

HUNTING AND TRAPPING SYNOPSIS 2005-2006



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For more information on the hunting and trapping regulations, call a MWLAP Regional Office, Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation Branch (FWRA) HQ Victoria, or the Conservation Officer Service using the numbers listed on the regional maps of each region. Enquiry BC can provide toll free access to provincial government telephone numbers. Simply call Enquiry BC and request a transfer to the number you wish to call:

- **Enquiry BC**
from Vancouver 604-660-2421
from Victoria 387-6121
elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867
- **Report a Poacher/Polluter (see page 86)** 1-800-663-9453 (WILD)

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Region **1**
VANCOUVER
ISLAND

Region **2**
LOWER
MAINLAND

Region **3**
THOMPSON
- NICOLA

Region **4**
KOOTENAY

Region **5**
CARIBOO

Region **6**
SKEENA

Region **7A**
OMINECA

Region **7B**
PEACE

Region **8**
OKANAGAN

You and the law.

The British Columbia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis is intended for general information purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between this Synopsis and the Regulations, the Regulations are the final authority. Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the responsibility of an individual to be informed of the current Regulations.

Director's Message

British Columbia is world renowned for its biological diversity and abundance of wildlife. Many values are associated with these attributes, including exceptional hunting opportunities for both residents and hunters worldwide. Hand in hand with our use and enjoyment of wildlife is our duty to be responsible stewards of this valuable resource.

Last year was an exciting year in the province as we recorded increased hunting licence sales for the first time in a number of years, with over 80,000 licences sold. This reversal suggests a renewed interest in hunting and strengthening of the hunting community. The money from licence sales goes directly towards wildlife management activities. As well, increased numbers of hunters inevitably contribute to and help promote stable economies in rural BC. Hunters spent over \$100 million in BC on hunting related goods and services last year (see page 19).

Each year the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection develops a hunting and trapping synopsis that outlines the current regulations governing these activities. In this document we highlight any changes to the rules from the previous year and highlight important rules that must be followed. This is an invaluable tool that helps hunters identify and choose from the many hunting opportunities within the province. By following the rules, hunters help managers reach wildlife conservation targets and protect the exceptional hunting experience in BC.

Over the next three years, we will significantly increase our investment in wildlife inventory. I'm confident this investment will pay dividends for hunters. Good inventory information will ensure accurate population estimates, the determination of appropriate harvest levels, and ultimately allow us to maximize hunting opportunities within sustainable limits.

Finally, I'd like to give special recognition to the 100th anniversary of British Columbia's Conservation Officer Service (see page 85). The exemplary role of the Service ensures that hunters and other resource users understand and comply with regulations which govern the use of fish and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Al Martin

Director, Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation Branch

Major Regulation Changes & Highlights for 2005-2006

Electronic Calls - The use of electronic calls is now permitted for hunting 'Schedule C' birds (see "What is Wildlife?" section, page 14.)

Transporters - Transporting (or packing) is now a regulated activity. If you plan to use a transporter's services for any part of your hunt, make sure you hire a licensed business. Contact your regional office to find out the status of transporter licensing in your area. See the new "Licensing of Transporters" article, page 25.

Senior Licences - The requirement for a BC resident senior to be a Canadian citizen to purchase licences at a discounted rate has been removed.

New Articles - We have changed a number of the articles in this year's synopsis. Articles were submitted by a number of different organizations to provide information that is useful and interesting to hunters and trappers in British Columbia.

Regional Regulation Changes - Major region-specific changes to the regulations can be found on the front page of each region's section of the synopsis (the same page as the region's map).

New information or regulation changes are highlighted as green, bolded text.

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

In-season Regulation changes are posted on the Web

Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations. Please check our web site for in-season changes before your hunt:

wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw

Feature Articles from Past Editions

These articles from past editions of the Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis have been posted on our web site for on-going reference. Please go to:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/archive.htm>

Lynx Management Information (2004) - Knowledge of lynx cycles to help trappers to adjust harvesting efforts.

Moose Antler Regulations (2004) - Descriptions of the 3 types of moose antler regulations recognized by FWRA Branch.

Important Notice to all Mountain Goat Hunters (2004 Long Version) - Information on Mountain Goat selection.

Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (2004) - Objectives, plan and access information.

Safety Guidelines for Hunters in Bear Country (2004) - How to avoid encounters and what to do you if you encounter a bear.

Threatened Caribou Listing (2004) - Description of BC's actions taken to protect caribou.

Take Care of Your Game Meat (2003) - Instructions for taking care of your game meat. Includes diagram.

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Front Cover

North of Stump Lake in the Thompson-Nicola Region

- Vance Hanna, Photographer -

DEFINITIONS

Accompany - means to remain in the company of the other person, able to see the other person without the aid of any device other than ordinary corrective lenses and able to communicate by unamplified voice with that person.

All Terrain Vehicle or ATV - means a wheeled vehicle or tracked vehicle propelled by motorized power, and capable of travel on or off a highway, including motorcycles but not including a snowmobile or motor vehicle that is licensed for highway travel under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Antlered Animal - means a member of the deer family over one year of age bearing visible bony antlers.

Antlerless Animal - means a member of the deer family bearing no visible antlers. The small skin or hair covered protuberances of male 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.

BC Resident - means a person who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, and whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia and who has been physically present in BC for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*, or if not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, has been physically present in BC for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*. "Only or primary residence" means permanent residency identified by driver's licence, income tax return, health care card, vehicle registration, etc.

Bearded Turkey - a male turkey with a tuft of hair-like feathers, that grow larger with age, found on the chest of a male turkey.

Big Game - means any mountain sheep, mountain goat, bison, caribou, elk, moose, deer, grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, wolf, bobcat, lynx, wolverine or other animal designated by regulation.

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

Bow - means a longbow or crossbow.

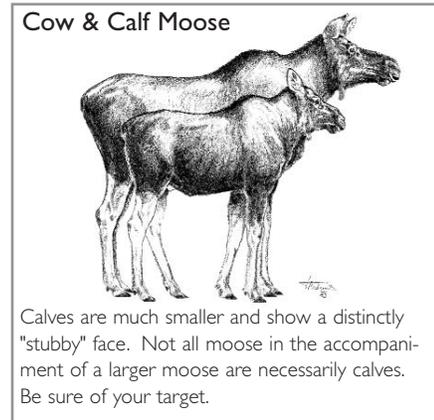
Brow Tine - means the first tine projecting forward or upward in the lower 1/3 of the antler of a moose, caribou, elk or deer.

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

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

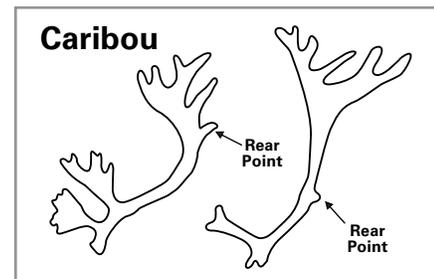
Cow Moose - Shoulder height: 6 feet; Weight: 600 – 800 lbs (live)

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



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

Caribou - 5 Point Bull - has one antler which bears at least 5 tines (points), including the tip of the main beam above the rear point. If rear point is missing, the first rear-facing point will be used as the rear point.



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

Crossbow - means a bow fixed across a stock with a groove for the arrow or bolt and a mechanism for holding and releasing the string. (NOTE: The use of crossbows is permitted during special bow only seasons unless otherwise indicated under the regional schedules.)

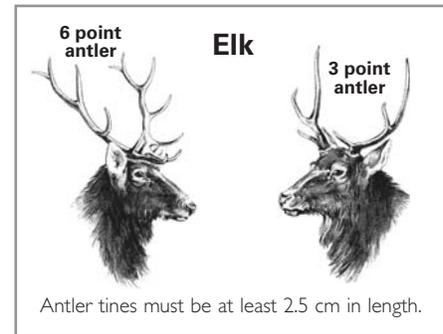
Decoy - means any material or manufactured product that simulates the appearance or has the form of wildlife.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Licence Year - Hunting and Guide Licences - means the period from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. Trapping and Fur Trading Licences - means the period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Loaded Firearm - means any firearm containing live ammunition in either the breech or the magazine. A clip containing live ammunition, when attached to the firearm, is considered as the magazine. **Muzzle loaders** - see page 17.

Migratory Game Birds - for which there may be an open season in BC and for which a Canadian Migratory Game Bird hunting permit is required are: waterfowl (ducks and geese, including Brant); coot; snipe; band-tailed pigeon and mourning dove.

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

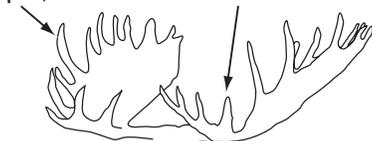
Spike - Fork Bull Moose



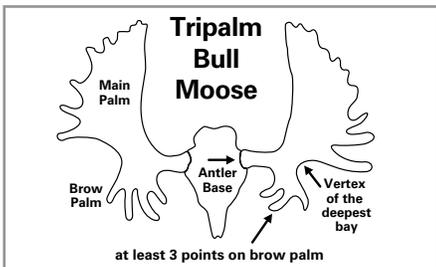
Moose - 10 Point Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a minimum of ten points (tines), including the tines on the brow palm. (See diagram and tine definition.)

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

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



Moose - Tripalm Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a brow palm bearing three or more points (tines). The brow palm is separated from the main palm by the deepest antler bay. The



deepest bay is the bay whose vertex (deepest location) is the shortest distance from the antler base, when measured along the surface of the antler.

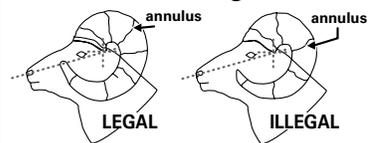
Motorcycle - means a motor vehicle that runs on 2 or 3 wheels and has a saddle or seat for the driver to sit astride.

Motor Vehicle - means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is being or may be transported or drawn, and which is designed to be self propelled, and includes an ATV or snowmobile, but does not include a device designed to be moved by human, animal or wind power; a device designed to be used exclusively on stationary rails or stationary tracks; or a boat propelled by motorized power.

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending upwards beyond a straight line drawn through the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for examination, when viewed squarely from the side with both horns in alignment, at least one horn tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

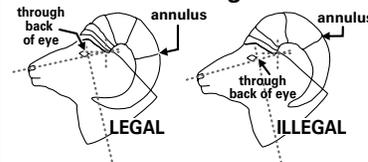
Mountain Sheep - 3/4 Curl Bighorn Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending beyond a straight line drawn through the back of the eye opening and at right angles to a line drawn between the centre of the nostril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

Full Curl Bighorn

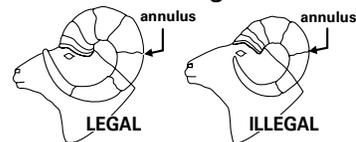


Reference points (+): use centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the base of the horn

3/4 Curl Bighorn



Full Curl Thinhorn/ Mature Bighorn



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

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Thinhorn Ram - means any male thinhorn mountain sheep whose horn tip extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge when viewed squarely from the side or which has attained the age of 8 years as evidenced by yearly horn growth annuli as determined by the Regional Manager or designate. Do not use yearly horn growth annuli to determine the age of a ram in the field, because "false" annuli may be present.

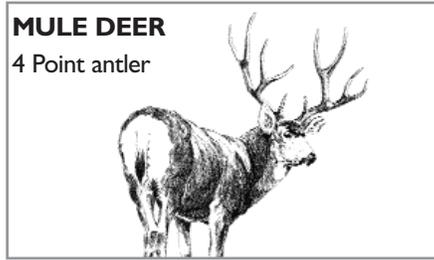
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Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Four Points or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least four tines, excluding the brow tine, on one antler.



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

Non-Resident - means a person who is not a BC resident but who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or a person who is not a BC resident but whose only or primary residence is in Canada and has resided in Canada for the 12 month period immediately before doing a thing under the *Wildlife Act*.

Non-Resident Alien means a person who is neither a BC resident nor a non-resident.

Non-Toxic Shot - means shotgun pellets consisting of, by weight, not more than one percent lead.

No Shooting Area - means a designated area in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

Power Boat - means a boat, canoe or yacht powered by electric, gasoline, oil, steam or other mechanical means, but does not include a boat powered manually nor a

boat with an outboard motor provided the motor is tilted or otherwise disengaged so as not to be ready for immediate use.

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

Road Allowance - see definition, pg. 13.

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

Small Game - includes fox, raccoon, coyote, skunk, snowshoe hare and game birds.

Snowmobile - means a vehicle designed primarily for travel on snow or ice, having one or more steering skis, self propelled and using one or more endless belts or tracks driven in contact with the ground.

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

Tine or "Point" - means a branch of an antler which is longer than its breadth and is at least 2.5 cm in length, and for the purpose of determining the length of a tine

(a) the breadth of the tine is measured (if extending from a palmation of an antler; then in the plane of the palm) at a location at least 2.5 cm from the tip of the tine, and
(b) the length of the tine is measured from its tip end, following the midline of the profile of the tine, and following the natural curvature of the tine, to the midpoint of the straight line along which the breadth is

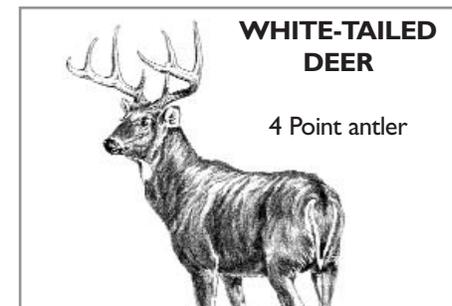
measured. (See How to Measure a Tine diagram below)

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

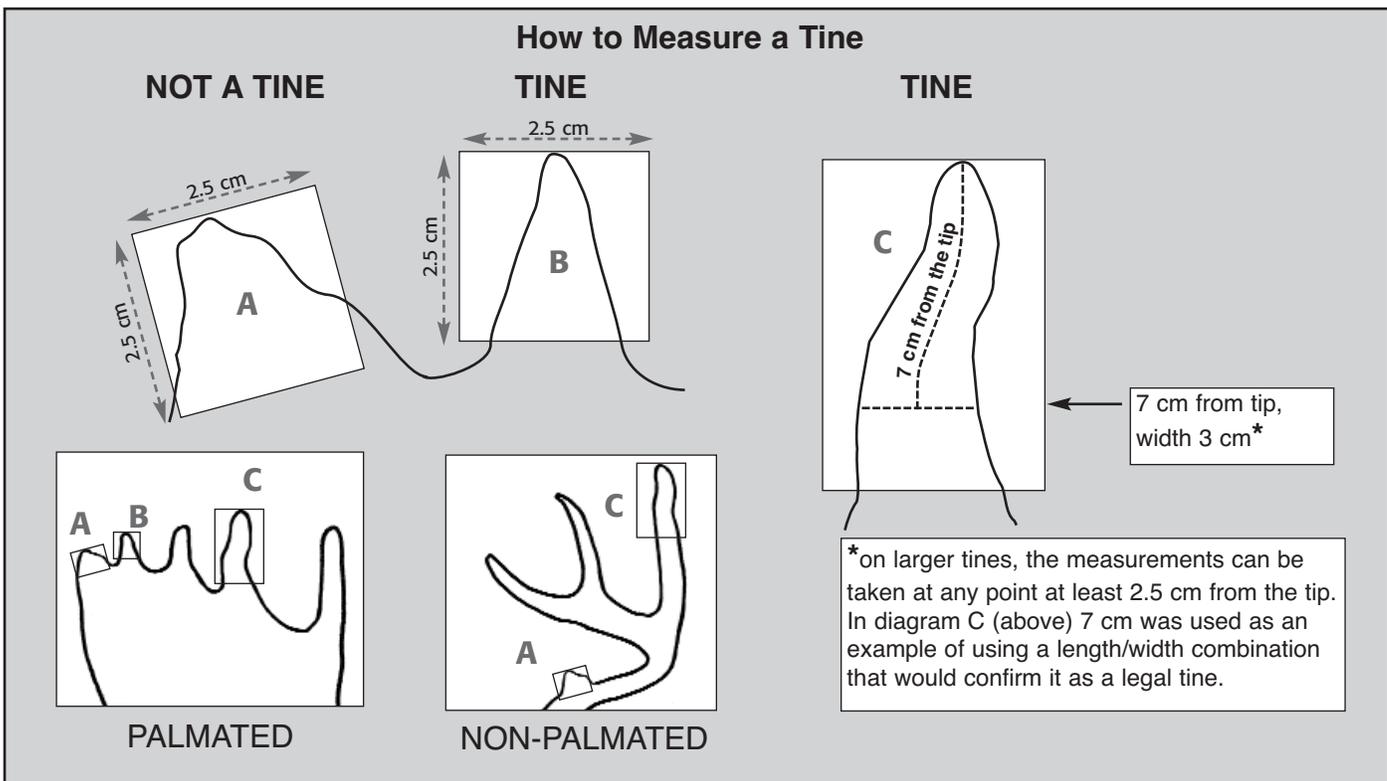
Upland Game Bird - includes the gallinaceous birds, such as wild turkey, grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, pheasant, and quail. Also includes doves and pigeons.

Vehicle - means a wheeled or tracked device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a highway.

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



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



HUNTER EDUCATION

▶ Since 1974, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) has been an educational program designed to ensure that prospective new hunters meet acceptable standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical participation in hunting. As of March 1, 1998, the BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) accepted the responsibility for the delivery of the program and graduate record keeping. CORE graduates who are not a BCWF or affiliated club member are entitled to apply for a BCWF direct membership at half-price, including the Out-door Edge magazine and liability insurance.

▶ Although not compulsory, classroom instruction in CORE is recommended and may be obtained through courses in adult education, community colleges, rod and gun clubs or course advertisements. The written examination is based on: Outdoor Ethics, Firearm Handling, Hunting Regulations, Animal and Bird Identification, Outdoor

Survival, First Aid and Safety, and Hunter Heritage, Conservation and Wildlife Management chapters found in the CORE manual. There is a \$10.00 fee for each of the practical firearms handling and written examinations. There is also a graduate fee of \$30.00 **payable to BCWF** at the time of program completion used for CORE program delivery support.

▶ The course requires about 21 hours of self study and firearm handling practice based upon the CORE manual. Information on how to obtain the CORE manual and a list of certified CORE examiners is available from Access Centre offices, MWLAP, the BCWF office in Burnaby, at 1-800-533-2293, the MWLAP web page at

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>, or the BCWF web page at www.bcwf.bc.ca

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

BC RESIDENT HUNTER NUMBER

▶ A BC resident (see **Definitions section**) may only have and use one hunter number: If you lose your hunter number card, contact a government agent in your area or the FWRA Branch, Victoria to obtain a duplicate. DO NOT obtain a new hunter number, as this violates the *Wildlife Act* Regulations.

▶ It is important that the FWRA Branch maintains accurate records of hunter addresses and hunter numbers particularly as they relate to Limited Entry Hunting, wildlife harvest and hunter effort data requested from hunters through reporting, inspection and surveys.

▶ A member of the Canadian Armed Forces enrolled in continuing full-time military service is eligible to obtain a HUNTER NUMBER after making his/her permanent residence in BC for 30 days immediately before applying for the licence/HUNTER Number.

▶ If the holder of a hunter number card changes his or her legal name, residential address or ceases to be a resident, he or she within 30 days of the address or name change or date at which they cease to be a resident, must notify the Director of the FWRA Branch of the address change, provide a document evidencing the legal name change or on ceasing to be a resident, surrender their hunter number card to the Director of the FWRA Branch. If a person who holds a BC resident hunter number card ceases to be a BC resident, the hunter number card is suspended as long as the person is not a resident. For correspondence, please inform us of changes by writing, quoting your Resident Hunter Number, at Fish and Wildlife Recreation and Allocation, MWLAP, PO Box 9374, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9M1. See p. 40 for name/address change form.

OPEN SEASONS

▶ There is NO OPEN SEASON FOR ANY WILDLIFE – except as indicated in this Synopsis. It is unlawful to hunt at any time during the year except within the open season, or by authority of a permit issued under the *Wildlife Act*.

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

▶ Where an open season does not apply to the entire Management Unit, a reference is given to maps showing the area and describing the applicable regulation.

▶ Published seasons in this Synopsis cease to be in effect in any area closed by the Ministry of Forests and are in effect for the duration of the forest closure order.

▶ Hunting season dates may only be changed in season by order of the Minister. Such changes will be given local publicity. Check <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw> for updates before your hunt.

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WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS

▶ Waterfowler Heritage Days (WHDs) for the hunting of ducks and geese continue in Regions 1 to 6 and 8. Only young hunters at least 10 years of age and less than 19 years of age who have met all provincial requirements are permitted to hunt, and they must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. The adult hunter can accompany a maximum of 2 youth hunters. The adult hunter can guide and advise the young hunter but is not permitted to hunt. See individual regions for season dates. General open seasons in the affected regions may be reduced by 2 (or 1) days so that the overall number of hunting days for migratory game birds remains unchanged. Federal regulations have been amended to exempt young hunters from having to purchase the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit when participating in WHDs. Provincial regulations have been amended to exempt young hunters from having to purchase the provincial hunting licence or the junior hunting licence when participating in WHDs. In addition, youth at least 10 years of age and less than 19 years of age are exempt from the requirement to complete hunter safety training (CORE) prior to participating in WHDs. NOTE: Youth who wish to hunt ducks and geese outside of designated WHDs or who wish to hunt for any other species of game, must purchase the appropriate licence and, if 14 years of age or older, must complete CORE.

ABORIGINAL HUNTING

▶ The first priority of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that Indian people have aboriginal rights to harvest wildlife for sustenance (food, social and ceremonial purposes) in their traditional areas. Such uses of wildlife must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize safety or the use and enjoyment of property. Any hunting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except as authorized by regulation or where there is a demonstrated aboriginal or treaty right to do so.

▶ Under the *Wildlife Act* 'Indian' means a person who is defined as a status Indian under the *Indian Act* (Canada).

▶ Indians who are residents of British Columbia are not required to obtain any type of hunting licence under the *Wildlife Act*. Indians who are residents of BC and are exercising an aboriginal right to hunt for sustenance purposes within a traditionally-used area are required to comply with hunting regulations related to public health and public safety. In situations where conservation of a particular species is of concern and compliance with hunting regulations is required by Indians belonging to a First Nation group, there will be prior consultation with the affected First Nation in accordance with Ministry policy and procedures. These restrictions may include the requirement for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, individuals should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the MWLAP Regional Office with respect to any specific requirements that may apply to them.

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

Métis Hunters

A reminder that all Métis individuals intending to hunt in the upcoming season are required, under the *Wildlife Act*, to hold a valid hunting licence and comply with all appropriate hunting regulations. This includes obtaining appropriate species licences and complying with Limited Entry Hunting Regulations.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

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

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

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

LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

▶ In order to purchase a hunting licence, a BC resident must show their valid Hunter Number card (see BC Resident Hunter Number section).

▶ A BC resident 14 years of age or older must produce a BC Resident Hunter Number Card and photo identification to purchase a Resident Hunting Licence.

▶ BC Resident Hunter Number Cards are available only at Government Agents' offices, or the FWRA Branch (2975 Jutland Rd, Victoria).

1. A Hunter Number Card may only be obtained by an applicant who produces a document issued by a province or state evidencing the successful completion of the CORE (Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) examinations in BC or another North American government sponsored hunter safety training program completed while a resident in that state or province.
2. A person 14 years of age and under 19 must apply for a hunting licence in person in the presence of a parent or guardian,

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

- No one under the age of 10 may hunt. A person who causes or allows a person under the age of 10 to hunt wildlife commits an offence.
 - When a BC resident who is 10 years of age or older completes CORE, he or she is entitled to a BC Resident Hunter Number Card, and to have a bag limit of his or her own, to purchase a hunting licence, and to enter the limited entry hunting draw.
3. A Junior Hunting Licence can only be issued to a parent or guardian on behalf of his/her child or ward who is 10 years of age or older and under the age of 14. The junior hunter need not have completed a hunter training program but must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences. Wildlife taken by the junior under this licence is included in the bag limit of the accompanying licenced adult. No species licences may be purchased with the junior licence. However, during a hunting season, a licenced junior hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holding a valid Limited Entry Hunting authorization and a valid species licence.
 4. Non-residents' qualifications for a Junior Hunting Licence are the same as in (3.) with the exception that they may not hunt for a species for which a Limited Entry Hunting authorization has been issued to the accompanying adult.
 - ▶ For Information regarding Aboriginal Hunting, refer to page 7.
 - ▶ All licences issued under the *Wildlife Act* are non-transferable and non-refundable.

