.00
A resident of Canada (not British	

Columbia)

— to hunt all game and carry firearms 46.00*

A non-resident

— to a person not a resident in Canada to hunt small game and game birds only and carry firearms 80.00*

— to a person not a resident in Canada to hunt all game and carry firearms 145.00*

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 each: 4.00

A person to hunt in the Fraser Valley Special Area

— See Map B2. 10.00

A person to hunt in the Gulf Islands Special Area

— All islands in M.U. I-1 except Vancouver Island 1.00

A Junior Hunting Licence

— to a resident of B.C. 10 years of age or older and under 14 7.00

Canadian Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit

10.00

When hunting or transporting 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.

*Includes surcharge for the HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND.

HUNTER TIPS

- Does anybody know where you're going, or when you'll be back?
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NOTICE HUNTING LICENCE FEES FOR THE 1991-92 SEASON

The Wildlife Branch recently completed a detailed review of the fees that it charges for licences and permits. Based on this review a number of fee changes were introduced this season (1990-91). These changes apply to out-of-province hunters, commercial users (i.e. guide outfitters) and purchasers of wildlife permits.

It is proposed that additional changes in fees will be introduced next season (1991-92). Included in these changes are some fees for resident hunting licences. Resident hunting licence fees have remained largely unchanged since 1983 while the general level of prices has increased by about 30%. In proposing new licence fees for resident hunters, the main goals were to restrict any increases to modest amounts and to adjust species licence fees to reflect their relative values. The cost of hunting licences should represent a minor share of total hunting costs.

Hunters please note that species tags for wolverine, bobcat and lynx are scheduled to be introduced in 1991.

SPECIES LICENCE FEES

Species licences are required for the hunting of the following big game animals and are required in addition to the basic licences listed above.

Licences	B.C. Resident	Non-B.C. Resident
Black Bear	\$ 8.00	\$100.00
Caribou	20.00*	150.00
Cougar	20.00*	150.00
Deer (mule and white-tailed)	8.00	75.00
Elk	20.00	150.00
Grizzly Bear	70.00*	500.00
Moose	20.00	150.00
Mountain Goat	30.00*	200.00
Mountain Sheep	50.00*	400.00
Wolf	No Licence Required	25.00

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS – GRIZZLY BEAR OR BLACK BEAR

There is no open season on female or other grizzly bear or black bear in the company of two year old or younger bear or on two year old or younger bear. Do not shoot any grizzly bear or black bear when observed in a family unit.

SPECIAL REQUEST – MOUNTAIN GOAT

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

COLLARED WILDLIFE

Please avoid shooting collared moose, elk, caribou, deer, mountain goat, mountain sheep, wolf, black bear, and grizzly bear. Collared animals carry radio transmitters and are used for research purposes. The death of one of these animals represents a substantial loss in terms of time and money. If a radio-collared animal is inadvertently killed, please return the collar to an office of the Ministry of Environment.

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

Any person who kills any of the above big game species must immediately cancel the appropriate species licence. All hunting and species licences expire March 31.

Queen Charlotte Islands Mule (Black-tailed) Deer Licence:

These special deer tags allow hunters to make use of the larger bag limit on the Queen Charlotte Islands (M.U.'s 6-12/6-13) without violating the 1 deer bag limit for the remainder of Skeena region or the 3 deer provincial bag limit. Regular mule deer licences can be used on the Queen Charlottes but will prevent the hunter from pursuing deer elsewhere in Skeena Region, and will count towards a 3-deer provincial limit. The Q.C.I. deer tags are available from issuers on the islands or from the Government Agent in Prince Rupert.

PENALTIES BE WARNED!

We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource!

Be aware that if you are careless, or reckless, or dangerous, ignorant, or uninformed, or unsafe or greedy – in other words, if you are convicted of an offence under the Wildlife Act of British Columbia or the regulations, or the Migratory Birds Convention Act (Canada), or the Criminal Code (respecting the possession or use of arms while hunting), 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, that upon consideration by the Director, Wildlife Branch, may be extended to up to ten years;
- upon consideration by the Director, Wildlife Branch, for offenses that do not carry an automatic licence cancellation, have your hunting/firearm licence(s) cancelled for a period of from one to ten years;
- be liable to a fine which for certain offenses will range between \$200 and \$10,000, rising to between \$1,000 and \$50,000 for repeats of these offenses, and for other offenses to a fine of not more than \$5,000, rising to between \$500 and \$10,000 for repeats of these offenses;
- be liable to a term of imprisonment of up to six months.

You should also be aware that:

- If you are convicted of an offence under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (Canada), you will have your migratory game bird permit cancelled automatically;
- If you are convicted of two wildlife offenses within a period of two years, your hunting licence 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 cancelled and will remain cancelled until the fine(s) is/are paid.

BE WARNED! KNOW THE LAW AND OBEY IT!

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LICENCE AVAILABILITY

Resident hunting licences are available at all Government Agents' Offices, some Ministry of Environment Offices and many sporting goods stores. Non-resident hunting licences are only available from some Regional Ministry of Environment Offices. Government Agents, and Wildlife Branch, 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5. 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 lost licence, plus a \$4.00 licensing fee. DO NOT purchase another original licence from a sporting goods store or similar non-government licence issuer, as this will automatically show on our records that you have been issued more than the legal limit of current licences which is an offence under Wildlife Act regulations.

ROYALTY FEES

Every holder of a valid hunting licence who kills a fur-bearing animal is exempt from paying the prescribed royalty fee unless he offers the pelt for sale. See current Trapping Regulations on page 68 for royalty fees. Payment of a royalty fee is required only upon the initial sale of the pelt. Furbearers may only be hunted where an open hunting season is declared.

OPEN SEASONS

For the purpose of defining the open seasons for big game, small game and game birds, the province is divided into Management Units (M.U.'s) under B.C. Regulation 415/75. For the purpose of these hunting regulations, A and B parts of a Management Unit shall be considered as a single unit. The open seasons for the hunting of each species of game are shown in regional schedules on the following pages. All dates mentioned therein are inclusive.

UNLESS SEASONS ARE INDICATED, THERE ARE NO OPEN SEASONS ON ANY GAME ANIMAL. Where open seasons do not apply to the entire Management Unit, reference is given to detailed maps showing the area and describing the pertinent regulations. The open seasons declared by these regulations shall cease to be in effect in any area covered by a closure order issued by the Forest Service of the Ministry of Forests and Lands and shall continue to

be ineffective during the period covered by such forest closure order. **Dates for hunting seasons may be changed by order of the Minister only in unusual circumstances. Such changes will be given local publicity.**

BAG LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Season bag limits for big and small game and daily bag limits for game birds for each Management Unit are shown in the regional schedules on the following pages directly following the date of the open season. Where special restrictions exist as to species, sex or age, they are shown on detailed maps.

These bag limits are printed in **bold type**, e.g. **3**.

Where no bag limit is in effect, the abbreviation **NBL** appears.

An entry such as "**2(1)**" for ungulates in the schedules means the season bag limit is two animals of that species in the aggregate, one of which may be antlerless.

An entry such as "**2**" for big game (except ungulates) and small game in the schedules means the season bag limit and possession limit is two animals.

An entry such as "**10(20)**" for upland game birds and migratory game birds in the schedules means the daily bag limit is 10 while the possession limit is 20.

"Possession limit" means the maximum number of a species or type of wildlife a person may have in his possession while hunting or returning from hunting.

Subject to exceptions in the regional schedules following, the maximum number of each species of small game and big game which a hunter may take in the province during one licence year (the season bag limit) is one (1). Provincial bag limits may be achieved by hunting in one or more regions provided the regional bag limits are not exceeded.

1. **Deer:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year is three (3) **except on the Queen Charlotte Islands, where the limit is 10.** NOTE: See regional schedules for regional bag limits.
2. **Black Bear:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year is two (2). NOTE: See regional schedules for regional bag limits.
3. **Grizzly Bear:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year is one (1).
4. **Mountain Sheep:** The aggregate bag limit is one (1).
5. **Cougar:** The maximum number which a hunter

- may take in one licence year is two (2).
6. **Wolf:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year is three (3). NOTE: See regional schedules for regional bag limits.
7. **Coyote, Raccoon, Skunk and Fox:** There is no maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year. (No bag limit — NBL).
8. **Wolverine and Lynx:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year is one (1) of each species.
9. **Bobcat:** The maximum number which a hunter may take in one licence year (the season bag limit) is five (5).
10. **Game Birds:** No person, while in the field either actually hunting or returning from hunting, shall have in his possession upland game birds in excess of three times the daily limit. For possession limits on migratory game birds see regional schedules. The daily bag limit for all geese in aggregate is five (5), possession ten (10). The bag limit for turkey is one (1) per year. The daily bag limit for ducks in aggregate is six (6), only one (1) of which may be a canvasback, one (1) northern pintail, two (2) goldeneyes and four (4) mallards. The possession limit for ducks is twelve (12), only two (2) of which may be canvasback, two (2) northern pintails, four (4) goldeneyes and eight (8) mallards. The daily bag limit for band-tailed pigeons is five (5), possession limit ten (10).

PROTECTED ANIMALS

Sportsmen are reminded that the following mammals are protected by regulation under the Wildlife Act (hunting is prohibited):

1. Badger,
2. Mountain Cottontail (found in the Similkameen and Okanagan Valleys),
3. White-tailed Jackrabbit (confined to the South Okanagan Valley).

The following species are designated as endangered in B.C. and may not be killed for any reason:

1. Vancouver Island Marmot,
2. Sea Otter,
3. White Pelican,
4. Burrowing Owl.

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The Habitat Conservation Fund was created by an act of the legislature to preserve, restore and enhance key areas of habitat for fish and wildlife throughout British Columbia.

Hunters, anglers, trappers and guides contribute to the Fund's enhancement

projects through license surcharges. Voluntary contributions to assist in the work of the Fund are welcome. For more information contact: **The Habitat Conservation Fund, Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5**

\$13 Million for Wildlife. During the past nine years the Habitat Conservation Fund has provided \$13 million for almost 700 fish and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. A wide variety of habitats have been improved in a number of different ways.

Prescribed burning is an important method of increasing tender new browse as food for deer, elk, moose, sheep and other species. Mechanical treatments - thinning, slashing or scarification - also help to provide more

food plants.

In some areas, good quality habitat is still available but the wildlife stocks have been depleted. So animals from a healthy population are transplanted to rebuild these stocks.

Some projects may require planning or evaluation studies to achieve the most effective enhancement. Also, a few information and education projects are funded each year to increase public awareness about the need for habitat conservation.

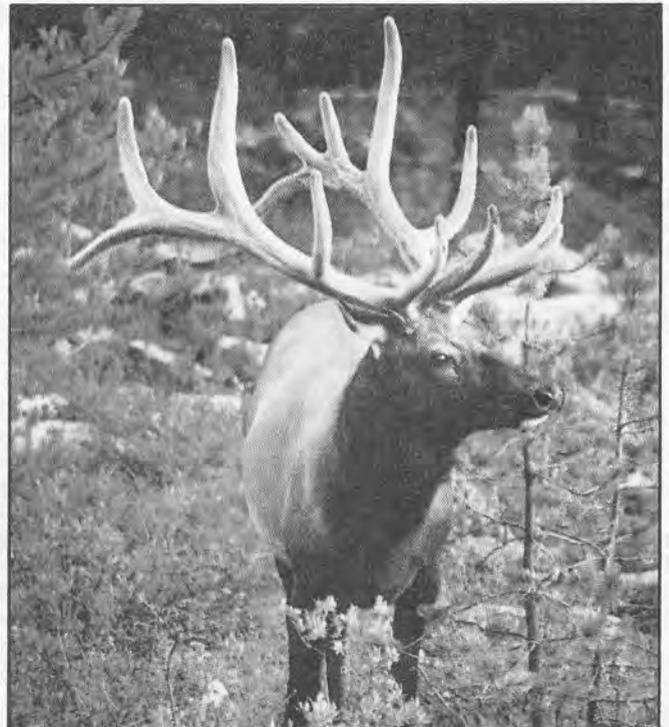
Expenditures for Wildlife Projects (1981 -- 1989)

Prescribed Fires	Mechanical Treatment	Transplants	Wetland Enhancement	Enhancement Planning	Public Info & Admin
\$2,238,900 (33%)	\$1,711,800 (26%)	\$988,400 (15%)	\$539,700 (8%)	\$794,300 (12%)	\$441,400 (6%)

This year -- 58 wildlife enhancement projects have been approved for a total of \$1,256,550. Some of the activities include:

- thinning conifers to increase a winter forage for Roosevelt elk on northern Vancouver Island and to improve habitat for mule deer and blue grouse in the Kamloops area.
- prescribed fires in the Okanagan, Kootenay and Cariboo regions as well as northern B.C..
- transplanting and radio collaring fisher in the Cariboo to determine habitat use and needs
- developing a habitat management plan for the Bummers Flat-Cherry Creek area in the Kootenay to benefit waterfowl, upland game birds, elk, white-tailed deer, black bear and many non-game species.

Coming Soon! An HCF video -- of particular interest to fish and game clubs and other conservation groups, it will show actual enhancement activities carried out with sportsmen's dollars through HCF funding. This Habitat Conservation Fund video will be released in the early Fall, 1990.



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WATERFOWL HUNTERS

Waterfowl die of lead poisoning when they ingest lead shot deposited by waterfowl hunters. Alternative non-toxic shot is available. Waterfowl hunters are encouraged to use steel shot for waterfowl hunting, especially over water.

Hunters are reminded that steel shot two sizes larger, fired through a shotgun with a choke one stop more open than normally used for lead shot, will produce similar energy and pattern.

POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION

EVIDENCE OF SPECIES AND SEX

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 cold storage locker or meat cutting plant, or
- after it has been inspected by an employee of the Ministry of Environment.

NOTE: Leaving evidence of species and sex on the carcass will not spoil or in any way contaminate the meat.

Big Game:

Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of **elk, moose, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer or fallow deer** must leave attached to one portion of the carcass:

- to identify the species,
 - a readily identifiable part of the hide which is not less than 6 square centimetres (1 inch by 1 inch) in size, and
- to identify the sex, either
 - a testicle or part of the penis, or
 - a portion of the udder or teats, or
 - the antlers.

Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of **caribou or grizzly bear** must leave attached to one portion of the carcass:

- to identify the species,
 - a readily identifiable part of the hide which is at least 6 square centimetres (1 inch by 1 inch) in size, and
- to identify the sex, either
 - a testicle or part of the penis, or
 - a portion of the udder or teats, or
 - for a caribou which has an antler main beam length equal to or greater than 60 centimetres (24 inches) the antlers.

Anyone who possesses or transports only the hide of **elk, moose, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer, fallow deer, caribou or grizzly bear** must leave attached to the hide:

- a testicle or part of the penis, or
- a portion of the udder or teats.

Game Birds:

Anyone who possesses or transports a **game bird**

must leave attached to the carcass one wing and the plumage thereof.

TRANSPORTING BIG GAME

Anyone who possesses or transports big game within the Province of British Columbia must possess:

- the species licence under which the animal was taken, if the animal was taken by himself.
- Or, if the animal was taken by another person:
- a record of receipt of the wildlife showing:
 - the date and place of receipt.
 - the name and address of the person who killed the animal.
 - the B.C. Resident Hunter 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 a carcass butchered and packaged should obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:

- the hunter number,
- the species licence number,
- the species, and
- the sex of the animal taken.

GAME CHECK

The Ministry of Environment operates several temporary checking stations throughout the Province. **All hunters, with or without game, are required by law to stop and report.** At certain locations sportsmen are checked to determine their compliance with wildlife and firearms laws and encouraged to comment on or ask questions about hunting regulations and wildlife management.

EXPORT PERMITS

All hunters (resident and non-resident), in order to export game from the Province, must obtain a permit for this purpose unless the export permit which is valid for 30 days is included in his species licence or his compulsory inspection data sheet.

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

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The "Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species" (C.I.T.E.S.) requires that a special Convention export permit be obtained for the export from Canada of all grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from British Columbia, may be obtained by making an appointment during normal working hours at the Ministry of Environment offices in the following locations:

Vancouver Island Region: Nanaimo, Campbell River, Victoria (animals may be checked at any Conservation Officer Service by appointment only).

Lower Mainland Region: Surrey, Chilliwack.

Thompson-Nicola Sub-region: Kamloops.

Kootenay Region: Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Nelson.

Cariboo Sub-region: Bella Coola, Williams Lake.

Skeena Region: Smithers, Alton, Burns Lake, Terrace, Dease Lake, and Watson Lake, Yukon.

Omineca-Peace Sub-region: Fort Nelson, Dawson Creek, Prince George, Fort St. John, and Watson Lake, Yukon.

Okanagan Sub-region: Penticton, Vernon.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

To manage wildlife we need population, age, sex, time and site specific information. Obtaining this information is critical for some species due to change in their populations, high public demand for their use and, in a few areas, their nuisance impact. Species of particular concern include those with low numbers relative to demand by hunters and those with a relatively low natural reproduction potential (e.g. grizzly bear, mountain goat, mountain sheep). The questionnaire can supply only part of the essential information. Local game checks can help, but are expensive to operate and have sampling limitations. The most efficient and effective way of getting needed information at the present time is a **compulsory inspection system.**

The associated tagging and registration system for all inspected hides, skulls or horns is required to facilitate verification of inspection of such animal parts in private or commercial (taxidermist) possession for enforcement purposes.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

The following species of game must be reported at a regional or sub-regional compulsory reporting centre:

- caribou,
- grizzly bear,
- cougar,
- mountain sheep,
- mountain goat,
- wolf taken in M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-13 and the Kootenay Region,
- elk taken in the Okanagan and Omineca-Peace Sub-regions,
- bobcat,
- lynx, and
- wolverine.

DESIGNATED COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Compulsory reporting centres are open during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday to Friday, unless otherwise specified. If two or more animals are to be checked, 24 hours notice (by phone) should be given to the staff of the centres. Designated centres are listed below:

Vancouver Island Region: Nanaimo (animals may be checked at any Conservation Officer Service office by appointment only).

Lower Mainland Region: Surrey (office open for compulsory reporting registration mornings only, Monday to Friday), Chilliwack (all other district offices by appointment only).

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Thompson-Nicola Sub-region: Kamloops (all other district offices by appointment only).

Kootenay Region: Castlegar, Cranbrook (mornings only; all other district offices by appointment only).

Cariboo Sub-region: Williams Lake (all other district offices by appointment only).

Skeena Region: Smithers (all other district offices by appointment only). Hunters wishing to have their game inspected at Watson Lake, Yukon, may obtain a permit to do so from the Regional Manager at Smithers.

Special note: A person who has legally killed a grizzly bear, mountain sheep, cougar, caribou or mountain goat and transports it (or part of it) in Haines Junction, Yukon Territory or on the following highways:

- Highway 3 Haines Road
- Highway 2 Klondike Highway
- Highway 8
- Highway 7
- Highway 37 between the British Columbia/Yukon Territory border and Highway 1 Alaska Highway, or Highway 1 Alaska Highway between Haines Junction, Yukon Territory and Fireside, British Columbia.

while travelling to a compulsory reporting centre to report the animal is exempt from holding an export permit during the time allowed for compulsory reporting.

Omineca-Peace Sub-region: Prince George, Fort St. John (all other district offices by appointment only). An appointment must be made to have grizzly bear taken during the spring season inspected at the Prince George office. Hunters wishing to have their game inspected at Watson Lake, Yukon, may obtain a permit to do so from the Regional Manager at Prince George.

Okanagan Sub-region: Penticton (all other district offices by appointment only).

Compulsory inspection facilities in Victoria are very limited, and Victoria hunters are requested whenever possible to have their animals inspected at the Regional/Sub-regional office in the region of their hunt.

All compulsory reported species must be submitted to an official of the Ministry of Environment for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (i.e. tooth) within 10 days of the kill, except in the case of:

1. Persons who gain the written approval from a Conservation Officer, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official at a game check station of the Ministry of Environment prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 10 days after the last day of the hunt;
2. Persons who use the services of a licenced guide for the purpose of killing a caribou, grizzly bear, mountain goat or mountain sheep can submit such animals for inspection within 10 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken (i.e. fall killed grizzly bear must be submitted after the end of the fall season); or
3. Persons who take a **cougar** or a **wolf** in the Kootenay Region. These two species must be sub-

mitted to an official of the Ministry of Environment in the Kootenay Region within **4 days of the kill**.

PARTS REQUIRED

Parts required for compulsory inspection include:

• **For caribou:**

- for a caribou without at least one main beam measuring over 60 centimetres (24 inches) in length, the hide or part of it bearing a testicle or part of the penis,
- the lower jaw bearing the incisor teeth,
- the antlers.

• **For grizzly bear:**

- the hide or part of it bearing, in the case of males, a testicle or part of the penis and in the case of females, a portion of the teats or mammary glands,
- the skull with the lower jaw (preferably skinned out).

• **For cougar:**

- the skull with the lower jaw (preferably skinned out),
- the premolars from the upper jaw (Vancouver Island Region and Kootenay Region only)

- the hide or part of it bearing, in the case of males, a testicle or part of the penis and in the case of females, a portion of the teats or mammary glands.

• **For mountain sheep (i.e. Dall's, Stone's, California and Rocky Mountain):**

- the portion of the skull including nasal bones, the eyesocket, the horns and the associated connective bone structure.

• **For mountain goat:**

- the horns and the jaw bearing the incisor teeth.

• **For wolf taken in M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-13 and the Kootenay Region:**

- the skull with the lower jaw,
- the hide or part of it bearing, in the case of males, a testicle or part of the penis and in the case of females, a portion of the teats or mammary glands (Kootenay Region only).

• **For elk taken in the Okanagan and Omineca-Peace Sub-regions:**

- the lower jaw bearing the incisor (front) teeth,
- for males, the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull,
- for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary glands.

• **For bobcat, lynx and wolverine:**

- a canine tooth (Kootenay Region only),
- the hide.

HUNTER TIPS

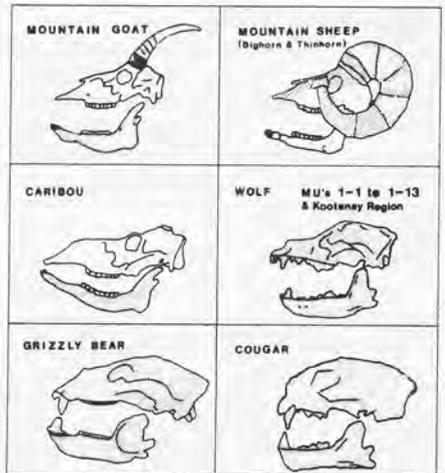
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The head portions required to be submitted for inspection are shaded gray in this diagram.

Information required for compulsory inspection includes:

1. the location where the animal was killed,
2. the date the animal was killed,
3. the number of days the licensee hunted before killing the animal and
4. the sex of bobcat, lynx and wolverine.

HUNTING METHODS

Specific restrictions on the use of firearms for a given management unit are outlined under the detailed maps on the following pages.

Please note that firearms transported in National Parks must be unloaded, and be dismantled, and carried. Firearms are also not permitted outside of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft in a park unless they are being moved into, or out of, a person's premises, or with a permit issued by the park superintendent.

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ARCHERY HUNTING

Bows and arrows and crossbows and bolts (quarrels) may be used for hunting all big game, small game and game birds except a crossbow is prohibited to hunt 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, 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, 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 peak weight or a 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 Bow and Arrow

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

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) does not constitute a loaded firearm.

DOGS

The use of dogs is permitted in the hunting of all game except mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou.

Dogs must be on leash when used to hunt mule deer, black-tailed deer, white-tailed deer, fallow deer, elk and moose.

Any person may train dogs by allowing them to pursue game birds under supervision from August 1 to April 30.

FALCONRY

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

RETRIEVAL

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

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

Detailed maps of various parts of the Province may be purchased from a Government Agent or the Director, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Ministry of Environment, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5.

BEAR AND COUGAR MEAT

To prevent possible infection by trichinosis, bear meat or cougar meat should not be consumed unless it has been cooked at a temperature and for a time sufficient to allow all parts of the meat to reach a minimum internal temperature of 65.6° C (150° F).

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

Limited Entry Hunting seasons are only open to hunters who have drawn the appropriate Limited Entry authorization. Limited Entry Hunting seasons and general 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.

In the following pages the **LEH** symbol is a caution to hunters that Limited Entry Hunting restrictions may apply to all or part of the indicated management units. Area maps showing LEH zones for seasons that coincide with general open seasons are included in this publication for reference. Hunters should refer to the 1990-91 Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis for specific LEH maps. Note also that big game seasons in most parks are subject to LEH restrictions

HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

Wild animals can carry a number of parasites and diseases, some of which have the potential to be transmitted to man (e.g. tularemia, hydatid disease, plague, etc.)

Transmission can occur via flea or tick bites, by exposure of your skin to infected blood or other body fluids, or by accidental ingestion of infective material.

To reduce the risk of accidental infection, it is recommended that you wear gloves when handling, skinning, or dressing animals, that you promptly wash skin contaminated with body fluids, and that you wash your hands immediately after removing gloves.

If you become ill after handling wild animals, contact your doctor.

PARKS 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.

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Hunting and/or the discharge of firearms is not permitted in any Class "C" park or nature conservancy area, nor in the majority of Class "A" or "B" parks and recreation areas. Only those parks and recreation areas listed in the following regional schedules are open to hunting and/or the discharge of firearms. These parks and recreation areas are only open during the legal hunting season as described in the regional schedules.

When a park or recreation area is closed to hunting or there is no open season for any species, the possession, as well as the discharge of a firearm, is prohibited by Park Act Regulation except by Letter of Authority, Park Use Permit, or when the firearm is carried unloaded in a vehicle that is in transit to or from a lawful hunting area.

A Letter of Authority, available from the nearest provincial parks office is required to use horses in any provincial park or recreation area.

The use of snowmobiles and vehicles is generally prohibited in all Class A, B or C Parks, in Recreation Areas, and in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy, with the exception that they may be operated in areas specifically posted for such use.

ECOLOGICAL RESERVES

Hunting, trapping or fishing is not permitted in any ecological reserve in British Columbia. A complete list of reserves is available from: Outdoor Recreation Division, Planning and Ecological Reserves, Ministry of Environment, 4000 Seymour Place, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

MUNICIPALITIES

Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling the use of firearms within their boundaries. Consult municipal clerks for details of closures. The Ministry of Environment publishes the Fraser Valley Special Area brochure which depicts provincial and municipal firearm regulations in the Fraser Valley.

HIGHWAY NO SHOOTING AREAS

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 0.4 km (1/4 mile) of either side of the centreline of the following highways:

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| Hwy 5 | (Coquihalla Highway) between Hope and the junction of Hwy 1 and 5 at Kamloops. |
| Hwy 6 | between Bench Creek and Banting Creek. |
| Hwy 16 | between Prince Rupert and British Columbia/Alberta border. |
| Hwy 20 | between Bella Coola and the easterly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park. |
| Hwy 37 | between Kitimat and Terrace. |
| Hwy 29 | between Chetwynd and Hwy 97 (northeast of Fort St. John). |
| Hwy 35 | between Francois Lake and Burns Lake. |

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- Hwy 37 between Kitwanga and British Columbia/Yukon border.
 Hwy 37A between the boundary of the District of Stewart at Bitter Creek and its intersection with Hwy 37.
 Hwy 97 between the Cottonwood River and Lower Post.

Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 0.4 km (1/4 mile) either side of the centreline of the following highways:

- Hwy 3 between Hope and Manning Park, Manning Park and Princeton.
 Coquihalla Hwy between its junction with Phase III Hwy 97 near Peachland and (Okanagan Connector) junction with Highway 5 near Aspen Grove.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 50 metres of either side of the centreline of the following highways on the Queen Charlotte Islands:

- #16 Yellowhead Hwy between Skidegate and Masset.
 District Road 51 Tow Hill Road between Masset and Tow Hill
 District Road 33 Queen Charlotte City and Skidegate Road between Queen Charlotte City and Skidegate.
 District Road 61 Alliford Bay Road, between Alliford Bay and Sandspit.
 District Road 44 Port Clements Street, between #16 Yellowhead Hwy and Port Clements

The discharge of all firearms is prohibited within 50 metres and the discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited within 150 metres of the travelled portions of the following highways:

- Hwy 1 between Chilliwack and Spuzzum.
 Hwy 7 between Mission and Highway 1.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 0.4 km west and 1 km east of the centreline of Highway 99 between West Vancouver and Squamish.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 150 metres of the travelled portion of Highway 99 between Squamish and Pemberton.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 metres of the travelled portion of any paved public road in Vancouver Island Region or Lower Mainland Region and paved and unpaved public roads on the Gulf Islands.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited on or across the travelled portions of the following highways:

- Hwy 1 — Trans-Canada (Vancouver Island)
 Hwy 1 — Trans-Canada (Mainland)
 Hwy 1A — British Columbia (Mainland)
 Hwy 1A — Old Island (Vancouver Island)
 Hwy 1A — Chemainus (Vancouver Island)
 Hwy 2 — Dawson Creek-Tupper
 Hwy 3 — Crownsnest
 Hwy 3A — Keremeos-Kaledon Junction-Osoyoos
 Hwy 3A — Castlegar-Nelson-Creston
 Hwy 3B — Nancy Greene Lake-Rossland-Meadows
 Hwy 4 — Port Ableri Pacific Rim
 Hwy 4A — Hilliers
 Hwy 5 — Coquihalla

- Hwy 5 — Kamloops
 Hwy 5 — Yellowhead South
 Hwy 5A — Princeton-Merritt-Kamloops
 Hwy 6 — Nelson-Neiway/Vernon-Sloca
 Hwy 7 — Loughheed
 Hwy 7A — Barnet
 Hwy 8 — Merritt-Spences Bridge
 Hwy 9 — Rosedale-Agassiz/Harrison Hot Springs
 Hwy 10 — Ladner-Langley
 Hwy 11 — Huntingdon-Mission
 Hwy 12 — Lytton-Lillooet-Cache Creek
 Hwy 13 — Aldergrove-Bellingham
 Hwy 14 — West Coast (Sooke)
 Hwy 16 — Pacific
 Hwy 16 — Yellowhead
 Hwy 17 — Patricia Bay Tsawwassen
 Hwy 17A — West Saanich Wain
 Hwy 18 — Cowichan Valley
 Hwy 19 — Island
 Hwy 20 — Chilcotin-Bella Cools
 Hwy 21 — Creston-Rykerts
 Hwy 22 — Paterson-Rossland-Castlegar
 Hwy 22A — Waneta
 Hwy 23 — Nakusp-Mica Creek
 Hwy 24 — 93 Mile-Little Fort
 Hwy 26 — Barkerville
 Hwy 27 — Vanderhoof-Stuart Lake
 Hwy 28 — Gold River
 Hwy 29 — Hudson's Hope/Don Phillips Way
 Hwy 31 — Balfour-Kaslo-Galena Bay
 Hwy 31A — Kaslo-New Denver
 Hwy 33 — Rock Creek-Kelowna
 Hwy 35 — North Francois
 Hwy 37 — Kitimat/Cassiar
 Hwy 37A — Stewart
 Hwy 39 — Mackenzie
 Hwy 41 — Danville
 Hwy 43 — Elk Valley
 Hwy 49 — Dawson Creek-Spirit River
 Hwy 77 — Liard
 Hwy 91 — Annacis
 Hwy 91A — Queensborough Connector
 Hwy 93 — Elko-Rossville/Radium Hot Springs-Castle Mtn Junction
 Hwy 95 — Yahk-Kingsgate/Kootenay-Columbia
 Hwy 95A — Kimberley
 Hwy 97 — Osoyoos-Oroville/Okanagan/Vernon-Kamloops/Cariboo/John Hart-Peace River/Alaska
 Hwy 97A — Vernon-Sicamous
 Hwy 97B — Grindrod-Salmon Arm
 Hwy 99 — Vancouver-Blaine/Garibaldi
 Hwy 99A — King George
 Hwy 101 — Sunshine Coast
 Hwy 395 — Christina Lake-Laurier

Note: More restrictive discharge regulations may apply to some of these highways. Please review additional highway listings.