BUYING LICENCES

▶ Resident hunting licences are available at all Government Agents' Offices, and other commercial outlets and sporting goods stores. Non-resident hunting licences are available from Government Agents and the FWRA Branch in Victoria (4th Flr, 2975 Jutland Rd). Non-residents may also obtain their licences by mail from FWRA Branch (PO Box 9374 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1).

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

DEER LICENCES

▶ A person must not possess more than 15 of any current year deer licences. The combination of deer licences may include a maximum of 3 mule deer and/or 3 white-tailed deer licences.

▶ There are special deer licences (Queen Charlotte Islands Deer Licences) which allow hunters to exceed the 1 deer bag limit for the Skeena Region and the 3 deer provincial bag limit up to a maximum of 15 deer when hunting on the Queen Charlotte Islands (MUs 6-12, 6-13). Up to 3 regular mule deer licences can be used on the Queen Charlottes, but they will count toward the regional and provincial bag limits. (For example, if a mule deer licence is used in MU 6-12 or 6-13, a hunter will be prevented from pursuing deer elsewhere in the Skeena Region, and it will count towards the 3-deer provincial bag limit).

MIGRATORY BIRDS

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

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

BEARS

BC's Bear Parts Trade Ban

▶ To protect grizzly and black bears, the BC government imposed a ban on the commercial trade in certain bear parts effective February 1, 1993 which continues to be an important step toward reducing the illegal killing of these animals. Many jurisdictions in western North America have similar bans in place.

▶ The BC regulation forbids the possession, trafficking, importing and exporting of bear galls, including any part or derivative of the gall bladder, and genitalia. It also bans importing, exporting or trafficking in bear paws separated from the carcass or hide, although possession of bear paws is still permitted to allow for personal and ceremonial use.

▶ Hunters are not committing an offense if they remove the gall bladder from the carcass and leave the gall bladder at the kill site, or, if they move the bear from the kill site and they, within 48 hours, dispose of the gut pile including the gall bladder.

KEEPING YOUR LICENCES & RECORDS

▶ Hunters should keep all documents under which an animal was taken until the animal has been consumed. In the case of a mounted trophy or a tanned hide, the licence and Compulsory Inspection Data

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Sheet should be kept in a safe place indefinitely. If a person wishes to transfer the trophy to someone else or requires an export permit to move it out of the province, production of the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier. It will greatly assist MWLAP staff if, when a hunter sells a trophy, the licences and other documentation are transferred with the trophy to the new owner.

NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS
Big Game Guided Hunts

▶ Non-residents of British Columbia hunting big game must be accompanied by a licenced BC guide. When purchasing big

game species licences, non-residents must provide the Licensing office with the name of the guide outfitter; the guide's licence number; the management unit(s) in which the hunt will take place and the dates of the hunt. On completion of the hunt, non-residents must obtain a completed form of declaration from their guide. Failure to do so constitutes an offence on the part of the hunter and the guide.

Big Game Accompanied Hunts

▶ A non-resident of BC who is a resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen may be accompanied by a resident of BC who holds a Permit to Accompany. Only one Permit to Accompany will be issued to a person in a licence year.

▶ The BC resident applying for this permit must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada who has held a BC hunting licence and a big game species licence for 3 of the 5 years preceding application (or 2 of the 5 years preceding application if the applicant has completed C.O.R.E). This person must obtain the required permit at least one month prior to hunting. Applications for permits are available at Government Agent offices, the Permit & Authorization Bureau, or electronically from the MWLAP website: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/pasb/applications.htm>. (See Wildlife Permits & Commercial Licences article, page 24.)

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

▶ A non-resident who is not a resident of Canada and is not a Canadian citizen, may also be eligible under the Permit to Accompany providing they qualify under one of the required relationship categories (ie, if accompanied by a father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandson, grandfather, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, granddaughter, grandmother, spouse, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, but excludes cousins).

▶ Permits to Accompany may not be available for all species and areas (for example, thinhorn sheep). Please contact the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau toll free at 1-866-433-7272 (Victoria: 952-0932) for more information.

▶ **Royalties are payable on animals taken under a Permit to Accompany (see Royalty Fees section).**

Handguns

▶ It is illegal to hunt with a handgun in BC. See page 3 for definition.

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

Small Game

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

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

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

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Hunting Licence Fees

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

Prices do not include G.S.T.

A resident of British Columbia to hunt all game\$32.00★▲

A BC Resident who is 65 years of age or over to hunt all game\$7.00★

A resident of Canada (not BC), or a Canadian citizen to hunt all game\$75.00★

A non-resident to hunt all game\$180.00★

A person to hunt in the Fraser Valley Special Area (See Region 2) ...\$10.00★

A person to hunt in the Gulf Islands Special Area. All islands in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) **and Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6**\$2.00

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

Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit\$17.00▲

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

★ Includes surcharge for the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF).

▲ A youth hunting ducks or geese during Waterfowler Heritage Days does not require a hunting licence, junior hunting licence or the Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit. The Acknowledgement of Responsibility, signed by a parent or guardian, is still required.

Species Licence Fees

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

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

~ BIG GAME ~

	BC Resident	Non-BC Resident
Bison	\$70.00	\$700.00
Black Bear	\$20.00	\$180.00
Bobcat *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Caribou *	\$20.00	\$230.00
Cougar *	\$30.00	\$230.00
Deer	\$15.00	\$125.00
Elk	\$25.00	\$250.00
Grizzly Bear *	\$80.00	\$1,030.00
Lynx *	\$8.00	\$40.00
Moose	\$25.00	\$250.00
Mountain Goat *	\$40.00	\$350.00
Mountain Sheep *	\$60.00	\$620.00
Wolf	No Licence	\$50.00
Wolverine *	\$8.00	\$40.00

~ SMALL GAME ~

	BC Resident	Non-BC Resident
Upland Game	No Species	
Birds	Licence Required	\$50.00
Small Game	No Species	No Species
	Licence Required	Licence Required

* Species licences for these species are not valid until 2 days after the date of issue.

Duplicate Licences

To a person who can satisfactorily prove his hunting and/or species licences have been lost or destroyed (a Statement of Loss is required) for:

Seniors, Gulf Islands and Junior	\$1.00
All Others	\$10.00

It is unlawful to use another person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.

Licence Cancellation

It is unlawful to be in possession of a big game animal without a properly cancelled species licence or otherwise by licence, permit, or as provided by regulation. 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, 2006

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Changes are being considered that would introduce a species licence for turkey in order to improve their management.

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SITE and ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

National Parks

- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks. The law requires that all firearms transported in National Parks be dismantled, carried in a closed case or wrapped and tied securely in such a manner as not to expose any part of the firearm.
- ▶ Firearms are also not permitted outside of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft in a National Park unless they are being moved into, or out of, a person's premises, or with a permit issued by the park superintendent.

Regional District Parks

- ▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited in and within 100 m of all Regional District Parks.
- ▶ Contact the Regional District in the locality you wish to hunt for information on new parks.

National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in National Wildlife Areas (NWA's) and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBS's) unless a special federal permit is granted or notices to the contrary are posted. Blue signs depicting a loon mark the boundaries of NWA's and MBS's. Contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta for more information (604) 940-4710.

Provincial Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected Areas

- ▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms, or bows is prohibited in many Provincial Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected Areas. Only those Parks and Recreation Areas listed in the following regional schedules are open to hunting and/or the discharge of firearms and bows, and only during the legal hunting season as described in the schedules.
- ▶ When a Provincial Park, Recreation Area or Protected Area is closed to hunting or there is no open season for any species, both the possession and discharge of a firearm or bow are prohibited except when authorized by a park officer. Possession is only allowed when such weapons are carried within a vehicle or when authorized by a park officer.
- ▶ The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles or cycles is generally prohibited in Provincial Parks, Recreation Areas and Protected Areas except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licenced. Use of aircraft to arrive at or depart from some parks is restricted.
- ▶ It is prohibited to hunt or discharge a firearm or bow in a Provincial Park, Recreation Area or Protected Area within 400 metres of either side of the centre line

of any park road or highway except as authorized by a park officer, unless otherwise stated in the Hunting Regulations Synopsis for a specific road. A park road is a road in a park or recreation area that is designated and developed for licensed motor vehicles. Contact the regional office for further information, or consult the Park and Recreation Area Regulations.

- ▶ Individuals hunting in a Provincial Park, Recreation Area or Protected Area should be aware that the *Park Act* and Park and Recreation Area Regulations apply.
- ▶ Note: Protected areas that have been established since the deadline for changes to the hunting regulations for 2005/06 (February 2005) will have no change to their status unless specified in these regulations.
- ▶ It is unlawful to trap, dispose of wildlife parts, or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow within the developed portion of a BC Forest Service Recreation site or Interpretive Forest site as defined in the Forest Recreation Regulation.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Hunters are encouraged to remove gut piles from near hiking trails or known areas of recreational use or, if that is not possible, to advise park staff of kill locations.

Ecological Reserves

- ▶ Hunting, trapping and angling are prohibited in Ecological Reserves in British Columbia. The discharge of a firearm, or bow is prohibited. A complete list of Ecological Reserves including detailed maps and legal descriptions is available from the regional office, or from BC Parks headquarters at PO Box 9398 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M9.
- ▶ Most ecological reserves are also referenced in the BC Recreational Atlas, 5th Edition.

Municipal Restrictions

- ▶ Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling the use of firearms and bows within their boundaries. Consult municipal clerks for details of closures.
- ▶ Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are NOT included in this synopsis.

Indian Reserves

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

Recreation Access Management Plans

- ▶ Please refer to the **Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23. A copy of the plan is located online at <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/kor/srmmpp/srmmpp.htm>**
- ▶ Please refer to the **Golden Backcountry Recreation Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40. A copy of the plan is located online at <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/kor/rec/gbrap.htm>**

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UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CABINS

▶ While in the back country you may have occasion to encounter cabins of various sorts. These belong to someone engaged in a legitimate business such as trapping or guiding. They are private and are not to be entered, damaged or disturbed. Hunter ethics, courtesy and respect are relied upon so that additions to the regulations imposing severe sanctions are not necessary.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

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

- 1. Trespass Act** - The provincial *Trespass Act* sets out strict limits on any public access to enclosed private land. Private property is considered enclosed if any one of the following conditions are met:
 - there are clearly visible signs prohibiting trespassing posted at each ordinary access point; or
 - the property is surrounded by a lawful fence; or
 - the property is surrounded by a natural boundary such as a river bank or a 4 1/2 foot hedge.
 - In the Fraser Valley, and to a lesser extent elsewhere in agricultural areas, local sporting groups (clubs) have made private arrangements with landowners to exclude other hunters. Such areas are frequently posted to no trespassing by these sporting groups.
- 2. Forest and Range Practices Act** (Section 58) - Motorized recreation regulation orders to restrict the use of motorized recreation vehicles such as ATVs

and snowmobiles may be established in various areas around the Province. These areas are signed with information identifying the type of motorized use that is restricted, the area where the restriction applies and the period of the year when the restriction is in effect. In addition this information is available at local Ministry of Forests district offices.

- 3. Wildlife Act** (Section 39) - A person is not permitted to hunt on cultivated land or on Crown land which is subject to a grazing lease while the land is occupied by livestock, without the consent of the owner; lessee or occupant of the land.

▶ In addition to the above, there is authority under provisions of the *Wildlife Act* to limit access by hunters or other persons. Relevant regulations include the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation and the Public Access Prohibition Regulation.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

To enter, hunt over or trap in cultivated land, posted land or private property without the owner's permission is committing an offence. It is the responsibility of the hunter to get permission from the land owner before accessing private land.

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NO HUNTING and NO SHOOTING AREAS

No Shooting Areas

▶ It is unlawful to discharge a firearm in a No Shooting Area (see Definitions section). No Shooting Areas as prescribed under the *Wildlife Act* are open to the use of bows (including crossbows) unless specifically restricted (see regional sections).

No Hunting Areas

▶ It is unlawful to hunt or discharge a firearm within 100 metres of a church, school building, school yard, playground, regional district park, dwelling house, or farm or ranch building that is occupied by persons or domestic animals. Owners and occupiers or their employees or agents are exempted near dwelling houses or farm or ranch buildings in order to protect crops and livestock.

Highway No Shooting Areas

▶ It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or hunt within the road allowances of all numbered highways and **any two lane or greater public road in BC that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation (or their Contractors), the federal government or another province or territory.** The road allowance extends:

- 15 metres on either side of the middle of a road with less than three lanes, or
- 15 metres from the edge of the paved surface of a highway with three lanes or more, or
- to the boundary of private or cultivated land, whichever comes first.

▶ In addition to the above universal restriction, several major or heavily populated routes in the province have an additional 400m area bordering the road allowance in which the discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited. The discharge of a shotgun using shot only is permitted. These areas are listed in the section "400m Single Projectile Prohibited Areas".

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

▶ It is unlikely that these changes will reduce any hunter's chances for a successful or fulfilling hunting experience. These changes will address the safety concerns that have been expressed by many residents living in previously unrestricted rural areas. Use common sense and if in doubt, don't shoot!

NOTE: Other closures that may be more restrictive on some highways or roads are listed below or under the Regional Schedules.

400m Single Projectile (Firearm) Prohibited Areas

▶ The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within 400m (0.25 mile) on either side of the road allowance of following portions of the highways and roads in British Columbia listed below:

Hwy 5 (Coquihalla Highway) between Hope and the junction of Highways 1 and 5 at Kamloops;

Hwy 6 between Bench Creek and Banting Creek;

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

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

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

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

Hwy 35 between Francois Lake and Burns Lake;

Hwy 37 between the intersection of Highway 37 with Highway 16 and the boundary of the District of Kitimat;

Hwy 37 between the Skeena River Bridge at Kitwanga Post Office, Cassiar Land District, and the intersection of said highway with Highway 37A at Meziadin Junction;

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

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

Hwy 97 those portions of the Caribou Highway from Cottonwood River to Prince George, the John Hart Highway from Prince George to Dawson Creek, and the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to Lower Post;

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

Twelve Mile Road (Road 190) between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek.

400m Hunting and the Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Areas

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400m (0.25 mile) of the road allowance of the following highways:

In all Provincial Parks

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

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

Hwy 99 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

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

Hwy 118 Discharge of Firearms Prohibited Area

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

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WHAT IS “WILDLIFE”?

▶ All native species of animals in the province excluding invertebrates and fish have been designated as wildlife, giving them full protection under provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 488. These species may not be hunted, killed, captured, kept as pets or used for commercial purposes unless specifically allowed by regulation or by authority of a permit from MWLAP. The accompanying two schedules of the Designation and Exemption Regulation list the wildlife that may be considered as nuisances or pests.

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

▶ Schedule "C" contains animals that may be captured or killed anywhere and at any time in the province. These mostly introduced species are detrimental to property and native wildlife. (Hunting these species requires a hunting licence if they are not destroying property, or you are off of your property). **Schedule “C” birds may be hunted using electronic calls.**

Schedule B

- (a) *Scapanus orarius* - coast mole
- (b) *Lepus americanus* - snowshoe hare
- (c) all of the species of the sub family *Arvicolinae* and lemmings, except *Ondonatra zibethicus* - muskrat.
- (d) *Neotoma cinerea* - bushy-tailed woodrat
- (e) all species of the genus *Peromyscus* - deer mice
- (f) *Marmota dorsatum* - porcupine
- (g) *Thomomys talpoides* - northern pocket gopher
- (h) *Marmota flaviventris* - yellow-bellied marmot
- (i) *Marmota monax* - woodchuck
- (j) *Spermophilus columbianus* - Columbian ground squirrel
- (k) *Mephitis mephitis* - striped skunk
- (l) *Procyon lotor* - raccoon
- (m) *Spilogale putorius* - spotted skunk

Schedule C

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

(m) *Molothrus ater* - brown-headed cowbird and the eggs of this bird species may be destroyed.

COLLARED WILDLIFE

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

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".

▶ It is unlawful to act as, or offer to act as, a guide for fish or game for compensation or reward unless licenced to do so.

▶ A person must possess a valid British Columbia Guide Outfitter Licence or Assistant Guide Licence in order to legally guide hunters. The government licences guides to ensure that their activities can be closely monitored and regulated.

▶ MWLAP intends to increase its enforcement efforts to stop illegal guiding. A person who guides without the proper licence commits an offence. A person who uses the services of an illegal guide may, as a party to the offence, be charged and convicted of the same offence.

ILLEGAL TRANSPORTING

▶ **The definition of “transporter” in the *Wildlife Act* Commercial Activities Regulation is as follows: “transporter” means a person who, for money or other compensation, transports a hunter to, from or between locations so that the hunter can hunt but does not include a person who operates a scheduled commercial flight or a chartered aircraft unless the person also provides ground transportation, accommodation or other ground services to the hunter (see p. 25).**

▶ **A person must not act as a transporter unless the person holds a transport licence or a guide outfitter licence issued under section 15 of the *Wildlife Act*.**

IT’S UNLAWFUL

- 1. to make a false statement to an Officer, Conservation Officer, or Constable.
- 2. to capture, possess or keep in captivity any live wildlife without a permit.

- 3. to possess or wantonly take, injure or destroy a bird, egg, or the nest of a bird except those designated by regulations, (ie: crows, English sparrows, cowbirds, magpies, rock doves or European starlings or their egg or nest).
- 4. to buy or sell migratory birds (or their eggs or nests).
- 5. to traffic in live wildlife, wildlife meat or offer to do so except as authorized by permit.
- 6. to traffic in dead wildlife or a part of wildlife except when the wildlife was lawfully killed in BC during an open season under the *Wildlife Act* or lawfully brought into BC, or when trafficking in cast antlers or when the wildlife or part of wildlife has been processed into a product that no longer resembles the original wildlife or part.
- 7. to discharge, dump, discard or dispose of litter.
- 8. to shoot, hunt or capture any hawk, falcon, owl or eagle except under permit.
- 9. to deface any notice posted under authority of the *Wildlife Act*.
- 10. to damage or interfere with a lawfully-set trap.
- 11. to hunt a grizzly bear or black bear less than 2 years old or any bear in its company.
- 12. to hunt the white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
- 13. to hunt a spotted cougar kitten or any cougar accompanying it.
- 14. to kill or wound wildlife by accident or to protect life or property and fail to promptly report the killing to an Officer.
- 15. to kill wildlife while in the process of committing offences against any statute including, but not limited to, the *Wildlife Act*. Examples would be wildlife taken while trespassing on private property or on mine property in violation of the Mine Safety Code.
- 16. to intentionally feed or attempt to feed dangerous wildlife (cougar, coyote, wolf and bear) except when lawfully engaged in hunting or trapping where baiting is authorised.

PENALTIES

▶ We will be tough with violators of our conservation laws and invaluable wildlife resource! **See Important Notice on page 15.**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: HUNTER PENALTIES

Hunting is a privilege in British Columbia. This privilege is defined in laws that aim to protect the wildlife resource and ensure safe and ethical hunting practices. Failure to comply with the law can lead to significant court and licence actions.

A hunter may be charged with an offence under provincial or federal law. A convicted hunter will be subject to the penalties associated with the law that has been broken, as ruled by the courts. Examples of laws that may affect hunters include, but are not limited to: the *Wildlife Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the Criminal Code.

Hunters should be aware that aside from normal court action, section 24 of the *Wildlife Act* allows the Director to cancel, suspend, or require the re-taking of CORE training on any licences that are issued under the *Wildlife Act* and its regulations.

These licence actions do not go through the court system and are exercised at the discretion of the Director. This additional tool provides more options for penalizing those who choose to break the law and encourages compliance with the *Wildlife Act* and its regulations.

What Does the Director Consider When Making a Decision?

The Director may consider imposing licence action if:

- A hunter is found to have committed a violation resulting in high risk of serious injury;
- A hunter is found in violation of the same section of the *Wildlife Act* or its

regulations on more than one occasion;

- A hunter is found in violation of different sections of the *Wildlife Act* or its regulations on more than one occasion, where the number of violations indicates a general lack of commitment to compliance;
- A hunter has failed to comply with a previous order within a reasonable time;
- A hunter knowingly or with reckless disregard violates one or more sections of the *Wildlife Act* or its regulations. Reckless disregard includes when a violation results from ignorance of the Act or its regulations due to a refusal to read them or take other steps to find out a hunter's obligations; or
- The Director considers that the circumstances may warrant an administrative penalty.

In reviewing licence actions, the Director provides an opportunity for the hunter to be heard. This is the hunter's opportunity to inform the Director of any and all events that took place. The Director will review the file and the submission and will make a decision based on all of the documents provided.

What Types of Penalties Can the Hunter Face?

We will continue to advocate and prescribe penalties to the furthest extent possible under the law in dealing with violators of our conservation laws and threats to our invaluable wildlife resource.

- The hunter's licences can be cancelled for up to 30 years.
- The hunter may be subject to a fine/imprisonment, which will be:
 - up to \$25,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment for the majority of offences under the *Wildlife Act* (\$500 to \$50,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment for subsequent offences);
 - up to \$50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment for offences that could harm the wildlife resource or that reflect serious unethical practices related to illegal hunting or trapping (\$1,000 to \$100,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment for subsequent offences); and
 - \$1,000 to \$100,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment for offences related to the illegal trade in live wildlife or killing endangered species (\$2,000 to \$150,000 and/or 18 months imprisonment for subsequent offences.)
- If the hunter does not pay a fine(s) imposed for wildlife offence(s), all licences, permits and Limited Entry Hunting authorizations issued under the *Wildlife Act* will be automatically cancelled, and the hunter will be ineligible to obtain new licences until the fine(s) is/are paid.
- The hunter's migratory game bird permit can be cancelled.
- If a hunter has had their hunting licence privileges suspended or cancelled, they are ineligible to apply for Limited Entry Hunting.

EXAMPLES OF DIRECTOR'S DECISIONS

Don't let this happen to you. Follow the rules and regulations. Be a responsible hunter and practice ethical hunting. Here are some cases where the Director suspended hunting privileges for the following reasons, activities and duration:

Case #1: Hunter failed to report the accidental killing of a cow moose out of season.

- The Director considered that the hunter was experienced and had a previous conviction under the *Wildlife Act* and its regulations.
- Penalty: Hunting licence suspended for 2 years.

Case #2: Hunter used lights while hunting in the dark.

- The Director considered that the action posed a threat to public safety and was a demonstration of bad hunting ethics (not fair chase).
- Penalty: Firearm and hunting licences suspended for 4 years. Ordered to complete CORE.

Case #3: Hunter failed to cancel moose species licence for the purpose of allowing another member of the party to hunt on his licence.

- The Director considered that the transferring of licences can cause negative impact on wildlife.
- Penalty: Hunting licence suspended for 2 years.

Case #4: Hunter killed 2 bull moose out of season.

- The Director considered that the hunter was experienced, and that overharvest produces a negative impact on wildlife.
- Penalty: Hunting licence suspended for 4 years.

Case #5: Hunter shot rifle from inside a truck on the road.

- The Director considered hunter's previous convictions, that discharging from a motor vehicle is not fair chase, and that discharging a firearm in a no shooting area is dangerous.
- Penalty: Hunting licence suspended for 5 years.

Legal Hunting Methods & Provincial Bag Limits

	Firearms			Archery	Provincial Bag Limits
	Rifles	Shotguns			
Note: Some hunts and areas have specific restrictions. See region's section for descriptions.	Rimfire	Centrefire			
BIG GAME					
Bison	No	Yes ⁷	No	Bow E	1
Black Bear ⁶	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	2*
Bobcat	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	5*
Caribou	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Cougar	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	2*
Deer	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	3* (see Deer Licences section)
Elk	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Grizzly Bear ⁶	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Lynx	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	1
Moose	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Mountain Goat	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Mountain Sheep	No	Yes	No	Bow A, C, D	1
Wolf	No	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow A, C, D	3
Wolverine	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹	Bow B, C, D	1
SMALL GAME					
Upland Game Birds	Yes ²	Yes ³	Yes	Bow B, C, D	Turkey .....1* Upland Game Birds - see next pg
Other Small Game (includes Coyote)	Yes	Yes	Yes 1 for Coyote	Bow B, C, D	Raccoon, Skunk, Snowshoe hare .....10/day Coyote .....NBL*
MIGRATORY BIRDS					
Migratory Game Birds	No	No	Yes ^{4,5}	Bow D	Ducks .....see next page* Geese .....see next page*

***See regions' sections for regional bag limit.**

NOTES

- 1** shotgun must have a bore size of 20 gauge or larger and use shells of shot size No. 1 Buck or larger.
- 2** grouse, ptarmigan or turkey only
- 3** grouse or ptarmigan only
- 4** possession or use of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited, except for pigeons or doves. See p. 17.
- 5** shotgun must not be loaded with single projectile or be larger than 10 gauge; must not use more than 1 shotgun while hunting migratory game birds, unless each shotgun in excess of one is disassembled or unloaded and encased.
- 6** bear may not be hunted by placing bait or by using a dead animal or part of it as bait
- 7** ammunition to hunt bison must be constructed with a 175 grain or larger bullet, which retains 2,712 joules (2,000 ft lbs) or more energy at 100 m.

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- Bow A (Crossbow)**(does not include compound crossbow) - Must have a pull of no less than 68 kg (150 lbs) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, the bolt (quarrel) must have a broadhead of at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow B (Crossbow)** (does not include compound crossbow)- Must have pull of no less than 55 kg (120 lbs) or a bolt (quarrel) weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, the bolt (quarrel) must have a broadhead of at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow C (Compound Crossbow)** - Must have pull of no less than 45 kg (100 lbs) at a peak weight or bolt weighing no less than 16.2 g (250 grains). For big game, must have an arrow with a broadhead at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow D (Longbow, Recurve, Compound)** - Must have pull of no less than 18 kg (40 lbs) within the archer's draw length. For big game, must have an arrow with a broadhead at least 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at the widest point.
- Bow E (Bison only)** - For bison, the bow (does not include compound crossbow) must have a pull no less than 22.6 kg (50 lbs) within the archer's draw length, an arrow greater than 26 g (400 grains) in weight, and a broadhead greater than 8.1 g in weight and 2.2 cm (7/8 in) at its widest point.

Provincial Bag & Possession Limits

▶ It is unlawful to continue to hunt game species on a day in which the daily bag limit of that species has been taken, or, on the day or subsequent to the day in which the seasonal bag limit for that species of game has been taken.

▶ In the table on the previous page and the regional schedules, NBL means No Bag Limit. An entry such as "2(1)" used for ungulates means the season bag limit is two animals of that species, one of which may be antlerless. An entry such as "10(20)" for game birds means the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit while hunting or returning from hunting is 20.

▶ The table on the previous page indicates the maximum number of animals which a hunter may take in the province in one licence year (April 1 to March 31). Exceptions to the provincial bag limits may apply to some species in some regions. Provincial bag limits may be achieved by hunting in one or more regions provided the regional bag limits are not exceeded.

▶ The daily bag limit for **ducks** in aggregate is 8, except for restricted species: Pintail, Goldeneye, Harlequin and Canvasback.

▶ The daily bag limit for **Canvasback** is 4, **Northern Pintail** is 4, **Goldeneyes** is 2 and **Harlequins** is 2. Please see regional sections.

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

▶ The possession limit for all **migratory game birds** at all times (including while hunting, returning from hunting or at a residence) is two times the daily limit.

▶ The possession limit for all **upland game birds** while hunting or returning from hunting is three times the daily limit except for **Sharp-tailed Grouse** and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit. The possession limit for **Sharp-tailed Grouse** in Region 7B is three times the daily limit.

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Legal Hunting Methods

Check regional sections for open seasons, additional restrictions and regional bag limits.

Firearms

▶ No person shall hunt wildlife with a handgun.

▶ A muzzle loader containing powder and shot in the barrel but unprimed (ie, no powder in the pan of a flint lock or no cap in the nipple of a percussion lock) is not considered a loaded firearm under the Criminal Code (Canada).

▶ It is unlawful to hunt with a set gun, or to hunt wildlife with a pump, repeating or auto-loading shotgun with a magazine capable of holding more than two shells.

▶ It is unlawful to use full metal jacketed, non-expanding, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets for hunting or trapping game.

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

Retrieval

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

▶ It is lawful for a person to retrieve a dead or injured game animal with the assistance of a power boat provided no person in the power boat is in possession of a loaded firearm.

Falconry

▶ Licenced falconers may hunt small game by the use or with the aid of raptors throughout the Province during the regular open season or during bow only seasons subject to the applicable bag limits as indicated in the regional schedules.

Dogs

▶ The use of dogs is permitted in the hunting of all game, but dogs must be on a leash when used to hunt deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou. Unleashed dogs may be used to hunt small game, lynx, bobcat, grizzly bear, black bear or cougar. Any person may train dogs by allowing them, under supervision, to pursue game birds from August 1 to April 30 on Crown Land, and on private land August 1 to March 31.

See more information on hunting restrictions on the next page.

LEAD SHOT BAN

The use of toxic (lead) shot for hunting waterfowl has been prohibited in British Columbia since 1995 and in Canada since 1997. The ban applies to all ducks, geese, coots and snipe. It does not apply to upland gamebirds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland gamebirds (pigeons, doves), ravens (where seasons exist), or target shooting, although a local restriction may be implemented if there is a conflict with an important wetland.

Federal regulations currently identify steel shot, bismuth shot, tungsten-iron shot, **tungsten-bronze-iron shot**, tin shot, tungsten - matrixshot, and tungsten-polymer shot as the only non-toxic shot permitted for use on waterfowl, coot and snipe. Hunters are advised to contact the CWS Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta (604-940-4710) for more details.

ADDITIONAL HUNTING METHOD RESTRICTIONS

You should also know it's unlawful:

1. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or a boat propelled by a motor.
2. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat.
3. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle or other mechanical device to disturb or harass wildlife.
4. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
5. to discharge, carry or have in possession a firearm containing live ammunition in its breech or in its magazine attached to the firearm, in or on a railway car, motor vehicle, sleigh, aircraft, or bicycle.
6. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind
7. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by a helicopter:
8. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
9. to hunt wildlife within 6 hours of being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
10. to hunt game, except migratory game birds, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. To find out the time of sunrise and sunset, consult a local newspaper or the following website: www.hia-ihc-nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/sunrise_e.html
The responsibility remains with the hunter
11. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. See #10 above.
12. to hunt wildlife by the use of, or with the aid of, a light or an illuminating device.
13. to use poison for the hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any wildlife.
14. to use recorded or electronic calls to hunt wildlife except wolf, coyote, cougar, lynx or bobcat **or any bird listed in Schedule C (see "What is Wildlife?" section).**
15. to use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
16. to hunt migratory game birds within 400 m of any place where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least 7 days.
17. to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions of the four quarters and loins to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the

edible portions if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to a recipient who complies with the requirement. Edible portions do not include meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking. Of grizzly bear, cougar or a furbearing animal other than a black bear, the hide must be removed to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter; the owner or operator of a cold storage plant or to a taxidermist, tanner or a fur trader: A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the hide if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to another person who complies with the requirement.

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VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH BC WILDLIFE

The value of wildlife in British Columbia includes a variety of economic values associated with wildlife related activities. These include consumptive activities such as hunting, angling, trapping and guiding as well as non-consumptive activities such as viewing, photography and field study. The economic value of wildlife is differentiated into three components: use value, option value and existence value.

- 1 **Use value** is the benefit from actual (consumptive or non-consumptive) use of the resource.
- 2 **Option value** is value the present generation may place on an option to use resources in future instead of the present. Option value may also include bequest value which is associated with conserving environmental resources such as wildlife for the use of future generations.
- 3 **Existence value** is the value people place on the satisfaction in knowing that a species continues to thrive in its natural habitat. This value is independent of any use values either in the present or the future. People may experience positive feelings and a sense of accomplishment in fulfilling what they feel is their obligation to conserve environ-

mental amenities. They can assign a positive value to the continued existence of natural habitats or species even though they may never visit such areas or see the species.

Hunting and guide outfitting contribute tourism revenues for BC while providing recreation opportunities for BC residents. In 2003, resident hunters spent about \$70 million dollars and non-resident hunters spent about \$46 million dollars. This is an important source of income for many rural B.C. residents. The expenditure value of resident and non-resident hunting activities can also be estimated by measuring the contribution to provincial Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment. In 2003, resident and non-resident hunters contributed about \$48 million to the province's GDP. Resident hunters generated the largest share of GDP with an estimated \$29 million attributable to their activities. GDP resulting from non-resident hunting was about \$19 million. Trapping generated just under \$1 million of the province's GDP. Hunting and trapping activities also generated employment for approximately 1,870 British Columbians with about 1,730 in hunting and 140 in trapping.

In the 2004-05 season, 84,003 resident hunting licences were sold. This represents an increase of 3% over the previous year and the first year in the last several there has been an increase in hunting license sales to residents. 5,931 non-resident hunting licences were sold and these have been steadily increasing over time. Government revenue from all hunting license sales was about \$7.5 million dollars.

Economic values for non-hunting related activities have also been estimated from survey data collected from B.C. residents. Direct wildlife activities (trips or outings where the main purpose is to watch, feed, photograph, or field study wildlife) and indirect wildlife activities (activities around the home cabin or cottage or where the main purpose was not related to wildlife) are estimated at \$737 million dollars per year. The economic value of these activities (the value people place on them over and above their expenditures) has been estimated to be about \$1 billion dollars annually.

Source: Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and BC Stats.

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ROYALTY FEES

▶ It is unlawful to offer for sale the pelt or skin from a furbearing animal taken under a hunting licence in a prescribed open season unless a royalty on the pelt or skin has been paid to the Province.

▶ Every holder of a valid hunting licence who lawfully kills a furbearing animal is exempt from paying the prescribed royalty fee unless he offers the pelt for sale. See current Trapping Regulations for royalty fees. Payment of a royalty fee is required only upon the initial sale of the pelt. Furbearing animals may only be hunted where an open hunting season is declared.

▶ **The permit holder who accompanies a non-resident and/or non-resident alien (see Definitions section) under a Permit to Accompany must submit royalty fees, within 30 days after the hunt has ended, for each animal taken by the non-resident and/or non-resident alien.**

▶ **A guide outfitter is exempt from having to pay royalty fees (Section 69 of the Wildlife Act) in relation to animals taken by a resident hunter guided by or on behalf of the guide outfitter.**

▶ If the hunter sells the pelt of a furbearing animal to a licensed Fur Trader; they are exempt from paying the royalty.

▶ Royalty fee payments may be submitted by mail or courier with cheque (payable to The Minister of Finance), money order or credit card to: Permit & Authorization Service Bureau, 2975 Jutland Rd, PO Box 9372 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M3 or by fax: 250-387-0922.

POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION

Game Birds

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

Big Game

▶ It is unlawful to possess or transport a big game animal that was killed unintentionally by accident or collision, or was illegally killed.

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

2) Anyone who possesses or transports the whole carcass of an elk, moose, caribou, mule (black-tailed) deer; white-tailed deer or fallow deer shall leave attached to the carcass:

- (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, or that portion of the head which bears the antlers, and
- (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats, or that portion of the head which in males normally bears antlers.

3) Anyone who possesses or transports the whole carcass or part of the carcass of big game, other than that described in 2) above, must leave attached to the carcass:

- (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, and
- (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats.

4) Anyone who possesses or transports only the hide or part of the hide of a grizzly bear or cougar must leave attached to the hide:

- (a) to identify the sex of a male, either a testicle or part of the penis, and
- (b) to identify the sex of a female, a portion of the udder or teats.

5) Despite sections 3 and 4 above, a person who is in possession of a portion of a carcass or hide does not commit an offence if

- (a) the person did not kill the wildlife they possess,
- (b) the person received the wildlife from the person who killed it,
- (c) the person possesses the portion of the carcass or hide for a purpose contemplated in section 36 (2) (is taking it to their residence, a meat cutter, etc) of the *Wildlife Act*,
- (d) the person is transporting the portion of the carcass or hide in compliance with section 37 (has a record of receipt, see Transporting Wildlife this page) of the Act, and
- (e) the person who killed the wildlife possesses a portion of the carcass or hide with the parts attached as required in 2) and 3) above.

▶ See also compulsory reporting and compulsory inspection requirements, page 21.

Removing Evidence of Sex & Species

Evidence of species and sex may be removed from the carcass or the hide of game:

- ▶ after it arrives at a person's normal dwelling place and is butchered and stored there for consumption on the premises.
- ▶ after it is taken to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant, or
- ▶ after it has been inspected by a qualified Compulsory Inspector.

NOTE: It is not an offence to possess bear genitalia attached to the hide or carcass, and, after it is no longer needed on a bear carcass as evidence of sex, the genitalia may

be removed from the hide at the above locations if immediately destroyed and disposed of at that location. Leaving evidence of species and sex on the carcass will not spoil or in any way contaminate the meat.

Transporting Wildlife

All persons who possess, transport or ship wildlife or parts of wildlife within the Province of British Columbia must have with them the species licence under which the animal was taken by that person, or; if the animal was taken by another person, a Record of Receipt of the wildlife (see page 77) showing:

- ▶ the date and place of receipt,
 - ▶ the name and address of the person who killed the animal, or from whom it was acquired,
 - ▶ the name and address of the person to whom the wildlife parts are to be delivered,
 - ▶ the BC Resident Hunter Number or permit number of the person who killed the animal,
 - ▶ the species licence number under which the animal was taken, and
 - ▶ the species and sex of the animal taken.
- Anyone having wildlife butchered and packaged is required to obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:
- ▶ the Hunter Number;
 - ▶ the species licence number; and
 - ▶ the species, and sex of the animal taken.

Game Check

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

EXPORT FROM THE PROVINCE

▶ It is unlawful to export wildlife from BC unless you have a valid export permit or are exempted from holding an export permit

▶ An export permit is required if the animal is exported more than 30 days from the date of kill.

▶ An export permit is required if the hunter **does not** accompany their animal while exporting it from the Province, regardless of the date of kill.

▶ An export permit is not required if the hunter accompanies their animal within 30 days of the kill AND provides either the cancelled species licence or (where Compulsory Inspection is required) the Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet (which serves as an export permit).

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COMPULSORY INSPECTION AND REPORTING

Compulsory Inspection for Hunter Harvest is no longer available through the MWLAP Regional Offices

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

Compulsory Inspections are provided through the contracted services of qualified Compulsory Inspectors located in 27 locations throughout BC. This delivery system provides an improved service to hunters and at the same time results in a more efficient use of staff resources.

All Compulsory Inspectors have completed a training course and have been appointed under the *Environment Management Act* by the Chief Conservation Officer.

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

For contact information, please contact the appropriate MWLAP Regional Office or the MWLAP Website
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/ci.htm>

For Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Sections' front page maps.

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection include:

1. the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and Hunter Number,
2. the location where the animal was taken,
3. the date the animal was taken,
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. the licences under which the animal was taken.

See LEH synopsis for additional requirements.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

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

NOTE:

DO NOT SEND TEETH IN THE MAIL

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to a compulsory inspector for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for **management (ie, tooth) within 30 days of the kill** (see note regarding trapping exception below).

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

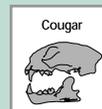
- grizzly bear • cougar • caribou
- mountain goat • mountain sheep
- elk taken in Regions 2, 8 and 7 (MU 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26)
- antlered mule (black-tailed) deer in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 (parts must be submitted to Prince George or CI locations specified for Region 7B.)

1. Grizzly bear, mountain goat and mountain sheep must be submitted to a compulsory inspector within 30 days or before December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
2. Persons who gain the written approval from a Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official of MWLAP prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt.
3. Persons who use the service of a licenced guide for the purpose of hunting a caribou, or an elk in Region 2 or 8, must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt of the continuous season in which the animal was taken.
4. Persons who use the services of a licenced guide for the purpose of hunting a grizzly bear, mountain goat, or mountain sheep must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken, or by December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
5. Persons who take a cougar in the Region 4 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 4 within 4 days of the kill
6. Persons who take a cougar in the Region 6 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 6 within 4 days of the kill.

- PARTS REQUIRED -

For grizzly bear and for cougar:

- the skull and the hide bearing
- for males, a testicle or part of the penis, or
- for females, a portion of the teats or mammary gland.



For mountain sheep (ie. Dall's, Stone's, California or Rocky Mountain):

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



For mountain goat:

- the horns.



For deer:

- the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull, and
- the lower jaw including all teeth.

For caribou:

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

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

- an incisor (front) tooth (Regions 2 and 8) and
- for males, the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull, or
- for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

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

- lynx • bison • wolverine • bobcat
- moose in Regions 3, 4, 5, 7A (Omineca), or 8
- turkey (bearded), in Region 4
- wolf in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 or in Region 4
- elk in Regions 1 or 4
- mule (black-tailed) deer bucks or white-tailed deer in MUs 3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-31 and 3-34 to 3-44 during the youth or bow only seasons.

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

1. their name, address, telephone number and Hunter Number, and
2. the location where the animal was killed, and
3. the date the animal was killed, and
4. the sex of the animal taken.

The Harvest Data card can be used to submit this data. The card is available at any licence issuer, Government Agent, or MWLAP office. Compulsory Reports must be submitted to any MWLAP office. We are not collecting tooth samples at this time by mail.

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to furbearing animals taken by trapping. Compulsory Reporting of furbearing animals taken by trapping is on page 94.

▶ In the case of an animal covered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (C.I.T.E.S.), a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit may be required (see C.I.T.E.S. section for list of animals requiring C.I.T.E.S. Export Permits). U.S. residents, please refer to C.I.T.E.S. section for additional information on black bear exports.

▶ Hunters planning to hunt in MUs 7-19 or 7-20 and accessing BC by way of the Alberta border should contact the Permit & Authorization Service Bureau (see p. 24) to obtain export permits prior to starting their hunt.

▶ When a big game animal has been processed by a taxidermist, a tanner or meat-cutter, it may be exported with an export permit to the hunter who lives in another province or in another country.

▶ British Columbia is part of a North American system of recording wild sheep identification and hence all sheep horns harvested in the province must be inspected by a qualified Compulsory Inspector and a numbered plug inserted in one of the horns.

▶ Where a hunter or taxidermist, tanner or meatcutter has any doubt or questions about how to proceed under any circumstances which are not covered in the foregoing, he or she should contact the FWRA Branch or a MWLAP regional office as soon as possible.

▶ Hunters possessing a mountain goat, mountain sheep, caribou or grizzly bear harvested in BC, who must drive through the Yukon and back into BC in order to submit the animal for compulsory inspection, are exempt from obtaining an export permit for this purpose.

C.I.T.E.S.

▶ The "Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species" (C.I.T.E.S.) requires that a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit be obtained from BC for the export out of Canada of all grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat, wolf, wood bison, sea otter, river otter and polar bear or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from BC may be obtained by applying to the **FWRA Branch**, 2975 Jutland Rd, PO Box 9372 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M3. Application forms are available from Government Agents or at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/pasb/applications.htm>. Clients can expect a turnaround time of 5 business days from the time it arrives at our office.

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

TAXIDERMISTS, TANNERS, MEATCUTTERS, FUR TRADERS AND COLD STORAGE PLANT OPERATORS

▶ Many hunters wish to have trophies mounted for display in their homes, or to have the hides tanned for leather and other articles, while an even larger number use the services of a professional meatcutter or cold storage plant operator. These businesses are required under the *Wildlife Act* and regulations to keep records of their transactions.

▶ The regulations state that the following information must be recorded:

- (a) the total number of wildlife or parts of each species acquired.
- (b) the date of receipt of the wildlife or parts of them.
- (c) the name and address of the person from whom wildlife or parts of them were acquired, and
- (d) the serial number, date and type of licence under which the wildlife or part of it was taken.

▶ In order to fulfill these requirements, when the hunter takes the parts of the animal to the business concerned, he or she must have the following documentation with them:

- 1. his or her hunting and species licences with the appropriately cancelled species licence.
- 2. Limited Entry Hunting Authorization, if such was required in order to hunt the animal.
- 3. Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet, which confirms that the animal has been inspected by a *Wildlife Act* officer, where such an inspection is required.
- 4. his or her trapping licence, if the animal was taken under that authority.
- 5. the valid permit that allows possession of the animal if a permit is required in exceptional circumstances.

▶ Normally a hunter would not be required to have a trapping licence or permit for a big game animal.

▶ The question is frequently asked, "Why do I need this documentation?" The answer is simply that presentation of the documentation helps to protect the recipient, i.e. the taxidermist, tanner or meatcutter, from prosecution for illegal possession; it is required by law, and a "paper trail" exists should an investigation be required. In addition, some taxidermists, as agents for their clients, present the necessary parts of game animals for compulsory inspection by a *Wildlife Act* officer, when the hunter is unable to do so personally. In such cases it



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When a season is based on antler or horn size, hunters are reminded that the antlers or horns of male big game animals must accompany the carcass to a residence, a meatcutter or a cold storage plant

Similarly, the lower jaw with incisor teeth must accompany the carcass of a calf, where seasons exist.

is mandatory that the hunter provide the taxidermist with all the information required for the inspection, including the location of the kill. If such information cannot be produced by an agent, then the animal may be seized by a conservation officer or constable until all the documentation is provided. Difficulties in such situations occur often enough that hunters should take special care to ensure that all information is available to an inspecting officer.

SUBMITTING YOUR HUNTER SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE

- ▶ The single largest source of hunter activity and game harvest information is the annual Hunter Sample Questionnaire. Every January, a large portion of the BC residents who have purchased a hunting licence in the previous year are sent a questionnaire referring to the species for which a particular licence was purchased. Hunters who have purchased several species licences may receive questionnaires for more than one species and are asked to respond. Replies from those who did not hunt that season, or who were unsuccessful, are just as valuable to wildlife managers as the information from hunters who did have successful hunts. In addition to the standard questionnaire procedure, the FWRA Branch will contact some hunters by telephone this season.
- ▶ Periodic game checks, compulsory inspection, and compulsory reporting all provide valuable information for wildlife managers across the province. From this information, managers can determine who is hunting, where they are hunting, and other important information about the animal taken.
- ▶ This information enables managers to set specific hunting regulations on a year to year basis, reducing heavy harvests in some areas and extending the season in others, to balance the needs of the animal population against the desires of the public.
- ▶ Without adequate information, managers must set conservative harvest levels to ensure that an overharvest does not occur. The manager's choices are then limited to restricting harvest by closing areas, reducing season lengths, or applying Limited Entry Hunting.
- ▶ Good information makes for good game management and good hunting!



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WILDLIFE PERMITS & COMMERCIAL LICENCES

The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection introduces a Centralized Permitting Process

On April 1, 2004, the processing of permit and commercial licensing applications, and their renewals, amendments and related payments, became administered through the centralized Permit and Authorization Service Bureau (PASB) of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP).

Major fish and wildlife commercial licensing programs include angling guiding, guide outfitting, **transporting** and trapping. Wildlife permitting includes more than 70 permit types such as authorizations to export wildlife, to release an animal from captivity, to possess dead wildlife, etc.

These activities, formerly handled by MWLAP staff in regional offices, have been consolidated in Victoria headquarters.

This consolidation is accompanied by a process of continuous business improvement which will standardize and simplify the administrative process in order to respond to concerns and opportunities.

Permits and Commercial Licences remain a legal requirement, ensuring that environmental standards are not compromised.

The central permit bureau deals only with applications for Fish and Wildlife commercial licences and permits and Park Use Permits.

Recreational hunting and fishing licences are not affected and continue to be available at local retail outlets and Government Agent offices.