HUNTERS, WATCH YOUR IMAGE

Your game will have less chance to spoil and your public image will suffer less if you remember to transport your game properly — and in good taste. Other hunters may be impressed, but openly displayed big game carcasses can be offensive to many people, so give some consideration to others, and watch your image!

Hunters are reminded that the onus is on them to clearly identify the species and sex of their target before shooting.

Every person who has a firearm in his possession or under his control shall exercise due care for the safety of other persons and property.

Point firearms at game only and never use a scope sighted rifle to observe another human being.

Please report any tagged or collared bird or mammal to the Wildlife Branch, 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5.

RESPECT THE RIGHT OF LANDOWNERS

Request permission for access across private property. The landholder has the right to grant or refuse access. If you open a gate, be sure to close it securely.

Both the Trespass Act and Occupiers Liability Act set out conditions of responsibility for users and owners of private property. See also page 62.

LOST!

To reduce your chances of getting lost, and increase your chances of being found if lost, follow these simple rules:

1. Scout the area beforehand; know what to expect.
2. Let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
3. Have a map of the area and a compass and know how to use them.
4. Matches and fire-lighting materials are a must.
5. Take some emergency provisions, first aid supplies and a survival booklet.
6. Dress for the weather and prepare for the unexpected.
7. Go where you said you were going; return when you said you were.

There is no shame in getting lost in the woods; preparation and a cool head will prevent you from staying lost. Be prepared ahead of time with an outdoor survival course or books.

IF YOU DO GET LOST:

1. Remember SST — stop, sit and think. Stay put; wait to be rescued.
2. Take stock of your situation and your resources; don't panic.
3. Priorities are first aid, fire, shelter, water and food in that order.
4. Three fires is an internationally recognized and easily seen distress signal.
5. If you must move, indicate your direction of travel so searchers can follow.

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The unethical hunter is a threat to both wildlife and the hunting recreation. Regulations are set for the protection of wildlife populations, and those who violate these regulations damage the wildlife resources of our Province. The first result is a loss of game to the legitimate hunter. But other wildlife users suffer as well, and often tend to blame all hunters for the actions of a few. In this way, the unethical hunter can damage the public image of hunting, resulting in a loss as well of hunting opportunities.

The Conservation Officer is responsible for the enforcement of wildlife regulations, but the job is an enormous one. British Columbia is a large and rugged province, and many hunting activities take place in remote areas. This means that offenses may be committed, and damage done, without the offenders always being apprehended. When this happens, both wildlife and the sport of hunting suffer the consequences.

An important goal of enforcement is the prevention of violations before the damage is done. This is where you can help. The watchful eyes of sportsmen throughout the Province can provide a strong deterrent to potential violators and stop wildlife offenses before they happen.

What can you do?

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Remember: Do NOT confront a suspected violator. You cannot make a "citizen's arrest" or seize private property as evidence. Only a Conservation Officer or a constable is legally authorized to do this. Instead:

Observe:

Familiarize yourself with current regulations. Some common violations are:

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



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Record:

Carry a pencil and record your observations in note form as soon as you can. Photographs provide an extremely useful addition to these observations if they can be taken without alarming the violator. Take note of any features that will be of use to the enforcement officer in his investigation. These include:

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

Report:

Report as soon as possible to the nearest Conservation Officer, R.C.M. Police or the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or dial "0" and ask the telephone operator for 1-800-663-9453 (WILD). Your complaint will be registered and directed to the appropriate action centre. (In areas where there is no toll charge to call Vancouver, just dial 663-9453). The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to investigate the violation.

Always give your name, address and phone number to verify that your intentions are serious.

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The B.C. Wildlife Federation pays rewards up to \$500 for information leading to the conviction of persons doing wanton damage to wildlife, wildlife habitat, or the property of companies or individuals who allow hunters and fishermen access to property they control.

PUBLIC CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE FUND

The Public Conservation Assistance Fund makes available more than \$50,000 per year for grants to clubs and other organizations wishing to implement conservation projects in their areas. Grants may be issued, in modest amounts, to cover up to one-half the initial capital expenses of approved projects. Conservation, as defined for the purposes of this fund, includes any activity which maintains or enhances fish and wildlife and their habitats, or contributes to public access or awareness of our natural resources.

Applications and further information may be obtained by contacting your regional Ministry of Environment office or by writing to:

Public Conservation Assistance Fund
Wildlife Branch
Ministry of Environment
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5

KEEPING OF LICENCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

A question often asked is "How long should I keep my hunting licence?" The answer depends on what is

done with the animal. Most commercial businesses dealing with animals are required to keep records for a minimum of two years, by law, but there is no similar requirement for hunters to do so. However, it is probably a good idea for hunters to keep all the documents under which an animal was taken until the animal has been consumed. In the case of a mounted trophy of a tanned hide, the hunter should keep his or her licence and Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet indefinitely. Why? If a person wishes at some future date to transfer the trophy to someone else or requires an export permit to move it out of the province, the production of the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier. It will greatly assist Ministry staff, if, when a hunter disposes of a trophy, the licences and other documentation are transferred with the trophy, to the new owner. No, this is not compulsory, but it certainly makes the Ministry's administration much easier, and will save the owner considerable time. So, licences and other documentation for a trophy should be kept in a safe place, until it is disposed of.

C.O.R.E.

C.O.R.E. is an educational program designed to ensure that prospective new hunters meet acceptable standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical participation in hunting.

Classroom instruction is recommended as preparation for C.O.R.E. examinations. **While not compulsory**, C.O.R.E. courses may be obtained from instructors associated with educational institutions or rod and gun clubs in your community.

For those who wish to prepare at home for the C.O.R.E. exams, the course requires about 21 hours of self study and practice using the C.O.R.E. text. Information on how to obtain the C.O.R.E. text is available from the offices of the Government Agent or the Ministry of Environment.

The firearms handling test emphasizes the practical knowledge and skill required for the safe use of firearms and ammunition used in hunting.

The written examination is based upon the following six topics in the C.O.R.E. text: Ethics, Firearms Safety, Regulations, First Aid and Survival, and Animal and Bird Identification. **There is a \$7.00 fee for each of the written and practical examinations payable to the examiner.**

C.O.R.E. examiners operate on their own schedules and are independent volunteers certified by the Wildlife Branch. Examiners may be contacted from lists available at the office of the Government Agent, or Ministry of Environment.

In spite of the greater numbers of hunters, the hunting related firearms accident rate is now less than one in 12,000 hunters. This is a two-thirds reduction from the rate in the 1950's. Hunters are safer and more knowledgeable than ever before. These results can be attributed to an increased safety awareness, hunters' own vigilance and in particular, the credible efforts of all those involved in hunter safety training.

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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.

Proliferation of unlicensed, unlawful guiding operations can result in harm to wildlife populations and ultimately, more restrictions on all hunters. It is everyone's responsibility to see that the law is upheld and in every hunter's best interest to see that hunting is practised ethically and legally.

WHO IS AN ILLEGAL GUIDE?

A person who for money or other consideration provides you with services in the field related to your hunt and

- accompanies you while you are hunting;
- directs you to the specific location of game; or
- describes detailed hunting methods for the species hunted; and
- does not possess a licence to guide may be an illegal guide.

REPORT ILLEGAL GUIDING — DON'T BE PARTY TO IT

The Ministry of Environment intends to increase its

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT REGIONAL OFFICES

Vancouver Island	2569 Kenworth Rd., Nanaimo, V9T 4P7, 758-3951
Lower Mainland	10334-152A St., Surrey, V3R 7P8, 584-8822
Thompson-Nicola	1259 Dalhousie Dr., Kamloops, V2C 5Z5, 374-9717
Kootenay	310 Ward St., Nelson, V1L 5S4, 354-6333 106-5th Ave. S., Cranbrook, V1C 2G2, 426-1450

Cariboo	540 Borland St., Williams Lake, V2G 1R8, 398-4530
Skeena	Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Ave., Smithers, V0J 2N0, 847-7303
Omineca-Peace	Plaza 400, 1011 Fourth Ave., Prince George, V2L 3H9, 565-6145 10142-101 Ave., Fort St. John, V1J 2B3, 787-3295
Okanagan	3547 Skaha Lake Rd., Penticton, V2A 7K2, 493-8261
VICTORIA	Wildlife Branch, 780 Blanshard St., V8V 1X5, 387-9737

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 convicted of the same offence.

B. C. RESIDENT HUNTER NUMBER

It is important for the Wildlife Branch to have your current mailing address recorded with your Resident Hunter Number. To assist wildlife management programs, we contact you throughout the year to determine your hunting activity and success. Please inform us of any change in your address/telephone number or name. Write (quoting

your Resident Hunter Number) to: Hunter Number, Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, Parliament Buildings, 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5

Your local fish and game club or similar group will welcome your participation.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Wildlife Management Areas are areas of special importance to fish or wildlife, administered for the purposes of conservation and intensive management. On June 8, 1987, the first six Wildlife Management Areas were designated to commemorate the Wildlife Centennial. The areas are:

VERTEBRATES DESIGNATED WILDLIFE

During May of this year, all native species of animals in the province were designated as wildlife, giving them full protection under provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, S.B.C. 57, 1982. Invertebrates (eg. insects) and fish are excluded from this designation. Many species that are not native to British Columbia have, however, been included because they are so similar to their native relatives that they are indistinguishable to most laymen.

No longer will people be able to hunt, kill, capture or keep as "pets" these animals, unless specifically allowed by regulation or by the authority of a permit. Species which may be considered pests can be controlled by landowners or by persons acting on their behalf in order to protect property, including agricultural crops. Most of these species cannot be killed on Crown land nor can they be captured and kept as pets or used for commercial purposes without a permit from the Ministry of Environment.

Why has the Government taken this step when there are lots of some species (eg. mice) in the Province?

Unfortunately, most people cannot distinguish many of the common species from the rare ones. Approximately 35% of the 'small' mammals, 60% of the amphibians and 47% of the reptiles occur nowhere else in Canada. In order to protect the rarer native species, the net had to be cast over some species that may be relatively common, but are so similar in appearance that only an expert could tell the differ-

ence. To protect some of the rarer species which have very restricted ranges in the province, different regulations for the Lower Mainland or the Okanagan or the Kootenays could perhaps have been drawn up. However, these regulations would have been so confusing to most people that no one, not even the animals, would have benefitted.

The accompanying two schedules list the wildlife that may be considered as nuisances or pests. Schedule 'A' contains animals that may be captured or killed only on private land for the specific purpose of protecting property. Schedule 'B' contains animals that may be captured or killed anywhere and at any time in the province. These are mostly introduced species that not only cause damage to property, but are also detrimental to native wildlife.

SCHEDULE A

- (a) *Taricha granulosa* — Rough-skinned Newt
- (b) *Scapanus townsendii* — Townsend's Mole
- (c) *Scapanus orarius* — Coast Mole
- (d) *Lepus americanus* — Snowshoe Hare
- (e) all of the species of the family *Arvicolidae* — voles and lemmings, except *Ondonatra zibethicus* — muskrat
- (f) *Neotoma cinerea* — Bushy-tailed Woodrat
- (g) all species of the genus *Peromyscus* — deer mice
- (h) *Erethizon dorsatum* — Porcupine
- (i) *Thomomys talpoides* — Northern Pocket Gopher
- (j) *Marmota flaviventris* — Yellow-bellied Marmot
- (k) *Marmota monax* — Woodchuck

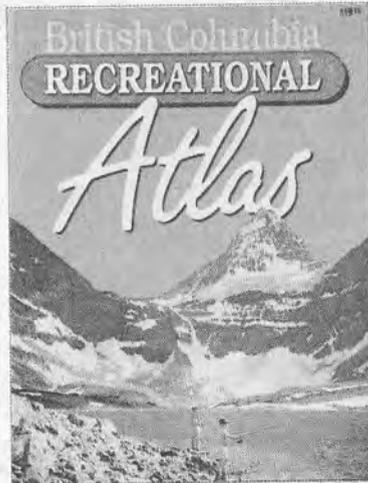
- (l) *Spermophilus columbianus* — Columbian Ground Squirrel
- (m) *Mephitis mephitis* — striped skunk
- (n) *Procyon lotor* — raccoon
- (o) *Spilogale putorius* — spotted skunk

SCHEDULE B

- (a) *Rana catesbeiana* — American Bullfrog
- (b) all species of the family *Chelydridae* — Snapping turtles
- (c) *Didelphis virginiana* — North American Opossum
- (d) *Sylvilagus floridanus* — Eastern Cottontail
- (e) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* — European Rabbit
- (f) *Myocastor coypus* — Nutria
- (g) all species of the genus *Sciurus* — Gray squirrels
- (h) all species of the genus *Corvus* — Crows, except *Corvus Corax* — common raven
- (i) *Pica pica* — Black-billed Magpie
- (j) *Passer domesticus* — House Sparrow
- (k) *Sturnus vulgaris* — European Starling
- (l) *Columba livia* — Rock dove
or the nests or eggs of these bird species may be destroyed

As in the past, there are no closed seasons and no bag limits in effect for Bushy-tailed Woodrats, Snowshoe Hares, Porcupines and Columbian Ground Squirrels. Other species of wildlife not listed under the regional open season schedules can only be hunted under the authority of permit issued by a Regional Manager.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Junction Wildlife Management Area**, 5,300 hectares of grassland at the confluence of the Fraser and Chilcotin Rivers, provides year-round habitat for the world's largest population of non-migratory California Bighorn Sheep. The area supports 2,000 to 3,000 visitors annually, for limited-entry hunts, seasonal hunts and wildlife viewing.
- Pitt-Addington Marsh**, 2,921 hectares in the lower Pitt River Valley about 60 km east of Vancouver, is comprised of wetlands in close association with agricultural land and forest habitat. The area attracts a wide range of wetland wildlife species, in large numbers and diversity. Extensive enhancement work has been done to encourage public use.
- Upper Cariboo River**, 3,000 hectares 100 km northeast of Williams Lake in the upper Cariboo River Valley, provides the best moose winter range in the region, and habitat for other wildlife and fish species. There are numerous recreational opportunities, including hunting, trapping and guiding.
- Chilanko Marsh**, 883 hectares, located near Puntzi Lake about 135 km west of Williams Lake, is important to waterfowl as well as other wildlife species associated with productive wetland areas. The area will be developed for public viewing and hunting will be allowed.
- Dewdrop-Rosseau Creek**, on the north side of Kamloops Lake, is excellent range for mule deer and California bighorn sheep, and supports a wide variety of other wildlife species. It is popular with naturalists in the spring and hunters in the fall.
- Tranquille**, 253 hectares on the floodplain of the Thompson River at the head of Kamloops Lake, lies within the Kamloops city boundaries. The area provides excellent wetland habitat for abundant migratory waterfowl, song birds, and other wildlife species. Easily accessible by Kamloops residents, it is a popular area for bird-watching. Hunting is prohibited.

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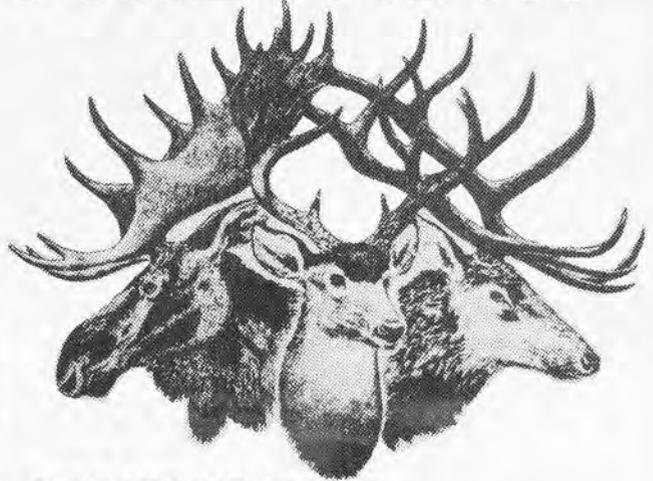
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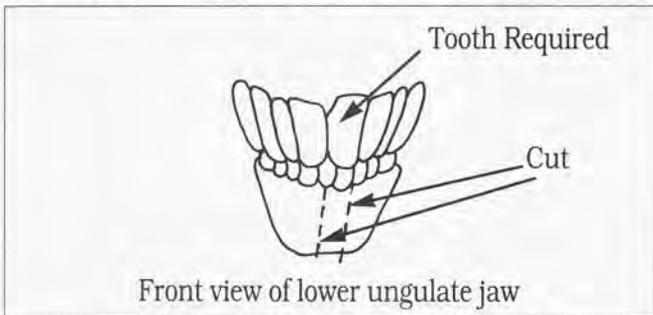


RECORD OF HUNT

Many hunters are interested in recording their hunting experiences. The Ministry of Environment is also interested in such information and each year mails out Hunter Questionnaires and requires compulsory checks and reports on certain harvested game. We therefore recommend that each hunter keep a record of his hunts as indicated below, and that he keep this synopsis until April 1991, as an aid to completing his **Hunter Questionnaire**.

* **Harvest Data Card** return envelopes are not available for Vancouver Island deer.

*A lower front tooth complete with root from your moose, elk or deer is required for accurate aging. The tooth is most easily removed by making cuts as deep as possible on both sides of the tooth, hooking thumb over the top of the tooth and rotating the tooth forward, then cutting the tooth free. A tooth without the complete root cannot be aged. Wrap the tooth in tissue paper and enclose in your **Harvest Card Return** envelope.*



M. U.	Nearest River or Stream	Species Hunted	# Days Hunted	If Successful, Sex and Age of Kill	Date of Kill Month/Day

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

(M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-15)

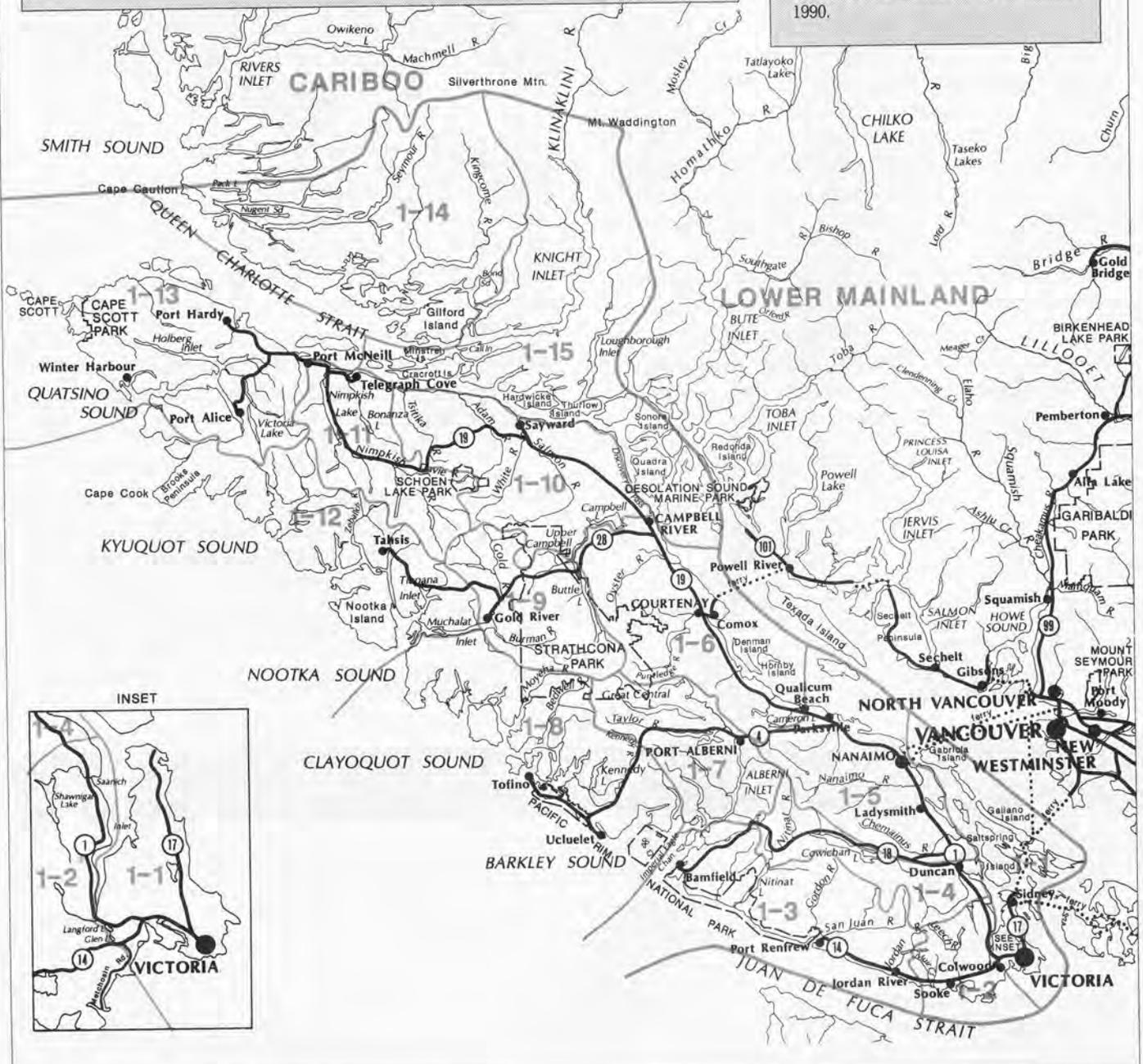
Regional Headquarters — 2569 Kenworth Road, Nanaimo, V9T 4P7
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MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

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- Please note changes to bag limits for ducks and band-tailed pigeons.
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

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VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION • OPEN SEASONS

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting section on page 12.

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is **three, one of which may be antlerless**, in M.U. 1-1, 1-5 and 1-10, and in the Courtenay-Campbell River Special Area in M.U. 1-6 (see Map A2). The bag limit for buck mule (black-tailed) deer is **three** in M.U.'s 1-2 to 1-4, 1-6 and 1-11. The bag limit for buck mule (black-tailed) deer is **two** in M.U.'s 1-7 to 1-9, 1-12 to 1-15.

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

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. It is also mandatory for all wolf taken in M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-13 to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.
- In Region 1, hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within 100 metres of a church, school building, school yard, playground, Regional District Park or dwelling house, farm building or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals (except by the owner or occupier of a dwelling house, ranch or farm, or his agent, for the protection of crops or domestic animals). For further details contact the Ministry of Environment office in Nanaimo.
- The use of rifles for hunting is prohibited in M.U. 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island (outside the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park, and above the high water mark), and except by permit elsewhere.
- Qualicum National Wildlife Area — 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: 946-8546).
- The Vancouver Island Marmot is protected and should not be disturbed in its natural habitat.
- Nanaimo/Qualicum Bays — Waterfowl hunters will be required to obey special access restrictions while

hunting in these areas. Additional enforcement will be carried out by the Conservation Officer Service during the open season.

- Please avoid shooting **collared deer** in Vancouver Island Region. See Collared Wildlife section on page 4.
- The use of falcons for hunting is permitted in Vancouver Island Region during all bow and arrow seasons. Licenced falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail on the Saanich Peninsula during the regular open seasons for M.U. 1-1. See Map A7.
- On Sidney Island the open season for antlered and antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and fallow deer is August 25 to December 23. The bag limit for each species is 3(3). Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island.
- Deer hunting is prohibited within the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park.
- The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within the exterior boundaries of Sidney Spit Marine Park, and between the mean high water mark and the mean low water mark of Sidney Island. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island.
- **No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.**
- Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area: All persons hunting on an island in M.U. 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence. Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Brooks Recreation Area (M.U. 1-12)
- Cape Scott Park (M.U. 1-13)
- Chemainus River Park (M.U. 1-5)
- Gibson Marine Park (shotguns only) (M.U. 1-8)
- Koksilah River Park (M.U. 1-4)
- Morton Lake Park (M.U. 1-10)
- Mount Maxwell Park (shotguns with shot only) (M.U. 1-1)
- Octopus Island Marine Park (shotguns only) (M.U. 1-15)
- Octopus Islands Recreation Area (shotguns only) (M.U. 1-15)
- Sandy Island Park (shotguns only) (M.U. 1-6)
- Schoen Lake Park (M.U. 1-10, 1-11)

Sidney Spit Marine Park: closed to all hunting except for waterfowl using shotguns with shot only (M.U. 1-1) Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited on Transport Canada lands located within the exterior boundaries of the park.

Sooke Mountain Park (M.U. 1-2)

Thurston Bay Marine Park (shotguns only) (M.U. 1-15)

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

All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-6, 1-10, 1-11

Bucks: Sept. 8 — Nov. 25 3

*Bucks: Nov. 26 — Dec. 9 3

Management Units: 1-7 to 1-9, 1-12 to 1-15

Bucks: Sept. 8 — Nov. 25 2

*Bucks: Nov. 26 — Dec. 9

Management Units: 1-1, 1-5, 1-10

Antlerless: Nov. 3 — Nov. 12 1

**Open only for deer having two or more points (tines) above the brow tine on one antler.*

The head and antlers of all mule (black-tailed) deer taken during the season Nov. 26 — Dec. 9 must remain attached to the carcass, and must accompany the species licence.

There is no open season for antlerless deer in zones A and B of M.U. 1-5. See Map A30. LEH

See special area maps.

Bow and Arrow Only Season

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-6, 1-10, 1-11

Bucks: Aug. 25 — Sept. 7 3

Management Units: 1-7 to 1-9, 1-12 to 1-15

Bucks: Aug. 25 — Sept. 7 2

There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in M.U. 1-1 or in zone B of M.U. 1-5 (See Map A28).

LEH — See Map A30.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Management Units: 1-14, 1-15

Sept. 8 — Nov. 25 1

See Map A25.



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GRIZZLY BEAR

Management Unit: 1-14
Apr. 1 — May 31/91 **1**
Management Unit: 1-15
Apr. 1 — May 1/91 **1**
See Maps A21, A22, A23, A24.
(13) — **See Map A31.**

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
Sept. 8 — June 15 **2**
Bow and Arrow Only Season
Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
Aug. 25 — Sept. 7 **2**
There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in M.U. 1-1 or in zone B of M.U. 1-5 (See Map A28).

COYOTE

Management Units: 1-14, 1-15
No Closed Season **NBL**

RACCOON, SKUNK

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
No Closed Season **NBL**

COUGAR

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-7
Dec. 1 — Feb. 28 **1**
*Mar. 1 — May 31 **Pursuit only**
Management Units: 1-8 to 1-15
Nov. 15 — May 31 **2**
*Shooting at or killing cougar is prohibited during the "Pursuit only" season.
Hunters are requested not to shoot female cougar with kittens.

WOLF

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
No Closed Season **3**
All wolf taken in M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-13 must be checked at a compulsory check centre within 10 days of the date of kill.

FOX

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-13
No Closed Season **NBL**

BOBCAT

Management Units: 1-14, 1-15
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **2**

LYNX, WOLVERINE

No Open Season

RAVEN

*Management Unit: 1-1
No Closed Season **5**
*Private lands on Saltspring Island only
Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed
Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
Sept. 1 — Dec. 31 **10(30)**
Bow and Arrow Only Season
Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
Aug. 25 — Aug. 31 **10(30)**
There is no bow and arrow only season on the Gulf Islands in M.U. 1-1 or in zone B of M.U. 1-5 (See Map A28).

PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 1-14, 1-15
Sept. 1 — Dec. 31 **5(15)**

CALIFORNIA QUAIL

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-5
Sept. 29 — Nov. 12 **5(15)**
No open season on mountain quail.

PHEASANT (Cocks Only)

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-9, 1-11 to 1-13
Sept. 29 — Nov. 12 **2(6)**

CANADA GEESE

Management Unit: 1-5
Sept. 15 — Oct. 28
Dec. 1 — Jan. 20 **5(10)**
Management Units: 1-1 to 1-4, 1-6 to 1-13, 1-15
Oct. 6 — Jan. 20 **5(10)**
Management Unit: 1-14
Sept. 15 — Dec. 15 **5(10)**
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for geese on page 8.
See Map A26.

DUCKS, COOTS, COMMON SNIPES, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-13, 1-15
Oct. 6 — Jan. 20
Management Unit: 1-14
Sept. 15 — Dec. 15
Bag Limits: Ducks: **6(12)**
Coots: **10(20)**
Common snipe: **10(20)**
Snow geese: **5(10)**
Ross' geese: **5(10)**

No person shall use lead shot for the purpose of hunting waterfowl, coot or snipe in M.U.'s 1-5 and 1-6.
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

BLACK BRANT, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

No Open Season

BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15
Sept. 1 — Sept. 30 **5(10)**
See provincial bag limit for band-tailed pigeons on page 8.

HUNTER TIPS

- Does anybody know where you're going, or when you'll be back?
- Always take a first aid survival kit and compass with you.
- Respect the sensibilities of others — don't make an unnecessary display of firearms or freshly killed game.
- Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

BLACK OR GRIZZLY BEAR?

BLACK BEAR

1. Highest point of back is well back of shoulders. No prominent shoulder hump.
2. In profile, muzzle is long and straight.
3. Front claws dark coloured, relatively short and well-curved.

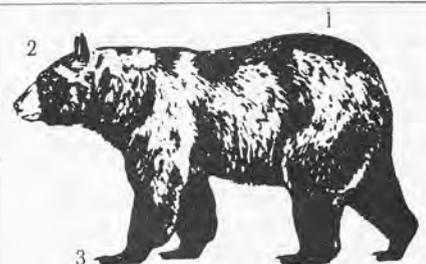
GRIZZLY BEAR

1. Highest point of back is muscular hump over front shoulders.
2. In profile, brow gives "dished" look to face. Not as well defined in yearlings.
3. Front claws up to 4" long or longer, slightly curved. Front claws light coloured and can sometimes be observed from great distances.

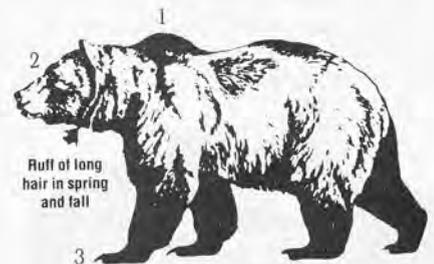
COLOUR

Colour and size are not good identifying characteristics. Colour of both species may range from light brown (blonde) to very dark black. Many grizzlies have light tipped hairs which give them a distinctive sheen.

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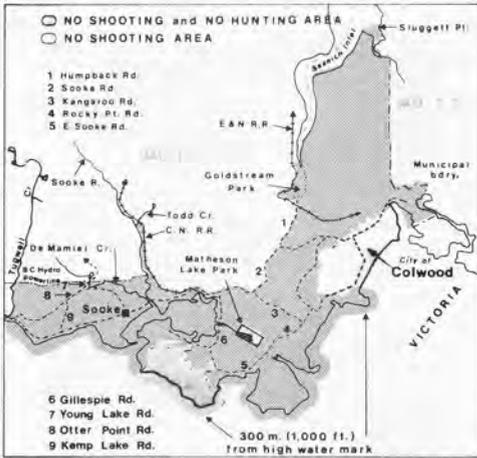
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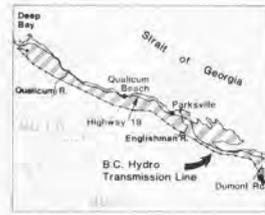
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Map A1 Sooke — Metchosin Highlands — City of Colwood No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 1-1, 1-2).