How to apply:

Background information and application forms for CITES permits, other wildlife permits, non-resident hunting licences, trapping licences, and guide outfitter licences are available at Government Agent offices, PASB, or electronically from the MWLAP website:

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/pasb/applications.htm>

Completed applications with necessary attachments and payment (cheque, money order, or credit card authorization payable to the Minister of Finance) can be sent to PASB by mail or courier:

**Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
Permit and Authorization Service Bureau**

2975 Jutland Road
PO Box 9372 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC V8W 9M3

Fax: 250-387-0922

Questions:

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact:

Telephone: (250) 952-0932

Toll free: 1-866-433-7272

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LICENSING OF TRANSPORTERS (formerly known as Packers)

In October 2003, the Minister of Water, Land & Air Protection (MWLAP) directed that the transporting of all hunters should be regulated under the **Wildlife Act**, and that persons providing transporter services to residents should be accommodated under the new framework.

A task group was struck in November 2003 to develop a strategy for implementing a new framework to include transport service providers. This task group was chaired and managed by MWLAP and consisted of members from interested and affected stakeholder groups such as: the BC Wildlife Federation, the Guide Outfitters Association of BC, the Northeast Packers Association of BC, and Land and Water BC.

The task group developed a full implementation plan which was agreed to by all members and was approved by the Minister in April of 2004. As a result, the new transporter regulation was developed and became effective in January of 2005.

The **Wildlife Act** Commercial Activities Regulation, BC Reg. 338/82 now regulates the activities of "transporters" (formerly known as "packers"). Transporters are persons who provide transport services to resident hunters. They do not assist, or accompany, another person for the purposes of hunting for wildlife. These activities are currently carried out by "guide outfitters", who are also defined and regulated under the **Wildlife Act**.

This new regulation will help reduce adverse impacts on habitat and wildlife resources, and reduce conflicts between guide outfitters and transporters by clearly defining the activities in which licenced members of each group may engage.

To obtain a copy of this new regulation, contact your local library or the Queens' Printer and ask for the **Wildlife Act** Commercial Activities Regulation, BC Reg. 338/82. Also see the Illegal Transporting section and the Wildlife Permits article for regulatory requirements.

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WILDLIFE HEALTH

Understanding animal health requires the collection of information about the diseases and parasites that occur in individuals and populations over time. Hunters and anglers are perfect sources of information on wildlife health and the ministry Wildlife Health Program needs your eyes! Potential health problems in BC's wildlife may be identified using videos, written or verbal descriptions, or photographs. If you see something or would like to know more about wildlife diseases, you have several options:

1. Refer to the ministry Wildlife Health webpage for more information and links at:
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wld/wldhealth.html>
2. Refer to the University of Northern BC sponsored on-line Manual of Common Diseases and Parasites at:
http://www.unbc.ca/nlui/wildlife_diseases_bc and
3. Fill out the Wildlife Disease Manual reporting form with the appropriate information at:
http://www.unbc.ca/nlui/wildlife_diseases_bc/specimen.htm and submit it to the Biodiversity Branch directly at wildlife@victorial.gov.bc.ca, or
4. Contact the Wildlife Veterinarian and ask your questions at wildlife@victorial.gov.bc.ca

Here are some topics that may be of current interest:

West Nile Virus

Since 1999, West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in over 225 wild and captive bird species as well as mammals in North America. As with people infected with WNV, signs of infection in wildlife can range from none to severe neurological illness. Commonly reported signs in animals include weakness, stumbling, trembling, head tremors, inability to fly/walk, and lack of awareness that allows them to be easily approached and handled. Some

hunted species have tested positive for WNV, but there is no evidence that humans can be infected by eating properly cooked meat. However, it is recommended that hunters wear gloves when dressing dead birds to protect against accidental injury and exposure to bird blood.

Birds infected with WNV were identified in Oregon and Alberta in late 2004, and the virus is expected to move into BC in 2005. We encourage outdoor recreationalists to report sick or dead corvids. For more information on the BC WNV program, see <http://www.bccdc.org>, where you can also report the finding of dead crows on-line.

For information on WNV in wildlife, see:
http://www.unbc.ca/nlui/wildlife_diseases_bc/WNV.htm or
http://wildlife1.usask.ca/ccwhc2003/west_nile_virus/wnv_home.php

Moose Ticks

High numbers of winter ticks (*Dermacentor albipictus*) on animals are associated with mild winter and early spring weather conditions in the previous year. The tick is commonly found on members of the deer family across northern BC and can be a cause of mortality, particularly in calf and yearling moose. Moderate numbers of moose in localized areas of BC were affected by winter ticks during the winter of 2004-05 due to low or early melting snow cover in the previous late winter.

A single moose may carry tens of thousands of ticks. Each tick can remove a significant amount of blood and causes irritation where attached. Heavy tick burdens can weaken animals by direct blood loss, loss of body heat due to hair removal and poor body condition when scratching and rubbing reduces the time spent feeding. Moose in weakened condition cannot compensate for severe weather. Elk and deer tend to carry fewer winter ticks, usually losing their hair at the base of the neck only.

Winter tick infestations cannot be treated and there is little that can be done for animals to help them overcome the effects of blood and haircoat loss. Feeding moose domestic farm animal feeds can worsen their condition by upsetting their digestive tracts. For further information about winter ticks see:

http://www.unbc.ca/nlui/wildlife_diseases_bc/winter_tick.htm and

http://wildlife1.usask.ca/ccwhc2003/wildlife_health_topics/winter_tick/wintertick3.htm

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system that affects mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk. Signs of the disease include gradual weight loss and changes in behaviour, including drooling and difficulty swallowing, increased drinking and urination, poor coordination or stumbling, trembling or depression. There is no evidence to suggest that CWD can infect humans. As a precaution, the World Health Organization and other human health experts recommend that all products from animals known to be infected with any prion disease should not be used for human food. Experts suggest that hunters in areas where CWD has been identified should avoid eating the brain, spinal cord, eyes, tonsils, spleen or lymph nodes of deer and elk because the infectious agent tends to concentrate in those tissues. They should also properly destroy these tissues so environmental contamination does not occur. At this time, CWD is not known to occur in BC or in any wild cervids in neighbouring jurisdictions. BC is therefore considered to be at low risk for this disease. The Wildlife Health Program is interested in reports and samples from any cervid exhibiting signs of this disease for the BC CWD surveillance program.

See the Wildlife Health webpage for additional links and information on CWD:

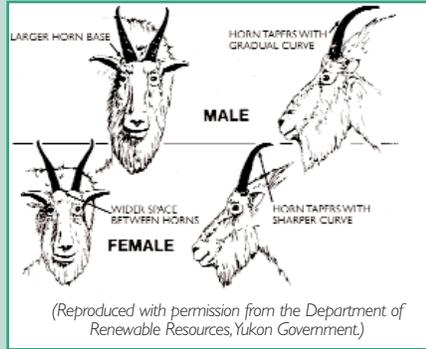
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wld/wldhealth.html>.

Thank you for your interest in wildlife and enjoy your time outdoors!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

Mountain goats are very sensitive to over-harvest, and even a small harvest of adult females can tip the balance between increasing and declining populations. The Wildlife Program is attempting to address this concern through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male mountain goat (billy) while hunting. **Hunters are requested to select a male mountain goat.**

For more information on how to select a billy, please see our website at: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/archive.htm>



You can borrow the video "Is it a Billy or is it a Nanny?" from regional or Victoria MWLAP offices to help you learn more about billy selection. The same video is also available from the BC Wildlife Federation. The Wildlife Program will continue to monitor the proportion of nannies in the harvest and adjust hunting opportunities in response to local goat population trends and harvest.

NOTICE TO BEAR HUNTERS

The harvest of bears in BC has increased in recent years. If over-harvest becomes a problem, bear seasons and bag limits may be restricted. However, if hunters are selective by harvesting male bears, it should not be necessary to do so.

Bear hunters are requested to:

1. Be patient. Bears can look deceptively large. Adult males have larger home ranges and will tend to be encountered less frequently than females and younger males.
2. It is illegal to shoot a sow with cubs (bears in a family unit). Don't shoot the moment you see a bear! Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.

3. Be aware there is no open season on any bear (grizzly bear or black bear) less than two years old or any bear in its company.
4. Be aware there is no open season on white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
5. Contact a MWLAP office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear.
6. Select an adult, male bear, especially a male grizzly bear.

[All grizzly bear hunting is under Limited Entry Hunting (LEH). See LEH Synopsis for more information.]

Small/Young Bears

- Appear to be "all legs".
- Frequently look over shoulder or turn around.
- More streamlined, pointed head.
- Ears look larger and closer together.
- Neck appears longer and thinner.
- Ears-to-nose lines form a skinny triangle



Large/Adult Male Bears

- Stocky legs
- Massive body with belly that hangs closer to the ground
- Slower, more deliberate movements
- Large, rounded head (like a basketball)
- Ears look smaller
- Thicker neck
- Ear-to-nose lines form an equilateral triangle



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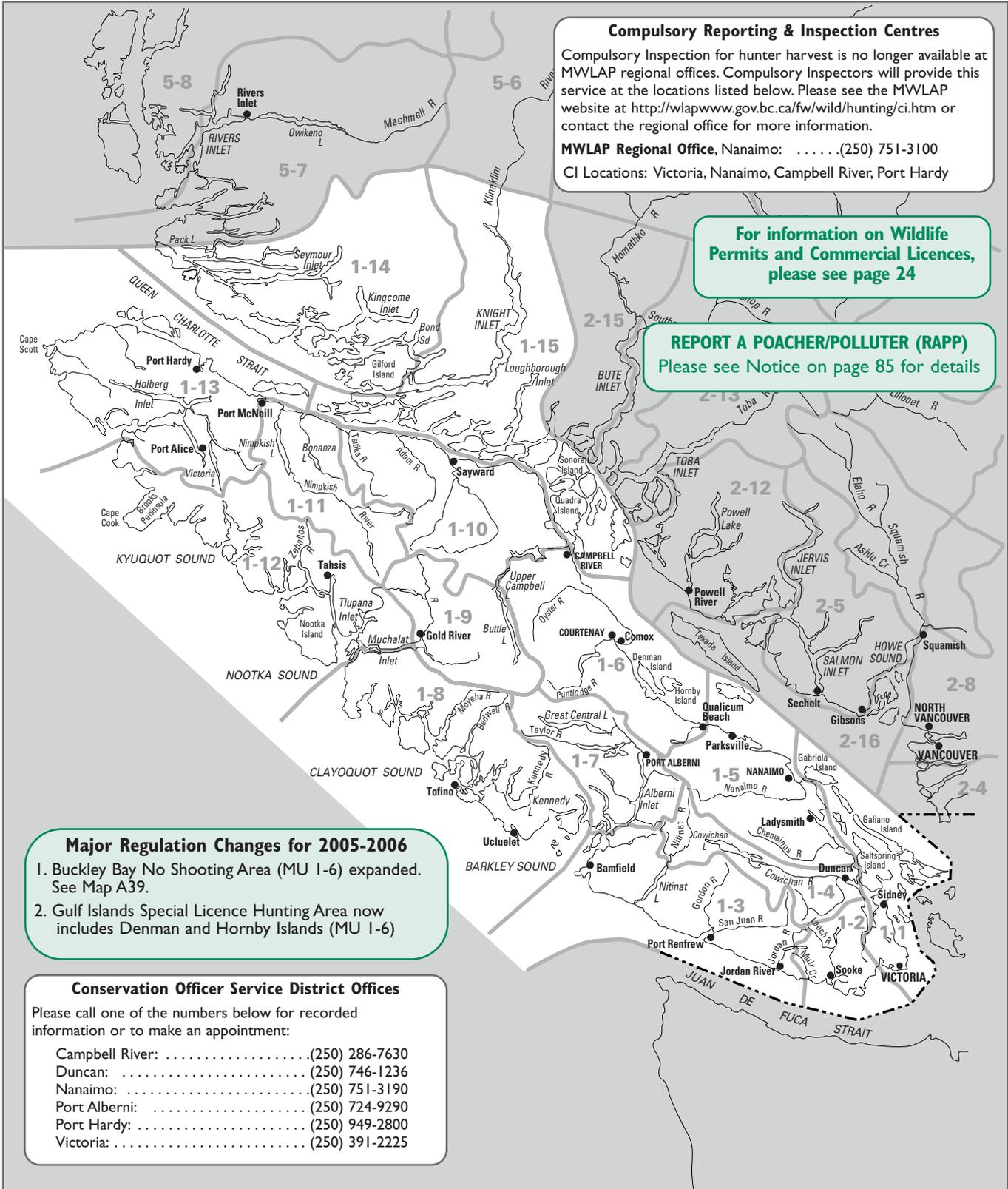
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These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 5th edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres
 Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MWLAP regional offices. Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MWLAP website at <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/ci.htm> or contact the regional office for more information.
MWLAP Regional Office, Nanaimo:(250) 751-3100
 CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Port Hardy

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)
 Please see Notice on page 85 for details

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006
 1. Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-6) expanded. See Map A39.
 2. Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area now includes Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6)

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
 Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:
 Campbell River:(250) 286-7630
 Duncan:(250) 746-1236
 Nanaimo:(250) 751-3190
 Port Alberni:(250) 724-9290
 Port Hardy:(250) 949-2800
 Victoria:(250) 391-2225

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, of which one may be antlerless from MU 1-1 or special seasons. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and A35. On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, the bag limit is 3 deer (antlered or antlerless) which are in addition to the provincial limit (see Map A1). Hunters must obtain the permission of the landowner before hunting on Sidney Island.

Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See pages 16 & 17 for additional information on bag limits.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

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

- The Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area in MU 1-5 (see map A19)
- Willow Creek in MU 1-6 (see map A20)
- Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain

Snowmobiles & ATVs are prohibited in Zone B of MU 1-5 (Nanaimo River Camp) from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (see Map A17).

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ No Shooting or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 13. Hunters are also responsible for identifying and complying with community/municipal No Shooting by-laws.

▶ Hunters are reminded that the Nanaimo River estuary is within city limits. A municipal bylaw restricts hunting to only a portion of the estuary and only during migratory bird seasons. Maps of the area open to hunting are available for viewing at the WLAP Regional Office in Nanaimo, or from the City of Nanaimo.

▶ The discharge of rifles is prohibited in MU 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island and James Island (and except by permit elsewhere). Note No Shooting or Hunting areas in MU 1-1, Maps A2 to A6.

▶ No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

▶ Qualicum National Wildlife Area (situated in MU 1-6) - Hunting, trapping, fishing and the possession of any firearm (Canada **Wildlife Act**) are prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (Phone: 604-940-4710) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ The Vancouver Island Marmot is protected and must not be disturbed in its natural

habitat. In order to protect the habitat for the Vancouver Island Marmots, motor vehicles are prohibited in Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain.

▶ The use of raptors for hunting small game and waterfowl is permitted in Vancouver Island Region during all open seasons, including archery only seasons.

▶ On Sidney Island outside the exterior boundaries of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and above the mean high-water mark, the open season for antlered and antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer and fallow deer is August 23 to February 28/06. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land on Sidney Island. See Map A1.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 metres on either side of the midline of Westcan Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 m seaward from, and including the paved area of Westcan Terminals Port site (situated in MU 1-4). See Map A10.

▶ Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area: All persons, 19 years of age or older, hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) **and/or Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6**, are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence. Persons under the age of 19 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 19 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence. Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while hunting is required.

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

▶ Hunters planning to hunt on Galiano, Denman and Hornby Islands should be aware that the majority of these islands are comprised of private lots - large blocks of industrial forest lands no longer exist. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt.

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

- Bligh Island Marine Park** ... (MU 1-12)
- Bodega Ridge Park** (MU 1-1)
- Brooks Peninsula Park** (MU 1-12)
- Cape Scott Park (waterfowl only)***
(the drainage area of the Nahwitti Shushartie addition only is open to all hunting)
..... (MU 1-13)
- Carmanah Walbran Park** (MU 1-3)
- Catala Island Marine Park** (MU 1-12)
- Claud Elliott Lake Park** (MU 1-10)
- Clayoquot Arm Park** (MU 1-8)
- Clayoquot Plateau Park** (MU 1-8)
- Dawley Passage Park** (MU 1-8)
- Epper Passage Park** (MU 1-8)
- Flores Island Park** (MU 1-8)
- Gibson Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)** (MU 1-8)
- God's Pocket Marine Park** (MU 1-13)
- Gold Muchalat Park** (MU 1-9)
- Hesquiat Lake Park** (MU 1-8)
- Hesquiat Peninsula Park** (MU 1-8)
- Lower Nimpkish Park** (MU 1-11)
- Main Lake Park** (MU 1-15)
- Marble River Park** (MU 1-13)
- Nimpkish Lake Park** (MU 1-11)
- Nuchatlitz Park** (MU 1-12)
- Octopus Islands Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)** (MU 1-15)
- Quatsino Park** (MU 1-13)
- Sandy Island Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)** (MU 1-6)
- Schoen Lake Park** (MUs 1-10, 1-11)
- Sooke Mountain Park** (MU 1-2)
- Strathcona Park - McBride Creek addition only (see Map A41)** .. (MU 1-7)
- Strathcona Park - Megin Creek addition only (see Map A41)** .. (MU 1-8)
- Sulphur Passage Park** (MU 1-8)
- Sydney Inlet Park** (MU 1-8)
- Tahsish-Kwois Park** (MU 1-12)
- Thurston Bay Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only)** (MU 1-15)
- Tranquil Creek Park** (MU 1-8)
- Vargas Island Park** (MU 1-8)
- White Ridge Park** (MU 1-9)
- Woss Lake Park** (MU 1-11)

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

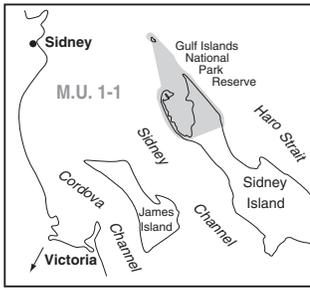
▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed in this section are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

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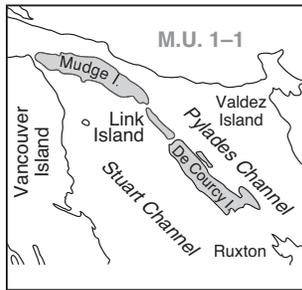
▶ Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are not included in this synopsis. For more information, contact individual municipalities.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

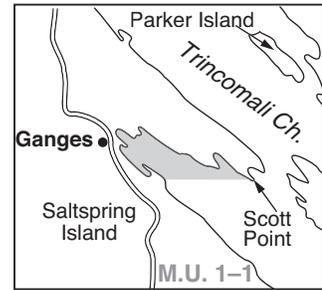
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼I-1 to I-15	.Bucks	◆Sept 10 - Dec 10	.2
	▲I-1	.Antlerless	.Nov 1 - Nov 10	.1
Bow Only Season	▼★I-1 to I-15	.Bucks	.Aug 27 - Sept 9	.2
▼A portion of MU I-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.				
▲ Excludes Saltspring Island and Gabriola Island.				
◆ On Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6) the open season dates are Oct 1 - Dec 10				
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 (except Gabriola Island), in Zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	I-14, I-15		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.1
BLACK BEAR	I-1 to I-15		.Sept 10 - Dec 10	.2
	I-1 to I-15		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.2
Bow Only Season	★I-1 to I-15		.Aug 27 - Sept 9	.2
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1(except Gabriola Island) or in zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17).				
WOLF	I-1 to I-15		.Sept 10 - March 31/2006	.3
	I-1 to I-15		.April 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.3
All wolf taken in MUs I-1 to I-13 must be reported to a MWLAP office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	I-1 to I-15		.Sept 10 - March 31/2006	.2
	I-1 to I-15		.April 1 - June 15/2006	.2
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company				
RACCOON	I-1 to I-15		.Apr 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10
SNOWSHOE HARE	I-14, I-15		.Aug 1 - March 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	I-14, I-15		.April 1/2006 - April 30/2006	.10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	I-1 to I-15		.Apr 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
A person who kills an opossum is requested to submit the carcass to an officer of the Wildlife Program at a regional or district office and provide the following information: location of the kill, date of kill and sex of animal.				
BLUE and RUFFED GROUSE	I-1 to I-15		.Sept 3 - Dec 31	.5 of each (15 of each)
Bow Only Season	I-1 to I-15		.Aug 27 - Sept 2	.5 of each (15 of each)
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 or in zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17.				
PTARMIGAN	I-14, I-15		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	I-1 to I-5		.Oct 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
No open season on mountain quail.				
PHEASANT	I-1 to I-9	.Cocks	.Oct 1 - Nov 30	.2 (6)
RAVEN	★I-1		.Apr 1 - Mar 31/2006	.5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	I-1 to I-15		.Sept 15 - Sept 30	.5 (10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	I-1 to I-15		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	.10 (20)
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	.8 (16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye & 2 Harlequin are in effect - see pages 16 & 17				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	I-1 to I-15		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17				
CANADA GEESE	I-3, I-7 to I-15		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	.5 (10)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4, I-5, I-6		.Sept 15 - Oct 22	.5 (10)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4, I-5, I-6		.Dec 15 - Jan 25/2006	.5 (10)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4, I-5, I-6		.Feb 14 - Mar 10/2006	.5 (10)
▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU I-4, see below.				
	▲I-4 (Cowichan Bay)		.Oct 8 - Oct 22	.5 (10)
			.Dec 15 - Jan 25/2006	.5 (10)
			.Feb 14/2006 - Mar 10/2006	.5 (10)
	▲I-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		.Sept 25 - Oct 7	.5 (10)
			.Jan 10/2006 - Jan 25/2006	.5 (10)
			.Feb 15/2006 - Mar 10/2006	.5 (10)
▲ See Map A10. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days Section.)				
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	.8 (16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	I-1 to I-15		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	.5 (10)
CANADA GEESE	I-3, I-7 to I-15		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	.5 (10)
CANADA GEESE	I-1, I-2, I-4 to I-6		.Sept 10 - Sept 11	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.				



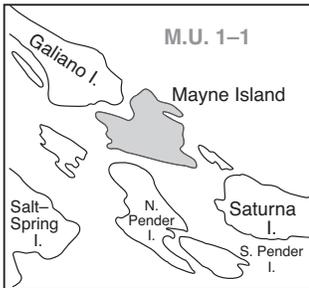
Map A1 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on Sidney Island (situated in MU 1-1).



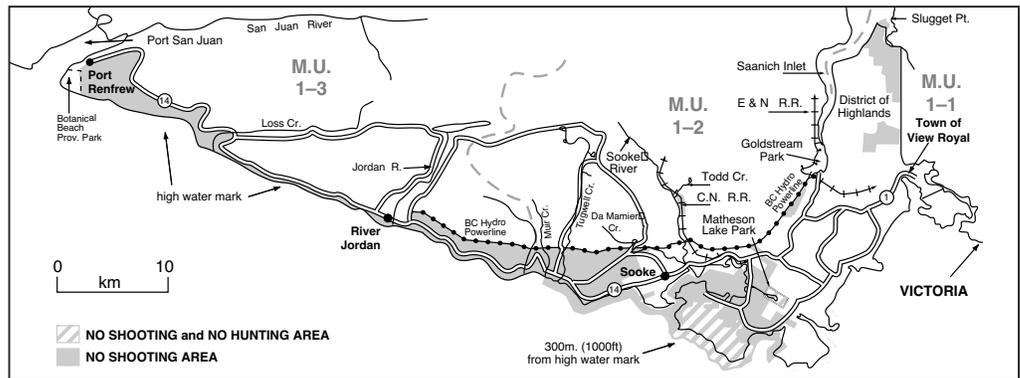
Map A2 Mudge and DeCourcy Islands No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (Situated in MU 1-1).



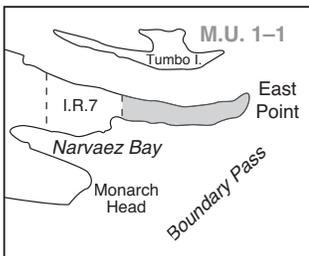
Map A3 Ganges No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



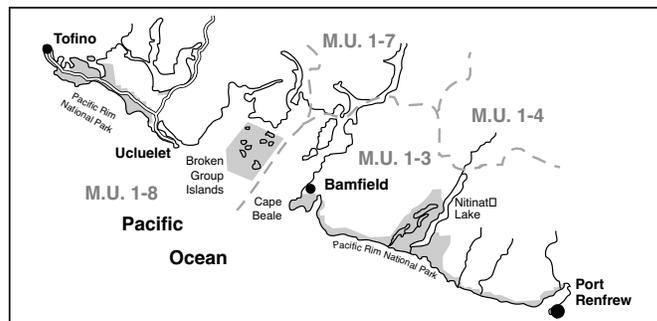
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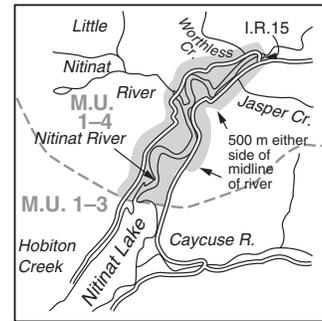
Map A5 Sooke - Metchosin. No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



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

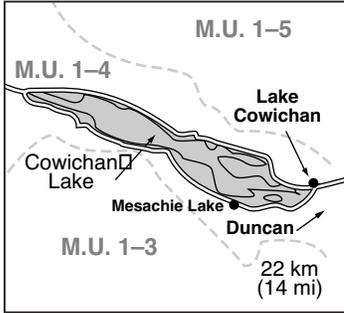


Map A7 Pacific Rim (West Coast) National Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 1-3 and 1-8).

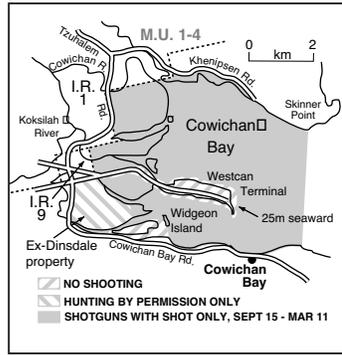


Map A8 Nitinat River No Shooting or Hunting Area. (situated in MU 1-4).

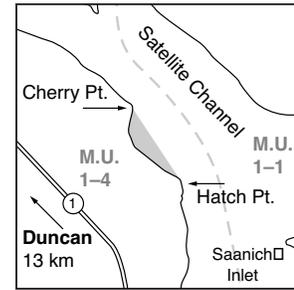




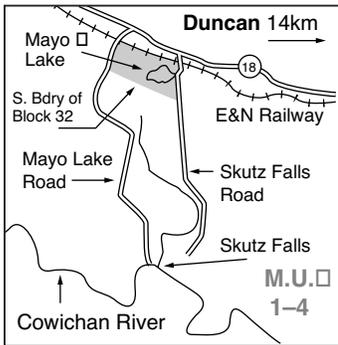
Map A9 Cowichan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



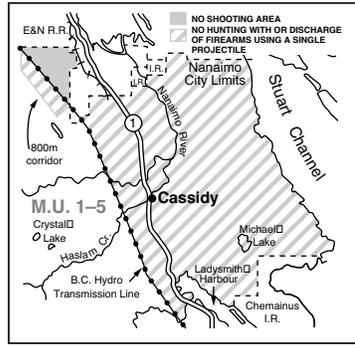
Map A10 Cowichan Bay Area (situated in MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Shotgun with Shot Only Area. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See page 29 for season dates.



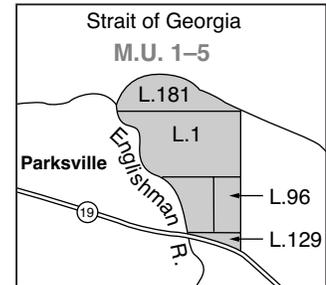
Map A11 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



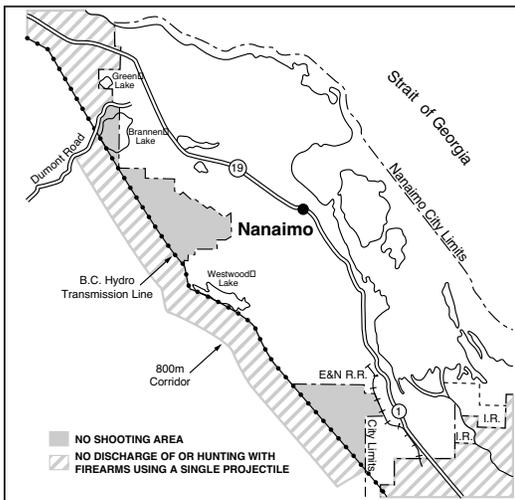
Map A12 Mayo Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



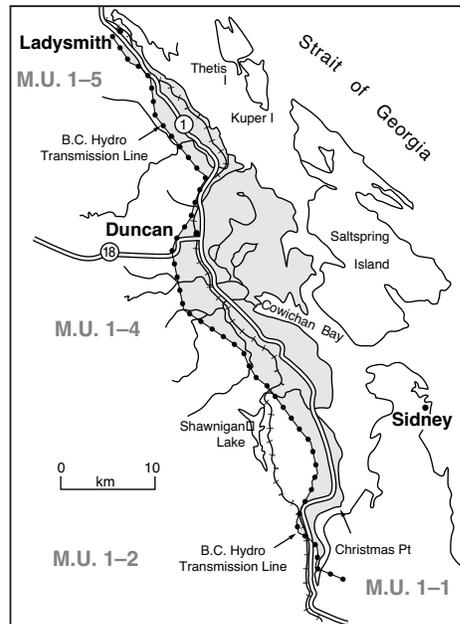
Map A13 Nanaimo-Ladysmith No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. Michael Lake: No Shooting on Michael Lake to the high water mark. A special season east of the power-line for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Sept 10 to Dec 10**. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9**. Bag limit = 2(1).



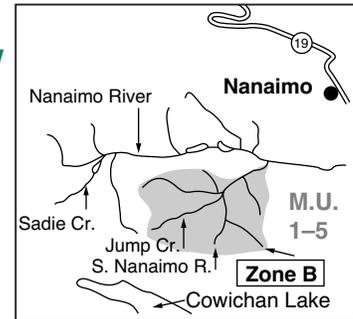
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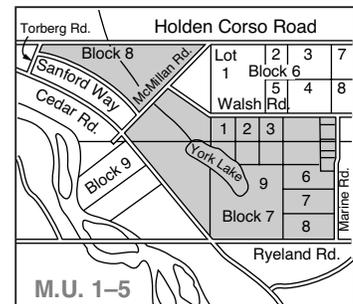
Map A15 Nanaimo - No Shooting and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season east of the powerline for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Sept 10 to Dec 10**. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9**. Bag limit = 2(1).



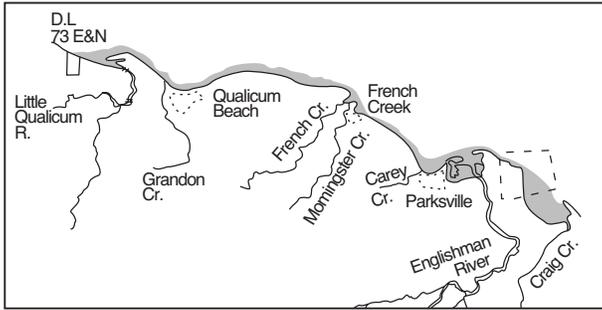
Map A16 Ladysmith - Malahat Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. The special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Sept 10 to Dec 10**. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9**. Bag limit = 2(1).



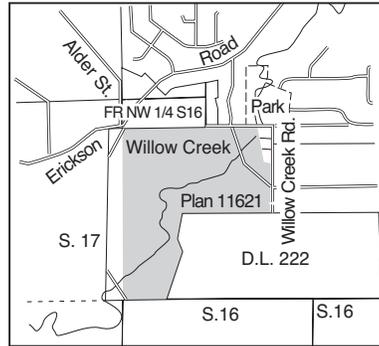
Map A17 Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATVs (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (situated in MU 1-5).



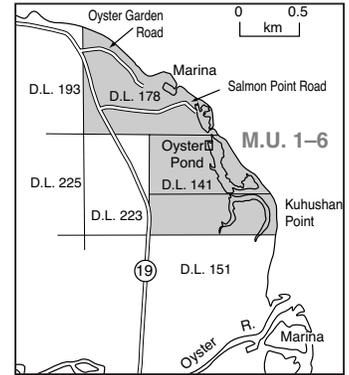
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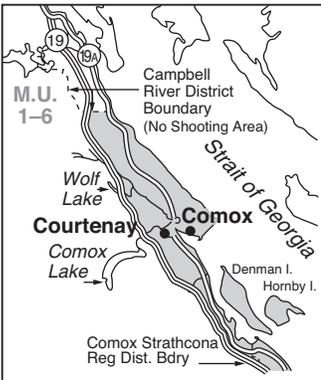
Map A19 Parksview-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Access Management Area (situated in MU 1-5). Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



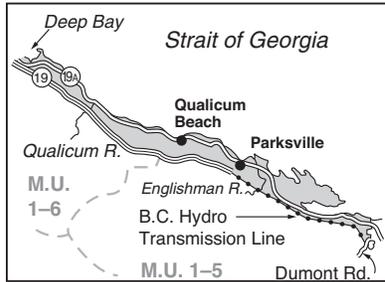
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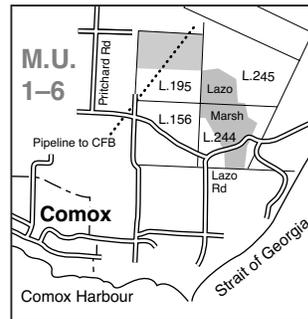
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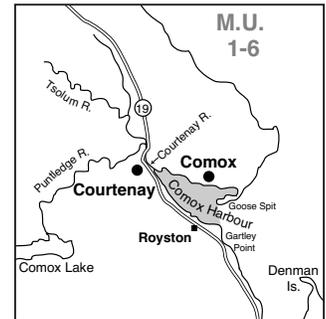
Map A22 Courtenay - Campbell River Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of a rifle or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Sept 10 to Dec 10 (except Denman & Hornby Islands)**. A special bow and arrow season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9 (except Denman & Hornby Islands)**. Bag limit = 2(1). **On Denman & Hornby Islands only, a special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from Oct 1 to Dec 10.**



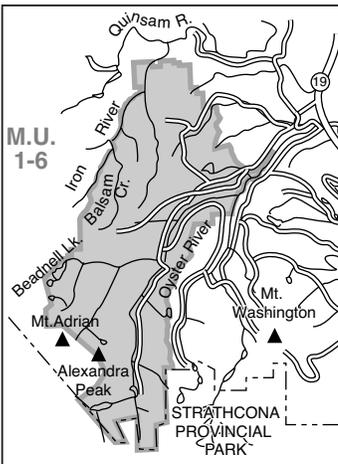
Map A23 Qualicum - Parksville Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-5, 1-6). Hunting with, or the discharge of rifles or a shotgun using a single projectile is prohibited. A special season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Sept 10 to Dec 10**. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9**. Bag limit = 2(1).



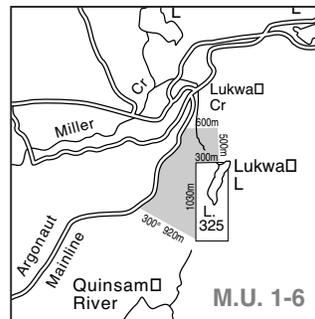
Map A24 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



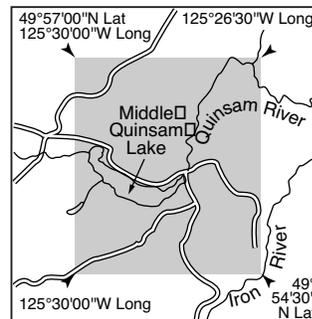
Map A25 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



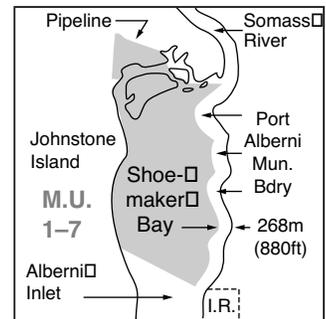
Map A29 Iron River/Oyster River Special Mule Deer Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6). Special season for 2 point or greater mule deer only is **Sept. 10 to Dec. 10**.



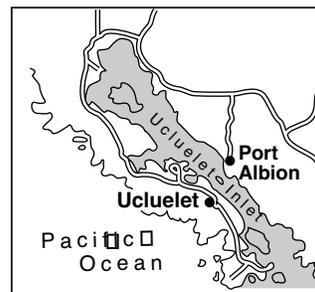
Map A26 Lukwa Lake No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



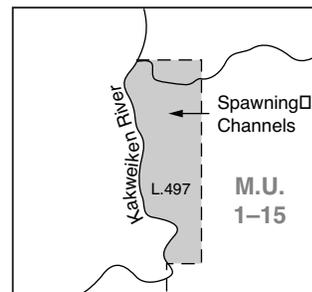
Map A27 Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



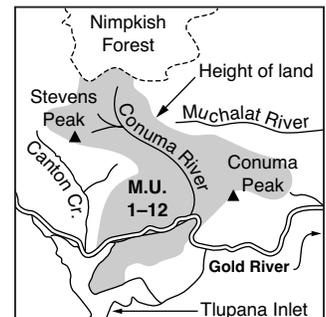
Map A28 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-7).



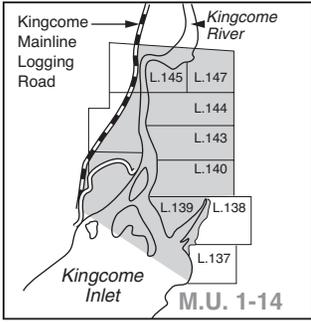
Map A30 Ucluelet Inlet No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-8).



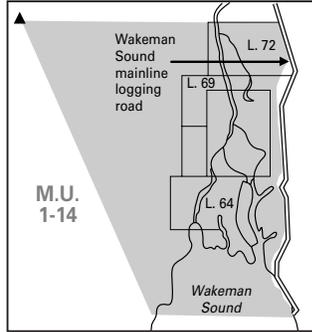
Map A31 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



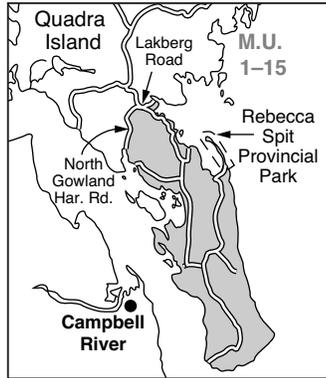
Map A32 Conuma River Bow Only Area (situated in MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



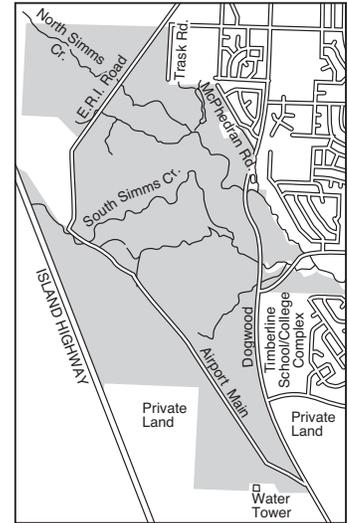
Map A33 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



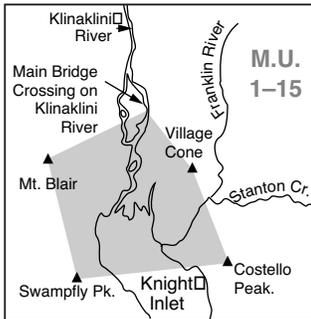
Map A34 Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



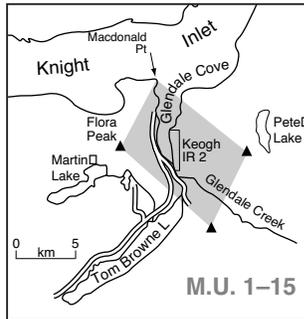
Map A35 Quadra Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-15). Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited. Open for antlerless deer **Sept 10 to Dec 10**. A special bow and arrow only season for antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer is from **Aug 27 to Sept 9**. Bag limit = 2(1).



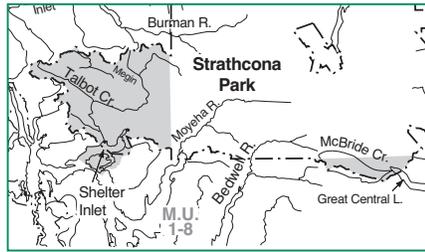
Map A36 Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



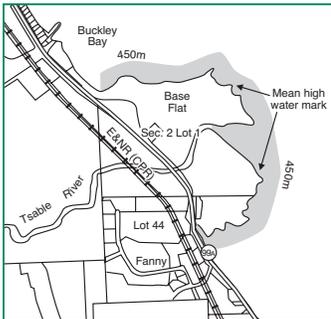
Map A37 Knight Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



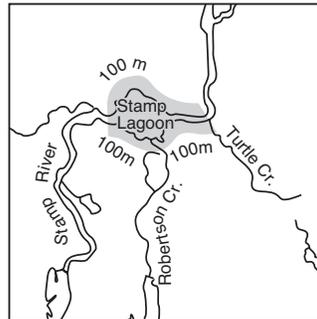
Map A38 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



Map A41 Strathcona McBride Creek addition and Megin Creek addition (situated in MUs 1-7, 1-8).



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



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

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For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

MWLAP Regional Office, Surrey:(604) 582-5200
 CI contractor locations: Surrey, Agassiz, Sechelt, Squamish

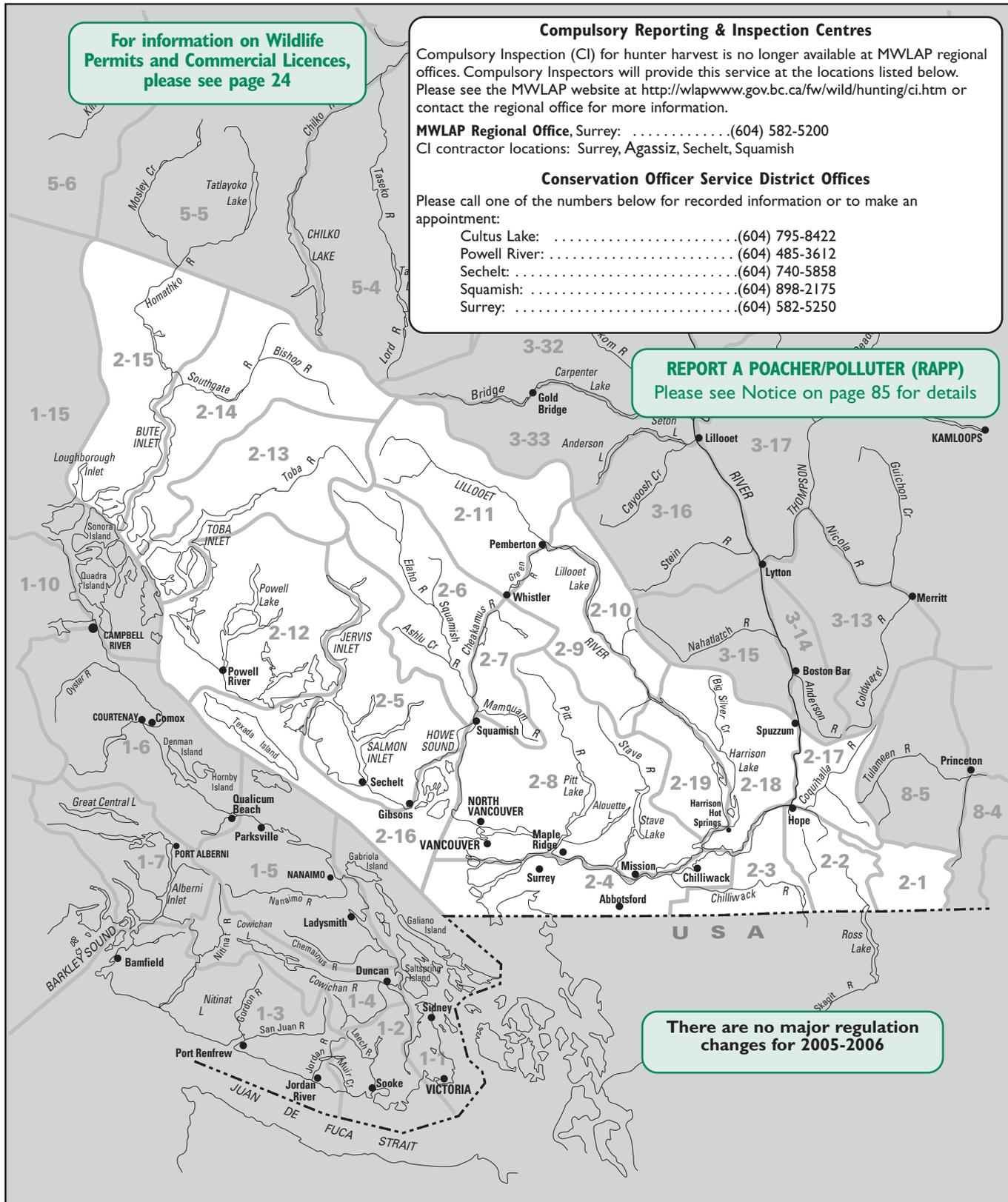
Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

- Cultus Lake:(604) 795-8422
- Powell River:(604) 485-3612
- Sechelt:(604) 740-5858
- Squamish:(604) 898-2175
- Surrey:(604) 582-5250

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 Please see Notice on page 85 for details

There are no major regulation changes for 2005-2006



REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

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

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

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

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ No person shall use lead shot for any purpose when discharging a firearm on any dyke or on the water side (seaward or river side) of any dyke in the municipality of Delta, or on any foreshore dyke facing Mud Bay in the city of Surrey.

▶ Fraser Valley Special Area - Hunters should take note of the special licence area in the Fraser Valley (see Map B25). These special licences are available through selected private outlets. For further information contact a government agents office.

▶ No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 13.

▶ 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).

▶ A small population of white-tailed deer has become resident to the Herrling Island area (MU 2-3) near Hope, BC. Hunters are reminded that there is no open season for white-tailed deer in this area.

▶ Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area (MU 2-4) is closed to snipe hunting. This includes all foreshore areas seaward of the dykes surrounding Boundary, Mud and Semiahmoo Bays.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

- Bishop River Park**(MU 2-14)
- Callaghan Lake Park**(MU 2-6)
- Cascade Recreation Area** (MU 2-17, 8-5)
 is open during a lawful game hunting season.
- Chilliwack Lake Park**(MU 2-3)
 Campground area and ecological reserve remain closed to hunting.
- Clendinning Park**(MU 2-6)
- Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area**(MU 2-17)
- Duck Lake Protected Area**(MU 2-12)
- Homathko Estuary Park**(MU 2-15)
- Homathko River - Tatlayoko Protected Area**(MU 2-15, 5-5)
 is only open to the discharge of firearms from September 1 to June 30 during a lawful game hunting season.