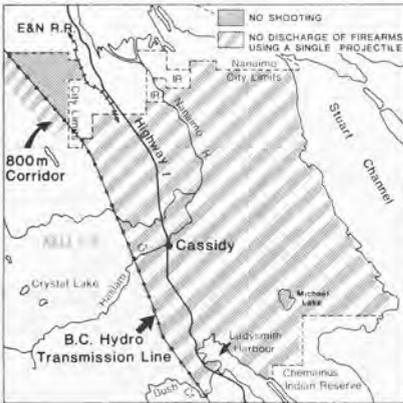
Map A2 Courtenay — Campbell River Special Area (situate in M.U. 1-6). The discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited, with the exception of those hunting under the authority of a Limited Entry Hunting Authorization during the lawful Limited Entry Elk hunting seasons. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer only is from Sept. 9 to Nov. 26. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug. 26 to Sept. 8. Bag limit = 3(1).



Map A3 Qualicum — Parksville Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U.'s 1-5, 1-6). 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. 9 to Nov. 26. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug. 26 to Sept. 8. Bag limit = 3(1).



Map A4 Nanaimo No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 1-5). A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept. 9 to Nov. 26. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug. 26 to Sept. 8. Bag limit = 3(1).



Map A5 Nanaimo — Ladysmith No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 1-5). Michael Lake: No Shooting on Michael Lake to the high water mark. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Sept. 9 to Nov. 26. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Aug. 26 to Sept. 8. Bag limit = 3(1).



Map A6 Quadra Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 1-15).



Map A7 Saanich No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 1-1). Bow hunting is by permit only. Licenced falconers may hunt waterfowl, pheasant and quail during the regular open season.



Map A8 West Coast National Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 1-3).



Map A9 Mayne Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 1-1).



Map A10 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 1-6).



Map A11 Ganges No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-1).



Map A12 DeCourcy and Mudge Islands No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-1).



Map A13 Cowichan Bay No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-4).



Map A14 Cowichan Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-4).



Map A15 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-4).

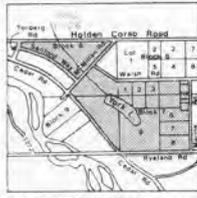
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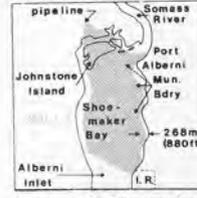
Map A16 Mayo Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-4).



Map A17 Englishman River No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-5).



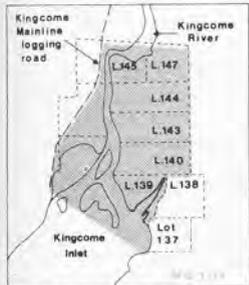
Map A18 York Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-5).



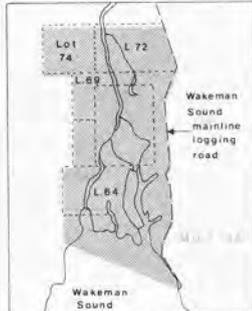
Map A19 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-7).



Map A20 C.F.S. Holberg Refuse Site No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 1-13).



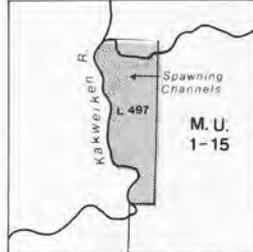
Map A21 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-14).



Map A22 Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-14).



Map A23 Knight Inlet Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-15).



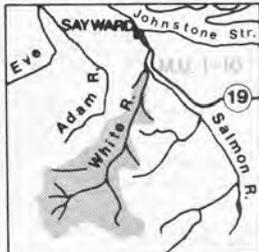
Map A24 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-15).



Map A25 Klinaklini Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-15).



Map A26 Upper Nimpkish Canada Goose Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-11).



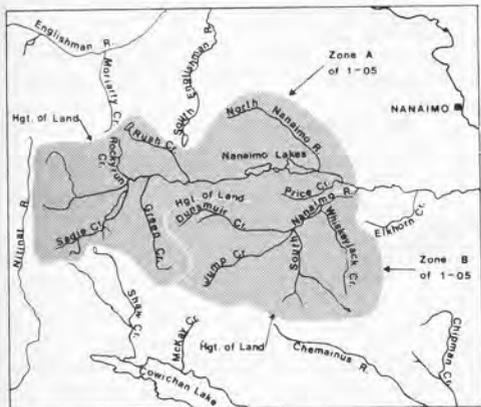
Map A27 White River Antlerless Deer Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-10).



Map A28 Vancouver Island Grouse, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer bucks and Black Bear Bow and Arrow Only Closed Area (situate in M.U. 1-5).



Map A29 Conuma River Archery Only Area (situate in M.U. 1-12). Open for all big game with open seasons in M.U. 1-12.



Map A30 Vancouver Island Deer Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 1-5).



Map A31 Knight/Kingcome Grizzly Bear Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 1-14, 1-15).

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LOWER MAINLAND REGION

(M.U.'s 2-1 to 2-19)

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MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

• No person shall use lead shot for the purpose of hunting waterfowl, coot or snipe in Management Units 1-5, 1-6, 2-4 and 2-8. Further restrictions on lead shot may be imposed in the future.

- A new antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer season is being made available in Management Unit 2-4.
- Please note changes to management boundaries. Several new M.U.'s have been created for this region. The coastal islands adjacent to M.U. 2-5, including Gambier, Anvil, Bowen, Keats and Thormanby Islands, now constitute M.U. 2-16. The former M.U. 2-10 has now been divided in half with the northern portion now known as M.U. 2-10, and the southern portion, 2-18. Similarly, the former M.U. 2-9 has been divided into M.U. 2-9 and M.U. 2-19. M.U. 2-2 has also been divided with the portion south of Hwy. 3 continuing to be known as M.U. 2-2 and the northern portion adjacent to the Coquihalla Hwy. now being known as M.U. 2-17. Changed M.U.'s are shaded green.
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

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BAG LIMITS

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

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LOWER MAINLAND REGION

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Fraser Valley Special Area — Hunters should take note of the special licence area in the Fraser Valley. Information is provided on detailed Map B2. A special Fraser Valley brochure with further information on open areas is available where licences are purchased. These special licences are available through the regional Ministry of Environment office, Government Agents and selected private outlets. For further information contact the Surrey office, Ministry of Environment, 8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday (Phone: 584-8822).
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in M.U. 2-1 (Manning Park).
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in Garibaldi Park, including the Black Tusk Nature Conservancy (situate in M.U.s 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9).
- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.
- BLACK BRANT REGULATIONS — In that portion of M.U. 2-4 lying west of a line drawn south from 72nd Street (Benson Road) to the permanent range marker in the International Boundary that is situated approximately 1260 metres (1400 yards) east of the shore at Boundary Bay, no person shall:
 - place a flock or set of Brant decoys within 180 metres (200 yards) of any other flock or set of Brant decoys;
 - set out a flock or set of Brant decoys that exceeds fifty (50) in number;
 - use more than one blind for each flock or set of Brant decoys; such blind to contain no more than five persons at any one time, and
 - set out more than one flock or set of Brant decoys.
- The discharge of firearms toward shore is prohibited in that portion of the area lying east of the dyke between the eastward extension of 12th Avenue, Municipality of Delta, B.C., and Centennial Park, Municipality of Delta, B.C., to a point 1,200 feet east of the mean high tide line.
- **No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the**

Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.

- **Vancouver Harbour:** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in Burrard Inlet east of a straight line drawn from Point Grey to Point Atkinson (Lighthouse Park).
- **Sea Island:** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the area on the foreshore of Sea Island (Vancouver International Airport) within the Westminster Land District.
- **In Lower Mainland Region,** hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within 100 metres of a church, school building, school yard, playground, Regional District park or dwelling house, farm or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals (except by the owner or occupier of a dwelling house, ranch or farm, or his agent, for the protection of crops or domestic animals). For further details, contact the Ministry of Environment office in Surrey.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

International Ridge Recreation Area (M.U. 2-3)
 Mount Judge Howay Recreation Area (M.U. 2-8) See Map B16.
 Simson Park (M.U. 2-16)

The following Recreation Area is only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to March 31 during a lawful game hunting season:

Skagit Valley Recreation Area (M.U. 2-2)

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

All Regional District Parks are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

LOWER MAINLAND REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Management Units: 2-12 to 2-15
 Sept. 8 — Oct. 21 **1**
 Management Units: 2-6 to 2-8
 Sept. 8 — Sept. 23 **1**
 Management Units: 2-5
 Sept. 8 — Oct. 8 **1**

See Maps B13, B14, B15, B16, B17.

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

Management Units: 2-4, 2-6 to 2-8, 2-12 to 2-15
 Bucks: Sept. 8 — Dec. 2 **2**
 Management Units 2-2, 2-3, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19
 Bucks: Sept. 8 — Dec. 16 **2**
 Management Units: 2-5, 2-16
 *Bucks: Sept. 8 — Dec. 2 **2**
 Management Unit: 2-16
 Antlerless: Nov. 3 — Nov. 18 **1**
 Management Unit: 2-4
 Antlerless: Nov. 17 — Nov. 25 **1**

***In that portion of M.U. 2-16 being Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(1).**

See Map B29.

Special Weapons Seasons:

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19

Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 7 **2**

Open only for those using longbows, crossbows and muzzle loading weapons.

LEH — M.U.'s 2-2, 2-3, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19

COUGAR

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-4, 2-6 to 2-15,
 2-17 to 2-19

Nov. 1 — Mar. 31 **2**

Management Units: 2-5, 2-16

No Closed Season **3**



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BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 Sept. 8 — Dec. 31/90 **2**
 Apr. 1 — June 15/91

Special Weapons Seasons:

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 Sept. 1 — Sept. 7/90 **2**

Open only for those using longbows, crossbows and muzzle loading weapons.

WOLF

Management Units: 2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16
 No Closed Season **3**

COYOTE, RACCOON, SKUNK

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 No Closed Season **NBL**

BOBCAT

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 Nov. 1 — Mar. 31 **5**

PHEASANT (Cocks Only)

Management Units: 2-4, 2-8
 Oct. 6 — Nov. 12 **2(6)**

Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

BOBWHITE QUAIL

Management Unit 2-4
 Oct. 6 — Nov. 12 **5(15)**

PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 2-2, 2-3, 2-9 to 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19
 Sept. 8 — Dec. 16 **5(15)**
 Management Units: 2-5 to 2-8, 2-12 to 2-15
 Sept. 8 — Dec. 2 **5(15)**

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed
 Management Units: 2-2, 2-3, 2-9 to 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19
 Sept. 8 — Dec. 16 **10(30)**
 Management Units: 2-4 to 2-8, 2-12 to 2-16
 Sept. 8 — Dec. 2 **10(30)**

Special Weapons Seasons:

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 Sept. 1 — Sept. 7 **10(30)**

Open only for those using longbows, crossbows and muzzle loading weapons.

BLACK BRANT

Management Unit: 2-4
 Mar. 1 — Mar. 10 **3(6)**
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for geese on page 8.

BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19
 Sept. 1 — Sept. 30 **5(10)**
See the provincial daily bag limit for band-tailed pigeons on page 8.

SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE

Management Units: 2-4, 2-5, 2-16
 Oct. 6 — Nov. 25
 and **5(10)**
 Feb. 9 — Mar. 10
See the provincial daily bag limit for geese on page 8. See special area maps.

DUCKS, COOTS, COMMON SNIPE

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19
 Oct. 6 — Jan. 20
 Management Unit: 2-11
 Sept. 20 — Dec. 26
 Bag Limits: Ducks: **6(12)**
 Coots: **10(20)**
 Common snipe: **10(20)**
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for ducks on page 8. See special area maps.

CANADA GEESE

Management Unit: 2-11
 Sept. 20 — Dec. 26 **5(10)**
 Management Units: 2-2 to 2-4, 2-8 to 2-10, 2-17 to 2-19
 Oct. 6 — Jan. 20 **2(4)**
 Management Units: 2-5 to 2-7, 2-12 to 2-16
 Oct. 6 — Jan. 20 **5(10)**
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for geese and on page 8. See special area maps.

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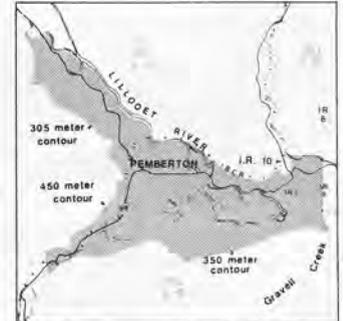
Map B1 Pitt Wildlife Management Area (situate in M.U. 2-8). No Hunting or Shooting Area (year-round closure). Public Shooting Area: Shotguns with shot only. Hunting permitted on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from Oct. 6 to Jan. 20 only. Seasonal No Shooting Area: Shotguns with shot only from Sept. 1 — Jan. 31.



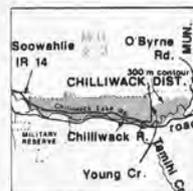
Map B2 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within those portions of M.U.'s 2-4 and 2-8 known as the Municipalities of Richmond, Delta, Surrey (including off-shore areas), Langley, Abbotsford, Matsqui, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Mission, Coquitlam and Electoral Area A of the Central Fraser Valley Regional District (Sumas Mtn. and Huntingdon) 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 Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance valid while in the field for the regular hunting season will be required. Hunters are reminded to obtain a Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area Brochure prior to entering the field. The brochure provides notification of closures, hunting boundaries, etc., not shown in this synopsis.



Map B3 Keats Island (situate in M.U. 2-16). The discharge of rifles is prohibited.



Map B5 Pemberton Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U.'s 2-9, 2-10, 2-11). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.

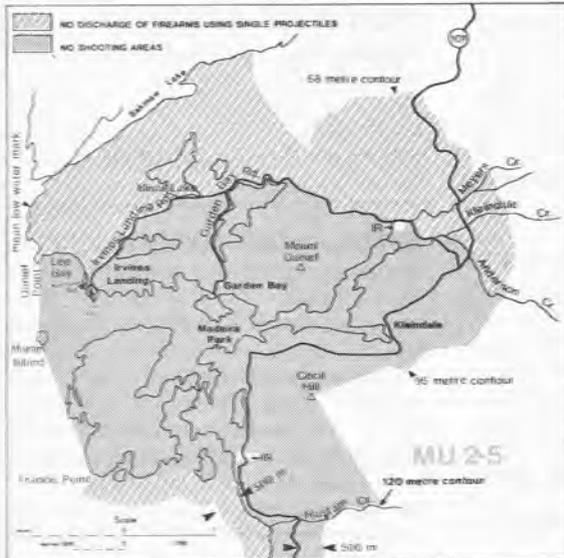


Map B4 Chilliwack Valley Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B6 Powell River Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-12). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.

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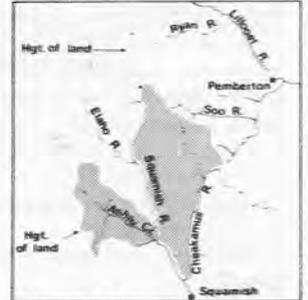
Map B7 Sechelt No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-5).



Map B13 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 2-12).



Map B14 Howe Sound Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



Map B15 Ashlu - Squamish Rivers Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 2-6).



Map B16 Stave - Mt. Judge Howay Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



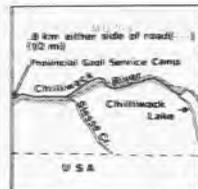
Map B17 Lois River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 2-12).



Map B18 Popkum No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-3).



Map B8 Nicomen No Shooting Area, Shotguns with Shot Only Area and No Discharge of Rifles Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



Map B19 Provincial Gool Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-3).



Map B20 Buntzen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



Map B21 Elbow Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-19).



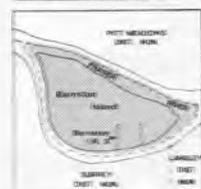
Map B22 Yale No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-18).



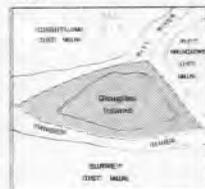
Map B23 Hope No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-2, 2-17).



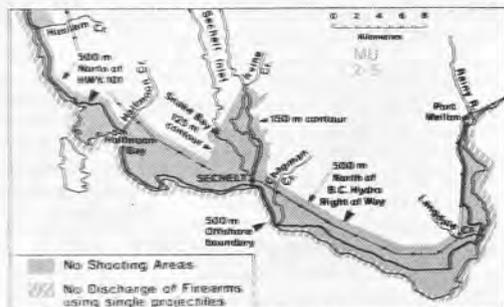
Map B9 Cultus Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited. See also Map B-40.



Map B10 Barnston Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-4). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B11 Douglas Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-4). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



Map B12 Sechelt No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 2-5).



Map B24 Huntington No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-4).

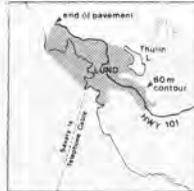


Map B25 Sumas Mountain No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-4).

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Map B26 Vananda No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-16).



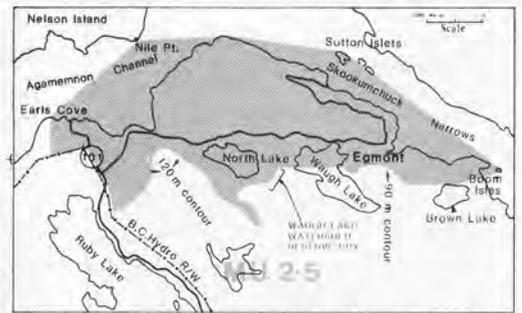
Map B27 Lund No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-12).



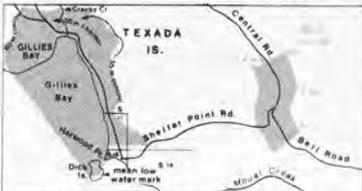
Map B28 Blubber Bay No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-16).



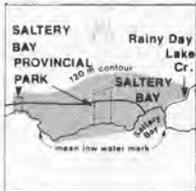
Map B29 Bowen Island No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-16). Special Bow and Arrow Season for mule (black-tailed) deer (Cross-bows prohibited). Bucks: Sept. 1 to Dec. 16; Jan. 1 to Jan. 20. Antlerless: Oct. 6 to Dec. 16; Jan. 1 to Jan. 20. Bag Limit: **2(1)**. On Bowen Island hunting is prohibited within 150 metres of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling or farm building.



Map B30 Waugh Lake - Skookumchuck No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-5).



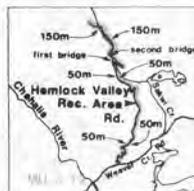
Map B31 Gillies Bay and Texada Junction No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-16).



Map B32 Saltery Bay No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-12).



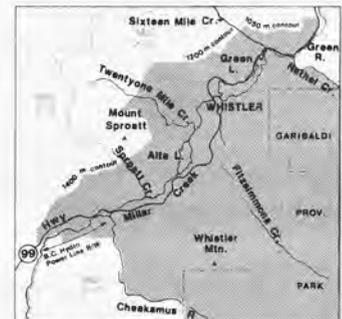
Map B33 Squamish No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



Map B34 Hemlock Valley No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-19).



Map B35 Evans Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-6).



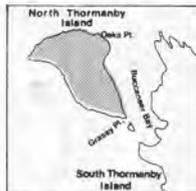
Map B36 Whistler No Shooting Area (situate in M.U.'s 2-6, 2-7, 2-11).



Map B37 Addington Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 2-8).



Map B38 Boundary Bay Seasonal No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 2-4). Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited from Nov. 7 to Feb. 28.



Map B39 North Thormanby Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 2-16).



Map B40 Cultus Lake Seasonal No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 2-3). The discharge of firearms is prohibited from February 1 to September 30.



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THOMPSON-NICOLA SUB-REGION

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MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- Please note management unit boundary changes for this sub-region.
- The bag and possession limit for sharp-tailed grouse has been reduced to **3(9)**.
- Open hunting seasons for coyote have been reduced by two months in total. •
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.)

The boundaries indicated on these regional maps approximately represent regional management unit boundaries. For a more precise definition of M.U. boundaries, consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 2ND edition, 1990.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting Section on page 12.

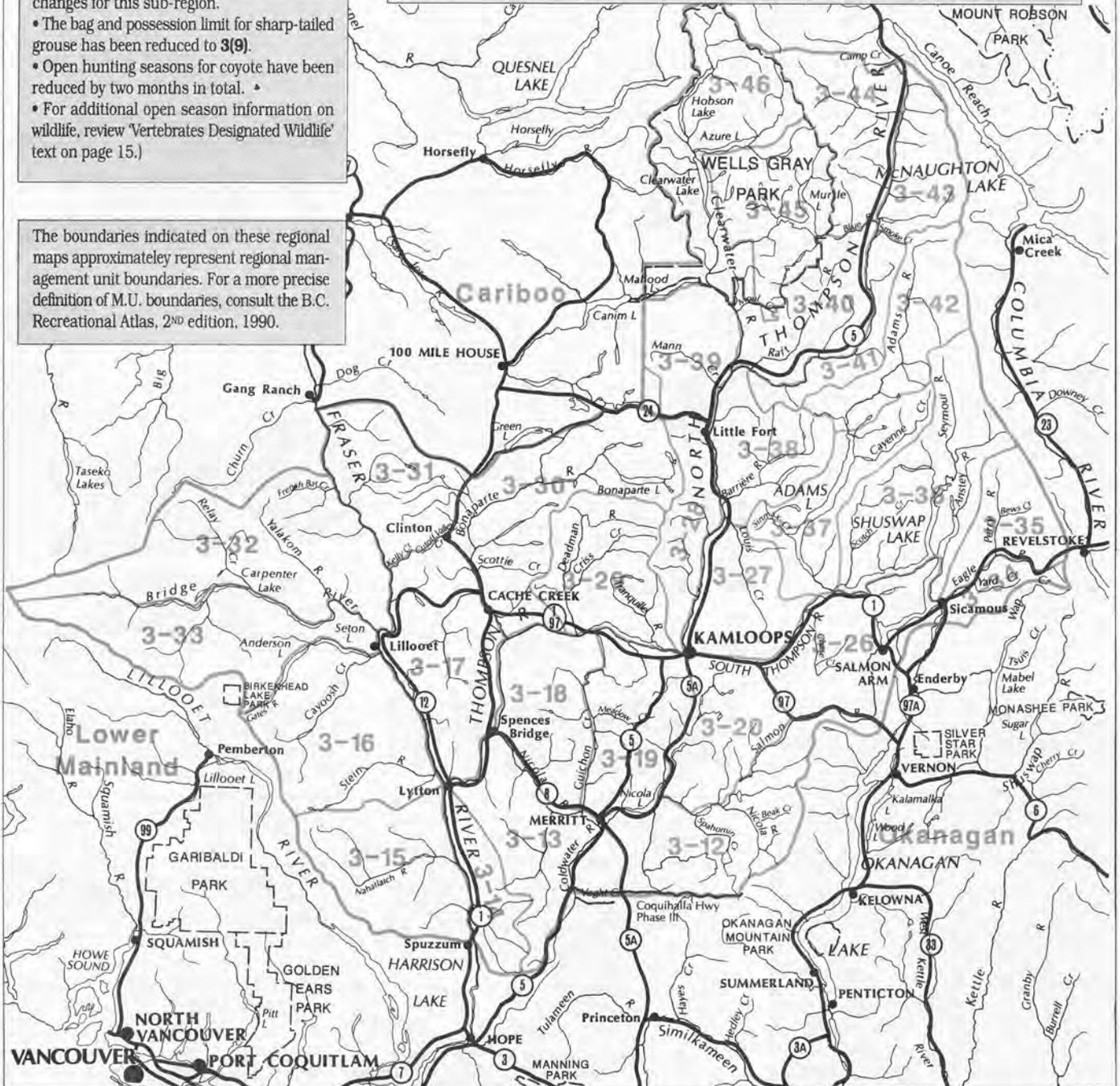
NOTE: A bull moose Limited Entry Hunting season and an antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer LEH season are being considered for 1991/92.

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The aggregate bag limit for deer is two, one of which may be a mule (black-tailed) deer and one of which may be a white-tailed deer.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.



THOMPSON-NICOLA SUB-REGION

SNOWMOBILE RESTRICTIONS

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in M.U.'s 3-28 and 3-46.

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

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

1. The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited or restricted in the following areas. Contact the Ministry of Environment in Kamloops for details.

- Lac du Bois — Dewdrop in M.U. 3-29.
- Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 m in M.U. 3-44. See Map C18 for snowmobile recreation area (open January 1 to April 30).
- Above the 1920 m elevation in M.U. 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 M.U. 3-32. See Map C19.

2. The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms, or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited above the 1500 metre elevation on and about the Scarped Range in M.U. 3-17.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- **No Shooting Areas:** Hunters should note **Highway No Shooting Areas** as outlined on pages 12 and 13.
- Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in M.U. 3-45 (Murtle Lake Nature Conservancy Area).
- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.

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PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 20 to April 15 during a lawful game hunting season:

- Cinnemousun Narrows Park (M.U.'s 3-26, 3-36)
- Niskolith Lake Recreation Area (M.U. 3-27)
- Pennask Recreation Area (M.U. 3-12)
- Roderick Haig-Brown Recreation Area (M.U. 3-37). See Map C14.

Shuswap Lake Marine Park (M.U.'s 3-36, 3-26)

Spahats Creek Park (M.U. 3-40)

Stake-McConnell (M.U. 3-19).

Wells Gray Park (M.U. 3-46): Open to the discharge of firearms from September 20 to May 31 during a lawful game hunting season.

Wells Gray Recreation Area (M.U.'s 3-40, 3-46).

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

THOMPSON-NICOLA SUB-REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER*

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-41, 3-46

Bucks: Sept. 20 — Dec. 9 1

Management Units: 3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33, 3-42 to 3-44

Bucks: Sept. 1 — Dec. 9 1

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46

Antlerless: Oct. 22 — Oct. 28 1

*Regional bag limit 1(1).

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46

Bucks: Sept. 20 — Dec. 9 1

MOOSE

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46

Bulls: Oct. 10 — Oct. 31 1

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Sept. 20 — Sept. 26 1

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Full curl or greater

Management Unit: 3-17

Sept. 20 — Oct. 4 1

3/4 curl or greater

Management Unit: 3-31

Sept. 20 — Oct. 4 1

Management Unit: 3-32

Sept. 1 — Oct. 15 1

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-46

Sept. 20 — Dec. 15/90 2

Apr. 1 — June 15/91

Management Unit: 3-42

Sept. 20 — Dec. 15/90 2

*Apr. 1 — June 1/91

*Bow and Arrow Only Season

COUGAR

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44

Sept. 20 — Mar. 31 2

WOLF

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44

Sept. 20 — Mar. 31 3

COYOTE

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28 NBL

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THOMPSON-NICOLA SUB-REGION

FOX

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-18, 3-26 to 3-28, 3-30 to 3-41
Oct. 15 — Feb. 28 **1**

SKUNK

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
No Closed Season **NBL**

RACCOON

Management Units: 3-14 to 3-17, 3-26, 3-27, 3-32, 3-33
No Closed Season **NBL**

BOBCAT

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **1**

LYNX

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **1**

WOLVERINE

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Nov. 1 — Feb. 15 **1**

MOURNING DOVES

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Sept. 1 — Nov. 30 **10(20)**

DUCKS, COOTS, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, CANADA GEESE, COMMON SNIPE

Management Units: 3-30, 3-31
Sept. 15 — Dec. 15
Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-32 to 3-44, 3-46
Sept. 20 — Dec. 26

Bag Limits:
Ducks: **6(12)**
Coots: **10(20)**
White-fronted geese: **5(10)**
Snow geese: **5(10)**
Ross' geese: **5(10)**
Canada geese: **5(10)**
Common snipe: **10(20)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed
Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Sept. 10 — Dec. 9 **5 of each (15 of each)**
Management Unit: 3-46
Sept. 20 — Dec. 9
Sharp-tailed
Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44
Sept. 10 — Dec. 9 **3(9)**
Management Unit: 3-46
Sept. 20 — Dec. 9

The daily aggregate bag limit for Grouse (Blue, Spruce (Franklin), Ruffed and Sharp-tailed) is fifteen (15).

PHEASANT (Cocks only)

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-15, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-37
Oct. 4 — Nov. 15 **2(6)**
Hunting of pheasant is permitted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

Management Units: 3-12, 3-13, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33
Oct. 1 — Dec. 9 **3(9)**

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

Management Units: 3-12, 3-13, 3-16 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33
Oct. 1 — Dec. 9 **5(15)**

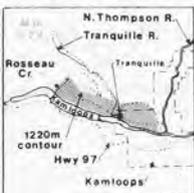
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Management Units: 3-13 to 3-17
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Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for band-tailed pigeons on page 8.

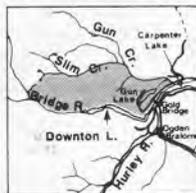
PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 3-13 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-39, 3-41 to 3-44
Sept. 1 — Dec. 9 **5(15)**
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THOMPSON-NICOLA SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



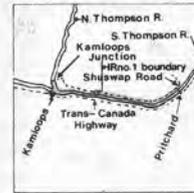
Map C1 Dewdrop/Mara Mountain Recreation Area (situate in M.U. 3-29). Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer Bucks Only Season: Sept. 20 to Oct. 21. Bag Limit: 1



Map C2 Gun Lake Special Area (situate in M.U. 3-32). The open season for Antlered Mule (Black-tailed) Deer is Sept. 20 to Dec. 9. See No Shooting Area, Map C9.



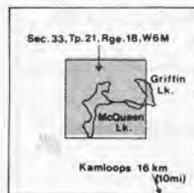
Map C3 Blind Bay No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-26).



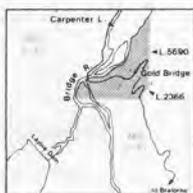
Map C4 Kamloops No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



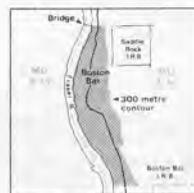
Map C5 Logan Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-19).



Map C6 McQueen Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-28).



Map C7 Gold Bridge No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-33).



Map C8 Boston Bar No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-14).



Map C9 Gun Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-32).



Map C10 Bralorne No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-33).

THOMPSON-NICOLA SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



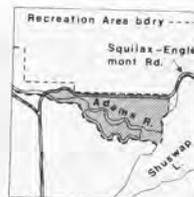
Map C11 Highland Valley No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 3-18).



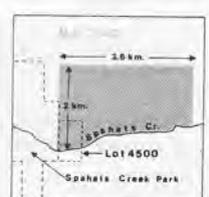
Map C12 Sicamous No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-26).



Map C13 Minnie Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-12).



Map C14 Roderick Haig-Brown Recreation Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-37).



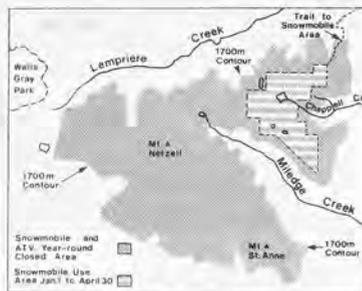
Map C15 Spahats Creek Camp No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-40).



Map C16 Tranquille Farms No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-29).



Map C17 Salmon Arm No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 3-26).



Map C18 Milede, Chappell and Lempreiere Creeks Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 3-44). Snowmobile recreation area open from Jan. 1 to Apr. 30.



Map C19 Spruce Lake Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov. 30 to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines open year-round.

HUNTING IS YOUR SPORT — HELP MANAGE IT!

To manage British Columbia's wildlife, the Ministry of Environment relies heavily upon information only the sportsmen and sportswomen of the province can supply. Because thousands of people must be contacted, and because this contact takes several forms, the process of gathering information is often supported by computer and special reporting procedures. The purpose of three of the major data collection procedures with which the B.C. hunter will come in contact is explained here.

HUNTER SURVEYS

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 license in the previous year are sent a questionnaire. In 1989, some 120,000 questionnaires were mailed. Each questionnaire refers to the species for which a particular license was purchased and is designed for easy response. Hunters who have purchased several species licenses may receive questionnaires for more than one species.