- Indian Arm Park**(MU 2-8)
- Inland Lake Park**(MU 2-12)
- Malaspina Park**(MU 2-12)
- Mount Elphinstone Park**(MU 2-5)
- Mount Richardson Park**(MU 2-5)
- Pinecone Burke Park**(MU 2-8)
- Simson Park**(MU 2-16)
- Skagit Valley Park**(MU 2-2)

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

- South Texada Island Park** ... (MU 2-16)
- Spiipiyus Park**(MU 2-5)
- Tantalus Park**(MU 2-6)
- Upper Lillooet River Park** ... (MU 2-11)

▶ Parks and Recreation Areas not listed in this section are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

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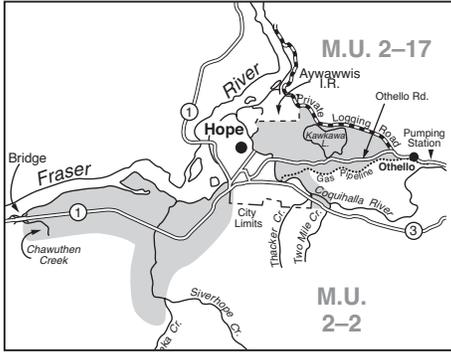
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	2-9 to 2-11	.Bucks	.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.2
	2-16	★Bucks	.Sept 10 - Dec 15	.2
	2-16	▼★Antlerless	.Oct 21 - Oct 31	.1
	2-16	★Antlerless	.Nov 5 - Nov 20	.1
	Bow Only Season	2-2 to 2-19	★Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9
Bow Only Season	▲2-16	.Either Sex	.Dec 16 - Jan 15/2006	.3 (2)

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

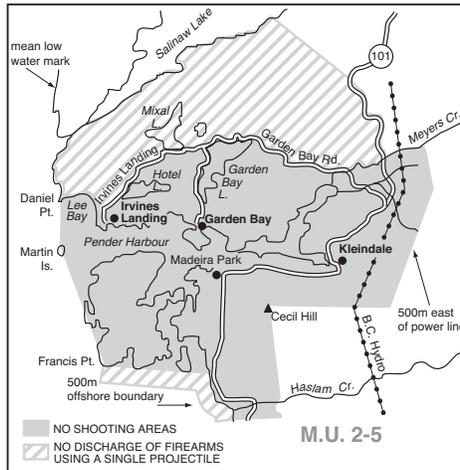
▼ Hunters must be under the age of 19. ▲Texada Island only.

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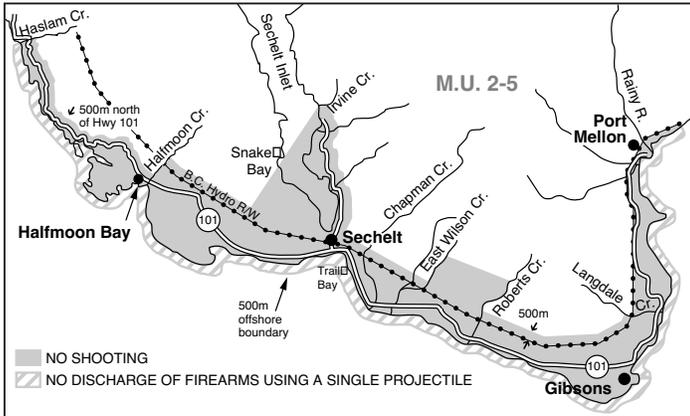
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	★2-6Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	▼2-12 to 2-15Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
★See Map B5. ▼See Maps B12, B14.				
BLACK BEAR	2-3 to 2-17Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-3 to 2-17 .....		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	1
Bow Only Season	2-3 to 2-17 .....		.Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	2-2, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
WOLF	2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16 .....		.Sept 10 - Mar 31/2006	3
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	NBL
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-5 to 2-19 .....		.Aug 1 - March 31/2006	10 (daily)
	2-5 to 2-19 .....		.April 1/2006 - April 30/2006	10 (daily)
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	5
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Nov 15 - Mar 31/2006	2
<i>Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company</i>				
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Sept 10 - Dec 15	10 (30)
	Bow Only Season	2-2 to 2-19 .....	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	10 (30)
<i>For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.</i>				
PTARMIGAN	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19 .....		.Sept 10 - Dec 15	5 (15)
	Bow Only Season	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19 .....	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	5 (15)
PHEASANT	2-4, 2-8	Cocks	.Oct 8 - Dec 4	2 (6)
<i>Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.</i>				
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	2-2 to 2-19 .....		.Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19 .....		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	10 (20)
	2-11 .....		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 (20)
<i>Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to Snipe hunting. Consideration is being given to extend this closure to other foreshore areas (ie. Roberts and Sturgeon Banks) in future hunting seasons.</i>				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19 .....		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	8 (16)
	2-11 .....		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	8 (16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 16 & 17. See special area maps.</i>				
BRANT	2-4 .....		.Mar 1/2006- Mar 10/2006	2 (4)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	2-4, 2-5 .....		.Oct 8 - Jan 2/2006	▲5 (10)
	2-4, 2-5 .....		.Feb 21/2006 - Mar 10/2006	▲5 (10)
▲The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5, except in MU's 2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18 and 2-19 where 5 Canada geese may be taken in addition to any other species of geese taken in Region 2. See pages 16 & 17. See special area maps.				
CANADA GEESE	2-5 to 2-7, 2-9, 2-10, 2-12 to 2-17 .....		.Oct 8 - Jan 20/2006	5 (10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Sept 10 - Sept 18	▲5 (10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Oct 8 - Nov 27	▲5 (10)
	2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Dec 17 - Jan 2/2006	▲5 (10)
	2-2 to ★2-4, 2-8, 2-18, 2-19 .....		.Feb 11/2006- Mar 10/2006	▲5 (10)
2-11 .....		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (10)	
★ In MU 2-4 in the Municipality of Delta, the open season DOES NOT apply to the area within 100 metres of any dyke. The 100 metre restriction does not apply to that portion of Delta known as Westham Island.				
▲The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5, except in MU's 2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18 and 2-19 where 5 Canada geese may be taken in addition to any other species of geese taken in Region 2.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days Section.)				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19 .....		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	8 (16)
CANADA GEESE	2-2 to 2-10, 2-12 to 2-19 .....		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	▲5 (10)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	2-4, 2-5 .....		.Oct 1 - Oct 2	▲5 (10)
DUCKS	2-11 .....		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	8 (16)
CANADA GEESE	2-11 .....		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17. See special area maps.</i>				
▲The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5, except in MU's 2-2 to 2-4, 2-8, 2-18 and 2-19 where 5 Canada geese may be taken in addition to any other species of geese taken in Region 2.				



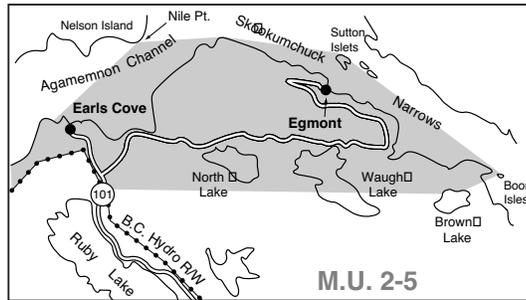
Map B1 Hope No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-2, 2-17).



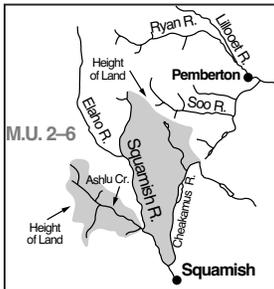
Map B2 Pender Harbour No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-5).



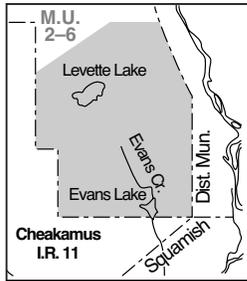
Map B3 Sechelt/Gibsons No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-5).



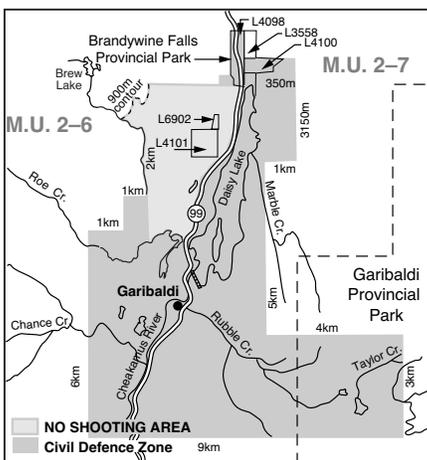
Map B4 Waugh Lake - Skookumchuck No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-5).



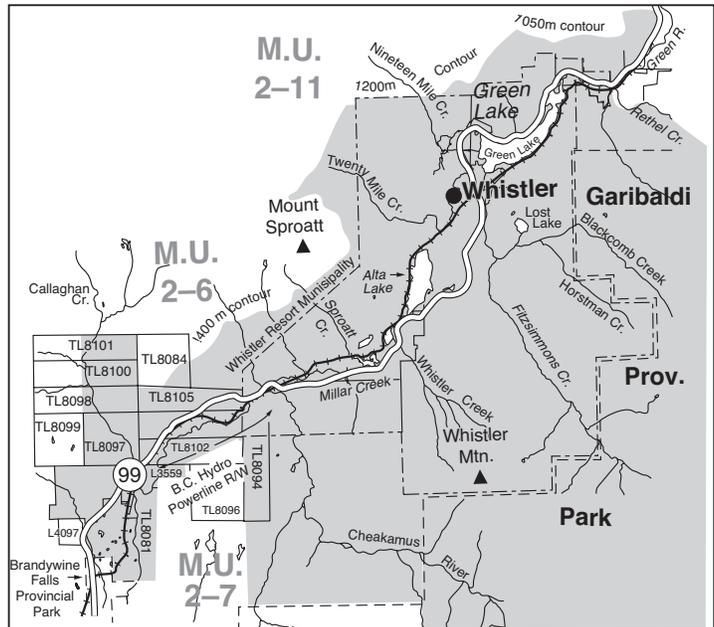
Map B5 Ashlu - Squamish Rivers Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 2-6).



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

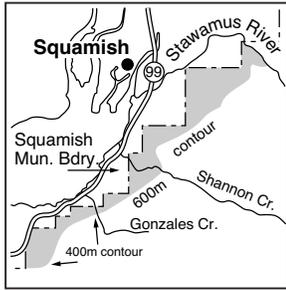


Map B7 Garibaldi No Shooting Area and Garibaldi Civil Defence Zone. This is a high risk slide area. Persons who hunt or trap in this area do so at their own risk (situated in MUs 2-6 and 2-7).

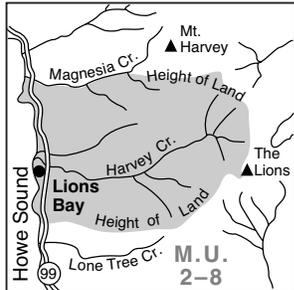


Map B8 Whistler No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 2-6, 2-7, 2-11).

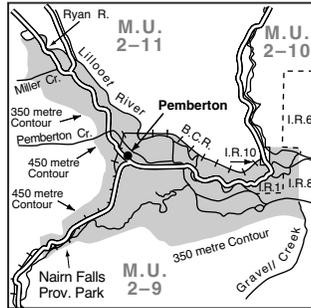
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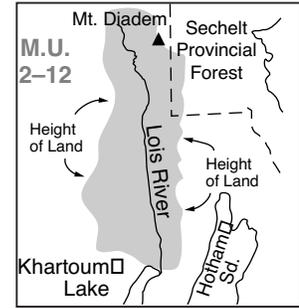
Map B9 Squamish No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-8).



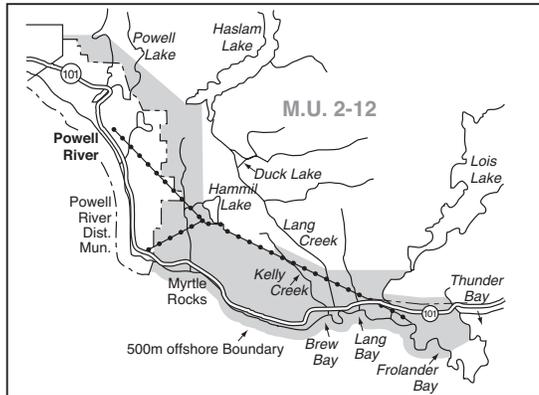
Map B10 Lion's Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-8).



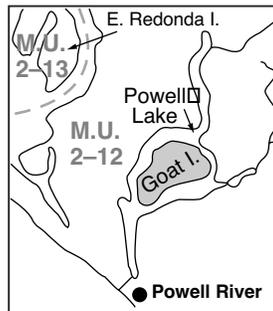
Map B11 Pemberton Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-9, 2-10, 2-11). The discharge of firearms using other than shot is prohibited.



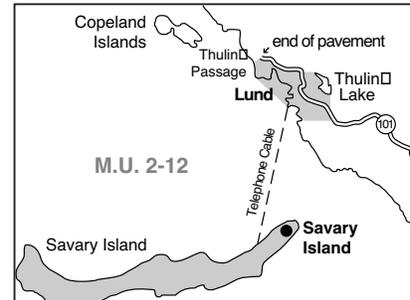
Map B12 Lois River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 2-12).



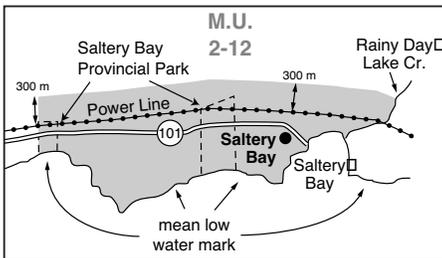
Map B13 Powell River Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-12). The discharge of firearms using other than shot is prohibited.



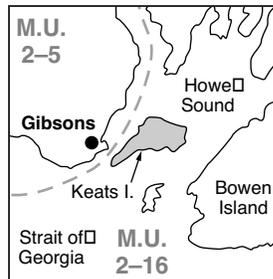
Map B14 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 2-12).



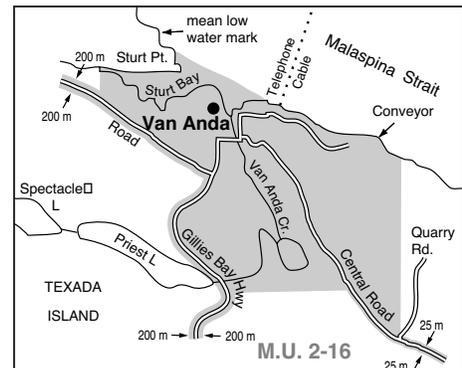
Map B15 Lund No Shooting Area and Savary Island Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-12).



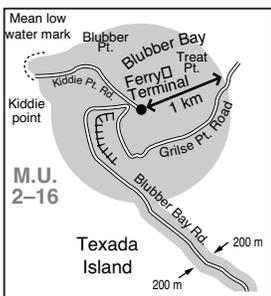
Map B16 Saltery Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-12).



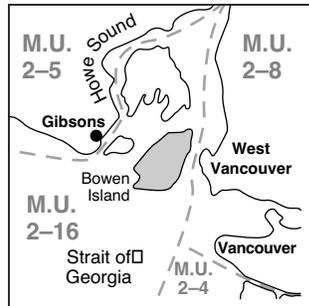
Map B17 Keats Island (situated in MU 2-16). The discharge of rifles is prohibited.



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

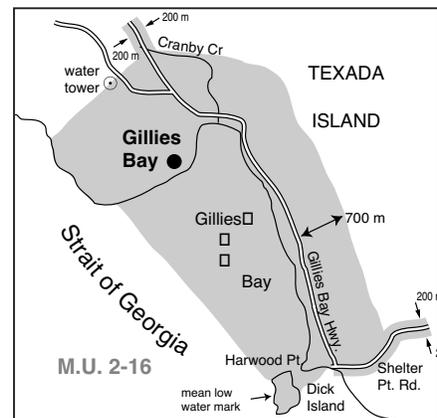


Map B19 Blubber Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-16).

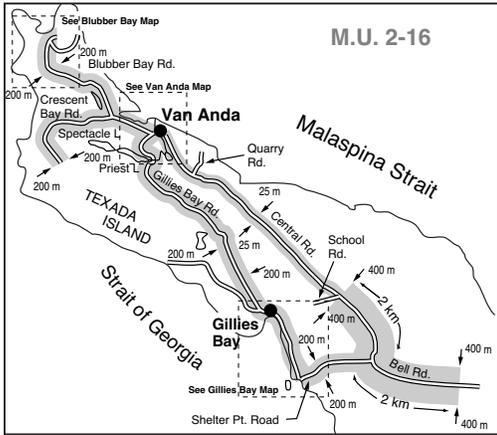


Map B20 Bowen Island No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-16). Special Bow Season for mule (black-tailed) deer (cross-bows prohibited). Bucks: Sept 1 to Dec 15. Antlerless: Nov 5 to Dec 5; Any deer Jan 1 to Jan 15/2005. Bag Limit: 3(2). On Bowen Island hunting is

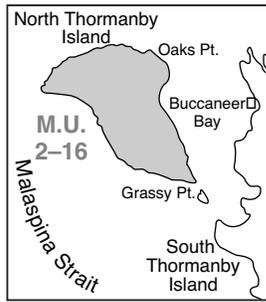
prohibited within 150 metres of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling or farm building. Hunting on private land by owner's permission only. Trespassing is an offence.



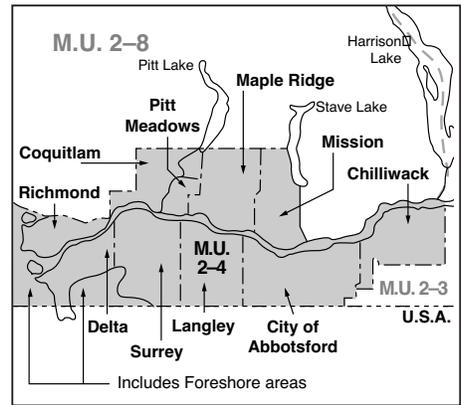
Map B21 Gillies Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-16).



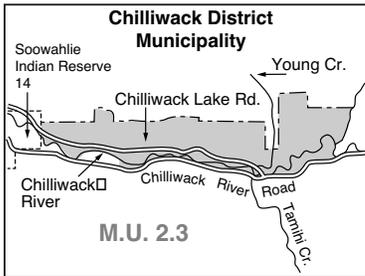
Map B22 Central Road / Shelter Point Road No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-16).



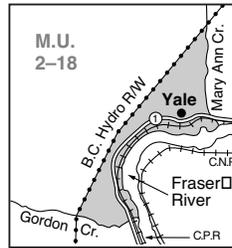
Map B23 North Thormanby Island No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 2-16).



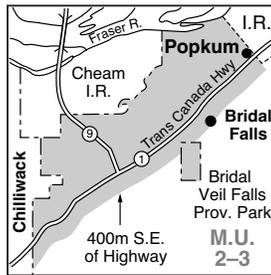
Map B25 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) (situated in MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within MU 2-4 & those portions of MU 2-8 within the corporate limits of the corporation of the district of Maple Ridge, the corporation of the district of Pitt Meadows, the district of Mission,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



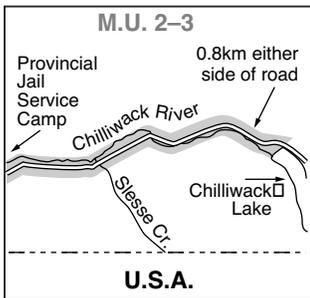
Map B26 Chilliwack Valley Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-3). The discharge of firearms using a single projectile is prohibited.



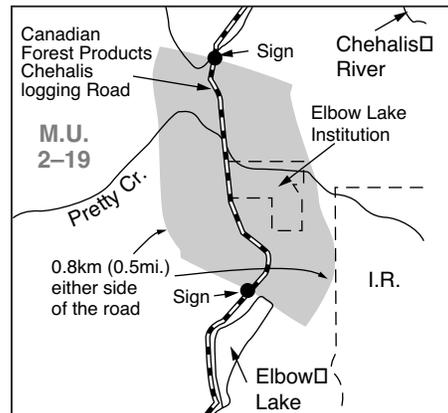
Map B24 Yale No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-18).



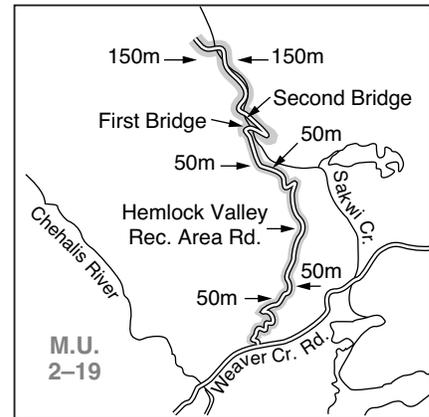
Map B27 Popkum No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-3).



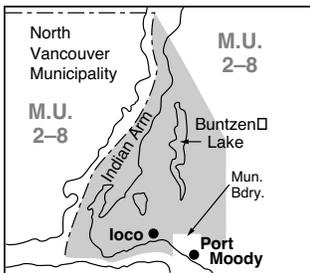
Map B28 Provincial Jail Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-3).



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



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



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

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HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

Here is a sample of wildlife projects that your hunting licence surcharges are supporting in 2005/2006. A complete list of approved projects can be found on the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) website at www.hctf.ca.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) Enhancement Project – \$5,000 in seed funding to develop a plan to provide better access to the CORE program information. In partnership with the BC Wildlife Federation.

Ducks Unlimited Canada Wetland Partnership Program – \$225,000 for continued support to work in partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada towards wetland conservation in BC and implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, through acquisition, enhancement and management projects. In partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Public Conservation Assistance Fund – \$100,000 in continued support for Public Conservation Assistance Fund to fund volunteer fish and wildlife conservation projects throughout British Columbia.

Lower Mainland Roosevelt Elk Recovery – \$60,270 in continued support for previous work funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund and additional assistance from local sportsman's clubs, the guide outfitters and numerous others to establish viable elk populations in priority areas of the Sunshine Coast and Lower Mainland region by trapping and moving elk from urban areas to remote wilderness areas.

Testing the Accuracy of the Stratified Random Block Method Using Thermal Infrared Scanning – \$10,000 in funding. The Stratified Random Block Method used for conventional moose surveys will be tested for accuracy and cost-effectiveness using a thermal infrared scanning camera.

East Kootenay Grassland Ecosystem Restoration – \$140,000 in support for slashing and prescribed burns in fire-maintained ecosystems in the East Kootenay to enhance ungulate winter range characteristics and restore overall ecosystem function.

Status of Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Peace Region – \$28,000 in funding provided to determine the reproductive success of female sharp-tailed grouse by quantifying their survival, nest success and brood survival during the breeding season.

Identification and Protection of Critical Habitats Used by Northern Caribou in the Besa-Prophet Area – \$15,000 in funding. Radio-telemetry and habitat analyses will be used to identify and protect critical habitats used by the Pink Mountain caribou herd in the Besa-Prophet River drainage.

Habitat Restoration for Bighorn Sheep, Elk, Mule Deer and Mountain Goat in Southern Interior – \$139,150 in funding provided to restore and/or enhance important bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk and mountain goat winter, spring and fall ranges.