All hunters receiving a questionnaire are asked to respond. Replies from sportsmen who did not get out hunting that season, or who were unsuccessful, are just as valuable to wildlife managers as the information from hunters who did bag an animal. Responses to those questionnaires are statistically expanded to represent the hunting activity of all licensed sportsmen for the past year. In addition to the standard questionnaire

procedure, the Wildlife Branch will be making telephone contact with some hunters this season.

TOOTH RETURN

Precise sex/age classification of the harvest is vital to good game management. In the past, game checks were the primary source of age information for deer, moose and elk. Age information is available for most other species from compulsory inspection. However, game checks do not provide for sufficient information to allow managing of populations on a watershed or herd basis in some areas. In addition, game checks are labour intensive and expensive, competing for limited available resources. To gain more information at less cost, the **voluntary tooth return program** is now operating on a province-wide basis.

HOW INFORMATION IS USED

Information derived from contact with the sportsman through questionnaires, license purchase, tooth returns and compulsory inspection is collated in numerous ways to provide a diagnosis of the status and health of animal herds.

The information tells the wildlife manager who is hunting, where they are hunting, how long they spend in the area, where animals are taken, and the age and sex as well as other biological information about the animal. In total the information tells the wildlife manager a lot about the population of animals in a given area of the province and also reveals hunters' habits and shows when periods of heavy harvest occur within a season in a given area. With this kind of information, managers can be very specific in plotting out hunting regulations for each year to reduce periods of heavy harvest in some areas, extend open seasons in other areas, and balance the needs

of the animal population against the demand of the hunting public. The information may also point to areas where more investigation or more detailed monitoring is needed.

The Wildlife Program needs all the information it can obtain from sportsmen. The carefully designed mail-out surveys, compulsory inspection and voluntary tooth returns programs are critical to managing our game animals well. Failure of sportsmen to assist and cooperate leaves few alternatives for setting hunting season and bag limits. Without adequate data, managers have to set very conservative seasons to ensure an over-harvest will not occur. The manager's choices are then limited to restricting harvest by closing areas, reducing season lengths, or applying Limited Entry hunting. Allowing open hunting without sufficient information is unacceptable. It risks over-harvesting and jeopardizing the conservation of the resource.

Good information makes for good game management and good hunting!

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KOOTENAY REGION

(M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40)

Regional Headquarters —

310 Ward Street, Nelson, V1L 5S4

Sub-regional office —

106-5th Ave. S., Cranbrook, V1C 2G2

District Offices — Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Invermere, Nakusp and Nelson.

For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- A number of watersheds have been added to the list of motor vehicle restricted areas for the 1990/91 season.
- The buck mule (black-tailed) deer season length has been extended by ten days in several management units.
- The bag limit for black bear has been changed to a maximum of 1 during the fall season and 1 during the open spring hunting season.
- Please note changes to the class of animal available for open hunting seasons for moose.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting section on page 12.

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). In M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40, the bag limit for white-tailed deer is one. In M.U.'s 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39, the bag limit for white-tailed deer is two (2). Both may be antlerless, but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken under LEH.

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

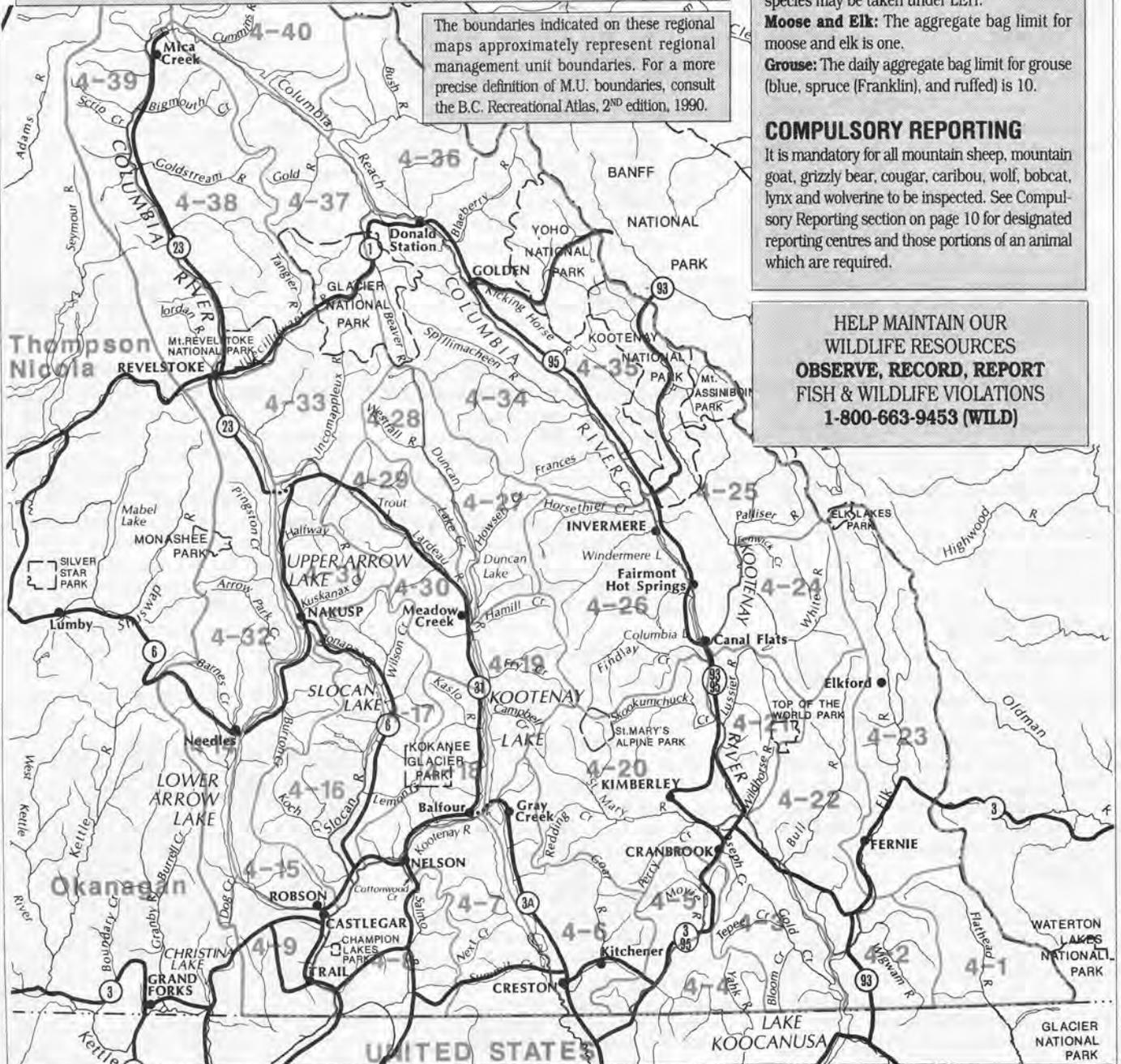
Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is 10.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, wolf, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

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The boundaries indicated on these regional maps approximately represent regional management unit boundaries. For a more precise definition of M.U. boundaries, consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 2ND edition, 1990.



KOOTENAY REGION

SNOWMOBILE AND VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- The use of snowmobiles or snow vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in Kootenay Region.
- The operation of all vehicles is prohibited in the following areas: Contact local Ministry of Environment offices for details.
 - West of Canal Flats — prohibited from December 11 to April 30. (See Map D5).
 - Premier Ridge — prohibited from December 11 to April 30 (See Map D4).
 - Sportsman (Flathead) Ridge — year-round (See Map D30).
 - Wigwam Flats — Mt. Broadwood — year-round (See Map D32).
 - Powerplant area — year-round (See Map D31).
 - Chauncey-Todhunter — year-round (See Map D29).
 - that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of the creek at the 5,000 foot (1525 metre) contour — year-round.
 - Stoddart Creek — year-round (See Map D33).
 - Columbia Lake — year-round (See Map D14).
 - North Galbraith Creek and that portion of Galbraith Creek south and east of the confluence of North Galbraith Creek and Galbraith Creek and the areas shown on Maps D2, D3, and D6. (year-round)
 - Ridgmont — year-round (See Map D36)
- The operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles is prohibited on the following seismic exploration roads in the Elk Valley near Elkford:
 - Bingay Creek Road
 - Forsythe Creek Road
 - Cadorna Creek Road
 - Aldridge Creek Road
 - Henretta Creek Road
 - Kilmarnock Creek Road
- The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited in that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream from the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park (M.U. 4-24), except for authorized industrial purposes.
- The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for, or in support of hunting, except during the period between March 1 and March 31 and between July 1 and August 31, or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the following areas. Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters — but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not. The watershed of:
 - Akamina Creek in M.U. 4-1,
 - Albert River in M.U. 4-25,
 - Alexander Creek upstream of a point 30 m south of an unnamed creek flowing westerly into Alexander Creek from Mt. Domke in M.U. 4-23,
 - Baribeau Creek in M.U. 4-20,
 - Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 km marker in M.U. 4-32,
 - Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson and Haynes Creeks in M.U. 4-22,
 - Blackfoot Creek in M.U. 4-24,
 - Bloom Creek in M.U. 4-3,
 - Bradford Creek in M.U. 4-20,
 - Brewer Creek upstream from a point immediately downstream of its confluence with Thorald Creek in M.U. 4-26,
 - Buhl Creek upstream from a point 0.5 km upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek,
 - Burton Creek in M.U. 4-22,
 - Caven Creek in M.U. 4-3,
 - Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Road crossing in M.U. 4-20,
 - the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek in M.U. 4-21,
 - Cross River in M.U. 4-25,
 - Dainard Creek in M.U. 4-35,
 - Dibble Creek upstream of the Bull River Forestry Access Road crossing in M.U. 4-22,
 - Downie Creek upstream from the point of intersection with Highway 23 in M.U. 4-38,
 - North Fork of Dry Creek upstream of the 19 km marker in M.U. 4-25,
 - Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek,
 - Elk Creek upstream from Whiterock Forestry Access road in M.U. 4-24,
 - Fenwick Creek in M.U. 4-24,
 - All creeks flowing westerly from the Galton range between the international boundary and Phillips Creek upstream from the 1220 m (4000 foot) contour in M.U. 4-02,
 - Haller Creek — Cherry Lake in M.U. 4-3,
 - Irishman Creek west of Highway 3/95 in M.U. 4-5,
 - Iron Creek in M.U. 4-22,
 - Kishinena Creek in M.U. 4-1,
 - Lavinton Creek upstream of the 1110 metres elevation in M.U. 4-26,
 - Leadville Creek in M.U. 4-6,
 - Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimpster Creek in M.U. 4-22,
 - Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks in M.U. 4-9,
 - McDermid Creek in M.U. 4-22,
 - Middlepass Creek in M.U. 4-1,
 - Moose Creek in M.U. 4-35,
 - Nilksuka Creek upstream from the North White River haul road in M.U. 4-24,
 - Nine Mile Creek upstream of the 1300 metre elevation in M.U. 4-24,
 - Patrick Creek flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road in M.U. 4-20,
 - Pedley Creek in M.U. 4-25,
 - Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek in M.U. 4-22,
 - Rialto Creek upstream from 7 km on the Keenlyside Dam Haul road,
 - Four unnamed creeks flowing southerly into Sanca Creek from Sherman Mountain up-

stream from the Sanca Creek road in M.U. 4-06,

- Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 km from its confluence with Greenland Creek in M.U. 4-20,
 - Smallwood and Garrity Creek from a point 20 meters southeast of the intersection of the Smallwood Creek and Garrity Creek roads in M.U. 4-18,
 - Smallwood Creek upstream from the western boundary of Lot 6875 in M.U. 4-18,
 - Tiger Creek upstream of the Gopher Creek crossing in M.U. 4-09,
 - Tunnel Creek upstream of Hwy #3 in M.U. 4-22,
 - Upper Beaverfoot River in M.U. 4-35,
 - the middle fork of the White River upstream from the first bridge crossing in M.U. 4-24.
6. A person authorized to trap is exempt from the restrictions outlined in sections one and four with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

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KOOTENAY REGION • OPEN SEASONS

7. Forest Service Coordinated Access Plans are in effect in the following watersheds and Management Units. To determine which roads are physically closed please consult with the Cranbrook or Invermere Ministry of Environment office or Forest Service office.
- Flathead River, M.U. 4-1
 - St. Mary's River, M.U. 4-20
 - Bull River, M.U. 4-22
 - White River, M.U. 4-25
 - Findlay-Skookumchuck, M.U. 4-20, 4-26
 - Beaverfoot River, M.U. 4-35

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.
- Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex White-tailed Deer — See Map D1.
- Holders of a "Cow or Calf only" elk Limited Entry Hunting Authorization **are prohibited** from taking any other elk in Region 4.
- Holders of a "Calf only" elk Limited Entry Hunting Authorization **are permitted** to hunt for bull elk during the regular open season.
- **No Shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.**
- Columbia Lake Park (M.U. 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

- The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 10 to June 15 during a lawful game hunting season:
- Akamina-Kishinena Recreation Area (M.U. 4-1)
 - Brilliant Terrace Park (M.U. 4-15)
 - Bugaboo Glacier Park (M.U. 4-34)
 - Bugaboo Alpine Recreation Area (M.U.'s 4-27, 4-34)
 - Cody Coves Park (M.U. 4-18)
 - Drewery Point Park (M.U. 4-7)
 - Elk Lakes Park (M.U. 4-23)
 - Elk Lakes Recreation Area (M.U. 4-23)
 - Elk Valley Park (M.U. 4-23)
 - Fry Creek Canyon Recreational Area (M.U. 4-19)
 - Hamber Park (M.U. 4-40)
 - Kikomun Creek Park (M.U. 4-22) See Map D19.
 - Marl Creek Park (M.U. 4-36)
 - McDonald Creek Park (M.U. 4-32) See Map D23.
 - Mount Assiniboine Park (M.U. 4-25). **All persons using horses in this park are required to obtain a Letter of Authority from the E. Kootenay District Park office, Box 118, Wasa, B.C. (Ph. 422-3212).**
 - Nancy Greene Recreation Area (M.U. 4-9)
 - Norbury Lakes Park (M.U. 4-22) See Map D20.
 - Pilot Bay Park (M.U. 4-6)
 - Premier Lake Park (M.U. 4-21) See Map D21.
 - Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (M.U.'s 4-19, 4-20, 4-26). **The Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (B.C.**

Parks) is closed to the use of snowmobiles and motor vehicles.

- Ryan Park (M.U. 4-4)
 - St. Mary's Alpine Park (M.U. 4-20)
 - Texas Creek (M.U. 4-10)
 - Top of the World Park (M.U. 4-21, 4-22) **Camping and the use of horses in the portion of the park in the Galbraith and North Galbraith Creek drainage is prohibited.**
 - Valhalla Park (M.U. 4-16)
 - Whiteswan Lake Park (M.U. 4-24)
- Kokanee Glacier Park and Kokanee Glacier Recreation Area (M.U.'s 4-17, 4-18) are only open to the discharge of firearms from November 1 to November 30 during a lawful game hunting season.
- Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms.

KOOTENAY REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MOOSE

- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-40
- Bulls: Oct. 30 - Nov. 2
- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20, 4-22 to 4-26, 4-34
- Calf: Oct. 30 - Nov. 2
- For hunters that successfully take a bull moose, the antlers must accompany the species licence. For any hunter successful in taking a calf moose, the head must accompany the species licence. See Notice to Hunters on page 34. See the regional bag limit for moose and elk on page 32.*
- LEH** — See Map D41.

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40
- Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 1
- Management Units: 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-38, 4-39
- Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 25 1
- Bow and Arrow Only Season**
- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
- Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
- See regional bag limit for deer on page 8.*
- LEH** — M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-8, 4-14, 4-16 to 4-39.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40
- Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 20
- Management Units: 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39
- Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 30
- See regional bag limit for deer on page 8.*
- Bow and Arrow Only Season**
- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
- Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
- See Map D1.**
- LEH** — M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-36, 4-38, 4-39.



ELK

- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40
- *Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 20 1
- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40
- **Bulls: Oct. 21 — Oct. 31 1
- Management Unit: 4-18
- **Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31 1
- Management Units: 4-6, 4-7, 4-19, 4-27 to 4-30
- *Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31 1
- Bow and Arrow Only Season**
- Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40
- *Bulls: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
- *Bulls with at least one branched antler. A branched antler is one with at least three points (tines), not including the brow tine, each of which is at least 8 cm (3 inches) in length.*
- **Bulls with at least one six-point antler, not including the brow tine, each point (line) being at least 8 cm (3 inches) in length.*
- The antlers of bull elk must accompany the species licence.*
- Hunters are required to submit the antlers and the lower jaw or incisor tooth of any archery-killed elk within 10 days of the kill.*
- See Notice to Hunters on page 34.*
- See the regional bag limit for elk and moose on page 32.*
- LEH** — See Maps D38, D39, D40, D41, **Also M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-7, 4-20 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-36.**

CARIBOU

- Management Units: 4-37 to 4-40
- Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 5 1
- See page 10 for compulsory reporting requirements.*
- See Map D8.**

MOUNTAIN GOAT

- Management Unit: 4-40
- Sept. 10 — Nov. 30 1
- In that portion of M.U. 4-37 north and west of Windy Creek, the season is from Sept. 10 — Nov. 30.*
- In that portion of M.U. 4-39 in the vicinity of Seymour Creek, the season is from Sept. 10 — Nov. 30.*
- See Map D37.**
- LEH** — M.U. 4-37, 4-39.

HUNTER TIP

Be sure of your target and beyond. Stop and look again.

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 10 — Nov. 30/90 **1**

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Apr. 1 — June 30/91 **1**

Bow and Arrow Only Season

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 1 — Sept. 9/90 **1**

There is no open season on female or other black bear in the company of two-year-old or younger black bear or on two-year-old or younger black bear. Do not shoot any black bear when observed in a family unit.

BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Rams only)

Full curl or greater

Management Units: 4-1, 4-21 to 4-24, 4-35
Sept. 10 — Oct. 25 **1**

Management Units: 4-2, 4-25*

Sept. 10 — Oct. 20 **1**

**In those portions of M.U. 4-25 east of the Kootenay River including that portion of Mt. Assiniboine Park (outside of LEH zone), the season is from Sept. 10 — Oct. 25.*

LEH — See Maps D42, D43, D44.

COUGAR

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-7, 4-18 to 4-30,
4-33 to 4-37, 4-40

Dec. 1 — Feb. 28 **1**

Management Units: 4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-17, 4-31, 4-32
Dec. 1 — Mar. 10 **1**

Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar or cougar kittens.

All cougar taken in the Kootenay Region must be checked at a compulsory check centre in the Region within four days of the kill.

Hunters are advised to avoid taking female cougar. Should the harvest of females exceed 10 in the East Kootenays (2 in M.U. 4-23), or five in the West Kootenays, the season will be closed.

COYOTE

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Oct. 15 — Feb. 28 **10**

RACCOON, SKUNK

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
No Closed Season **NBL**

BOBCAT

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Nov. 15 — Feb. 28 **3**

RAVEN

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
No Closed Season **5**

Hunting of raven is limited to private land only in M.U.'s 4-1, 4-4, 4-5, 4-8, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-23, 4-27 to 4-33 and 4-37 to 4-40.

WOLF

Management Units: 4-3 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 10 — Feb. 28 **2**

In those portions of M.U.'s 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, below 1100 metres in elevation, there is no closed season.

All wolves harvested in the Kootenay Region must be checked at a compulsory check centre in the Kootenay Region within four days of the kill.

LYNX

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Nov. 15 — Feb. 28 **1**

WOLVERINE

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **1**

PHEASANT (Cocks Only)

Management Units: 4-6, 4-7

Oct. 15 — Nov. 15

Daily Limit: **3**

Possession Limit: **6**

Season Limit: **12**

PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 10 — Nov. 30 **10(30)**

CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Management units: 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to
4-33, 4-38, 4-39

Oct. 1 — Dec. 31 **5(10)**

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to
4-37, 4-40

Sept. 1 — Nov. 30 **5(10)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for geese on page 8.

See Map D7.

MOURNING DOVES

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 1 — Nov. 30 **10(20)**

DUCKS, COOTS, COMMON SNIPE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE

Management Units: 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19,
4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39

Oct. 1 — Dec. 31

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26,
4-34 to 4-37, 4-40

Sept. 10 — Dec. 15

Bag Limits:

Ducks: **6(12)**

Coots: **10(20)**

Common snipe: **10(20)**

Snow geese: **5(10)**

Ross' geese: **5(10)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
Sept. 10 — Nov. 30 **10(30)**

QUALITY HUNTING DOES NOT HAPPEN BY CHANCE

With increasing demands on our resources by all users, major strategy plans have been implemented in the Kootenay Region.

Resource Management Planning

Integrated planning with other resource users:

- protects the land base
- provides for public involvement
- increases joint venture habitat enhancement
- improves wildlife habitat

Selective Hunting Strategies

Limited entry hunting and trophy regulations

- improve big game populations
- restore sex and age ratios
- increase hunter success
- involve hunters in wildlife management

Access Management

Selected roads have been closed to:

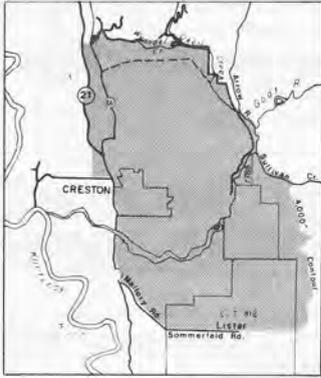
- provide for recreational diversity
- prevent vehicular harassment
- regulate wildlife population numbers
- restore wildlife habitat

**BIG GAME HUNTING SUPPORTED MORE THAN
250,000 RECREATIONAL DAYS IN THE
KOOTENAY REGION IN 1989-90
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT +
HUNTER SUPPORT =
QUALITY HUNTING**

HUNTER TIPS

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never use a rifle scope to identify a target.
- Unload your firearm when crossing a fence, creek or area of insecure footing.
- Store firearms and ammunition securely and separately.
- Does anybody know where you're going, or when you'll be back?
- Always take a first aid survival kit and compass with you.
- Respect the sensibilities of others — don't make an unnecessary display of firearms or freshly killed game.
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- Never assume a firearm is unloaded.
- Open the action of any firearm as soon as you pick it up. Look to see that it is unloaded.
- Leave all gates as you find them.
- Be sure of your target and beyond. Stop and look again.

KOOTENAY SPECIAL AREA, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map D1 Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex White-tailed Deer (situate in M.U. 4-6). Bow and arrow only season from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.



Map D2 Pickering Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 4-22).



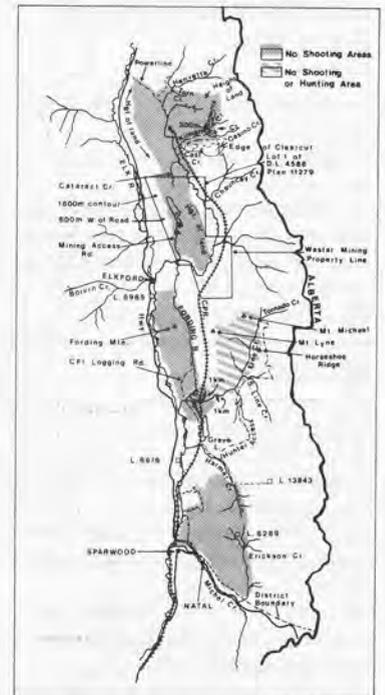
Map D3 Duncan - Lardeau Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 4-30). The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except on Highway 31.



Map D4 Premier Ridge Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec. 10.



Map D5 Dutch-Findlay Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 4-26). Roads shown as solid lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec. 10.



Map D9 Crows Nest Resources, Forging Coal, Westar Mining, Greenhills and Forging Mountain No Shooting Areas and Line Creek No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 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.



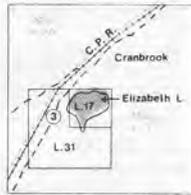
Map D6 Sheep Mountain Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 4-22). Highlighted dashed roads are open year-round.



Map D7 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situate in M.U.'s 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



Map D8 Jordan River Caribou Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-39).



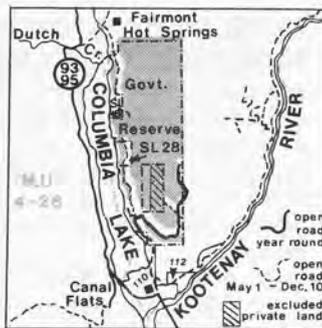
Map D12 Elizabeth Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 4-3).



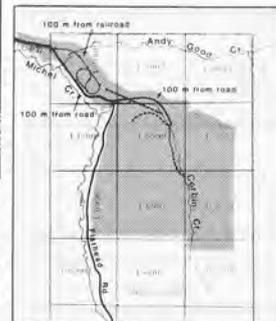
Map D10 Freeman Creek No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-4).



Map D11 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 4-20).



Map D14 Columbia Lake Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-25). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec. 10, roads shown as solid lines are open year round.



Map D15 Byron Creek Collieries No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 4-23).

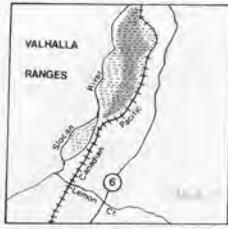
The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except on roads shown as open on Maps D2, D4, D5 and D6.

Map D13 White-swan Park No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 4-24).

KOOTENAY SPECIAL AREA, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map D16 Selkirk No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-7 and 4-8). This closure has been established to protect endangered mountain caribou. Incorporates Stag Leap Park.



Map D17 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-17).



Map D18 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-19).



Map D19 Kikomun Creek Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-22). Closed area is portion inside internal range fence.



Map D20 Norbury Lakes Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-22).



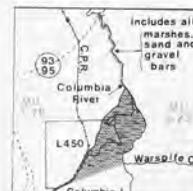
Map D21 Premier Lake Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-21).



Map D22 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-25).



Map D23 McDonald Creek Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-15).



Map D24 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U.'s 4-25, 4-26). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map D25 Shaw Creek Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 4-7). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map D26 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 4-1). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or operation of motor vehicles.



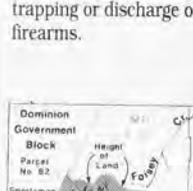
Map D27 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situate in M.U. 4-36). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



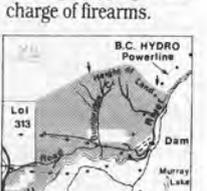
Map D28 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 4-21). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map D29 Chauncey-Todhunter Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 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 solid lines are open year-round.



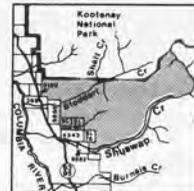
Map D30 Sportsman (Flathead) Ridge Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Road shown in white open year-round.



Map D31 Powerplant Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-22). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as solid lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Dec. 10.



Map D32 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown in white open June 15 to July 15. River Road is open year-round.



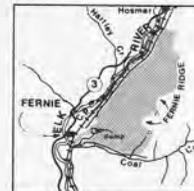
Map D33 Stoddart Creek Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-25). Road shown as solid line is open year round.



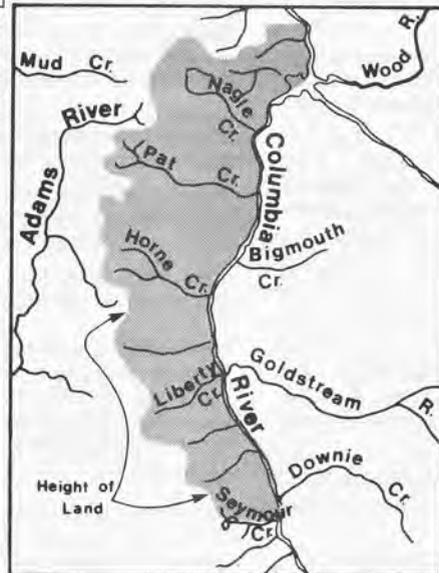
Map D34 Summit Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situate in M.U. 4-7).



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

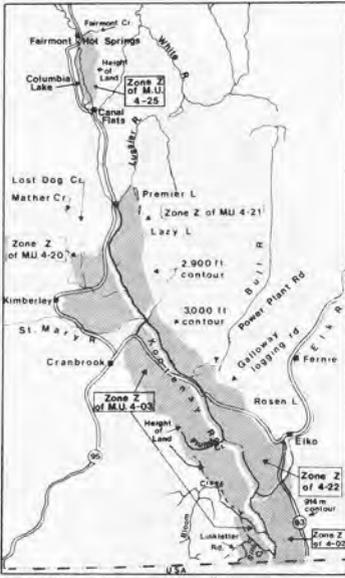


Map D36 Ridgemont Vehicle Closed Area (situate in M.U. 4-23). Roads shown as solid lines open year round.

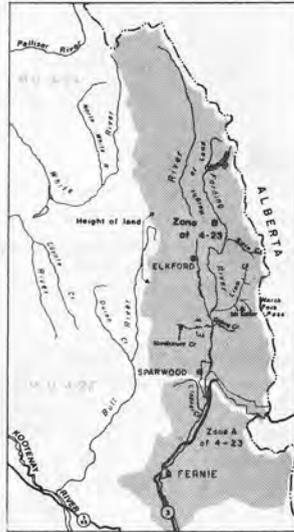


Map D37 Seymour Creek Mtn. Goat Area (situate in M.U. 4-39). Open season on mtn. goat is from Sept. 10 to Nov. 30.

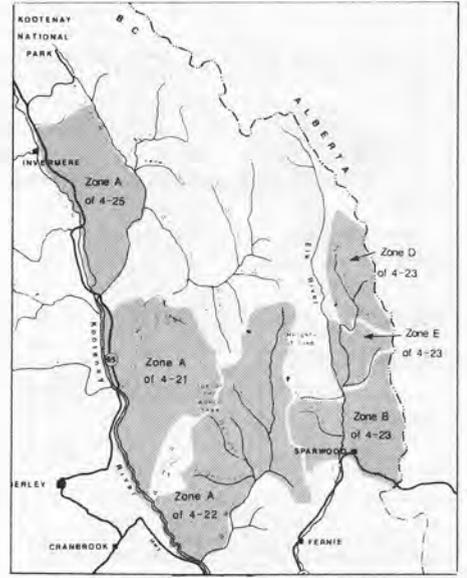
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Map D38 Kootenay Elk Early Season Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-25).



Map D41 Kootenay Elk and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-23).



Map D44 Kootenay Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 4-25).



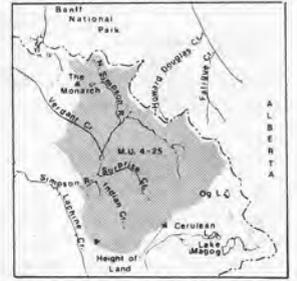
Map D39 Kootenay Elk Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 4-6, 4-7).



Map D40 Kootenay Elk Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-17).



Map D42 Phillips Creek Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-2).



Map D43 Mt. Assiniboine Park Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 4-25).