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REGION 3



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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

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

CI Locations: Kamloops, Lillooet

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

Clearwater(250) 674-3722

Kamloops(250) 371-6281

Lillooet(250) 256-4636

Merritt(250) 378-8489

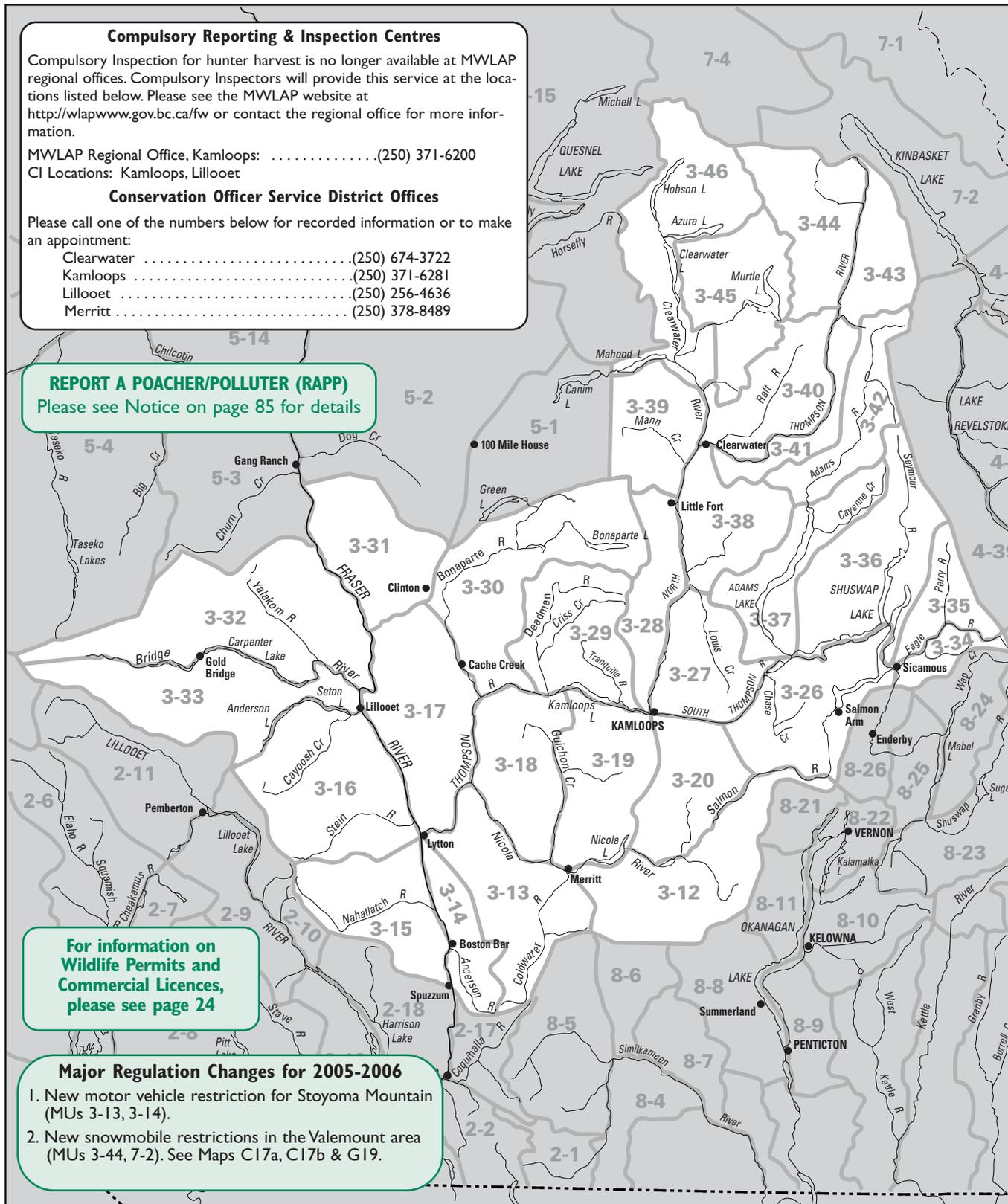
REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)

Please see Notice on page 85 for details

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. New motor vehicle restriction for Stoyoma Mountain (MUs 3-13, 3-14).
2. New snowmobile restrictions in the Valemount area (MUs 3-44, 7-2). See Maps C17a, C17b & G19.



REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

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

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters - but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.

The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited or restricted in the following areas (contact Kamloops Regional Office for details):

- **Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 to November 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1a.**
- Skull Mountain Special Resource Mountain Zone (MU 3-28) other than on indicated open roads (see Map C18) or under permit from MWLAP, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.
- Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C15.
- Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between December 1 and May 31). See Map C16.
- Above the 1920 m elevation in MU 3-32 in the following areas:
 - China Head Mountain (excluding the Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
 - Nine Mile Ridge
 - Red Mountain - French Mountain
 - Hogback Mountain
- Spruce Lake Closed Area in MU 3-32. See Map C14.
- Porcupine Meadows Park. See Map C12.
- ▶ The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the following areas:
 - watershed of Clinton Creek. See Map C13.
 - Greenstone Mountain Burn (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road) (MU 3-19). See Map C6.
- ▶ The operation of snowmobiles is restricted in the following areas:
 - **Canoe River-North Thompson (MUs 3-44, 7-2): As shown on Map C17a, the area closed to snowmobiles is west of Highway 5 between Canoe River and the North Thompson River. The westerly boundary generally follows heights of land and alpine/forest edges in the Canoe, Camp, Allan and North Thompson watersheds. Seasonally open snowmobiling areas include the Allan and Oasis areas, which are marked with trail head signs.**

- **North Thompson - Thunder River (MU 3-44): As shown on Map C17b, the area closed to snowmobiles is west of Highway 5 between the North Thompson River, Manteau Creek and Thunder River. The Chappell Creek area is open seasonally to snowmobiling with access by Lempriere & Chappell Trails.**

▶ Chappell Creek Closed Area in MU 3-44 (the Chappell Trail is open to snowmobile use between December 1 and May 31). See Map C17.

▶ The recreational use of snowmobiles in the Monashee/Selkirk Mountains area (near Revelstoke) above 1300 m and below 2100 m is prohibited during the period Dec. 15 to April 15 (includes use of snowmobiles for hunting and commercial backcountry recreation). Use of snowmobiles for industrial access purposes is exempted. (MUs 3-36, 4-38, 4-39) See Map D46.

▶ The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in MUs 3-28, 3-45 and 3-46. An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose taken and all mule deer or white-tailed deer taken during the youth or bow only seasons in Region 3 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 21 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ **Cattle grazing takes place on both public and private land. To keep cattle in the correct pasture, it is important that hunters leave gates and fences as they are found. Hunters should read the Access Restrictions section for more information about private property.**

▶ Hunters should note Highway No Shooting Areas in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section.

▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45 (Wells Gray Park).

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

▶ Parks, Recreation Areas & Protected Areas marked with an asterisk (*) are exempt from the No Hunting No Shooting Restriction within 400m of the centre line of park roads. These parks are NOT exempt from Highway No Shooting and No Hunting Areas as described on page 13.

▶ In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks, Recreation Areas & Protected Areas are open

to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.

Adams Lake Marine Park	(MU 3-37)
Anstey Hunakwa Park*	(MU 3-36)
Arrowstone Park	(MU 3-30)
Banana Island Park	(MU 3-27)
Bedard Aspen Park*	(MU 3-17)
Blue Earth Lake Park	(MU 3-17)
Blue River Black Spruce Park	(MU 3-43, 3-44)
Blue River Pine Park	(MU 3-40, 3-44)
Bonaparte Park*	(MU 3-29, 3-30)
Buse Lake Protected Area	(MU 3-20)
Caligata Lake Park	(MU 3-40)
Chasm Park*	(MU 3-30)
Chu Chua Cottonwood Park	(MU 3-26, 3-38)
Cornwall Hills Park*	(MU 3-17)
Dunn Peak Protected Area*	(MU 3-38, 3-39)
Eakin Creek Canyon Park	(MU 3-28)
Eakin Creek Floodplains Park*	(MU 3-28, 3-29)
Edge Hills Park*	(MU 3-31)
Elephant Hill Park	(MU 3-17, 3-30)
Emar Lakes Park*	(MU 3-39)
English Lake Park	(MU 3-34)
Finn Creek Park	(MU 3-40, 3-41)
Harbour Dudgeon Lakes Park	(MU 3-42)
Harry Lake Aspen Park*	(MU 3-17)
High Lakes Basin Park	(MU 3-30)
Lac du Bois Grasslands Park* See Map C15	(MU 3-28, 3-29)
Marble Range Park	(MU 3-31)
McConnel Lake Park	(MU 3-19)
Mehati Creek Park	(MU 3-15)
Momich Lakes Park*	(MU 3-37)
Mount Griffin Park	(MUs 3-34, 8-24)
Mount Savona Park*	(MU 3-18)
Mud Lake Delta Park	(MU 3-43)
Nahatlatch Park	(MU 3-15)
Nahatlatch Protected Area	(MU 3-15)
North Thompson Islands Park	(MU 3-38)
North Thompson Oxbows East Park	(MU 3-44)
North Thompson Oxbows Manteau Park	(MU 3-44)
Oregon Jack Park*	(MU 3-17)
Painted Bluffs Park	(MU 3-29)
Pennask Creek Park	(MU 3-12)
Pillar Park	(MU 3-36)
Porcupine Meadows Park	(MU 3-28, 3-29)
Pukeashun Park	(MU 3-36)
Pyramid Creek Falls Park	(MU 3-42)
Roche Lake Park*	(MU 3-20)
Six Mile Hill Protected Area	(MU 3-19)
Spruce Lake Protected Area	(MU 3-32)
Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park	(MU 3-16)
Taweel Park*	(MU 3-39)
Trepanier Park	(MU 3-12, 8-8)
Tsintsunko Lakes Park	(MU 3-29)
Tunkwa Park*	(MU 3-18)
Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited within the Tunkwa Lake Sanctuary. This area designated is the largest island in Tunkwa Lake.	
Upper Adams River Park*	(MU 3-37, 3-42)
Upper Seymour River Park*	(MU 3-36)
Upper Violet Creek Park	(MU 3-26, 8-26)
Walhachin Oxbows Park	(MU 3-18)

Wells Gray Park(MU 3-39* 3-40*, 3-46); Those portions of the park within MUs 3-40, 3-46 are only open to the discharge of firearms from September 20 to May 31 during a lawful game hunting season; Stillwater and Battle Mt. and Clearwater River (westside) roads are exempt from No Hunting No Shooting Restriction; Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited in MU 3-45.
Wire Cache Park(MU 3-41)

► The following Provincial Parks are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during the lawful game hunting season, Sept. 20 to April 15:

- Cinnemousun Narrows Park**(MUs 3-26, 3-36)
- Shuswap Lake Marine Park** (MUs 3-36, 3-26)

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

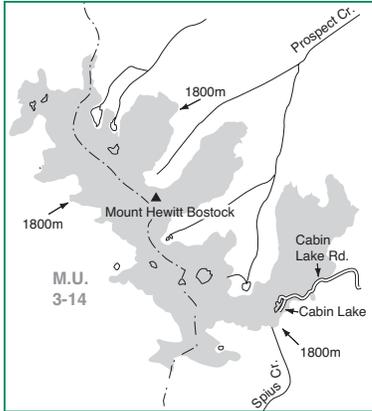


THOMPSON-NICOLA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

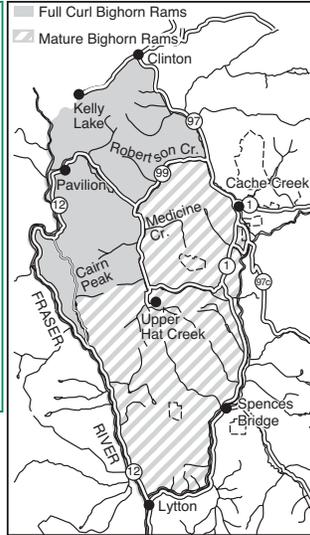
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	*4 Point Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	*4 Point Bucks	.Sept 10 - Sept 30	.1
	3-46	*4 Point Bucks	.Sept 20 - Sept 30	.1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	.Bucks	.Oct 1 - Oct 31	.1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	*4 Point Bucks	.Nov 1 - Dec 10	.1
Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	*Bucks	▲Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	*Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
* See Definitions section: Mule Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.		▲ Season restricted to hunters under the age of 19.		
* Successful hunters who kill a deer during the youth or bow season are required to submit a Compulsory Report. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting section.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	.Bucks	.Sept 1 - Dec 10	.1
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	.Bucks	.Sept 10 - Dec 10	.1
	3-46	.Bucks	.Sept 20 - Dec 10	.1
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	▲Bucks	*Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	▲Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-14, 3-17 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-31, 3-34 to 3-44	▲Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
* Season restricted to hunters under the age of 19.		▲ Successful hunters who kill a deer during the youth or bow season are required to submit a Compulsory Report. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting section.		
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MOOSE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	.Sept 20 - Oct 31	.1
* See Definitions section, Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Successful hunters of any bull moose must submit a Compulsory Report. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting section.				
BIGHORN	3-17*, 3-31, 3-32	.Full Curl Bighorn Rams	.Sept 10 - Oct 20	.1
MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17*	▲Mature Bighorn Rams	.Sept 10 - Oct 20	.1
* A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C1b. ▲See Definitions section: Mountain Sheep.				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.2
	3-46		.Sept 20 - Nov 30	.2
WOLF	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 10 - Mar 31/2006	.3
COYOTE	3-17, 3-31, 3-32		.Sept 1 - June 30/2006	.NBL
	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-33 to 3-44		.Sept 1 - March 31/2006	.NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Nov 15 - Mar 31/2006	.2
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company.				
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Nov 15 - Feb 15 /2006	.1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	.1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Apr 1 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Apr 1/2006 - March 31/2006	.NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED & SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 of each (15 of each)
	3-46		.Sept 20 - Nov 30	.5 of each (15 of each)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	3-31		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 (10)
PTARMIGAN	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Oct 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
GRAY PARTRIDGE (Hungarian)	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Oct 1 - Nov 30	.3 (9)
PHEASANT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	.Cocks	.Oct 1 - Nov 30	.2 (6)
MORNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 1 - Sept 30	.5 (10)
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		.Sept 15 - Sept 30	.5 (10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.10 (20)

THOMPSON-NICOLA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

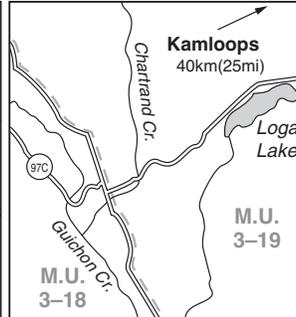
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.8 (16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE & WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.5 (10)
CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-18, 3-30 to 3-35, 3-38 to 3-44		.Sept 10- Dec 23	.5 (10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		.Sept 10 - Sept 20	.5 (10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		.Oct 1 - Dec 23	.5 (10)
	3-19, 3-20, 3-26 to 3-29, 3-36, 3-37		.Mar 1/2006 - Mar 10/2006	.5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	.8 (16)
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, & ROSS'S GEESE, CANADA GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	.5 (10)



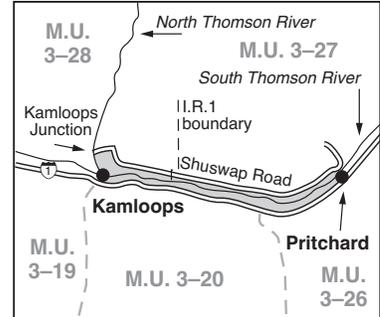
Map C1a Stoyoma Mtn Motor Vehicle Closure (situated in MUs 3-13, 3-14). Motor vehicles prohibited above 1800 m elevation from May 1 to Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



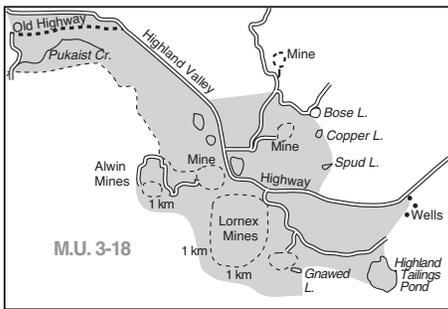
Map C1b Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (situated in MU 3-17).



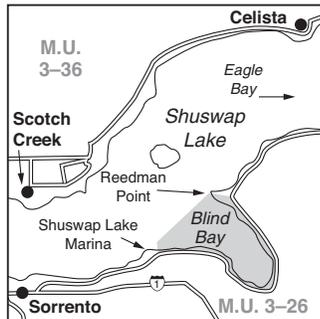
Map C2 Logan Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-19).



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



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

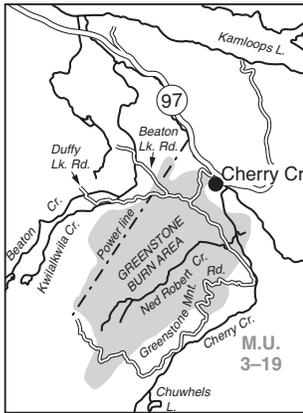


Map C5 Blind Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-26).

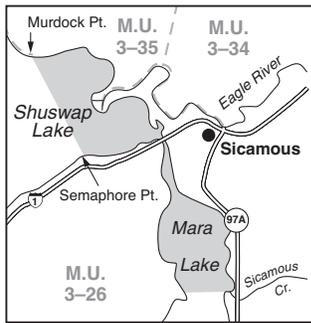
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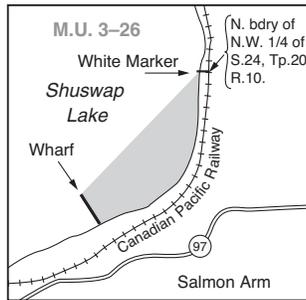
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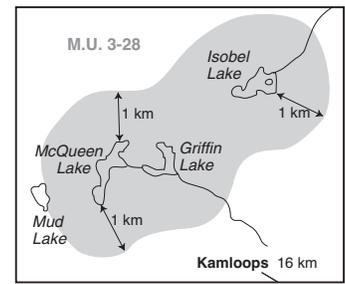
Map C6 Greenstone Mt. Burn. Closed to use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting (situated in MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



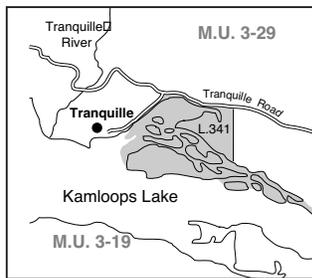
Map C7 Sicamous No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



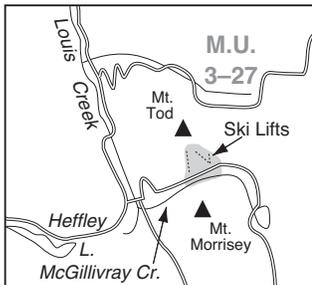
Map C8 Salmon Arm No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



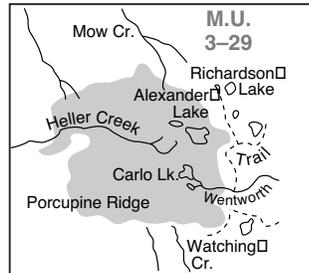
Map C9 McQueen Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-28).



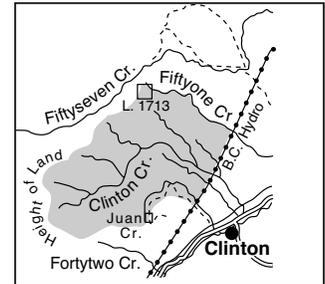
Map C10 Sun Peaks No Shooting or Hunting Area 400m from existing Ski Lifts (situated in MU 3-27).



Map C11 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)

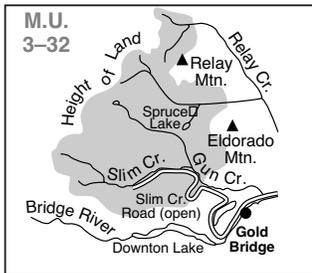


Map C12 Porcupine Meadows Provincial Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Closed to motor vehicles. Snowmobiles permitted from Dec 15 to April 15.

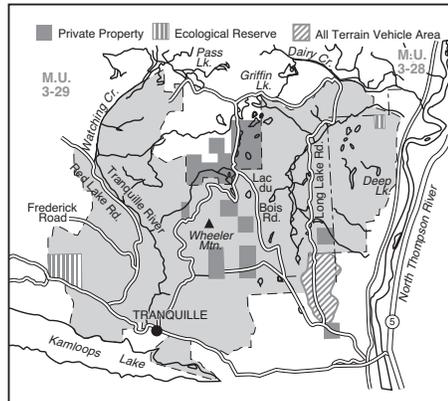


Map C13 Clinton Creek Access Management Closed Area (situated MU 3-31).

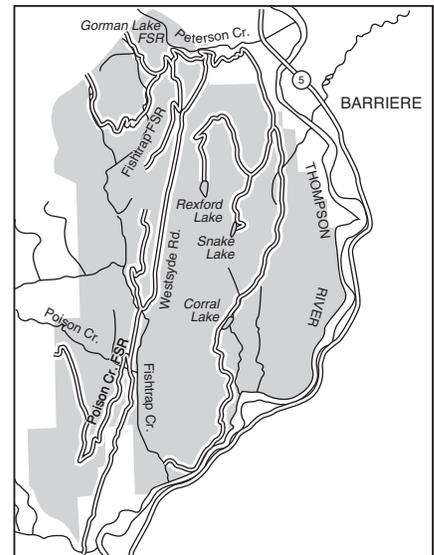
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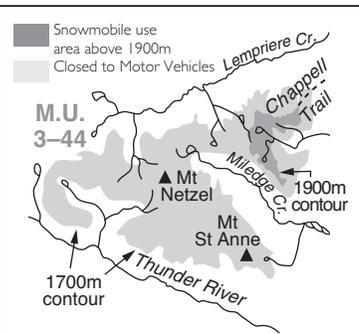
Map C14 Spruce Lake Access Management Area (situated in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30 to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines open year-round.



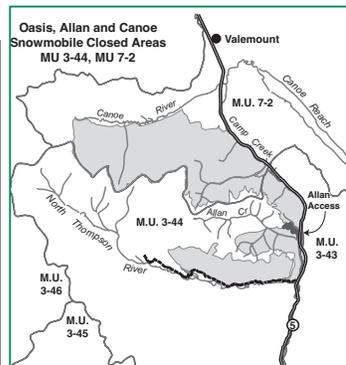
Map C15 Lac du Bois Grassland Provincial Park. (situated in MU 3-28, 3-29) Vehicle access restricted to highlighted roads except as posted.



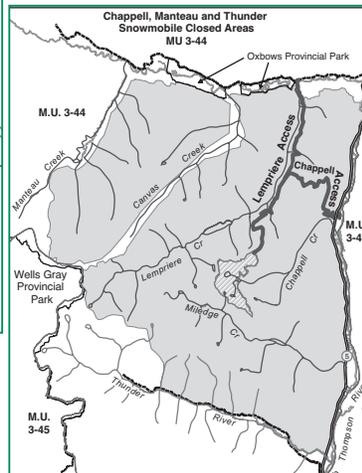
Map C18 Skull Mountain Access Management Area (situated in MU 3-28). Highlighted roads open year-round. All other roads closed to motor vehicle use from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.



Map C16 Milede, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-44). Snowmobile use permitted in area shown (above 1900 m contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.



Map C17a Canoe River - North Thompson Snowmobile Closed Area (situated in MUs 3-44, 7-2). Snowmobiles permitted on Allan Trail Dec 1 to May 31.



Map C17b North Thompson - Thunder River Snowmobile Closed Area (situated in MU 3-44). Snowmobiles permitted on Chappell & Lempiere Trails and in hatched area from Dec 1 to May 31.