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 15 metres of the travelled portion of the following described highways:

Highway #1 — from Three Valley Gap, to the B.C. - Alberta border excluding that portion of the highway which runs through Mount Revelstoke Glacier and Yoho National Park;

Highway #3 — From the Blueberry/Paulson summit to Castlegar, Ootischenia, Meadows, Salmo, Salmo-Creston cutoff, Creston, Cranbrook, Fernie to British Columbia boundary at Crowsnest;

Highway #3A — Castlegar-Nelson-Creston from junction of Route 3 at Ootischenia interchange near Castlegar via Brilliant Bridge, Nelson and Kootenay Lake ferry to junction with Route 3 near Creston;

Highway #3B — Nancy Green Lake-Rossland-Meadows from junction with Route 3 at Nancy Green Lake via Rossland, Warfield, Trail, Montrose, Fruitvale to junction with Route 3 at Meadows;

Highway #6 — Nelson-Nelway/Vernon-Slocan from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Nelway via Saimo, Nelson, South Slocan, Nakusp, Fauquier to 2 Km west of Shiel Lake;

Highway #21 — Creston-Rykerts from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Rykerts to junction with Route 3 near Creston;

Highway #22 — Paterson Rossland-Castlegar

from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Paterson via Rossland, Warfield and Trail to junction with Route 3 at Castlegar;

Highway #22A — Waneta from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Waneta to junction with Route 3B near Montrose;

Highway #23 — Nakusp-Mica Creek from junction with Route 6 at Nakusp via Galena Bay, Shelter Bay, Revelstoke to Mica Creek Dam site;

Highway #31 — Balfour-Kaslo/Galena Bay from junction with Route 3A at Balfour via Kaslo, Trout Lake, to junction with Route 23 near Galena Bay;

Highway #31A — Kaslo-New Denver from junction with Route 31 at Kaslo to junction with Route 6 at New Denver;

Highway #43 — Elk Valley from junction with Route 3 at Sparwood to Elkford;

Highway #93 — Elko-Rooseville, Radium Hot Springs-Castle Mtn. Junction from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Roosville via Elko, Route 3, Fort Steele junction, Route 95, Radium Hot Springs, Kootenay National Park to British Columbia-Alberta boundary;

Highway #95 — Yahk-Kingsgate/Kootenay-Columbia from Canada-U.S.A. boundary at Kingsgate — via Yahk, Route 3, Fort Steele junction, Wasa, Radium Hot

Springs, to junction with Route 1 at Golden;

Highway #95A — Kimberley from junction with Route 3 and 95A near Cranbrook via Kimberley to junction with Route 93/95 and 95A Wasa junction.

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Kootenay	
Castlegar	2205-14th Ave., V1N 3M7, 365-8522
Cranbrook	106-5th Ave. S., V1C 2G2, 426-1450 (or call collect 489-4225)
Creston	Box 1550, V0B 1G0, 428-3220
Fernie	Bag 1000, V0B 1M0, 423-7551
Golden	Box 1313, V0A 1K0, 344-7101
Invermere	Box 2949, V0A 1K0, 342-4266
Nakusp	Box 183, V0G 1R0, 265-3522
Nelson	310 Ward St., V1L 5S4, 354-6397

CARIBOO SUB-REGION

(M.U.'s 5-1 to 5-16)

Regional Headquarters — Plaza 400-1011-4th Avenue, Prince George, V2L 3H9

Sub-regional Office — 540 Borland Street, Williams Lake, V2G 1R8

District Offices — Alexis Creek, Quesnel, Hagensborg, 100 Mile House, Williams Lake

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- Please note that there is no open season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer in M.U. 5-3.
- Reductions in both the bag and possession limits for band-tailed pigeons and ducks are in effect this year.
- See open season information on page 15.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting section on page 12.

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, one of which may be antlerless.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting

Section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

• The operation of all motor vehicles 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 or from the location of wildlife is prohibited on the following roads:

- Clusko-Tzaziti Forest Service Road from its intersection with the southerly boundary of D.L. 3431 (situate in M.U. 5-13). Vehicular access sign is posted.
- Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road (No. 7365) from a point 5 km (3 miles) north of the junction of the Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road and the Clusko River (situate in M.U. 5-12).
- The Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road (B.C. Forest Service Project No. 942-8130) southerly and westerly from km 5 to South Bentick Arm (situate in M.U. 5-8).
- Talchako Forest Service Road southerly and easterly from km 3 (situate in M.U. 5-8).
- Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road (Ministry of Forests Project 7672) westerly from km 50 (situate in M.U. 5-12 and 5-13).
- Roaring River Road (situate in M.U. 5-15) from April 15 to June 15.
- the Neechanz Forestry Development Road (situate in M.U. 5-7).

— Clusko-Aneko Forest Service Road commencing at km 71 (situate in M.U. 5-13).

— Red Mountain Mining Road and Battlement Ridge Mining Road from September 1 to October 15 (situate in M.U. 5-4).

— Stobart Creek F.S.R. (3200 Road) and the Churn Creek (2800 Road) westerly and southerly from their junction.

— All areas above the 1520 metres elevation in the area shown on Map E7.

• 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 those areas shown on Maps E22, E23, and E24.

• The operation of ATVs (excluding licenced motorcycles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in M.U.'s 5-12 and 5-13 from September 1 to November 27.

• The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year-round in the area shown on Map E3.

• The operation of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yobeta Mountain, Goat L.E.H. area. See Map E35.

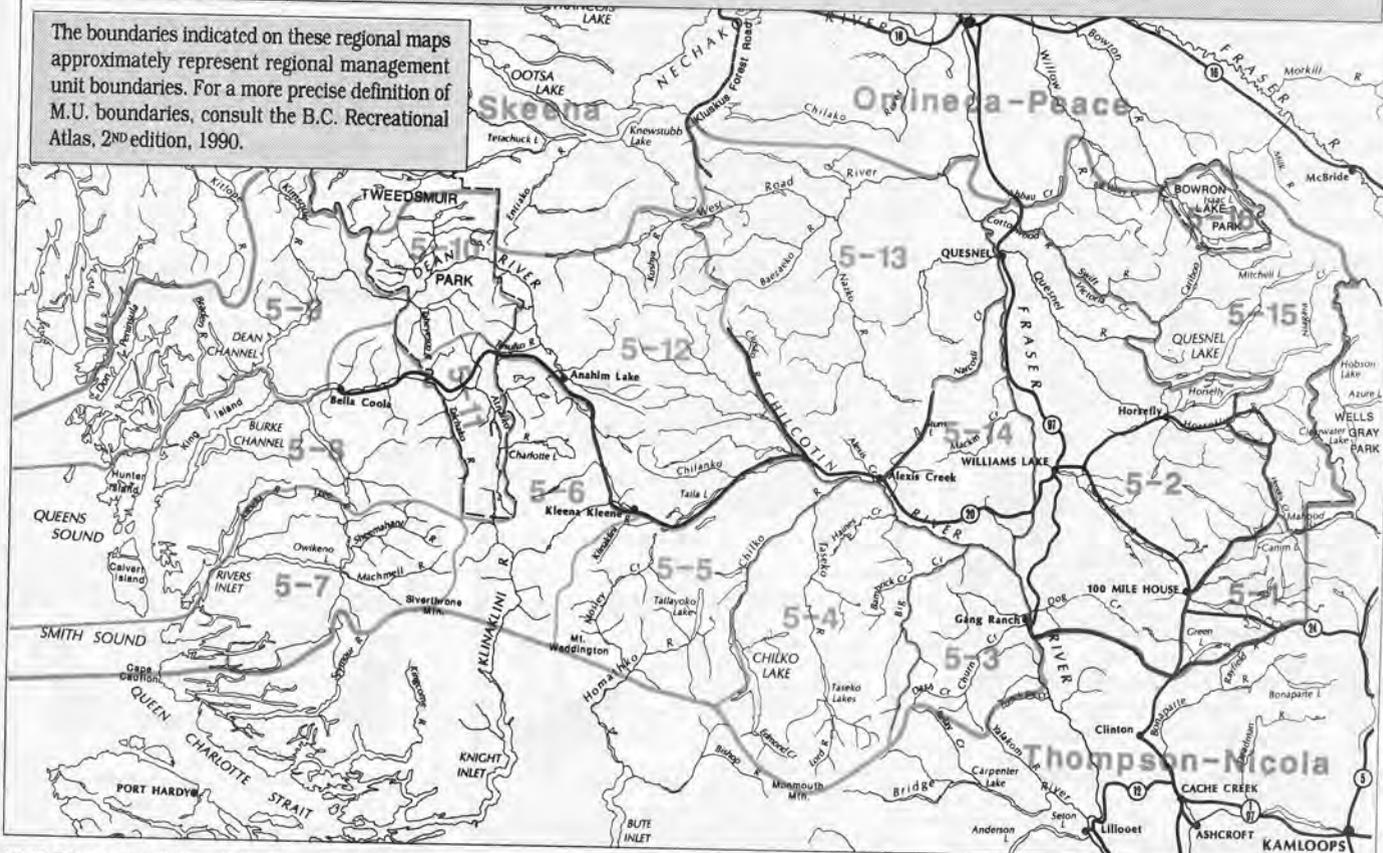
• See Gaspard - Churn ATV Restricted Area. Map E29

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The boundaries indicated on these regional maps approximately represent regional management unit boundaries. For a more precise definition of M.U. boundaries, consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, 2nd edition, 1990.



CARIBOO SUB-REGION • OPEN SEASONS

BIGHORN 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. Age is no longer a valid criteria for measurement.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

• The hunting of big game (see definition) is prohibited within .4 km (1/4 mile) of either side of the centre line of the following roads:

— Tatlayoko Road and any side roads to Tatlayoko Road southerly from the north end of Tatlayoko Lake (situate in M.U. 5-5).

— "J" Road and all branch roads from its intersection with the Nyland-Sundberg Forest Service Road (situate in M.U. 5-2).

— West Fraser Road (No. 32, Ministry of Transportation and Highways) from the City of Quesnel city limits southerly to the Marguerite Ferry turnoff (situate in M.U.'s 5-13, 5-14).

— Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (situate in M.U. 5-5). See Map E26.

— Holtry Creek Forest Service Road (Morrison Meadow Road) easterly of the west boundary of Lot 1677, Range 3, Coast Land District (situate in M.U. 5-12). Vehicular access sign posted.

• There are special vehicle restrictions in the Junction Mountain Sheep area in M.U. 5-14. See Map E28.

• Hunting is prohibited in M.U. 5-16 (Bowron Lake Provincial Park).

• Hunting is prohibited in portions of Tweedsmuir Park. See Map F16, page 45.

• Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.

• Between March 1 and August 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are 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 (M.U. 5-13).

• Please avoid shooting collared big game animals in the Cariboo Sub-region. See Collared Wildlife section on page 7.

• Please note that both elk and white-tailed deer are present in Cariboo Sub-region but there is **no season** on either. Be sure of the species before you shoot.

• The use of dogs to hunt all wildlife **except game birds** is prohibited in that part of M.U. 5-14 shown on Map E31.

• **Fire!** While prescribed burns benefit wildlife, uncontrolled fires have adverse effects on wildlife. As the Chilcotin Forest District has experienced an increasing drought situation for the past seven years, caution with fires is required. During the hunting season, the nights may be cool but conditions are drier than they have been in the past. Extra precautions with campfires are necessary, not only to protect our forests but also your safety and personal belongings. **Please be careful to extinguish your campfire completely before leaving camp.** Copies of the official campfire regulations are available from the nearest Forest Service office.

• **No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.**

• Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 metres of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel on the Nekite River in M.U. 5-7.

• The discharge of firearms is prohibited on Lot 8125, Cariboo District on which Big Lake School is located. The discharge of firearms is prohibited in Snootli Creek Park in M.U. 5-8.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 1 to June 30 during a lawful game hunting season:

— Fiordland Recreation Area (M.U. 5-9)

— Hakai Recreation Area (M.U. 5-8)

— Stum (Pelican) Lake Provincial Park (M.U. 5-13)

— Tweedsmuir Park and Recreation Area (M.U.'s 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 6-1, 6-2) See Map F16, page 48.

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

CARIBOO SUB-REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MOOSE

Management Unit: 5-1

Bulls: Sept. 10 — Sept. 26 1

Oct. 4 — Oct. 14

Management Unit: 5-11

Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 21 1

Management Units: 5-2 to 5-4, 5-13 to 5-15

Bulls: Sept. 10 — Sept. 26 1

Oct. 4 — Nov. 18

Management Units: 5-5, 5-6, 5-10, 5-12

Bulls: Sept. 10 — Nov. 18 1(1)

Antlerless: Oct. 31 — Nov. 2

See special area maps, E30.

⑬ — See Maps E34, E35.

Also M.U.'s 5-1, 5-3, 5-14, 5-15.

BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP

(Rams Only)

Full curl or greater

Management Unit: 5-3

Sept. 1 — Oct. 15 1

3/4 curl or greater

Management Unit: 5-4*

Sept. 1 — Oct. 15 1

*Hunters should note that the mountain sheep season on Nemaia Mountain area in M.U. 5-4 may be closed if the resident harvest level exceeds five rams.

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CARIBOO SUB-REGION

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.

Management Units: 5-4 to 5-9, 5-11

Sept. 1 — Oct. 21 **1**

Management Unit: 5-15

Sept. 1 — Sept. 23 **1**

See Maps E2, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9.

LEH — See Maps E35, E36, E37, E38.

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

Management Units: 5-1, 5-2, 5-12 to 5-14

Bucks: Sept. 20 — Nov. 25 **2**

Management Units: 5-10, 5-11

Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 25 **2**

Management Units: 5-3, 5-6, 5-15

Bucks: Sept. 1 — Nov. 25 **2**

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9

Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 4 **2**

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 to 5-15

*Bucks: Dec. 1 — Dec. 7 **2**

Management Unit: 5-8

Bucks: Dec 15 — Dec. 31 **2

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-2, 5-4 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15

Antlerless: Oct. 22 — Oct. 28 **1**

*Open only for bucks with four or more points (tines) above the brow tine on one antler. See tine point definition on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

**Open only for bucks with three or more points (tines) above the brow tine on one antler. See tine point definition on page 3. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

Please take note of the regional bag limit for deer on page 36.

See Map E1 for open seasons in M.U.'s 5-4 and 5-5.

See special area maps.

LEH — M.U. 5-3, 5-5.

GRIZZLY BEAR

Management Unit: 5-7

Oct. 1 — Oct. 31 **1**

Apr. 1 — May 31/91

Management Units: 5-8, 5-9

Sept. 10 — Dec. 2/90 **1**

Apr. 1 — May 31/91

Management Units: 5-3 to 5-6, 5-12, 5-13, 5-15

Apr. 15 — June 15/91 **1**

See Maps E10, E11.

LEH — See Map E33.

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-13, 5-15

Sept. 1 — Nov. 25/90 **2**

Apr. 15 — June 30/91

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9

Sept. 1 — Dec. 2/90 **2**

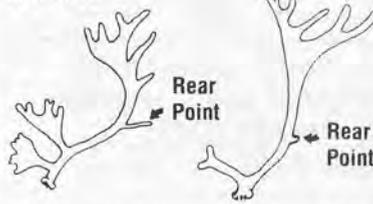
Apr. 15 — June 30/91

Management Units: 5-1, 5-2, 5-14

No Closed Season **2**

MATURE BULL CARIBOU

M.U. 5-12



5 Points on one antler at least 8 cm (3 inches) in length (measured as shown) above the rear point or which has a main beam which is at least 75 cm (30 inches) in length.

CARIBOU

Caribou are being managed as a trophy species. Hunters are requested to select large male caribou when hunting.

Management Unit: 5-12

*Mature Bulls: Sept. 1 — Oct. 14 **1**

*Open only to bulls with one antler bearing at least five points, each of which is at least 8 cm (3 inches) in length, above the rear point (see diagram) or having a main beam of at least 75 cm (30 inches) in length.

Management Unit: 5-15

Bulls: Sept. 1 — Oct. 7 **1**

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WOLF

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15

No Closed Season **10**

Management Units: 5-10, 5-11

Sept. 1 — Mar. 31 **3**

COUGAR

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15

Nov. 15 — May 31 **2**

Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar, or cougar killens. Should the total resident harvest of female and young cougar exceed 10, the season may be closed. See Map E32.

COYOTE

Management Units: 5-2, 5-3, 5-14

No Closed Season **NBL**

Management Units: 5-1, 5-4 to 5-13, 5-15

Sept. 10 — Feb. 28 **NBL**

FOX

Management Unit: 5-8

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28 **NBL**

BOBCAT

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **2**

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CARIBOO SUB-REGION

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed
 Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15
 Sept. 10 — Nov. 25 **10 of each (30 of each)**

PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15
 Sept. 1 — Nov. 1 **10(30)**

PHEASANT

Management Unit: 5-3
 Sept. 10 — Nov. 25
 Daily Limit: **3(only 1 hen)**
 Possession Limit: **9(only 3 hens)**

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

Management Unit: 5-3
 Sept. 10 — Nov. 25 **8(24)**

RAVEN

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15
 Mar. 1 — May 31 **5**
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

Management Units: 5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14
 Sept. 10 — Nov. 25 **8(16)**

DUCKS, COOTS, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, CANADA GEESE, COMMON SNIPE

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15
 Sept. 15 — Dec. 15
 Bag Limits:
 Ducks: **6(12)**
 Coots: **10(20)**
 Snow geese: **5(10)**
 Ross' geese: **5(10)**
 White-fronted geese: **5(10)**
 Canada geese: **5(10)**
 Common snipe: **10(20)**
Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

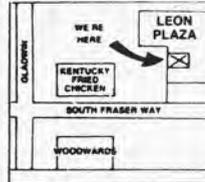
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9
 Sept. 1 — Oct 31 **5(10)**

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CARIBOO SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map E1 Cariboo Mule (Black-tailed) Deer Sub-unit Divisions (situate in M.U.'s 5-4 and 5-5).
 5-4A and 5-5A
 Bucks: Sept. 1 — Nov. 25 **2(1)**
 Antlerless: Oct. 21 — Oct. 29
 5-4B and 5-5B
 Bucks: Sept. 20 — Nov. 25 **2(1)**
 Antlerless: Oct. 21 — Oct. 29



Map E7 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-5). For vehicle restriction, see page 33.



Map E2 Bella Coola Mountain Goat Special Season Area (situate in M.U.'s 5-8, 5-9).
 Special Season: Sept. 1 — Sept. 17. Bag Limit: **1**.



Map E8 Mt. Spranger Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-15).



Map E12 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-2).



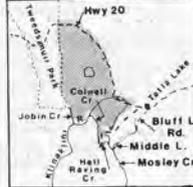
Map E3 Eureka Peak Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-15).
 Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles.



Map E9 Nemala Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-4).



Map E13 Highway 20 No Shooting area (situate in M.U.'s 5-10, 5-11) extends 0.4 km either side of the centreline from Bella Coola to the easterly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park. The hunting of all wildlife species is prohibited.



Map E4 Perkins Peak - Kappan Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U.'s 5-5, 5-6).



Map E10 Genesee Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-7).



Map E5 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situate in M.U. 5-15).

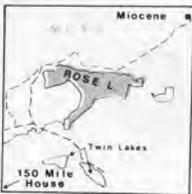


Map E6 Taseko Lakes Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-4).

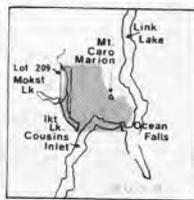


Map E11 Dean-Kimsquit Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-9).

CARIBOO SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map E14 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-2).



Map E15 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-9).



Map E16 Williams Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-2).



Map E17 Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-2).



Map E18 Wells No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-15).



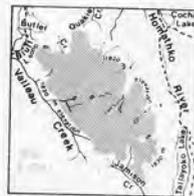
Map E19 Tibbles Road No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-13).



Map E20 Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-2).



Map E21 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 5-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map E22 Valteau Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-5).



Map E23 Churn Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-3).



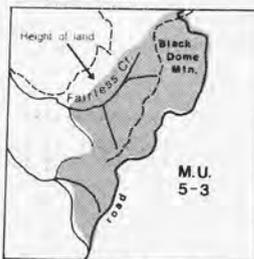
Map E24 Ghost Lake Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-15).



Map E25 West Fraser Road Restriction (situate in M.U.'s 5-13, 5-14). The hunting of big game is prohibited.



Map E26 Horn-Bluff Lakes Road Restriction (situate in M.U. 5-5). The hunting of big game is prohibited.



Map E27 Blackdome Mtn No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 5-3).



Map E28 Junction Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-14). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Road shown in white open April 1 to November 30.



Map E29 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 5-3).



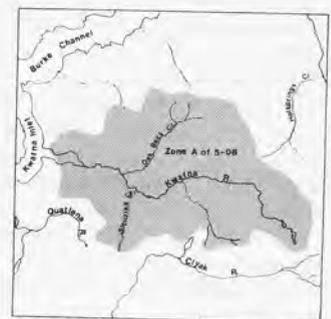
Map E30 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-5).



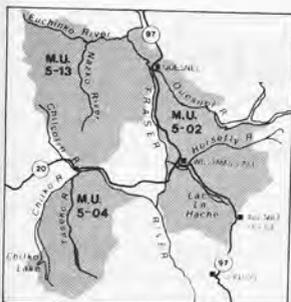
Map E31 Junction Hound Closed Area (situate in M.U. 5-14). The use of dogs to hunt all wildlife except game birds is prohibited.



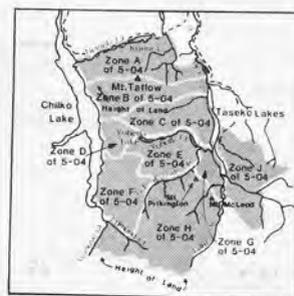
Map E32 Riske Creek Cougar Closed Area (situate in M.U.'s 5-3, 5-4, 5-14).



Map E33 Kwatna Grizzly Bear Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 5-8).



Map E34 Cariboo Antlerless Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 5-2, 5-4, 5-13).



Map E35 Yohetta Mountain Goat and Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (for Mountain Goat M.U. 5-4, zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J; for Moose M.U. 5-4, zones B, C, D, E, F, G, H). The operation of all terrain vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yohetta LEH area.

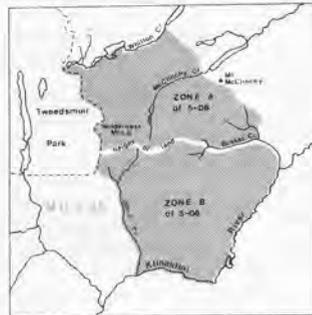
CARIBOO SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map E36 Eureka/Boss Deception Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 5-15).



Map E37 Cherry Creek Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 5-6).



Map E38 Jobin-McClinchy Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 5-6).



Map E39 Bluff Lake Mule (Black-tailed) Deer Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 5-5).

ALLOCATION OF THE ANNUAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST

In 1985 the Ministry of Environment established a set of policies and procedures to guide ministry staff and representatives of guide outfitters and resident sportsmen in the allocation of the Annual Allowable Harvest of game animals. They were established after extensive discussion with representatives of the B.C. Wildlife Federation and the Guide Outfitters of B.C. Initially those discussion also involved the Federation of B.C. Naturalists.

Policies/Procedures

The policies and procedures related to allocation of the allowable harvest of game animals are made up of several separate policies and procedures. To completely understand the allocation process all of the policies must be considered together. Separate policies and procedures have been developed for the following:

- setting the "Allowable Harvest;"
- establishing "Open Seasons;"
- effecting the "Allocation of Hunting Privileges;"
- issuing permits for residents to accompany non-residents through "Permit Allocation — Non-Resident (Canadian and Alien) hunting;"
- setting non-resident hunter limits under "Quota Allocation — Guided Hunting;"
- setting resident hunter limits under "Limited Entry Hunting;" and
- considerations for allocations which may result in harvest overruns or stockpiling of unharvested ani-

mals under the "Wildlife Harvest" policy.

Key to the application of all those policies and procedures is the requirement that representatives of guide outfitters and resident sportsmen be consulted prior to a regional manager setting allocations for resident and non-resident hunters. Other key factors include the following:

- no allowable harvest will exceed the level of harvest needed to assure the conservation of the wildlife resource;
- allowable harvests are set to be consistent with meeting wildlife objectives for hunting and non-hunting uses;
- harvest allocations are only considered where the Allowable Harvest is reached or may soon be reached;
- resident hunters are given priority over non-resident hunters; and
- allocations are set for three (3) year periods where feasible.

PROJECT WILD

Project WILD is being introduced in B.C. as part of the environmental education program of the Ministry of Environment. Project WILD teaches young people from kindergarten to Grade 12 how to think about wildlife, not what to think. They learn basic concepts about wildlife, its needs for survival, its relationship to the ecosystem, and its importance to people and the environment. The program helps develop problem-solving and decision-making skills to determine responsible human action.

The core of Project WILD is an activity guide. The guide contains 81 activities, designed to teach one or more of the following concepts:

- awareness and appreciation of wildlife
- human values and the wildlife resource
- wildlife and ecological systems
- wildlife conservation
- cultural and social interaction with wildlife
- wildlife issues and trends, alternatives and consequences
- wildlife, ecological systems and responsible human action

These activities are designed as a supplement for teaching the required curriculum, and can be used to teach basic skills not only in science, but in social

studies, language arts, math, art and P.E. Natural centres and youth groups will also find Project WILD useful.

The Project WILD activity guide is available to teachers free of charge only when they attend a workshop.

For more information on the workshops or content of the program, write: Project WILD, c/o Information Services Branch, Ministry of Environment, Parliament Buildings, 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5

HUNTER TIPS

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Always take a first aid survival kit and compass with you.
- Never use a rifle scope to identify a target.
- Unload your firearm when crossing a fence, creek or area of insecure footing.

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MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- An extension to the open season for mountain goat is set for M.U.'s 6-14 to 6-16.
- The open season for calf moose in M.U.'s 6-4 to 6-6, 6-8 and 6-9 has been moved to an earlier time period.
- Please note changes to the bag and possession limit for band-tailed pigeons.
- Management unit numbers for M.U.'s 6-17A and 6-17B have been changed to M.U. 6-17 and M.U. 6-30, respectively. Boundaries for these M.U.'s have not been altered.
- Portions of M.U.'s 6-3 and 6-11 are now under LEH for bull moose. See map F45.
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There is no open season (for the species indicated) in portions of M.U.'s under LEH hunting as shown in maps F33 through F45 (see pages 49 and 50).

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one, except in M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13 where the season bag limit is 10.

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

SNOWMOBILE AND SNOW VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in M.U.'s 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, except as authorized by permit by the Ministry of Environment.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- The use of motorized vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited beyond .4 km (1/4 mile) from any ferry landing site within M.U. 6-2 from October 18 to December 1.
- B.C. Railway Corridor Vehicle Closed Area — The use of motor vehicles to transport wildlife or hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the area parallel to and 2 km perpendicularly distant from the

midline of the B.C. Railway right-of-way from the confluence of the Skeena River and Chipmunk Creek in the south to the intersection of the B.C. Railway right-of-way with Highway 37 in the north. See Map F13.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

• The hunting of big game (see definition) is prohibited within .4 km (1/4 mile) of either side of the centreline of the following roads:

- Equity Mine Road southerly and easterly from Houston to the Equity Mine site; and
- Topley — Babine Lake Road northerly from Topley to Babine Lake at Topley Landing.

• The hunting of big game is prohibited within 2 km of either side of the Muddy Lake/Golden Bear Access Road.

• 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.

• Hunters should take note of the NO HUNTING AREA in the vicinity of Sewell near Port Clements on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Contact the Ministry of Environment for further details.

• Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.

• 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 (M.U. 6-13).

• Please avoid shooting collared caribou or grizzly bear. See Collared Wildlife Section on page 7.

• **No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.**

• Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the lower jaw, including the incisor teeth, of a calf moose taken in the Skeena Region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken, together and available for inspection by an officer of the Ministry of Environment.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

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

Atlin Park and Recreation Area (M.U.'s 6-25, 6-26, 6-27). See Maps F7, F15.

Babine Mountains Recreation Area (M.U. 6-8).

Fiordland Recreation Area (M.U.'s 6-3, 5-9).

Gitnadoix Recreation Area (M.U. 6-10).

Mount Edziza Park and Recreation Area (M.U. 6-21).

Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park (M.U. 6-20). See Maps F6, F10.

Stikine River Recreation Area (M.U.'s 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22).

Tweedsmuir Park and Recreation Area (M.U.'s 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4). See Map F16.

Naikoon Park (M.U. 6-13). No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from April 1 to September 1. See Map F14.

Boya Lake Park (M.U. 6-23). No person shall hunt or discharge firearms from May 1 to September 1.

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

SKEENA REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

Management Units: 6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-18, 6-30

Bucks: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31 1

Management Units: 6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-18, 6-30

*Bucks: Nov. 1 — Nov. 20 1

Management Units: 6-12, 6-13

Bucks: June 1 — Feb. 28 10(10)**

Antlerless: Oct. 4 — Feb. 28

Bow and Arrow Only Season

Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15

Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9 1

*Nov. 21 — Nov. 30

*Open only for bucks that have four or more points (tines) above the brow tine on one antler. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

**The possession limit for deer in M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13 is 3.

See Notice to Hunters.

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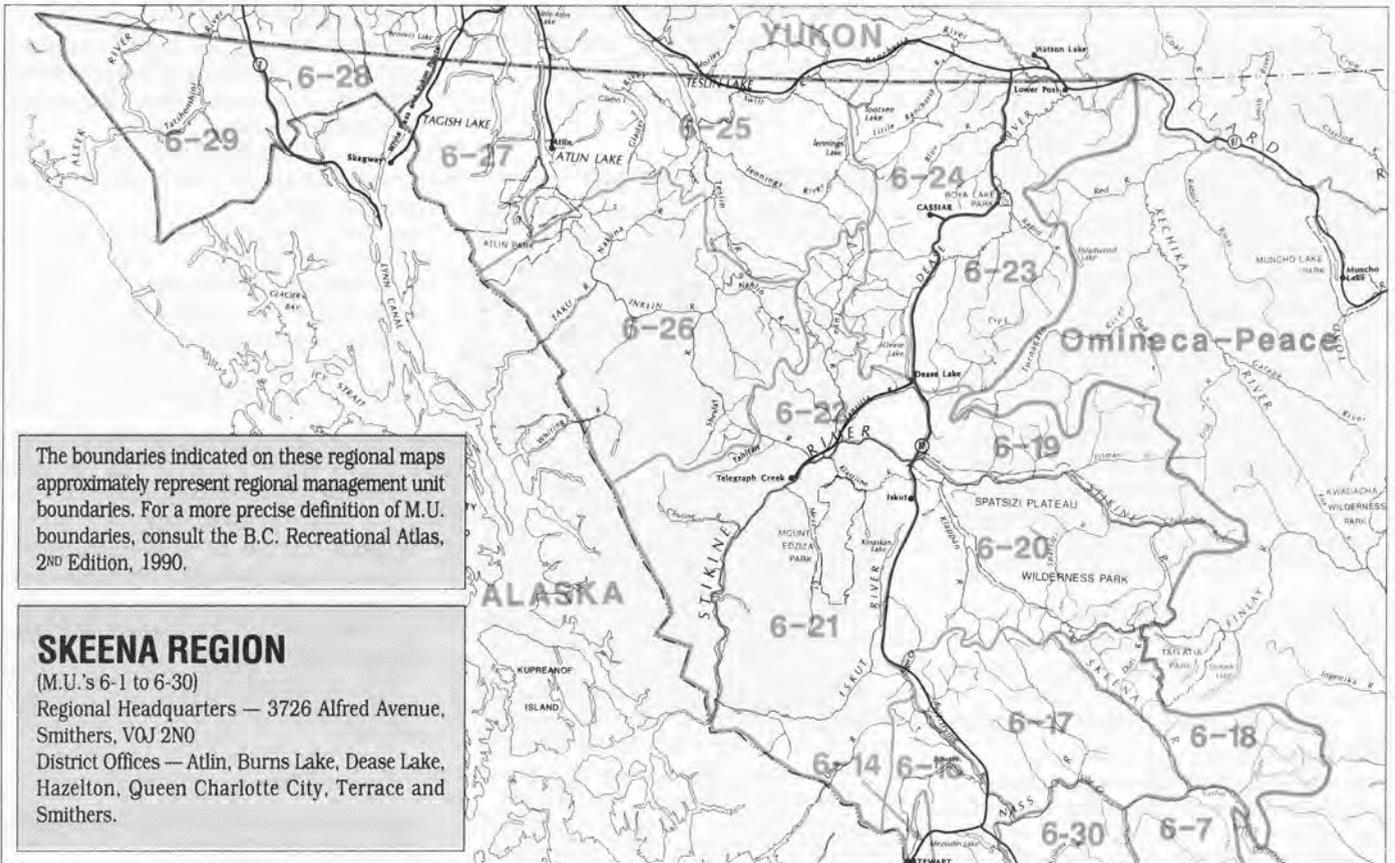
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SKEENA REGION • OPEN SEASONS



THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP (Rams Only)

Full curl or greater

Management Units: 6-17, 6-18 to 6-26, 6-29

Aug. 1 — Oct. 20 1

See Maps F7 and F15.

LEH — See Maps F33, F40, F41, F42.

ELK

Management Unit: 6-13

Bulls: Sept. 15 — Nov. 15 1

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Management Units: 6-3, 6-7, 6-11, 6-17, 6-18 to 6-29

Aug. 1 — Oct. 15 1

Management Units: 6-14 to 6-16

Aug. 1 — Nov. 15 1

See Notice to Hunters.

See special area maps.

Special Bow and Arrow Only Season: See Map F1.

LEH — Parts of several M.U.'s are open by LEH authorization only. See maps F34 to F40.

CARIBOU

Management Units: 6-17, 6-18, 6-22, 6-24 to 6-28

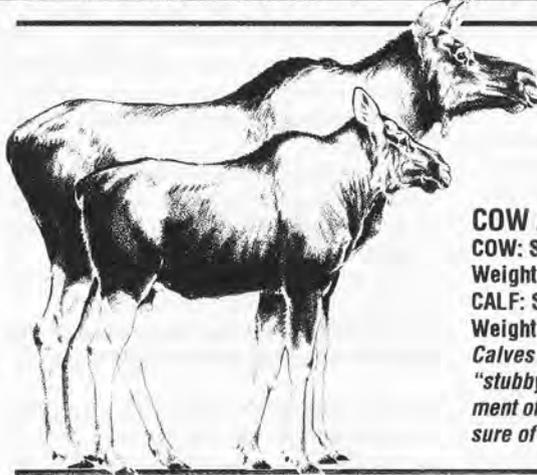
*Trophy Bulls: Sept. 1 — Oct. 10 1

Management Units: 6-19, 6-23

*Trophy Bulls: Aug. 23 — Sept. 30 1

Management Unit: 6-20

*Trophy Bulls: Aug. 23 — Oct. 15 1



COW AND CALF MOOSE

COW: Shoulder Height: 6 feet

Weight: 600 — 800 lbs. (Live)

CALF: Shoulder Height: less than 5 feet

Weight: 300 — 400 lbs. (Live)

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.

*Open only for bulls with one antler bearing at least five points (tines) on the main beam above the rear points. See diagram on page 53.

See page 10 for compulsory reporting requirements.

See special area maps.

LEH — Parts of M.U.'s 6-20, 6-25 and 6-26 are open by LEH authorization only. See maps F33, F43.

MOOSE

Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10,

6-15, 6-30

Bulls: Oct. 18 — Nov. 15 1

Management Units: 6-4 to 6-6, 6-8, 6-9

Calves: Oct. 4 — Oct. 17 1

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14, 6-16

Bulls: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 1

Management Units: 6-17, 6-18 to 6-29

Bulls: Aug. 15 — Nov. 15 1

Bow and Arrow Only Season

Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15, 6-30

Bulls: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9 1

Nov. 16 — Nov. 20

See Map F9.

LEH — Parts of M.U.'s 6-3, 6-11 and 6-20 have special regulations. See maps F33, F45.

Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the lower jaw, including the incisor teeth, of a calf moose taken in the Skeena Region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken, together and available for inspection by an officer of the Ministry of Environment.

SKEENA SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS

DUCKS, COOTS, COMMON SNIPE, CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE

Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30

Sept. 1 — Nov. 30

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14

Oct. 2 — Jan. 2

Management Units: 6-12, 6-13

Oct. 2 — Jan. 16

Bag Limits:

Ducks: **6(12)**

Coots: **10(20)**

Common snipe: **10(20)**

Canada geese: **5(10)**

White-fronted geese: **5(10)**

Snow geese: **5(10)**

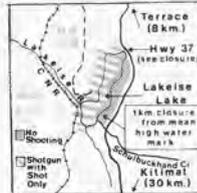
Ross' geese: **5(10)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

There is no open season for black brant in Region 6.



Map F1 Blunt Mountain Special Area (situate in M.U. 6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is August 15 to October 19.



Map F2 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Shotguns With Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



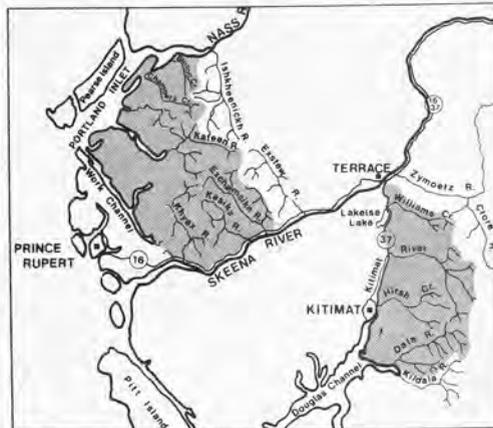
Map F3 Cameron Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 6-27).



Map F4 Atlin Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 6-25).



Map F5 Atlin Mountain Mtn Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 6-27).



Map F8 Transition and Coastal Grizzly Bear Closed Areas (situate in M.U.'s 6-3, 6-9, 6-14, 6-15).



Map F9 Mosquito Hills Moose Closed Area (situate in M.U. 6-4). Closed to general open season moose hunting.

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Map F6 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 6-20).



Map F7 Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-25, 6-26 and 6-27).



Map F10 Spatsizi (Cold Fish-Gladys Lake) Eco-Logical Reserve No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-20). Cold Fish Lake Camp No Shooting Area: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1 km of Cold Fish Lake Camp.



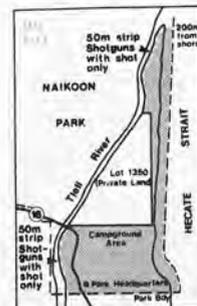
Map F11 Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 6-13). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map F13 British Columbia Railway Corridor No Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-17, 6-18, 6-19, 6-20). British Columbia Railway Corridor Vehicle Closed Area. See Vehicle Restrictions, page 39.



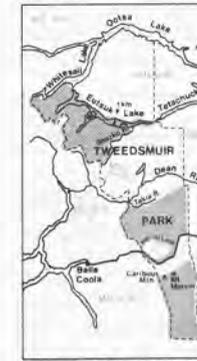
Map F12 North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-15).



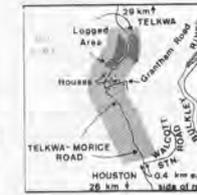
Map F14 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-13). Hunters should note the 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tliel River are open for Shotguns with Shot only as indicated on map.



Map F15 Atlin Park No Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-25, 6-27).



Map F16 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2).



Map F17 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).

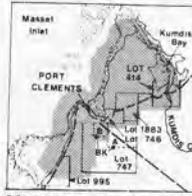
SKEENA SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS, LEH AREAS



Map F18 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



Map F23 Hudson Bay Mtn No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



Map F28 Port Clements No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-13).



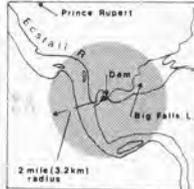
Map F30 Todagin Mountain No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-20).



Map F35 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-14).



Map F19 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-9, 6-15).



Map F24 Ecstall River No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-11).



Map F29 Alice Arm No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-14).



Map F31 Babine River No Shooting Area, 1 km on either side of river (situate in M.U. 6-8).



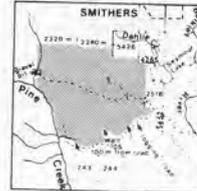
Map F36 Iskut Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-20).



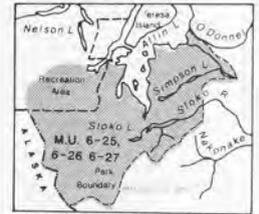
Map F20 Kathlyn Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



Map F25 Sandspit No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-12).



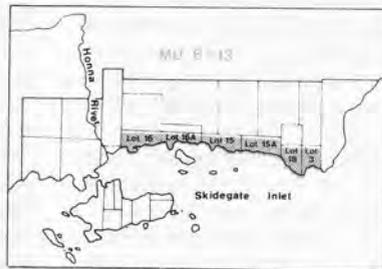
Map F32 Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



Map F37 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-25, 6-26, 6-27, 6-28).



Map F21 Driftwood No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-8) and Glacier Gulch Road No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



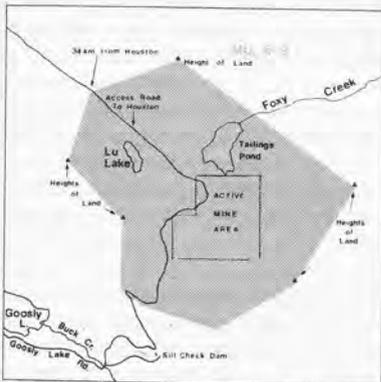
Map F26 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-13).



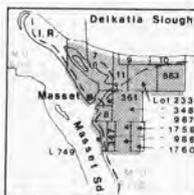
Map F33 Spatsizi Grizzly Bear, Caribou, Mountain Sheep and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U. 6-20).



Map F38 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situate in M.U.'s 6-27, 6-28).



Map F22 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-9).



Map F27 Masset No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 6-13).



Map F34 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 6-20).

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- Please note changes concerning the use of all terrain vehicles in the Omineca and South Peace areas.
- The bag limit for black bear in the Omineca-Peace sub-region has been reduced to two (2).
- The bag limit for sharp-tailed grouse has been reduced to a daily bag limit of three (3) and a possession limit of nine (9).
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting section on page 12.

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one, except where a person takes an antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer under a Limited Entry Hunting authorization for the antlerless season. A second mule (black-tailed) deer may be taken during the general open season for four-point mule (black-tail) deer bucks. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

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

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, bobcat, lynx and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

SNOWMOBILE AND VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in M.U.'s 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30 and 7-37 to 7-39 from March 31 to December 15.
- The use of motorcycles and all terrain vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in M.U.'s 7-38 and 7-39.
- The use of snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles is prohibited on Mt. Le Hudette Ridge above the 1524 metre elevation contour in M.U. 7-22.
- The operation of all vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited:
 - in that portion of M.U. 7-3 being the drainages between East Twin and Fleet Creeks (see Map G11). Vehicular access boundary signs will be posted.
 - on all side roads to the Finlay Russel Forest Road which head in a direction towards the Russel Range in M.U. 7-40.

- in that portion of M.U. 7-3 being the Morkill Forest Road from its crossing of the Fraser River.
- in the Quintette Mountain vehicle restricted area above the 1200 metre elevation contour. Transport of firearms is prohibited. See Map G10.
- on the Shell Canada Lease Road from its junction with Hasler Creek Forestry Road in M.U. 7-22.
- in that portion of M.U.'s 7-21 and 7-22 being the BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum, West Bullmoose Road.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- **No Shooting Areas: Please note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on page 12.**
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited on the west half of Lot 1323, Peace River District, on which Halfway Elementary School is located. See Map G21.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 3.0 km both sides of the centreline of the Omineca Mining Road extension in M.U.'s 6-18 and 7-39. See Map G8.
- The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 0.4 km (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 G48.
- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Notice to Non-Resident Hunters section on page 6, and Convention on International Trade section on page 10.
- Export Permits — Hunters planning to hunt in M.U.'s 7-19 or 7-20 and accessing by way of the Alberta border should note special recommendation in Export Permits section on page 10.
- The North Peace Rod and Gun Club, in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment, is involved in an ongoing project of ear tagging, radio collaring and monitoring mule deer in the Peace River area. We would like to encourage the public to notify the Ministry of Environment in Fort St. John (787-3295) of any sightings of ear tagged mule deer, including ear tag colour and number if possible.
- Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the lower jaw, including the incisor teeth, of a calf moose taken in the Omineca-Peace Sub-region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer of the Ministry of Environment.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

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

- Carp Lake Park (M.U. 7-24). See Map G38.
- Eskers (M.U. 7-15).
- Kakwa Recreation Area (M.U. 7-19). See Map G27.
- Kwadacha Recreation Area (M.U. 7-41).
- Kwadacha Wilderness Park (M.U.'s 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).

- Monkman Park (M.U. 7-21). See Kinuseo Falls Map G42.
- Muncho Lake Park (M.U.'s 7-51, 7-54). See Map G22.
- Stone Mountain Park (M.U.'s 7-50, 7-51, 7-54). See Map G36.
- Stuart Lake Park (M.U. 7-25).
- Tatlatui Park (No open season for mountain sheep) (M.U. 7-39).
- Wokkpath Recreation Area (M.U. 7-51).

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

OMINECA-PEACE SUB-REGION — OPEN SEASONS

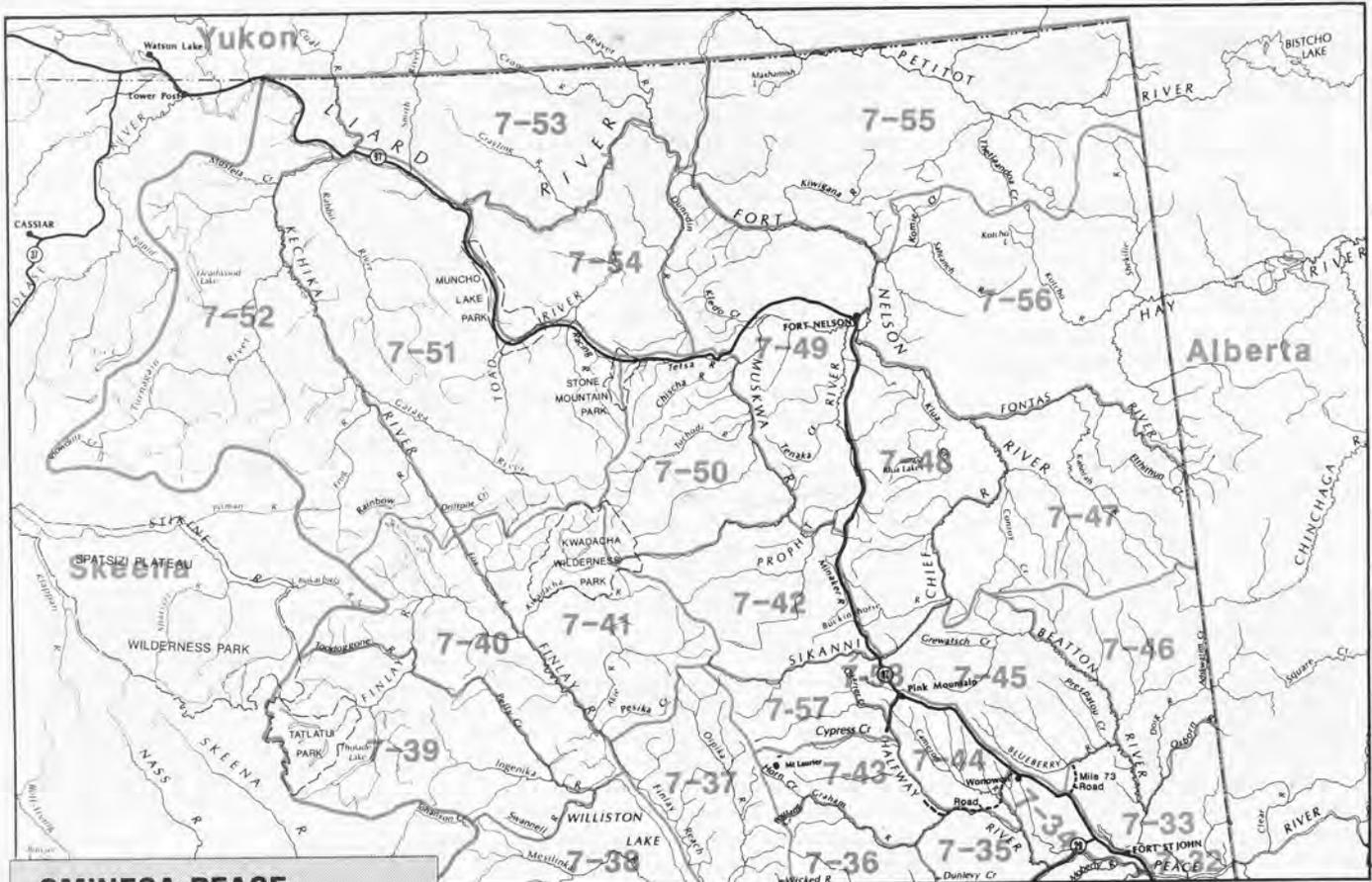
MOOSE

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38
****Calves:** Oct. 4 — Oct. 26 1
Bulls: Oct. 24 — Nov. 3 1
***Bulls:** Sept. 10 — Nov. 3 1
 Management Units: 7-39 to 7-41
Bulls: Aug. 15 — Nov. 15 1(1)
Antlerless: Oct. 1 — Oct. 31
 Management Unit: 7-37
Bulls: Aug. 15 — Nov. 3 1(1)
Antlerless: Oct. 1 — Oct. 18
 Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46
Bulls: Aug. 15 — Sept. 21 1
 Oct. 16 — Oct. 31
 Management Units: 7-42, 7-47 to 7-49, 7-55 to 7-58
Bulls: Aug. 15 — Sept. 30 1
 Oct. 16 — Oct. 31
 Management Units: 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-47
****Calves:** Oct. 4 — Oct. 15 1
 Management Units: 7-50 to 7-54
Bulls: Aug. 15 — Oct. 31 1
Bow and Arrow Only Season
 Management Units: 7-42 to 7-44, 7-48, 7-49, 7-55, to 7-58
Bulls: Oct. 2 — Oct. 15 1
Special Weapons Season ***
 Management Unit: 7-32
Bulls: Nov. 21 — Dec. 3 1
**Open only for bull moose having no more than two points (tines) on one antler. Antlers must accompany the species licence.*
***Open only for calf moose less than 12 months of age. See special area maps.*
**** Muzzle loaders, longbows and crossbows only permitted during the special season.*
Hunters are requested to select the calf when encountering a cow-calf pair. See illustration on page 46.
LEH — See Map G46, Also M.U.'s 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38.

HUNTER TIPS

- Unload your firearm when crossing a fence, creek or area of insecure footing.
- Respect the sensibilities of others — don't make an unnecessary display of firearms or freshly killed game.
- Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

OMINECA-PEACE SUB-REGION • OPEN SEASONS



OMINECA-PEACE SUB-REGION

(M.U.'s 7-1 to 7-58)
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 District Offices — Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Valemount, Vanderhoof, Chetwynd, Fort St. John

THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP (Rams Only)

Full curl or greater
 Management Units: 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57
 Aug. 1 — Oct. 15 1
 Management Units: 7-37, 7-39 to 7-41
 Aug. 1 — Oct. 20 1
 See special area maps.

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER and MOOSE

Bow and Arrow Only Season
 Management Unit: 7-15
 *Bulls: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9 1
 Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9 1
 *Open only to bull moose having no more than two tines on one antler. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Management Units: 7-2, 7-3, 7-4
 Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 1
 Management Units: 7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43
 Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 21 1
 Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46
 Bucks: Oct. 28 — Nov. 20 1
 Management Units: 7-42, 7-57, 7-58.
 Bucks: Oct. 9 — Nov., 4 1

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER

Management Units: 7-6 to 7-15
 Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 1(1)
 *Bucks: Nov. 24 — Dec. 3 1
 Antlerless: Oct. 14 — Oct. 17
 Management Units: 7-2 to 7-5
 Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 3 1
 Management Units: 7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43
 *Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 21 1
 Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-47
 *Bucks: Oct. 28 — Nov. 20 1
 Management Units: 7-42, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58
 *Bucks: Oct. 9 — Nov. 4 1
 *Open only for bucks with four or more points (tines) not including the brow tine on one antler. The antlers must accompany the species licence.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.
 Management Units: 7-2 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-36 to 7-41
 Aug. 15 — Oct. 15 1
 Management Units: 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-57
 Sept. 1 — Sept. 30 1
 See special area maps.
LEH — See Map G47.



LEGAL IMMATURE BULL MOOSE
 Management Units: 7-12, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38.

OMINECA-PEACE SUB REGION • OPEN SEASONS

WOLF

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36,
7-42 to 7-58
No Closed Season **10**
Management Units: 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41
No Closed Season **3**

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-58
Apr. 15 — Nov. 15/90 **2**
Management Units: 7-2 to 7-58
Apr. 15 — June 15/91 **2**

There is no open season on female or other black bear in the company of two-year-old or younger black bear or on two-year-old or younger black bear. Do not shoot any black bear while observed in a family unit.

LYNX

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-41, 7-43 to 7-47
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 **1**
Management Units: 7-42, 7-48 to 7-58
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28 **1**

WOLVERINE

Management Units: 7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-42,
7-48 to 7-58
Oct. 15 — Jan. 15 **1**
Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36,
7-43 to 7-47
Nov. 1 — Feb. 15 **1**

RAVEN

Management Units: 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46
No Closed Season **5**
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.

BLUE GROUSE

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27,
7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41
Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 **10(30)**
Management Units: 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)**

DUCKS, COOTS, CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, COMMON SNIPE

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-58
Sept. 1 — Nov. 30
Bag Limits:
Ducks: **6(12)**
Coots: **10(20)**
Canada geese: **5(10)**
White-fronted geese: **5(10)**
Snow geese: **5(10)**
Ross' geese: **5(10)**
Common snipe: **10(20)**

See Map G23.

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

PTARMIGAN

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-6, 7-17 to 7-19, 7-21 to 7-23,
7-27 to 7-31, 7-36 to 7-43, 7-50 to 7-55, 7-57
Aug. 15 — Feb. 28 **10(30)**

SPRUCE (Franklin) and RUFFED GROUSE

Management Units: 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to
7-41
Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 **10 of each (30 of each)**
Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to
7-58
Sept. 1 — Nov. 15 **10 of each (30 of each)**

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

Management Units: 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)**

USE RESPECT PROGRAM

A new program has been introduced into the Peace Sub-Region called USE RESPECT. This program is designed to reduce trespass problems and to improve landuser-landowner relations. USE RESPECT signs will be posted throughout the Peace and they make it easy for the landowner to tell the public that they can use his land under certain conditions. The signs indicate if access is permitted without permission, access with a motor vehicle is permitted without permission, access is permitted with permission, and vehicle access is permitted with permission. In the case of vehicle access without permission, the "designated route" system is used. Each orange (permission needed) or green (no permission required) sign also has the landowner's name, location and telephone number on it. This will make it easier for potential landusers to contact landowners. Dash cards will also be issued by landowners to those persons who have permission for access in those areas where permission is required.

Consult the Ministry of Environment offices in Ft. St. John, Dawson Creek or Chetwynd for further details. REMEMBER THAT ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY IS A PRIVILEGE. DON'T ABUSE IT. (See page 62)

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ATV's

The increased use of off-road vehicles (ATV's) raises concerns for wildlife, habitat and one's enjoyment of outdoor recreation. Restrictive measures such as area closures and limited entry hunting have been introduced in some areas of the province to address those issues. The growing use of ATV's for hunting also needs attention.

The Wildlife Branch is considering proposing regulations that may restrict the use of ATV's in hunting in 1991. To address this growing conservation and social issue, The Ministry of Environment invites public input.

You are encouraged to comment to the Director, Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X5, with any general remarks concerning these types of regulations. Please send a copy of your letter to the regional manager responsible for the area or areas where the concern is perceived to be the greatest.

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WHITE-TAILED DEER

Tail large, bushy with white underside on a small white rump patch. Tail HELD ERECT OR "FLAGGED" when animal runs. Antlers with individual tines upward off forward facing main beam. Body colour grey to reddish brown. Gait: a series of short, running dashes and bounds.

PARTICIPATION IN WILDLIFE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Hunting Participation

For the 1988-89 season, 128,821 provincial residents purchased hunting licences. Of this total, 11,642 were senior citizens and 2,348 were junior hunters.

Resident licences reached a peak of almost 175,000 sold in the 1981/82 season. Sales now are about 31% below that level, standing around 128 — 130,000 licences sold each year for the past four years. Sales of resident species licences, with the exception of elk, have also declined, but generally not as steeply as sales of basic licences.

For the 1988-89 season, 6,017 visitors to the Province purchased hunting licences. They came from 8 provinces, 50 states and 22 foreign countries other than the U.S.A.

Non-resident licence sales dropped to about 4,000 in the 1982/83 and 1983/84 seasons. Since then sales of both basic and species hunting licences to non-residents have increased to their present level about 40% above 1983/84 sales.

In 1988-89 hunting licences produced over 6.5 million dollars for the provincial treasury. About 71% came from resident hunters. Another \$720,000 came from other fees, permits and royalties administered by the Wildlife Branch, including fees for guide outfitting, guiding, trapping and fur trading licences, and big game and fur royalties. (Hunters, trappers and guides also paid \$381,552 into the Habitat Conservation Fund through the \$3 licence surcharge).

Non-Hunting Activities

Responses to national and provincial surveys indicate that each year at least 473,000 provincial residents — 23.5% of the voting age population — engage in "direct" wildlife related activities; that is, activities

where the main purpose of a trip or outing is to watch, feed, photograph or study wildlife in the field. British Columbia has the highest rate of participation of any province in these activities. Provincial residents engage in them more than eight and one-half million days annually.

Almost 1.3 million B.C. residents, or 64.4% of the provincial voting age population, become involved in "indirect" wildlife related activities each year. These are instances when residents incidentally watch, see, or photograph wildlife in the field while on an outing taken for some other purpose, such as hiking, picnicking or a Sunday drive.

Approximately 1.5 million provincial residents, 74.5% of the voting age population, say they enjoy wildlife around their home or cottage. They watch, photograph or feed birds, put up nest boxes, and provide shrubs or shelter for wildlife. In a country-wide survey British Columbia's rate of participation in these and other residential wildlife activities was the highest of any province.

Trapping Participation

In 1988-89, a total of 2,428 trapping licences were sold. An unknown number of natives also trap. Most trapping in British Columbia is done to provide a livelihood, although significant numbers of people trap for recreation, for animal control or out of tradition.

EXPENDITURES ON WILDLIFE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Hunting Expenditures

Provincial residents are estimated to have spent over 125 million dollars in British Columbia to go hunting in the 1988-89 season, for licences, transportation, food and accommodation, taxidermy and butchering,

guns, ammunition and equipment, and other expenses directly related to hunting. This spending is spread throughout the province and supports the economics of many small towns and rural areas.

Non-resident hunters spent over 19 million dollars in British Columbia on their hunting trips, much of it for the services of guide-outfitters.

B.C. residents also spend over 611 million dollars each year to participate in outdoor wildlife-related activities other than hunting. About 506 million dollars goes into direct wildlife related trips and outings, for transportation, food and accommodation, and equipment such as cameras and binoculars. The remaining 105 million dollars is spent on indirect activities engaged in while on other trips or outings, and on wildlife activities around the home. These expenditures include such items as the purchase of bird seed, or film for photographing wildlife.

Trapping Expenditures

British Columbia trappers spend almost 9.3 million dollars each year for their trapping. This figure includes the amortized value of major capital purchase such as traplines, snowmobiles and 4X4s, and the costs of supplying and travelling to and from trapping areas, and preparing and shipping pelts.

Impacts of Expenditures on Wildlife Related Activities

Expenditures on wildlife related activities have "ripple" or "repercussion" effects felt in all sectors of the provincial economy. Taking full account of these ripple effects, wildlife related expenditures support almost 12,200 man-years of employment per year, and provide almost 260 million dollars in wages and salaries for provincial households. This employment, spread throughout the province, is especially important in remote rural areas where alternative employment is frequently limited or non-existent.

When people buy things to support their wildlife related activities, part of the purchase price may be returned to the provincial treasury in the form of retail sales and excise taxes. Further, the employees and businesses involved pay part of their salaries and profits to the provincial treasury in the form of personal and corporate income taxes. Altogether, spending on wildlife related activities leads to an estimated 139 million dollars in revenue for the provincial government.

Attitudes Toward Wildlife and Wildlife Related Activities

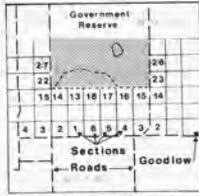
In a national survey, 88.4% of a sample of the provincial population stated that maintaining abundant wildlife was "very important" or "fairly important" to them, and over 89% agreed that it was "very" or "fairly" important to preserve endangered species. The positive rate of response in British Columbia on both these points was the highest found in any province.

Asked about their intentions regarding future wildlife related activities, 87% of British Columbians indicated they intend to participate in one or more forms of such activity other than hunting. This was the highest rate of intended participation of any province. Over 24% expressed an interest in hunting and/or trapping at some point in the future.

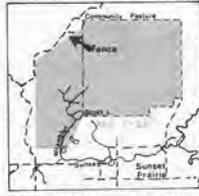
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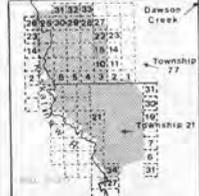
Map G1 Groundbirch Restricted Firearms Area (situate in M.U. 7-21). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct. 31.



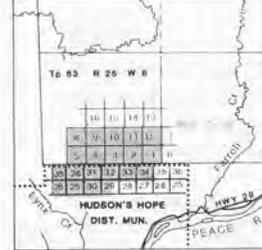
Map G2 Goodlow Restricted Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-33). From June 1 to Oct. 15 hunting is prohibited.



Map G3 Sunset Prairie Restricted Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-32). From June 1 to Oct. 31 hunting is prohibited.



Map G4 Bear Mountain Restricted Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-20). From June 1 to Oct. 15 hunting is prohibited.



Map G5 Farrell Creek Restricted Firearms Area (situate in M.U. 7-35). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct. 15.



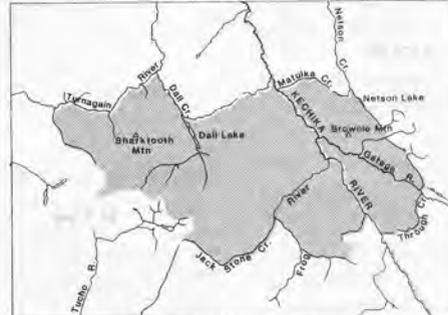
Map G6 One Island Restricted Firearms Area (situate in M.U. 7-20). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct. 15.



Map G7 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Moose Special Area (situate in M.U.'s 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-57). The open season for bull moose is Aug. 15 to Oct. 31.



Map G8 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situate in M.U.'s 6-18, 7-39).



Map G9 Frog River Special Mountain Goat Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 7-51, 7-52). The open season for mountain goat is Aug. 25 to Oct. 5.



Map G10 Quintette Mountain Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 7-21). See Vehicle Restrictions, page 51.



Map G11 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-3). See Vehicle Restrictions, page 51.



Map G12 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-4).



Map G13 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-2).



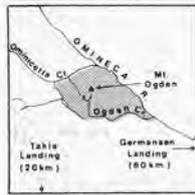
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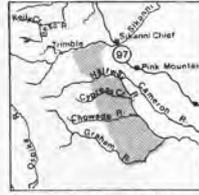
Map G15 Holmes River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-3).



Map G16 Chalco Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-3).



Map G17 Mt. Ogden Mountain Goat and Caribou Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-38).



Map G18 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-43 and 7-57).



Map G19 Canoe Reach Grizzly Bear Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-2).



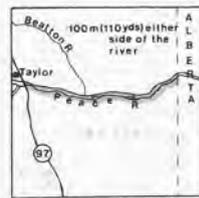
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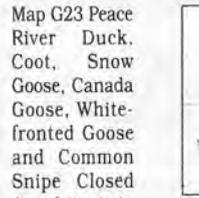
Map G21 Upper Halfway No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-44).



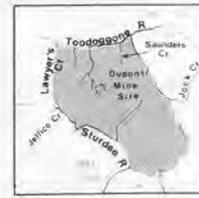
Map G22 Munchio Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U.'s 7-51, 7-54).



Map G23 Peace River Duck, Coot, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose and Common Snipe Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-33).



Map G24 Edozadelly No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-39). Hunting of all wildlife species except caribou and moose (limited entry hunting only) is prohibited.



Map G25 McConnell Creek No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-39).



Map G25 McConnell Creek No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-39).

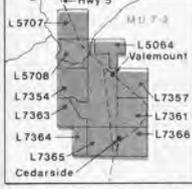
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Map G26 Lay Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-38).



Map G31 Peterson Point No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-13).



Map G32 Valemount No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-2).



Map G38 Carp Lake Park (situate in M.U. 7-24). Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited.



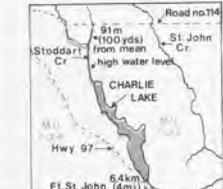
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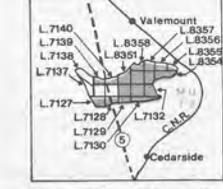
Map G47 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat Limited Entry Areas.



Map G27 Kakwa No Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-19).



Map G33 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-33).



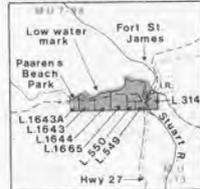
Map G39 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 7-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



Map G45 Ospika River Mtn Goat Closed Area.



Map G28 Bullmoose Mine No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-21).



Map G34 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (situate in M.U.'s 7-13, 7-25).



Map G40 Muskwa Flats Special Elk Area (situate in M.U. 7-42). The open season for hunting three-point elk is from Aug. 15 to Sept. 10 and six-point elk from Sept. 11 to Oct. 31. Bag limit: 1



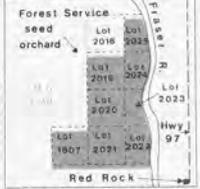
Map G46 Edozadelly Caribou and Black Lake Moose Limited Entry Areas.



Map G49 Prince George Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-12).



Map G29 Quintette Coal No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-21).



Map G35 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-10).



Map G41 Hornline Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situate in M.U. 7-51).



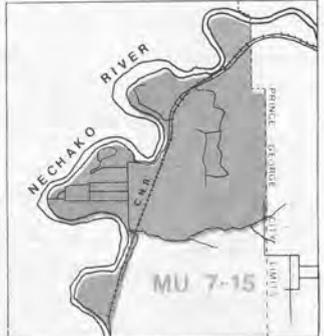
Map G42 Kinuseo Falls No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-21).



Map G30 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-21).



Map G37 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 7-9).



Map G43 Miworth No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 7-15).



G48 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas (situate in M.U.'s 7-20, 7-33). The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

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OKANAGAN SUB-REGION

(M.U.'s 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26)

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Sub-regional Office — 201 - 3547 Skaha Lake Road, Penticton, V2A 7K2

District Offices — Vernon, Princeton, Kelowna, Grand Forks

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- A new bow and arrow only season for white-tailed deer (either sex, any age) is being made available in M.U. 8-15.
- Please note the reduced bag and possession limits for ducks.
- For additional open season information on wildlife, review 'Vertebrates Designated Wildlife' text on page 15.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

There are special restrictions for areas which support Limited Entry Hunting seasons. See Limited Entry Hunting section on page 12.

BAG LIMITS

Deer: The season limit for deer is two, only one of which may be a mule (black-tailed) deer. Both deer may be antlerless, but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. Antlerless deer may be taken in Bow and Arrow Only or LEH seasons exclusively.

Mountain sheep: Persons who have been successful in taking a male mountain sheep in the Okanagan Sub-region since January 1, 1986 are **not eligible** to hunt for another male mountain sheep in the Okanagan Sub-region during the 1990-91 season. **Grouse:** The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is five(5).

COMPULSORY REPORTING

It is mandatory for all elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, cougar, caribou, lynx, bobcat and wolverine to be inspected. See Compulsory Reporting section on page 10 for designated reporting centres and those portions of an animal which are required.

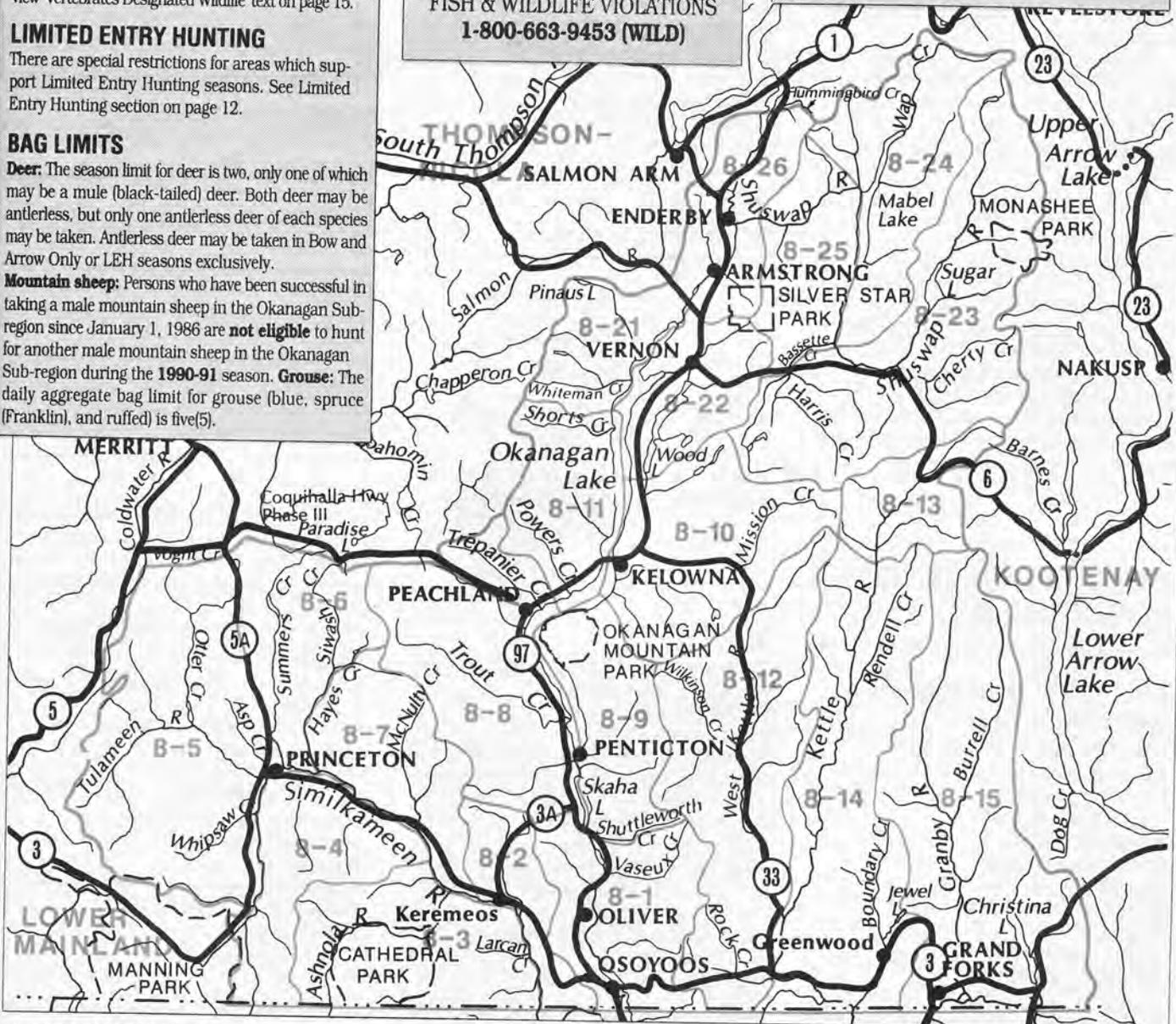
SNOWMOBILE RESTRICTION

The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife is prohibited in the Okanagan Sub-region from April 1 to November 30.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- 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 the peak of Mt. Scaia. 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 that portion of M.U. 8-5 on the Lawless-Jacobson Lake Forest Service Road (Project 5104-05) 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 M.U. 8-1. See Map H14

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NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- Convention on International Trade-Export permits will be issued for grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat and wolf. See Convention on International Trade section on page 10.
- White-tailed jackrabbit, mountain cottontail and badger and other species are protected under the authority of the Wildlife Act (hunting is prohibited). See page 15 for information.
- **No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 12.** Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Highway are No Shooting and No Hunting closures.

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

The following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 1 to April 15 during the lawful game hunting season:

- Cascade Recreation Area (M.U. 8-5)
- Conkle Lake Park (M.U. 8-12). See Map H10.
- Darke Lake Park (M.U. 8-8)
- Eneas Lake Park (M.U. 8-8)
- Keremeos Columns Park (M.U. 8-2)
- Nickel Plate Park (M.U. 8-7)
- Okanagan Mountain Park (M.U. 8-9)
- Cathedral Park (M.U. 8-3) is open to the discharge of firearms from August 25 to April 15. The core area of Cathedral Park is closed to the discharge of firearms. Contact Park Branch staff for details.

Silver Star Recreation Area (M.U.'s 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). No Hunting Area. See Map H4.

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

OKANAGAN SUB-REGION — OPEN SEASONS

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER and WHITE-TAILED DEER Bow and Arrow Only Season

Management Units: 8-1, 8-2, 8-4 to 8-15, 8-21, 8-23 to 8-26
Either Sex: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
Management Unit: 8-22
Either Sex: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
Either Sex: Nov. 16 — Nov. 30
Management Units: 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-24 to 8-26
Bucks: Nov. 16 — Nov. 30
See regional bag limit for deer.

MULE (Black-tailed) DEER and WHITE-TAILED DEER

Management Units: 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-24 to 8-26
Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15
Management Unit: 8-3
*Bucks: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31
Management Units: 8-12 to 8-15, 8-23
Bucks: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31
Management Units: 8-4 to 8-7
Bucks: Sept. 10 — Nov. 9
Management Units: 8-14, 8-15
*Bucks: Sept. 1 — Sept. 9
**Open only for bucks having four or more points (tines) above the brow tine on at least one antler. The antlers must accompany the species licence.
See regional bag limit for deer.*
LEH — M.U.'s 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Management Units: 8-12 to 8-15, 8-23
Bucks: Nov. 7 — Nov. 25
Bow and Arrow Only Season
Management Units: 8-12 to 8-14, 8-23
Bucks: Nov. 26 — Nov. 30
Management Unit: 8-15
Either sex: Nov. 26 — Dec. 10
See regional bag limit for deer.
LEH — M.U.'s 8-12, 8-14, 8-15.



ELK
3-point antler

ELK

Management Units: 8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12
*Bulls: Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 1
Management Units: 8-4 to 8-7
*Bulls: Sept. 10 — Oct. 31 1
**Open only for bulls with at least one branched antler. A branched antler is one with at least three points (tines), not including the brow tine, each of which is at least 8 cm (3 inches) in length. The antlers must accompany the species licence.
All elk taken in the Okanagan Sub-region must be inspected. Portions required for compulsory inspection are described on page 10.
See Map H2, H16, for open seasons in M.U.'s 8-14 and 8-15.*
LEH — M.U.'s 8-4, 8-5, 8-14, 8-15.

MOOSE

Management Units: 8-4 to 8-8, 8-11
Bulls: Oct. 10 — Oct. 31 1

BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP (Rams Only) 3/4 curl or greater

Management Units: 8-1, 8-9
Sept. 15 — Sept. 23
See regional bag limit for mountain sheep.

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Sept. 1 — Nov. 30/90 2
Apr. 1 — June 15/91

COUGAR

Management Units: 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-10
Dec. 1 — Feb. 28 1
Management Units: 8-3 to 8-7, 8-11 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Dec. 1 — Mar. 31 1
Hunters are requested not to shoot lactating cougar, cougar in the company of lactating cougar, or cougar kittens.

COYOTE, SKUNK, RACCOON

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
No Closed Season NBL

BOBCAT

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Nov. 1 — Feb. 15 2

LYNX

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15 1

MOURNING DOVES

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Sept. 1 — Nov. 30 10(20)

GROUSE

Blue, Spruce (Franklin) and Ruffed
Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Sept. 10 — Nov. 15 5(15)
See page 59 for the regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse.

PHEASANT

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-3, 8-8 to 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Cocks only: Oct. 4 — Nov. 15 2(6)
Management Units: 8-21, 8-22
Hens only: Nov. 6 — Nov. 15
Daily Limit: 2(only 1 hen)
Possession Limit: 6(only 3 hens)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-10, 8-22, 8-26
Oct. 4 — Nov. 22 3(9)
Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-9
Oct. 4 — Nov. 22 **5(15)**

Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

QUAIL

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22
Oct. 4 — Nov. 22 **10(30)**

Hunting is permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

HUNTER TIP

Be sure your barrel is free from obstruction.

DUCKS, COOTS, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS' GEESE, COMMON SNIPE

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Oct. 1 — Dec. 31

Bag Limits:

Ducks: **6(12)**

Coots: **10(20)**

White-fronted geese: **5(10)**

Snow geese: **5(10)**

Ross' geese: **5(10)**

Common snipe: **10(20)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limits for geese and ducks on page 8.

CANADA GEESE

Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26
Oct. 1 — Dec. 31 **5(10)**

Management Units: 8-1, 8-8 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22
Feb. 20 — Feb. 28 **5(10)**

Please take note of the provincial daily bag limit for geese on page 8.

HUNTER TIPS

- Does anybody know where you're going, or when you'll be back?
- Always take a first aid survival kit and compass with you.
- Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

OKANAGAN SPECIAL AREAS, CLOSED AREAS, NO SHOOTING AREAS



Map H1 Osoyoos Oxbows Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 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 H7 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 8-4, 8-5).



Map H9 Brenda Mines No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 8-8).



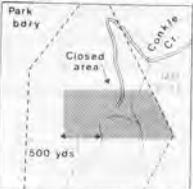
Map H11 Ward Lake No Hunting, No Shooting and No Trapping Area (situate in M.U. 8-15).



Map H2 Overton-Moody Elk Special Area (situate in M.U. 8-15). Open season for either sex, any age elk: Nov. 7 to Nov. 15 **1(1)**. Hunter success is expected to be low in this area.



Map H8 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 8-22).



Map H10 Conkle Lake Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 8-12).



Map H12 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (situate in M.U. 8-7).



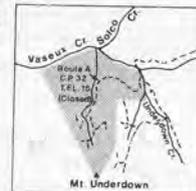
Map H3 Naramata No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U. 8-9).



Map H13 Galloping Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 8-15).



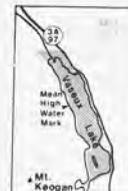
Map H4 Silver Star Recreation Area No Hunting Area (situate in M.U.'s 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). Contact Ministry of Environment offices in Vernon and Penticton for details.



Map H14 Underdown Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situate in M.U. 8-1). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



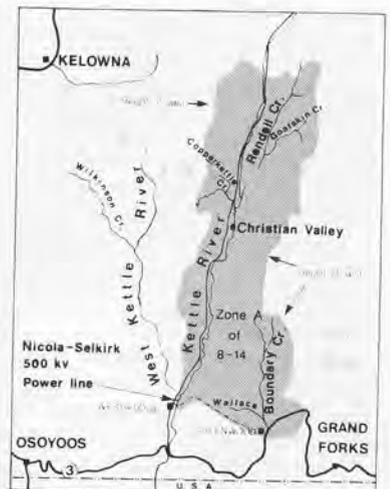
Map H5 Okanagan Landing No Shooting or Hunting Area (situate in M.U. 8-22).



Map H15 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situate in M.U. 8-1).



Map H6 Kaleden, Penticton and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situate in M.U.'s 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



Map H16 Christian Valley Elk Special Area (situate in M.U. 8-14) open season for 3 pt. bull elk. See definition on page 55. Sept. 10 — Oct. 31 (1).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING IN B.C. — A USE RATIONALE

What is the government policy on the use of Limited Entry Hunting? (LEH)?

It is the policy of the Ministry of Environment "to control the resident harvest in a given area for a given population through Limited Entry Hunting ("LEH") where it is deemed that other methods of regulation are inadequate for maintaining or increasing hunting opportunity to meet management objectives for hunting and non-hunting uses."

When is LEH used?

The main uses of LEH are to: 1) control the harvest of wildlife where other means of regulations are ineffective, 2) reduce hunting pressure in populations that have begun to show an imbalance in age or sex ratios, 3) prevent an unacceptable concentration of hunters. Limited Entry Hunting is used where less restrictive regulations would cause serious problems and usually where hunting would otherwise have to be closed.

Who is eligible for the LEH draw?

Limited Entry Hunting is available only to residents of B.C. and the allocation of authorizations is determined using a random computer draw process. A recent evaluation of the fairness of the present LEH draw process confirmed that success is based entirely on chance.

How popular is LEH?

Since the initiation of Limited Entry Hunting in B.C. in 1974 the number of LEH authorizations and the interest by hunters have increased dramatically. In 1974, 165 LEH authorizations were available and these were applied for by only 163 hunters. In 1989, 37,055 LEH authorizations were available and there were 109,108 applications. The 1989 figures represent an increase over 1988 by 21% in numbers of authorized hunts and by 8% in the numbers applications received.

Does the number of recreational hunter days change under LEH in comparison to general open season hunting?

Because success usually increases on LEH hunts, the number of hunting days requires control to achieve a specified harvest. Conversely, the increase in success is considered an advantage by individual hunters.

Can LEH potentially increase hunter opportunity?

Uncertainty of population status and thus available harvests has led to some severe restrictions in hunting opportunity. Most wildlife managers have opted for conservative management strategies and may initiate an LEH hunt where they otherwise might not support any hunting.

Does LEH provide an opportunity to manage big game populations by selective harvesting?

Under LEH specific numbers of specified sex and age classes may be removed from a population with little risk of either over or under harvesting a particular component (for example, juveniles/yearling males/senior males/females, etc.). Such harvest strategies are designed to maintain social stability in big game populations by maintaining near natural sex and age ratios.

Can LEH distribute or redistribute hunter effort?

Hunter effort varies greatly among Management Units (MUs). By increasing the number of LEH in unpopular areas and reducing them in popular areas, hunter effort can be shifted and redistributed to conform with estimated "hunter carrying capacity" (ie. match demand with supply).

Does LEH distribute the harvest of game, particularly the less abundant or more difficult species to hunt, over a broader spectrum of the hunter population?

The random choice computer draw ensures that all applicants have an equal chance to receive an authorization. The "10 percent of hunters who take 50 percent of the harvest" must take their chances equally with others in the draw process.

Can LEH provide a higher quality hunt?

Regulated distribution of hunters reduces crowding, lessens competition and leads to a safer hunting experience.

Does LEH increase the accountability and accuracy of management?

Yes! In order to establish and justify the number of LEH hunts it is necessary for the wildlife manager to know: a) the approximate size of the base population within a particular MU or zone; b) the proportion of the population which is accessible to hunters; c) the rate at which the population may be harvested (ie. optimum sustained yield); and d) the number of hunter days required to effect that harvest.

Does LEH affect my planning and participating in hunting?

The schedule of holidays with hunting partners may in some cases be difficult to coordinate with dates for draw hunt times available. However, hunters who are successfully drawn for individual or group hunting are assured of their hunting opportunity.

Does LEH contribute to what is seen by some as a tendency for the sport of hunting to become overly regulated?

The Wildlife Branch is striving to minimize the complexity and restrictiveness of all hunting regulations whenever possible. Limited Entry Hunting is reviewed annually with this in mind and to ensure that all LEH hunts meet the criteria set out under Ministry policy. LEH regulations are only instituted where they are essential and most help to maintain hunting opportunities that would otherwise be lost.

In heavily subscribed LEH hunts of significant provincial interest, do local hunters' opportunities to hunt decrease because of a large number of out-of-area hunters applying for authorizations?

An analysis of successful applicants has shown that local hunters make up the largest percentage of most LEH hunts.

In summary, why is LEH used?

Limited Entry Hunting is an important and useful tool which aids wildlife managers in providing hunting opportunities for sportsmen in areas where normal hunting activity cannot be allowed.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOR WILDLIFE

There are several laws which govern public access to wildlife. There are several types of closures which 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 private lands.

Provided that a clearly visible sign prohibiting trespassers is posted at each ordinary access to an enclosed property, a member of the public is not permitted on that property without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupier of the land. An enclosed property is one that is surrounded by a lawful fence and/or by a natural boundary such as river bank or a 4-1/2 foot hedge.

2. **Wildlife Act** (Section 40) — 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 owners, 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 the sportsmen.

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

- A) **Road Surface Closure** (Section 111(b.1), B.C. Wildlife Act) — The Ministry of Environment may choose to restrict the use of any vehicle on a given road surface for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.
- B) **Vehicular Hunting Closure** (Section 110, B.C. Wildlife Act) — The Ministry of Environment may prohibit the use of a motorized vehicle for the purpose of hunting in a defined area for the management and/or protection of wildlife resources.
- C) **Area Closure** (Section 111(b), B.C. Wildlife Act) — The Ministry of Environment may close or restrict the use of any vehicle over a defined area for the protection and/or management of wildlife resources.

PAY HUNTING

- A) **Hunting Operations of Private Land** — By special permit (Wildlife Act Permit Regulations 1(t)), a person or association can be licenced to carry on an operation for the purpose of hunting wildlife on property owned or controlled by that person or association. Such operations are primarily set up for the purpose of hunting game birds with the hunter paying a prearranged user fee.

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B) **Trespass Fee** — Some private landowners charge an access fee for the right of an individual or group to trespass on the landowner's property for the purpose of hunting or for other activities. Access on private property by payment of a trespass fee is in fairly common use in the United States but is presently seldom used in B.C. Trespass fees have been paid by individuals or local sportsmen groups to access farmland open to bird hunting in the Fraser Valley for many years.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP HUNTING

Mountain sheep have provided a challenge to recreational hunters for more than a century in British Columbia. Hunter demand exceeds the supply of mature rams but restrictive hunting regulations which have evolved over the years, plus the ruggedness of their habitat and the elusiveness of the quarry, prevents overhunting. Unfortunately however, illegal rams are occasionally killed by well intentioned hunters who misidentify the ram's horn curl or age.

Only thinhorn mountain sheep regulations currently in effect use both degree of curl and age. The age of a ram is determined by the annual growth rings or horn annuli. True annuli are often confused with false annuli and annuli should therefore not be relied on as an accurate guide to determining the age of live animals in the field. The provision of an age limit allows hunters to harvest old, heavily broomed rams whose horns do not meet the designated curl definition.

The degree of horn curl is the best indication of the legality of a ram. However, even this method can cause confusion to the novice sheep hunter and result in the killing of an illegal ram. Because the length of the curl is exaggerated when a ram is viewed from below or behind, the legal definition stipulates that the horn must reach a specified curl when viewed at a right angle, from the side. The crosshairs of a telescopic sight are an excellent tool for determining the degree of curl when viewing a ram exactly broadside.

A hunter can familiarize himself with the variations and anomalies of sheep horns only by handling a range of specimens. Such collections are available at the Provincial Museum, some taxidermy shops and some Fish and Wildlife Branch offices. It is the hunter's responsibility to take only those animals which meet the legal requirements. If you have any doubts about the legality of an animal, DO NOT SHOOT!

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR TRAPPERS

The responsibility for managing the fur resources of British Columbia is shared between the Wildlife Branch and licensed trappers. The Wildlife Branch assists licensed trappers in developing harvest strategies and in managing traplines by providing **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**. These guidelines will be part of the new provincial trappers manual and will be used in trapper education and in upgrading workshops.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES for beaver, marten, and muskrat were released last year. This year, guidelines for fisher, wolverine and lynx were prepared. Furbearers such as fisher, wolverine and lynx move between and among traplines and require a different harvest strategy than furbearers such as beaver, marten, and muskrat which are present on individual traplines in manageable numbers. A trapper cannot manage wide ranging species in isolation from trappers on neighboring traplines, in other regions, in the rest of the province, or even in other provinces and states. Harvest strategies for these species are developed by staff of the Wildlife Branch, but management requires the full cooperation and support from trappers to be successful. **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES** outline the roles that trappers can play in the wise management of these important species.

The summaries for the fisher, wolverine and lynx **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES** are presented here. These guidelines are available printed on hard paper and 3-hole punched so they can be inserted into a

binder. Trappers may obtain copies of **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES** from regional offices of the Wildlife Branch or from headquarters in Victoria.

FISHER

Currently, fisher populations are low throughout the province. Although pelt prices have been high, the numbers harvested have decreased. The reasons for the population decline are unknown. Although they have the ability to rebound quickly once protected, fishers can be easily overharvested. In light of this sensitivity and the current population slump, trappers must be aware of what actions to take to manage fisher habitat and to limit their fisher harvest.

Trappers can enhance fisher habitat by providing resting sites and natal dens in forests where they are lacking. In cooperation with their neighbours, each trapper needs to leave some of his trapline unharvested for fishers as a refuge. During times of food scarcity, trappers can supplement the fisher's diet by

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BUFFLEHEAD ("Butterball")

Male — A small white and black duck with a dark green head having a white crown cheek patch extending upward from behind and below the eye. Their neck, shoulders, chest and most of their back is white while part of the back, rump and tail are black. Wings are black except for a white patch which extends from the lower edge to the upper middle. Their call is a low, guttural roll or a weak squeak. Female — a dark brown duck with a white patch below and behind the eye, a white-grey breast and a small white patch on the lower edge of the wing. Their call is a hoarse quack or a "cuk-cuk-cuk" often repeated.

LESSER SCAUP ("Blue-bill")

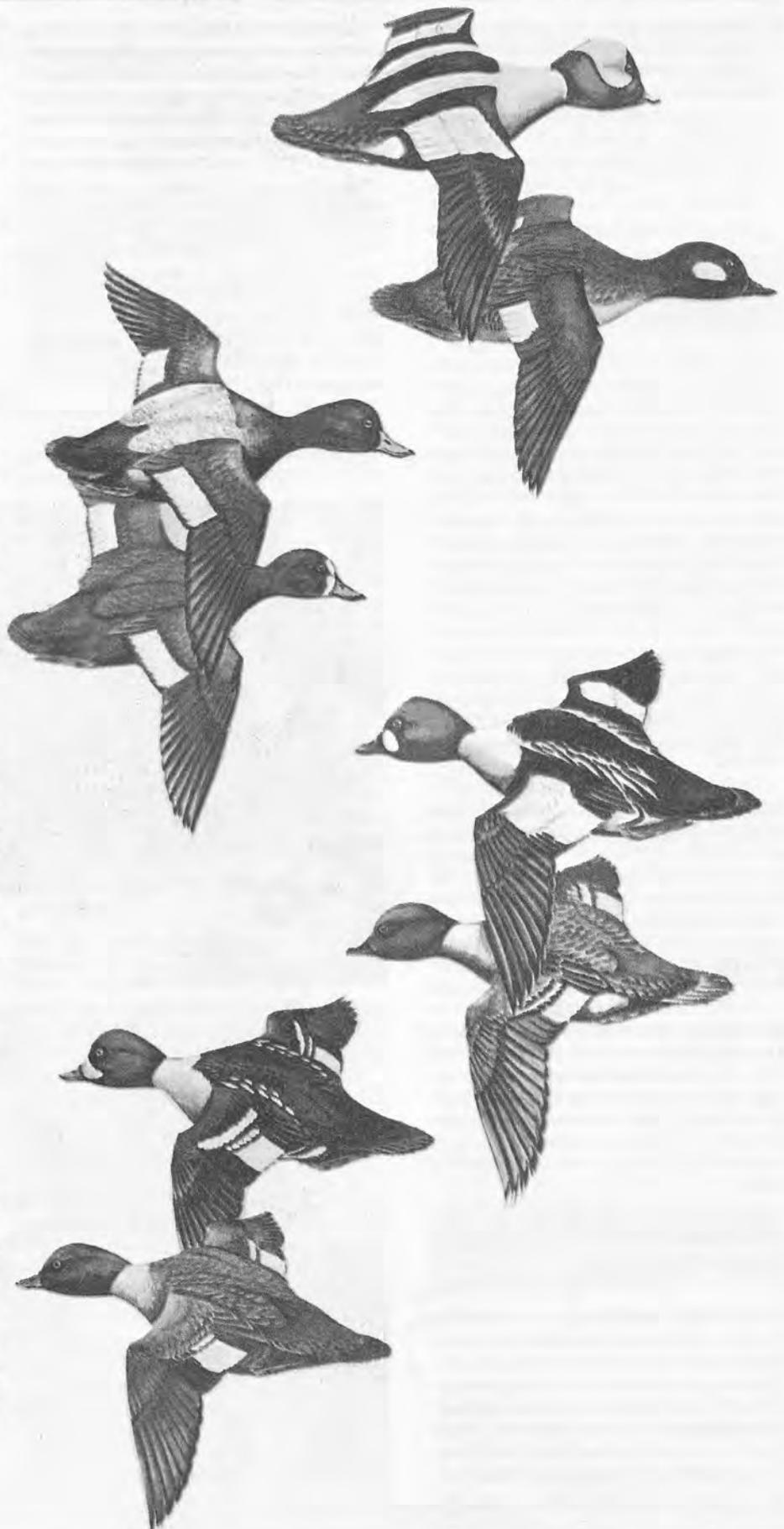
Male — It has a bluish bill; black-purplish head, chest, shoulders and rump; and white back and belly. It is like the Greater Scaup except the white on the lower edge of the wings does not extend beyond the bend or "wrist" towards the tip. Their call, particularly during flight, is a "purr purr" but they emit a loud "scaup scaup" when startled or a low, mellow whistle during courtship. Female — Like the Greater Scaup, a brown bird with a bluish bill, white face and white belly. Its wings are like the male's. Their call is a rattling, guttural "quaw-w-w."

COMMON GOLDENEYE ("Whistler")

Male — A stout diver with greenish-black head; white shoulders and breast; and generally black back and tail. There is a distinctive white spot in front of and below the yellow or gold coloured eye. Wings have pronounced white patches which extend from the lower edge to the centre. The wings make a distinctive whistling noise, particularly when the birds are just taking off. Their voice is a sharp, loud "skur skur" but generally they are silent. Female — Its brown head and distinctly bordered white neck are useful in separating this bird from all but the female Barrows Goldeneye. It has a white belly and generally brown-grey back and tail and the wings have much less white than those of the male. Their voice is a low toned sharp "carrew" or a harsh, low "quack."

BARROWS GOLDENEYE ("Whistler")

Male — A stout "diver" with a purplish-black head; a white crescent below and in front of its yellow or gold eye; white shoulders, chest and belly; and black back, rump and tail. Its wings are black except for a large white patch which extends from the lower edge to the centre. Like the Common Goldeneye, the Barrows Goldeneye has wing feathers which "whistle" during flight. Their voice is like that of the Common Goldeneye. Female — A brown-headed duck with a clearly defined white neck and white shoulder, chest and belly. Its wings are more subdued but like the males. Their call is like that of the American Goldeneye.



WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION

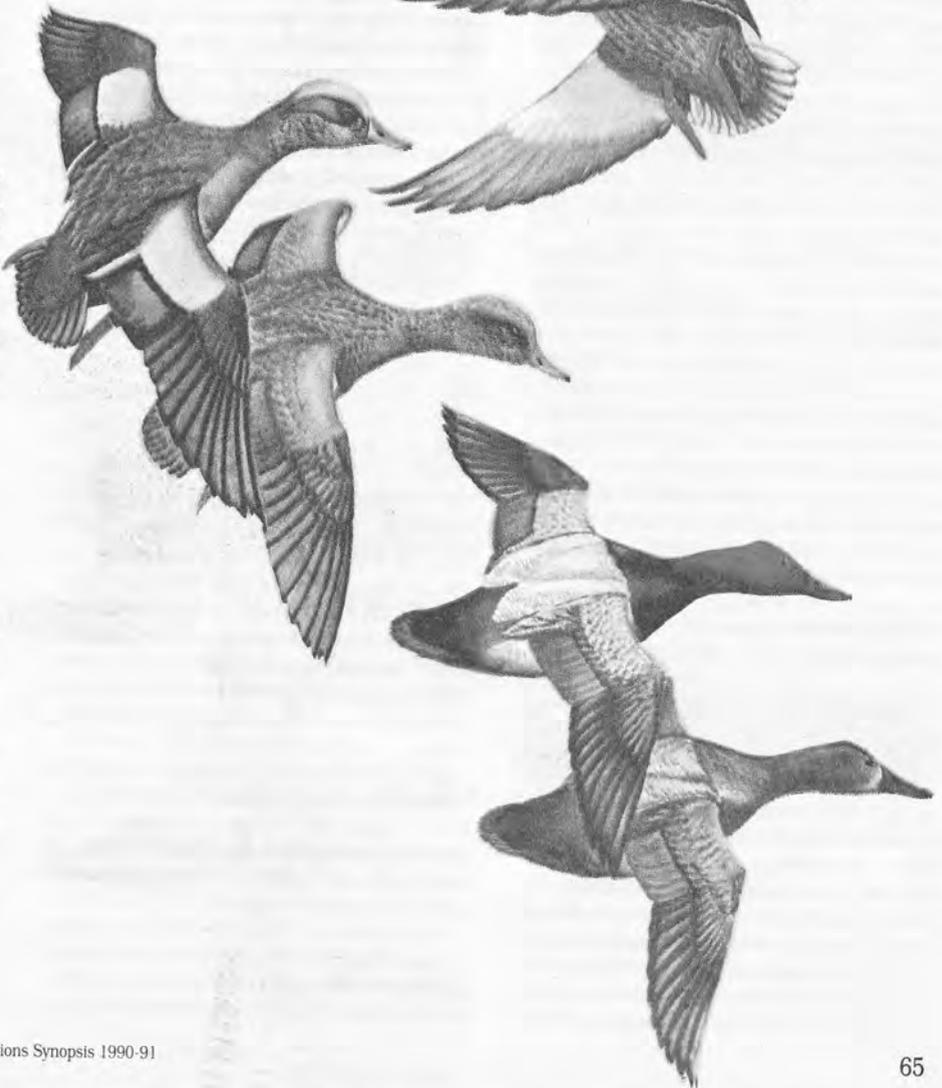
PINTAIL ("Sprigtail")

Male — the thin white (front) and brown (back) neck and long, pointed tail are distinctive. The wing patch (Speculum) is metallic bronze-green with a buff coloured bar above and white below. Their call is a short, mellow whistle, mewing notes (courtship) or loud "quaw quaw" (alarm). Female — typically buff-brown and spotted and streaked with darker markings. Like the male, the body is generally slim but the Speculum is dull brown with little or no green. Their call is a hoarse, muffled quack.



MALLARD ("Greenhead")

Male — This duck is distinctively coloured with yellow bill, orange-red feet, green head, red-brown breast, greyish back and belly, and dark green tail with several short upcurled centre feathers. The speculum is metallic purple-blue bordered above and below by white bars. Their call is a low, reedy squeak or a guttural chatter. Female — brown, dark streaked bird with buffy coloured chin and throat, dull-orange bill with black blotches and orange feet. Their call is a loud quack.



AMERICAN WIDGEON ("Baldpate")

Male — generally "greyish" with brown sides but with a distinctive yellow-white crown; dark green mask through the eyes; bluish bill; bold white shoulder patches on the upper wing; and metallic green and black speculum. Their call is a distinctive three note flute whistle with the middle note much higher than the first or last notes. Female — a brownish-grey bird with wing colours much more subdued than the male's. Their call is a harsh, squawking quack repeated often.

CANVASBACK ("Can")

Male — Its large rust-red head with sloping forehead and bill is distinctive and, as the name implies, it has a canvas-grey coloured back which is accentuated by its black shoulders, chest and rump. Wings are generally grey with canvas-grey near the upper edge. Its call is a harsh, guttural croak or a peeping note. Female — It is like the male except it is coloured brown with a small wash of grey to the back and upper wings. Its call is a loud quack or a wailing "currow."

THE ECONOMICS OF TRAPPING IN B.C.

The main source of revenue for trappers is the sale of pelts. The vast majority of pelts are sold directly by British Columbia trappers to the auction houses, with a relatively small number of pelts being sold to fur traders and taxidermists. For the 1986-87 season, the sale of marten represented over 50% of the gross revenue from pelt sales. Beaver and lynx pelts were the most important sources of revenue.

Trappers also earned almost \$150,000 in revenue from the sale of beaver castors which are used in making perfumes, bear galls used in eastern natural medicine and bear claws used to make jewellery and ornaments. Frequently, trappers use furbearers such as beaver, lynx and muskrat for human and animal consumption. The total estimated replacement value of furbearers used by trappers for food approaches \$200,000. Trappers who used furbearers for human consumption reduced their outlays for meat by an average of over \$130 each while trappers feeding furbearers to dogs saved an average of almost \$180 on dog food.

The licensed trappers of British Columbia are estimated to have spent over \$5.3 million on the purchase of capital items to be used directly in trapping during the 1986-87 season. The largest capital expenditures were for snowmobiles, vehicles and boats, and the purchase of traplines, which respectively made up 27%, 26% and 23% of total capital costs. In addition, provincial trappers incurred annual operating costs for the 1986-87 season for almost \$3.3 million. This includes the costs of travel, working and maintaining the trapline and the selling costs of pelts.

People engage in trapping for many reasons other than the income to be earned from it — recreation, tradition, animal control. Among those who do trap for a livelihood, there appears to be a good deal of variation in the amount of effort devoted to trapping and dependence on trapping as a source of income. Nevertheless, it is estimated that licensed trappers in British Columbia earned a total net revenue after costs of almost \$3.5 million during the 1986-87 season. This represents an average net revenue of over \$1,500 per active licensed trapper in the province. Since the vast majority of trapping takes place outside the Lower Mainland, the employment and economic activity supported by these expenditures are spread throughout many rural parts of the province where job opportunities are often limited.

COLLECTION OF FISHER CARCASSES

For the next 3 trapping seasons (1990-91 to 1992-93), the Wildlife Branch is asking trappers throughout British Columbia to submit fisher carcasses. These carcasses will be used to determine the age and sex of the harvest, food habits, the number of young females may have, and breeding status. This information is important in the management of this valuable furbearer. At the end of the study, every trapper that has submitted a carcass will receive a summary of the age and repro-

ductive status of his or her fisher harvest.

Please keep carcasses frozen after skinning and submit to the nearest regional or district office of the Wildlife Branch, the nearest Conservation Officer, or to the following fur depots:

Prince George: North Bay Fur Sales or Trappers International Marketing Service

Williams Lake: Edmonton Fur Auction House.

The information required is: ASSIGNED TRAPPER NUMBER, date trapped, location trapped, type of set (trap type and intended furbearer), and type of bait. Regional offices and fur depots will have waterproof tags which can be attached to each carcass. For more information, contact your Regional office or the Fur Management section in Victoria.

ROLE OF THE TRAPPER IN FUR MANAGEMENT

If trapping is to be maintained as a viable industry in B.C., trappers must play a central role in the management of the province's fur resources. Following is a list of areas where trappers can and should contribute.

FURBEARER RESEARCH

To properly manage the fur resource it is essential to have knowledge of the animals and their habitat, and the interrelationships between the two.

The types of information required are such things as: how long each species lives, the number of young they have, their food habits and movement patterns. As well, it is important to know if populations are increasing, stable or decreasing. In regard to habitat, we need to know which habitats are important and whether general habitat conditions are improving or deteriorating.

Furbearer research is designed to gather this information. Trappers can play a central role in research programs by submitting carcasses for analysis when requested, answering and promptly returning research questionnaires and lending volunteer assistance on field projects whenever possible.

By assisting researchers, trappers not only help advance the knowledge and understanding of furbearers, but also assist in refining fur management strategies for the benefit of the fur resource and, consequently, themselves.

TRAPPER EDUCATION

Trapping is a very technical occupation. To be successful at capturing furbearers requires great skill. The skills required to harvest furbearers and prepare pelts for auction are second to none in the resource sector.

The technical aspects of trapping are undergoing rapid change. A comparison of the regulations governing trapping in B.C. from 10 years ago to today proves this point very well. As more advancements are made in humane harvesting systems these too will have to be implemented.

Just because a trapper is skilled at capturing furbearers does not mean that he is a good fur manager. Indeed, any trapper who traps without considering the results of his actions is doing half a job at

best, and very likely mismanaging the resource.

Fur management involves taking the most current biological information on the furbearers, and their habitat and using it to develop harvest and habitat strategies. Strategies that are biologically sound.

The responsibility for managing the fur resources of B.C. is shared between the B.C. Wildlife Branch and licensed trappers. Harvest strategies for furbearers that move between and among traplines such as lynx, wolverine and fisher, are developed by regional wildlife staff, with input from local trappers. Provincial management strategies have recently been prepared for lynx, wolverine and fisher and these documents will guide the harvest and habitat management for these species. This year similar strategies will be completed for bobcat and otter.

Harvest strategies for furbearers that are present in manageable numbers on individual traplines are developed by trappers. The Branch provides trappers with management guidelines to assist in the development of these strategies. To date, management guidelines for beaver, marten and muskrat have been published.

Trapper education teaches trappers the technical and management aspects of trapping, and also keeps them informed of advancements in these fields. Novice trappers have been legally required to attend a trapper education course in B.C. since 1983. This course provides beginners with the fundamentals required to become a good trapper. However, there is also an urgent need to inform experienced, licensed trappers of recent advances. This course will eventually become a legal requirement for all licensed trappers.

Trappers have a responsibility to keep themselves informed of advances in this industry and to know what the current issues are affecting their profession. Attending trapper education courses is the best way.

TRAPPER ASSOCIATIONS

If trappers are going to interact effectively with Government or industry they must be organized, well informed and have committed leadership.

Well organized associations can play two important roles.

First, they are a contact point for government agencies for a host of issues ranging from problem wildlife controls to developing trapping regulations. A successful fur management program depends on a close working relationship between trappers and the wildlife management staff. Second, it is a fact of life today that those making decisions affecting land use are under siege from a host of lobby groups with conflicting interests. Your best bet if you want your interests considered is to have a strong association lobbying for trappers.

The BCTA represents approximately 30 percent of the licensed trappers in the province. This group would be even more effective with greater membership.

The following points summarize the role that trappers can play in fur management.

1. Trappers can assist biologists in their fur research projects. Everybody wins when this happens.
2. Trappers can keep themselves informed of recent advances in humane trapping techniques and fur

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management. This is best accomplished by requesting a trapper education course in their area and convincing all to attend.

3. Trappers can work closely with Regional Wildlife staff. Wildlife Branch staff are a tremendous resource to trappers, as trappers are to Wildlife staff.

4. Trappers can play a more active role in supporting their trapper locals and the B.C. Trapper's Association.

5. Trappers can become advocates for the protection of critical furbearer habitat. Alliances can be formed with organizations with similar interests to become more effective in lobbying for the maintenance and enhancement of key furbearer habitat.

6. Finally and most importantly, trappers need to become more effective at policing themselves. Make no mistake, the trapper who traps inhumanely or overharvests is your worst enemy. The future of your profession may lie largely with the uninformed or uncaring trapper. These people have to be brought "on-side" or the whistle has to be blown on them.

KNAPWEED ALERT TO HUNTERS

Over 100,000 acres of provincial rangeland are infested with **diffuse knapweed** or **spotted knapweed**. While travelling in B.C., watch out for knapweed infestations on rangeland. **People** are the major source of knapweed spread.

- Learn to identify both species of knapweed.
- Don't drive through infested areas or across grasslands. Stay on established roads.
- Check your vehicle and remove attached knapweed **before** leaving infested areas. Knapweed is easily caught up in the undercarriage and doors of vehicles and spread for great distances.

For more information on how you can help control the spread of knapweed, call your local office of the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.



Diffuse Knapweed

- white flowers (sometimes purple)
- short rigid spines on flower heads



Spotted Knapweed

- black-tipped fringe on flower head bracts

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES

- A licenced trapper commits an offence where he takes more than 2 black bear by authority of a trapping licence.
- Effective for the 1991/92 trapping season, all live-holding traps set on traplines less than 260 km² (100 miles²) will have to be checked daily.

DEFINITIONS

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

leg-hold 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.

fur-bearer — means any fox, badger, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, sea otter, raccoon, skunk, red squirrel, weasel (ermine), wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

killing trap — means any trap or trapset that is designed to kill an animal.

modified leg-hold trap — means a trap which has a minimum space of 5 mm between the jaws of the trap when in a closed position or has manufactured pads made of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws.

killing snare — means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

foot snare — means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the foot or leg.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all ungranted Crown land in the Province.

1. A person commits an offence where he sets a trap for, hunts, kills, takes or captures a fur-bearing animal in any area of the Province unless he is:
 - (a) the registered holder of the trap-line for that area, or
 - (b) authorized by regulations or a permit.
2. Registration of a trap-line 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 trap-line shall be registered to a person. Registration of a trap-line does not

 - (a) give the holder of a trap-line any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
 - (b) restrict the rights of another person
 - (i) to hunt, or
 - (ii) to capture wildlife where authorized by regulations or a permit.
3. The boundaries of a registered trap-line are defined by the Regional Manager. The relinquishment or transfer of a trap-line must be approved by the Regional Manager.
4. No person shall continue to hold a registered trap-line unless he is in possession of a valid licence to trap and either

(a) carries on active trapping on his registered trap-line to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager, or (b) obtains permission from the Regional Manager to temporarily discontinue the active use or partially discontinue the use of his registered trap-line for a period not exceeding two years.

5. Where the holder of a registered trap-line fails to
 - (a) renew his licence annually, or
 - (b) use his trap-line.the Regional Manager shall cancel the registration of his trap-line.

A person fails to use his trap-line, where within a year he fails to take from the trap-line

- (a) fur-bearing animals of a value of \$200, or
- (b) 50 pelts.

except where it is unreasonable to expect that value of animals or pelts to be harvested from the trap-line.

6. A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully set trap commits an offence.
7. A person who leaves a trap set after the last day of the open season for the trapping of fur-bearing animals commits an offence.
8. A licenced person trapping on private property outside the boundaries of a registered trap-line does **not** require a permit.
9. A person commits an offence where he has live wildlife in his 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.)

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1. A person commits an offence where he traps unless he
 - (a) has held a trapping licence prior to August 1, 1983,
 - (b) is authorized to trap, or
 - (c) has completed a trapper education course which is approved by the Director.
2. A person commits an offence where he
 - (a) uses a leg-hold trap, (except a leg-hold trap designed for wolves) which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 30 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened,
 - (b) uses a leg-hold 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,
 - (c) traps beaver, otter, mink or muskrat on land by means of a leg-hold trap, unless the trap is equipped with a submerging device,
 - (d) a **minimum weight of 150 grams (6 oz.) is required to be securely attached to all muskrat submerging sets smaller than size No. 1-1/2,**
 - (e) uses a leg-hold trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap,
 - (f) uses a killing snare on land unless the snare is
 - (i) equipped with a locking device, or
 - (ii) designed to catch squirrels,
 - (g) traps a wolverine, marten, fisher, weasel, skunk, squirrel or raccoon except by means of a killing trap, a live box trap or a killing snare,
 - (h) sets spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap,

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- (j) uses a trap equipped with a spearing device,
 - (k) traps, hunts, kills or takes a black bear, except by the use of a rifle, shotgun, or bow,
 - (l) traps a wolf, fox, coyote, lynx or bobcat, except by means of a killing trap, a modified leg-hold trap, a live box trap or a foot snare,
 - (m) uses a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licenced or authorized to trap,
 - (n) uses a snare made of braided wire unless licenced or authorized to trap, or
 - (o) uses any Conibear trap larger than, but not including, #220 for land sets within any municipality in Region 2.
- (a) traps a fur-bearing animal, and if the animal is alive when he checks the trap, does not immediately release or kill the animal.
3. (a) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence unless he examines the holding or non-killing traps he has set on his trap-line at least once every 72 hours.
 - (b) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless he examines the holding or non-killing traps he has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.
4. A person commits an offence, when trapping within 200m of a dwelling, unless he uses
 - (a) if trapping on land, a live box trap, or
 - (b) if trapping on or in water,
 - (i) a Conibear trap not larger than size No. 330, or equivalent,
 - (ii) leg-hold traps not larger than size No. 2, or
 - (iii) submarine traps.
 5. A person commits an offence where he traps on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner.
 6. A licensed trapper commits an offence where he takes more than 2 black bear by authority of a trapping licence.

MODIFICATION OF LEG-HOLD TRAPS

A modified leg-hold trap is a leg-hold trap with padded or offset jaws.

Trappers can modify existing leg-hold traps to comply with the trapping regulations. Standard coil spring or long-spring can be modified by the following methods:

1. The jaws must be modified to allow a minimum of 5 mm or 3/16 inch space between the jaws when closed, or
2. A type of shim may be fastened between the jaws (near the sides of the jaws) causing the trap to remain open a minimum of 5 mm or 3/16 inch when in the "closed" position.

Various wolf trapping sets are illustrated in the Canadian Trappers' Manual on pages 7, 7A and 7B.

Some existing leg-hold traps may be modified by replacing standard jaws with offset jaws or padded jaws and replacement lever. Replacement levers are required with padded jaws as standard levers will not close the trap properly.

TRAP-LINE CABINS

Trappers should register their trap-line cabins on Crown land. Contact the Wildlife Branch of the Ministry of Environment for further information.

LICENCE FEES

The fees payable for the issuance of a trapping licence shall be:

1. For a trapping licence issued to a resident in the Province to trap game 17.00*
2. For a duplicate licence issued to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his trapping licence has been lost or destroyed 4.00
3. Where the rights to a registered trapline are transferred to a person or group of persons, that person or group of persons shall pay a transfer fee of \$25.00.

Trapping licences shall be valid from the date of issuance to June 30 following.

*Includes impost for Habitat Conservation Fund.

COMPULSORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Any wolf taken by trapping on Vancouver Island or in the Kootenay Region, any bobcat, lynx and wolverine taken by trapping in the Kootenay Region, and any fisher trapped in the Cariboo sub-region must be submitted for inspection to an official of the Ministry of Environment for the purpose of collecting information required for management of these species.

Reporting must occur on a monthly basis (by the end of each calendar month).

Information required for compulsory inspection includes:

- the location where the animal was trapped
- the date the animal was killed
- the number of traps used and days set before the animal was killed
- the sex of the animal
- a tooth from all bobcat and lynx taken in the Kootenay Region
- the skull from all wolf taken in the Kootenay Region and on Vancouver Island
- the carcass of any fisher taken in the Cariboo sub-region

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

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Registered trap-line 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 trap-line 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.

FUR TRADING REGULATIONS

1. Licenced fur traders must submit a full and complete return on all wildlife that has been or is in his possession for each calendar month, within 30 days of the last day of the month to which the report relates. A Fur Trader's Return Form is provided for that purpose.
2. The **Assigned Trapper Number** of every trapper from whom furs are received (except furs taken

under a hunting licence, permit or on a reserve) must be recorded on the monthly return.

3. All licenced fur traders are now required to measure any lynx pelt acquired by them at the end of every calendar month and to submit all measurements on prescribed forms.

FUR ROYALTIES

1. Where a person in possession of a pelt or skin of a fur-bearing animal not raised in captivity on which a royalty has not already been paid under this section, fails to pay to the Minister of Finance a royalty on each pelt or skin in his possession, as prescribed by regulation, he commits an offence.
2. Section (1) above does not apply to the holder of a trapping licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping licence when selling pelts, lawfully taken by him, to the holder of a fur trader's licence.
3. A person who kills a fur-bearing 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 intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

Schedule of Royalties

(a) On each beaver	0.85
(b) On each bobcat	4.60
(c) On each coyote	1.20
(d) On each fisher	4.50
(e) On each fox	0.85
(f) On each lynx	11.30
(g) On each marten	2.70
(h) On each mink	1.20
(i) On each muskrat	0.10
(j) On each otter	1.15
(k) On each raccoon	0.45
(l) On each skunk	0.09
(m) On each squirrel	0.02
(n) On each weasel	0.06
(o) On each wolf	3.00
(p) On each wolverine	5.60
(q) On each black bear	2.10

A MESSAGE TO THE TRAPPER

1. The ASSIGNED TRAPPER NUMBER (A.T.N.) is required by the Fur Trader when exporting fur, selling fur, and paying fur royalties.

Please remember to write your Assigned Trapper Number 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 your fur without recording your Assigned Trapper Number.

2. The Wildlife Branch reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under a trap-line registration.
3. Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.
4. You are reminded that under Sections 231 and 402 of the **Criminal Code** of Canada it is an offence for anyone to willfully cause or permit to be caused un-

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necessary pain, suffering, or injury to an animal or injury to any person.

- 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.
- Any raw pelt or skin of a fur-bearing animal shipped out of the Province must be accompanied by a **Royalty Fur Export Permit**.
- Any trapper accidentally capturing a weasel on the Queen Charlotte Islands (M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13) is requested to forward the animal to the Ministry of Environment Office.

OPEN SEASONS

NOTE: UNLESS SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT UNITS ARE STATED, THE FOLLOWING OPEN SEASONS APPLY TO THE ENTIRE REGION.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-15

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, RACCOON, SQUIRREL

Nov. 15 — Feb. 28

MUSKRAT

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28

WOLVERINE

Management Units: 1-14, 1-15

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

Management Units: 1-1 to 1-13

No Open Season

MARTEN, FISHER, MINK, WEASEL, BOBCAT, SKUNK, FOX, COYOTE, LYNX

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

No Open Season

WOLF

Nov. 1 — Apr. 30

LOWER MAINLAND REGION

Management Units: 2-1 to 2-19

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT, MINK

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19

Nov. 15 — Feb. 28

WEASEL, BOBCAT, RACCOON, SKUNK, FOX, COYOTE, LYNX, WOLVERINE, MARTEN, FISHER, SQUIRREL

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-19

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

No Open Season

WOLF

Management Units: 2-2 to 2-4, 2-7 to 2-10, 2-17 to 2-19

No Open Season

Management Units: 2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-15, 2-16

Nov. 1 — Feb. 15

THOMPSON-NICOLA SUB-REGION

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-46

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT

Management Units: 3-16, 3-17, 3-27 to 3-46

Oct. 15 — Apr. 30

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-15, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26

Nov. 1 — Apr. 15

SQUIRREL

Nov. 1 — March 15

WOLVERINE, MARTEN, FISHER, MINK, WEASEL, RACCOON, SKUNK

Nov. 1 — Feb. 15

FOX, COYOTE

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28

BOBCAT, LYNX

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

No Open Season

WOLF

Management Units: 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28

Management Units: 3-45, 3-46

No Open Season

KOOTENAY REGION

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT

Oct. 15 — Apr. 15

SQUIRREL

Nov. 1 — Mar. 15

MARTEN, MINK, WEASEL, RACCOON, SKUNK, FOX

Nov. 1 — Feb. 15

FISHER

No Open Season

LYNX, BOBCAT

Nov. 15 — Feb. 28

COYOTE

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 4-36 to 4-40

Oct. 15 — May 15

Management Units: 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-35

No Open Season

WOLF

Management Unit: 4-1, 4-2

No Open Season

Management Units: 4-3 to 4-9, 4-20 to 4-40

Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

WOLVERINE

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

CARIBOO SUB-REGION

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-16

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9, 5-11

Nov. 15 — Feb. 28

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15

Oct. 15 — Apr. 30

SQUIRREL

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9, 5-11

Nov. 15 — Feb. 28

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15

Nov. 1 — Mar. 15

FISHER

Management Units: 5-3 to 5-14

Dec. 15 — Jan. 15

Management Units: 5-1, 5-2, 5-15

No Open Season

COYOTE, WOLF, FOX

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15

Oct. 15 — Feb. 28

LYNX

Management Units: 5-1, 5-2, 5-15

No Open Season

Management Units: 5-3 to 5-14

Dec. 1 — Jan. 15

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WOLVERINE, MARTEN, MINK, WEASEL, BOBCAT, RACCOON, SKUNK

Management Units: 5-7 to 5-9, 5-11
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15
Management Units: 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15
Nov. 1 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 5-1 to 5-15
Oct. 15 — May 15

SKEENA REGION Management Units: 6-1 to 6-30

LAND OTTER

Management Units: 6-12, 6-13
Nov. 15 — Apr. 30
Management Units: 6-19 to 6-29
Oct. 1 — May 31
Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Oct. 15 — Mar. 31
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15
to 6-18, 6-30
Oct. 15 — May 24

SQUIRREL

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Nov. 15 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-12, 6-13,
6-15 to 6-30
Nov. 1 — Mar. 31

WOLVERINE, MARTEN, FISHER, MINK

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-12, 6-13,
6-15 to 6-30
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

WEASEL

Management Units: 6-12, 6-13
No Open Season
Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10,
6-15 to 6-30
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

BOBCAT, RACCOON, SKUNK, FOX, COYOTE

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

LYNX

Management Units: 6-19 to 6-29
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 6-1 to 6-30
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BEAVER, MUSKRAT

Management Units: 6-12, 6-13
Nov. 15 — Apr. 30
Management Units: 6-19 to 6-29
Oct. 1 — May 31
Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Oct. 15 — Mar. 31
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15
to 6-18, 6-30
Oct. 15 — May 24

BLACK BEAR

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14
Oct. 15 — May 15
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30
Oct. 15 — May 31
*There is no open season on the white (Kermode) or
blue (Glacier) colour phases of black bear.*

WOLF

Management Units: 6-3, 6-11, 6-14
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15
Management Units: 6-12, 6-13
No Open Season
Management Units: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10,
6-15 to 6-30
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

OMINECA-PEACE SUB-REGION

Management Units: 7-1 to 7-58

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT

Management Units: 7-42, 7-47 to 7-58
Oct. 1 — May 31
Management Units: 7-1 to 7-41, 7-43 to 7-46
Oct. 15 — May 24

WOLVERINE, FISHER, MINK, WEASEL, BOBCAT, RACCOON, SKUNK, FOX

Nov. 1 — Feb. 28

MARTEN

Management Units: 7-1 to 7-48, 7-55 to 7-58
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 7-49 to 7-54
Nov. 1 — Mar. 15

WOLF

Management Units: 7-1 to 7-41, 7-43 to 7-47
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 7-42, 7-48 to 7-58
Oct. 15 — May 31

COYOTE

Management Units: 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36,
7-43 to 7-47
Oct. 15 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 7-42, 7-48 to 7-58
Oct. 15 — Feb. 15.

SQUIRREL

Nov. 1 — Mar. 31

LYNX

Management Units: 7-42, 7-47 to 7-58
Nov. 1 — Feb. 28
Management Units: 7-1 to 7-41, 7-43 to 7-46
Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

Oct. 15 — May 31

OKANAGAN SUB-REGION Management Units: 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26

BEAVER, LAND OTTER, MUSKRAT

Nov. 1 — Apr. 15

SQUIRREL

Nov. 1 — Mar. 15

WOLVERINE, MARTEN, FISHER, MINK, WEASEL, BOBCAT, RACCOON, SKUNK, COYOTE

Nov. 1 — Feb. 15

LYNX

Nov. 15 — Feb. 15

BLACK BEAR

Oct. 15 — May 15

WOLF

No Open Season

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

Over 300 potential wildlife viewing sites in British Columbia have been inventoried as part of a study commissioned by the governments of Canada and B.C. and documented in a recent report entitled, "Wildlife Viewing in B.C.: The Tourism Potential." Up to 51 of these sites will be developed for public viewing over the next five years under the auspices of a committee representing the Ministries of Environment and Tourism, the Federation of B.C. Naturalists, the B.C. Wildlife Federation and the Guide Outfitters Association of B.C.

The study showed that wildlife viewing has a tremendous potential in B.C., as a recreational activity and as part of the adventure travel industry, particularly considering the province's world-class wildlife resource.

The wildlife viewing initiative is a direct response to growing public interest in wildlife, and it is consistent with one of the stated goals of the wildlife program of the Ministry of Environment: "To maintain, enhance and promote viewing, appreciation and study of wildlife in its habitat."

Look for wildlife viewing areas in provincial parks and at wildlife sites across the province.

For further information, contact: Nancy Wilkin, Tourism and Parks/Planning Coordinator, Wildlife Branch, Victoria, 387-9785.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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providing carcasses or road kills.

The objective in trapline management for fishers is to leave the breeding population and trap the dispersing juveniles. Trappers are encouraged to trap fishers only during November and December. During these months, the catch will consist primarily of young juveniles, which normally have a high mortality in the wild. Trapping later in the season harvests the reproductive males and females and should be avoided.

As experts in the outdoors, trappers are aware of the movements of fishers and their prey. Trappers are urged to keep accurate records of the abundance of fishers, habitat conditions, trapping pressure and success, and the sex and age of fishers caught on their trapline. This information is important in the long-term management of fishers. By responding to trapper questionnaires and attending trapper workshops, trappers assist the Wildlife Branch in managing this sensitive furbearer.

WOLVERINE

The wolverine is one of British Columbia's rarest furbearers. Wolverines occur in low numbers, they need large tracts of wilderness and the individual trapper cannot manage this furbearer alone.

Food governs all aspects of the wolverine's existence. Diverse habitats, which support many types of prey species, are best for wolverines. As a scavenger,



they need large home ranges to supply all their requirements. When food is scarce, wolverines will not reproduce. Very young and old wolverines may die from starvation during these times.

A major aspect of habitat management is the maintenance of refuges, large untrapped areas that allow dispersing wolverines to colonize unoccupied areas. Trappers must cooperate to provide refuges of a sufficient size.

The key to population management is to protect the breeding population. Trappers are urged to trap early in the season when young-of-the-year are dispersing. Trappers should avoid trapping after Jan-

uary when reproductive females are most vulnerable.

As experts in the outdoors, trappers are aware of the movements of wolverines and their prey. By responding to trapper questionnaires and attending trapper workshops, trappers assist the Wildlife Branch in managing this sensitive furbearer.

LYNX

Populations of lynx and their prey, the snowshoe hare, are tied together in a 10-year population cycle in which dramatic highs and lows occur. This cycle plays a critical role in the management of lynx and lynx traplines.

When snowshoe hares are abundant, adult lynx are able to maintain adequate weight, good condition, high pregnancy rates, and large litter sizes. When snowshoe hare numbers decline, lynx become stressed. Symptoms include poorer physical condition, an increase in activity and movements, increased home range or abandonment of home ranges, long distance dispersal and subsequent local increases, decreased production of young, especially among yearlings, poor survival of kittens, and starvation of at least some adults.

Heavy trapping during the population low can slow down or even prevent the subsequent recovery of lynx. The best method to manage lynx is a tracking strategy. Trapping activity is curtailed during the low in hare numbers, and increased with the increase in

lynx numbers. Trappers can help in the management of lynx by live-trapping and releasing unharmed adult females, trapping only during the early part of the season, minimizing the use of snares and instead, using sets that will take the young, inexperienced and hungry lynx, and trapping furbearers that compete with lynx for snowshoe hares, especially coyotes.

Trappers can monitor the resource by keeping accurate records of lynx and snowshoe hare tracks, and of the proportion of kittens in their harvest. Low numbers of kittens is the signal to stop trapping. The cooperation and support of trappers is critical if management of lynx in British Columbia is to be successful.

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