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

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

MWLAP Regional Office, Cranbrook:(250) 489-8570
 (or call collect)(250) 489-8505
 Nelson(250) 354-6344

CI Locations: Revelstoke, Golden, Cranbrook, Fruitvale

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

Castlegar	(250) 365-8611
Cranbrook	(250) 489-8540
Creston	(250) 428-3220
Fernie	(250) 423-7551
Invermere	(250) 342-4266
Nelson	(250) 354-6397
Revelstoke	(250) 837-9683

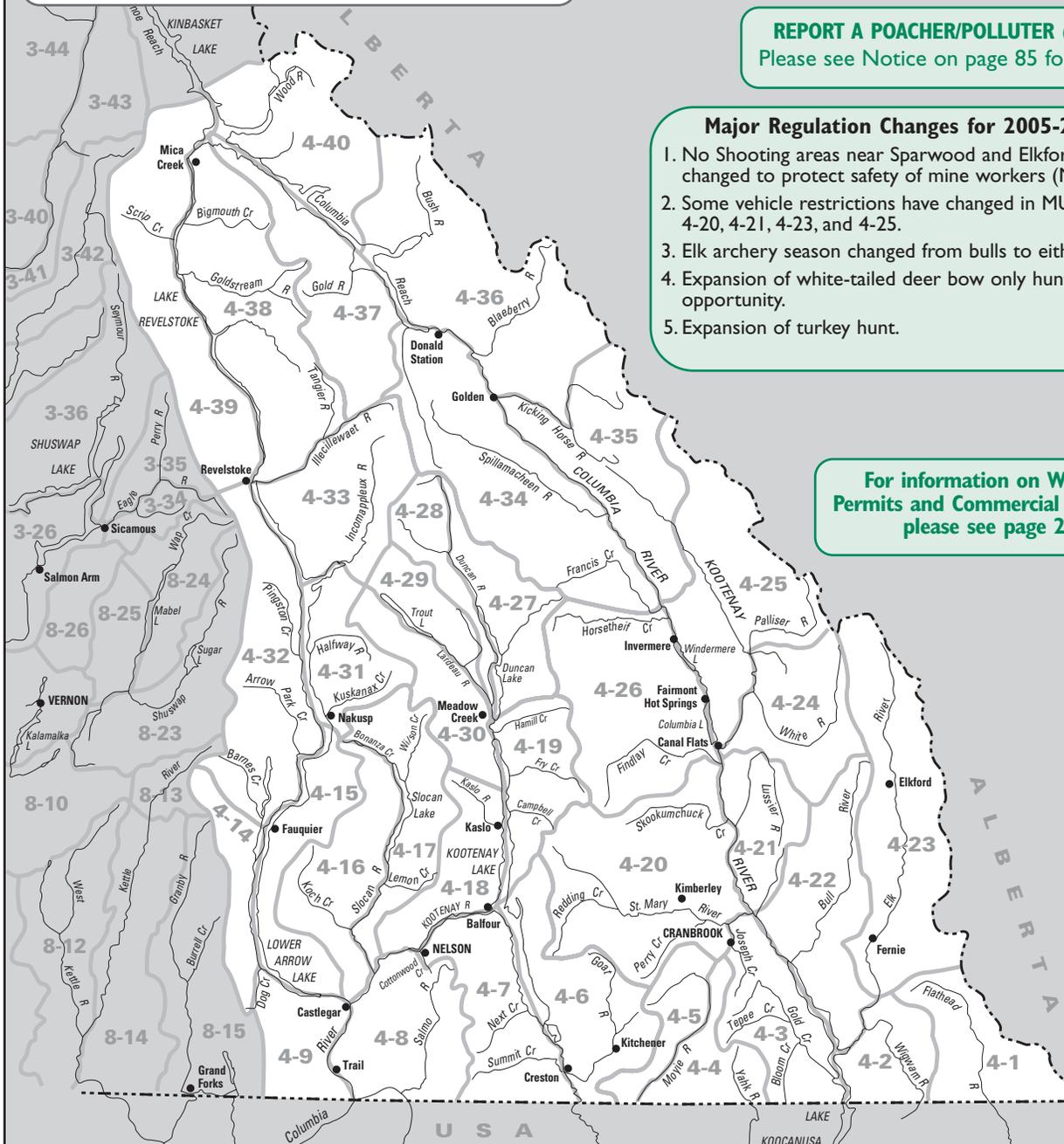
REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)

Please see Notice on page 85 for details

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. No Shooting areas near Sparwood and Elkford have changed to protect safety of mine workers (MU 4-23).
2. Some vehicle restrictions have changed in MUs 4-14, 4-20, 4-21, 4-23, and 4-25.
3. Elk archery season changed from bulls to either sex.
4. Expansion of white-tailed deer bow only hunting opportunity.
5. Expansion of turkey hunt.

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24



REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is one (1).
Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar in MU's 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, and 4-40 is 1 (one). The bag limit for Cougar in MU's 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, and 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2).
Coyote: No bag limit.
Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is two (2) deer. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one (1). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38 and 4-39 is two (2). The bag limit for white-tailed deer in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 is one (1).
Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), and ruffed) is five (5).

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

- ▶ Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer. See Map D9.
- ▶ No Shooting Areas: see Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region's special area maps on pages 51-56.
- ▶ **Changes are being considered that may allow some ATV use on Big Weary Rd. If this regulation change occurs during the 2005/06 season, it will be posted on our website at wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wf**

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

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

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ Information signs are posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not. Contact local MWLAP offices for details.
- ▶ See definitions of "motor vehicle" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.
- ▶ The use of snowmobiles to hunt, to transport wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the entire Kootenay Region during the period Apr. 1-Nov. 30. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.
- ▶ **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MU's (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

- ★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas.** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited.
- * **Year Round Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas.** The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended

for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

- ◆ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas.** The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife (except between Mar. 1-31 and July 1-Aug. 31) is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.
- ▼ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas.** The operation of all motor vehicles to hunt, transport wildlife, transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife (except between Dec. 1-Mar. 31 and July 1-Aug. 31) is prohibited. An authorized trapper is exempt from this prohibition with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

MU 4-1

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

MU 4-2

- ★ Galton Range (Map D2)
- ★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge (Map D3)
- ◆ The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) upstream of Lodgepole Creek

MU 4-3

- ◆ Caven Creek watershed upstream from 46 km on the Lower Caven Creek Road and 45.3 km on the Upper Caven Creek Road
- ◆ Haller Creek/Cherry Lake watershed upstream of the junction of the Cherry Lake Main Road with the Haller Creek Main Road (on the Cherry Lake Main Road) and upstream from 42.2 km on the Haller Creek Main Road
- ▼ Jake Creek watershed upstream 0.2 km from the junction of Teepee Creek and the East Yahk River Road on the East Yahk River Road
- ◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
- ◆ Teepee Creek southerly watershed between Jim Creek and Gold Creek and the westerly watershed of Gold Creek between Teepee Creek and the intersection of Gold Creek with the southerly boundary of Lot 8282
- ★ Elizabeth Lake (Map D4)
- ★ Linklater Creek (Map D5)

MU 4-4

- ▼ Yahk River watershed upstream of Norge Creek and below the 1825 m contour
- ▼ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km north-west of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek

MU 4-5

- ▼ Irishman Creek watershed upstream of Hwy 3/95

MU 4-6

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

MU 4-7

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

MU 4-8

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

MU 4-9

- ▼ the watersheds of Malde, Goodeve, Morris and Shepard Creeks and the Cambridge Creek watershed upstream of the 750 m elevation
- ◆ Tiger Creek watershed upstream of the Gopher Creek Crossing

MU 4-14

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

MU 4-15

- ▼ **above 760 m elevation from the watershed of Tulip Creek eastward to Rialto Creek, including all watersheds between and areas within Syringa Provincial Park.**

- * Deer Creek Road (both East Fork and West Fork) from approximately 5 km point (on each); the watersheds of Gladstone, Hutchison and Sangrida Creeks and above 750 meters in elevation in the watersheds of Dawson's, Sunshine and Twobit Creeks from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

MU 4-18

- ★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15 (Map D11)
- * Grohman Creek (Map D11)
- ◆ the watersheds of Smallwood and Garrity Creeks from a point 20 metres southeast of

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the intersection of the Smallwood Creek and Garrity Creek roads

- ◆ Kokanee Creek Road between northern boundary of L 11144 and southerly boundary of Kokanee Glacier Park (closed Apr 1 to June 30)

MU 4-20

- ◆ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 0.1 km on the Baribeau Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Bradford Creek
- ◆ the watershed of an unnamed creek (locally known as Patrick Creek) flowing into Dewar Creek between Mt. Patrick and Mt. Manson upstream of the Dewar Creek access road
- ◆ the watershed of Skookumchuck Creek upstream from a point downstream 1 kilometre from its confluence with Greenland Creek
- ★ Cherry Creek. See Map D17
- ◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Road crossing
- ◆ the watershed of Buhl Creek from 0.5 kilometre upstream of the Skookumchuck Creek Bridge crossing near the confluence of Buhl Creek with Skookumchuck Creek

MU 4-21

- ◆ the watershed of the easterly headwaters of Coyote Creek
- ★ Premier Ridge (Map D18) from Dec 1 to April 30

MU 4-22

- ★ Baynes Lake area (Map D49).
- ★ Powerplant area (Map D22)
- ★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D20 and D21
- ★ the watershed of North Galbraith Creek and of that portion of the watershed of Galbraith Creek south and east of their confluence
- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson Creek and Haynes Creeks
- ◆ the watershed of Iron Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek
- ◆ the watershed of McDermid Creek
- ◆ the watersheds of Little Sand Creek above the Galloway Road and of Big Sand Creek upstream of its confluence with Whimpster Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Quinn Creek upstream of its confluence with Alpine Creek, including the watershed of Alpine Creek

MU 4-23

- ★ **Barnes Lake (except snowmobiles) (Map D25b)**

- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area (Map D23)
- ★ Ridgemont area (Map D27)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D30)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D31)

- ★ **Wiegert Creek (except snowmobiles) (note new Map D25a)**

- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (except snowmobiles) (Map D26)
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area (Map D29)

MU 4-24

- ★ that portion of the Mutton Creek watershed upstream of the westerly boundary of Whiteswan Lake Park

- ◆ Blackfoot Creek watershed upstream from 38 km on the Blackfoot Creek Road
- ◆ Fenwick Creek watershed upstream from 50 km on the Fenwick Creek Road
- ◆ Elk Creek watershed upstream from 43.6 km on the Elk Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nilksuka Creek upstream of the North White River haul road
- ◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation
- ◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34 and 4-35

- Use of a conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt from the regulation, and the following rights of way are also excluded from this regulation:

- Horsethief Creek Forest Service Road #5467.01 located at Radium
- Plan 22153 of DL 11383 located at Brisco
- Plan 26T1689 of DL 2566 located at Spillimacheen
- Spillimacheen Forest Service Road # 7752.01 located at Parsons
- Canyon Creek Road located at Nichol森
- The Dogtooth road located at Golden (Map D40)

MU 4-25

- ★ Canal Flats area, from Dec. 1 to Apr. 30, except private properties and access to private properties. (Map D33)
- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D34)
- ★ Columbia Lake area. (Map D33).
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road
- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 20.4 km on the Cross River Road
- ◆ the watershed of Pedley Creek
- ◆ North fork of Dry Creek watershed upstream from 19.6 km on Dry Creek Rd
- ◆ the upper watersheds of Madias Creek and Tatley Creek upstream from the easterly boundary of the Columbia Lake Indian Reserve

MU 4-26

- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay. (Map D43)
- ◆ the watershed of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorald Creek
- ◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of subplot 137, Kootenay Land District
- ◆ the watershed of Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek

MU 4-29

- ◆ the easterly watershed of the Lardeau River between the northerly boundaries of District

Lots 7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct. 20 to Dec.10

MU 4-30

- ★ the Duncan-Lardeau area shown on Map D45

MU 4-32

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

MU 4-35

- ◆ the drainages of Ice River and the easterly watershed of Beaverfoot River upstream of Ice River

MU 4-38

- ◆ the watershed of Downie Creek upstream of Highway #23

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

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

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

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all cougar taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Inspected within 4 days of the date of kill, and all moose, wolf and elk taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Reported. All turkey taken must be Compulsory Reported. See page 21 for requirements.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

▶ Columbia Lake Park (MU 4-25) is closed to hunting. Hunters are permitted to carry firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the park between September 10 and June 15.

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

Elk Valley Park(MU 4-23)

Gladstone Park(MUs 4-14)

Goat Range Park(MU 4-17, 4-30)

Hamber Park(MU 4-40)

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

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

Lockhart Creek Park(MU 4-6)

Marl Creek Park(MU 4-36)

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- McDonald Creek Park**(MU 4-32)
is only open on the west side.
- Pilot Bay Park** (MU 4-6)
- Premier Lake Park**(MU 4-21)
- Syringa Park**(MU 4-15)
- Valhalla Park**(MU 4-16)
- West Arm Park**(MU 4-7)
- Whiteswan Lake Park**(MU 4-24)
- ▶ The following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.
- Akamina-Kishinena Park**(MU 4-1)
- Bugaboo Park**(MU 4-27, 4-34)
- Cummins Lakes Park**(MU 4-40)
- Cummins River Protected Area** ..(MU 4-40)

- Elk Lakes Park**(MU 4-23)
- Gilnockie Park**(MU 4-4)
- Height of the Rockies Park**(MU 4-23, 4-24, 4-25)
- Kianuko Park**(MU 4-6)
- Kikomun Creek Park**(MU 4-22)
except that area contained within the upper pasture fence boundary.
- Mount Assiniboine Park**(MU 4-25)
All persons using horses in this park are required to obtain a Letter of Authority from the East Kootenay District Park office, Box 118, Wasa, BC (Ph. 250-422-4200).
- Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Park**(MUs 4-19, 4-20, 4-26).
Closed to the use of snowmobiles & motor vehicles.

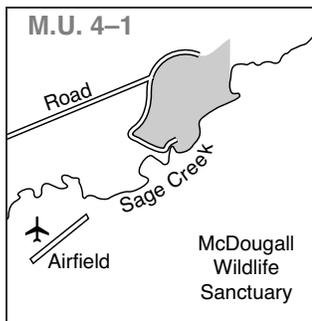
- Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Corridor Protected Area**(MU 4-26)
- St. Mary's Alpine Park**(MU 4-20)
- Top of the World Park**(MU 4-21, 4-22)
Horse use is restricted to the Coyote Creek, Galbraith and Fish Lake horse trails. Grazing is prohibited except in the vicinity of Nicole Creek and Coyote Creek campsites.
- Windermere Lake Park**(MU 4-26)
- ▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed in this section are closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

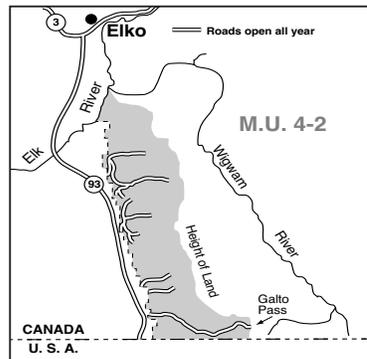
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	4-1 to 4-6, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 – Nov 15	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 – Sept 30	1
	4-38 to 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 – Dec 10	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	Bucks	Oct 1 – Oct 20	1
	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 21 – Nov 10	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	1
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 48.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	▲Sept 1 – Sept 9	1
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 – Nov 30	1
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	▲Sept 1 – Sept 9	2
	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33	Bucks	Sept 10 – Nov 30	2
	4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 10 – Dec 10	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Either Sex	Sept 1 – Sept 9	*2 (1)
Bow Only Season	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Sept 1 – Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-37, 4-40	Either Sex	Dec 1 – Dec 20	*2 (1)
Bow Only Season	4-38, 4-39	Bucks	Dec 11 – Dec 20	2
▲ This season is open to hunters under the age of 19 only.				
* Despite regional bag limit information, bag limit during these bow only seasons is two, of which one may be antlerless. See also special season Map D9.				
ELK	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 – Oct 20	1
	4-18	▲6 Point Bulls	Oct 7 – Oct 20	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-7, 4-19 to 4-30, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40	Either Sex	Sept 1 – Sept 9	1
▲ See Definitions section. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
Successful elk hunters must report a kill by submitting a Compulsory Report. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting section.				
Hunters are required to submit the antlers of any bow-killed elk within 15 days of the kill.				
MOOSE	All moose seasons in the Kootenay Region are on the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. Please refer to LEH Synopsis.			
BIGHORN	4-1, 4-21 to 4-24, ★4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 – Oct 25	1
MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-2, ▲4-25	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 – Oct 20	1
★ See Mountain Sheep closed area in MU 4-35 (Map D48).				
▲ In that portion of MU 4-25 east of the Kootenay River excluding Mt. Assiniboine Park, the season is from Sept 10 - Oct 25. See Map D37.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	★4-37, ▲4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 – Nov 30	1
★ Open Season Only in that portion of MU 4-37 north and west of Windy Creek. ▲Open Season only in that portion of MU 4-39 north of Bourne Creek.				
BLACK BEAR	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 – Nov 30	2
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2006 – June 30/2006	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 – Sept 9	2
WOLF	▲4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 – Mar 31/2006	2
	▲4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Apr 1/2006 – June 15/2006	2
▲In those portions of MUs 4-2, 4-3, 4-20 to 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37 and 4-40 in the East Kootenay Trench and MUs 4-4 to 4-7, below 1100 metres in elevation, there is no closed season.				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 – Mar 31/2006	.NBL
WOLVERINE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 – Jan 31/2006	1
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Dec 1 – Dec 31	1

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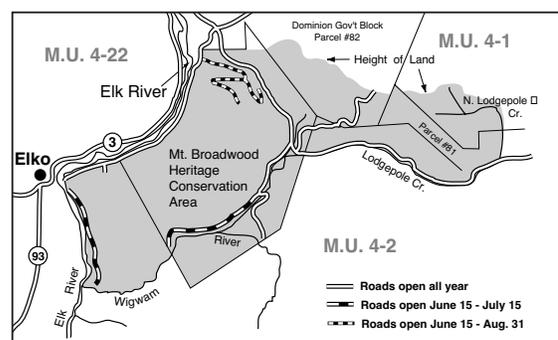
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
COUGAR	4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-38, 4-39		★Sept 10 - Mar 31/2006	.2
	4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, 4-40		★Sept 10 - Feb 28/2006	.1
Pursuit Only	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Dec 1 - Feb 28/2006	
<i>Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company.</i>				
<i>Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season are reminded that they must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to capture or kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.</i>				
★ Note the cougar season in MUs 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-37, and 4-40 will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since Apr 1, 2005 the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 20.				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	.1
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.No Closed Season	.NBL
<i>The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.</i>				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 10 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.NBL
MOURNING DOVES	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 1 - Sept 30	.5 (10)
GROUSE BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
<i>For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.</i>				
PHEASANT	4-6, 4-7	.Cocks	.Oct 15 - Nov 30	Daily Limit: 3
<i>Possession Limit: 6; Season Limit: 12</i>				
PTARMIGAN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.10 (30)
RAVEN	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.No Closed Season	.5
TURKEY	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	.Bearded	.Apr 15/2006 - May 15/2006	.1
Bow Only Season	4-3, 4-21, 4-22, 4-24 to 4-26, 4-35	.Bearded	.Sept 1 - Sept 30	.1
<i>See Compulsory Reporting requirements in the Compulsory Inspection & Reporting section.</i>				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.10 (20)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.8 (16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE & CANADA GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 10 - Dec 23	.5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17. See Map D6.</i>				
<i>Hunters please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1/2005. For more info., phone 250-402-6900.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	.8 (16)
SNOW GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE & CANADA GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		.Sept 3 - Sept 4	.5 (10)



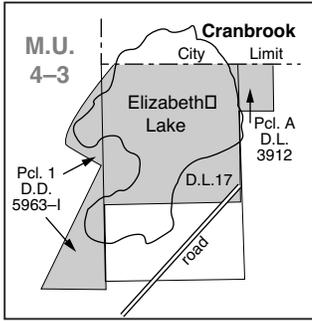
Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-1). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or operation of motor vehicles.



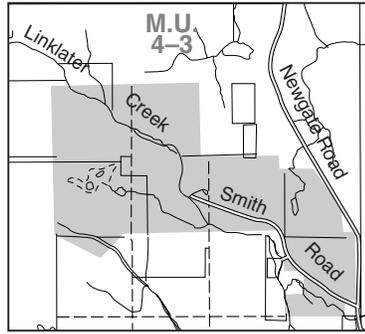
Map D2 Galton Range Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-2). Highlighted roads are open all year.



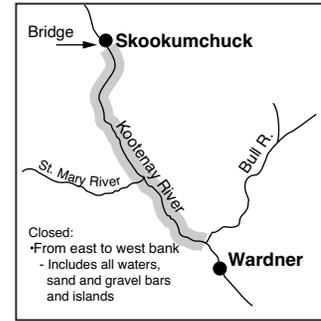
Map D3 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-2). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Highlighted roads open as noted on the map.



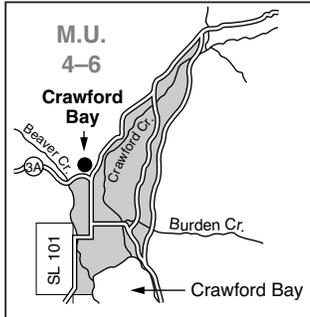
Map D4 Elizabeth Lake No Hunting, No Shooting, No Trapping Area, No Motorized Vehicles (situated in MU 4-3).



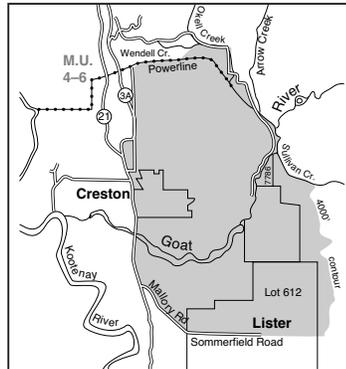
Map D5 Linklater Creek Access Management Area. Closed year round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year round (situated in MU 4-3).



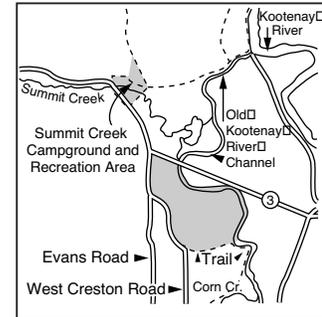
Map D6 Kootenay River Canada Goose Closed Area (situated in MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22).



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

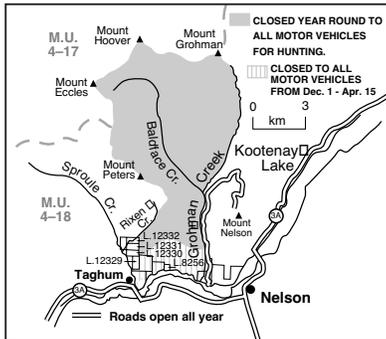


Map D9 Creston Archery Season Special Area for either sex white-tailed deer (situated in MU 4-6). Bow and arrow only season from Dec 1 to Dec 31.

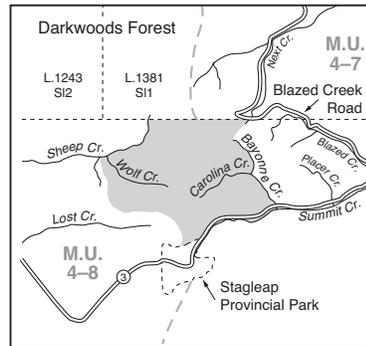


Map D10 Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area and Corn Creek Marsh No Hunting Areas (situated in MU 4-7).

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Map D11 Mardsen Face and Grohman Creek Access Management Area. Shaded area closed year round to use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting. Hatched area closed to all motor vehicles at all times from Dec 1 to Apr. 15 and closed year round to the use of motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting. (situated in MU 4-18).

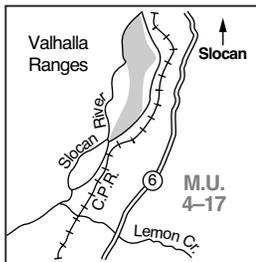


Map D12 Selkirk No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 4-7, 4-8). Watch for mountain caribou..

NOTICE!

BADGER SIGHTINGS

Hunters and trappers should be aware that the BC subspecies of Badger is federally endangered and on the BC Red List. There are no hunting or trapping seasons for badgers. The estimated population is less than 300 animals. Badgers still occur in the Cariboo, Thompson, Nicola, Okanagan, Boundary and East Kootenay. Sightings of Badgers are collected for ongoing assessment of population status. Please report sightings of Badgers in the Kootenays to (250) 342-3205 and elsewhere in BC to 1-888-223-4376. Badger information can be found at www.badgers.bc.ca.

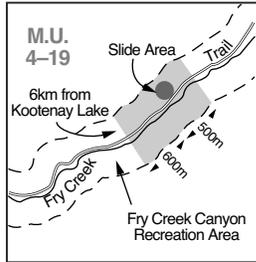


Map D13 Walter Clough Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-17).

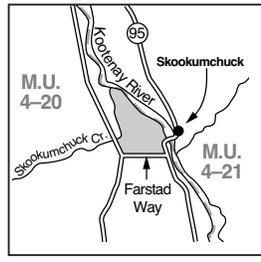




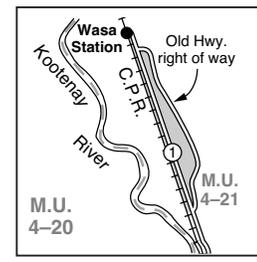
Map D14 Argenta Marsh Wildlife Management Area No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-19).



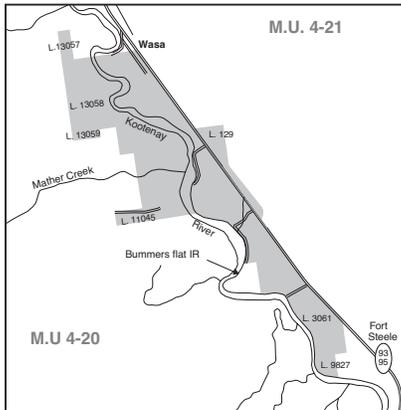
Map D15 Fry Creek No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-19).



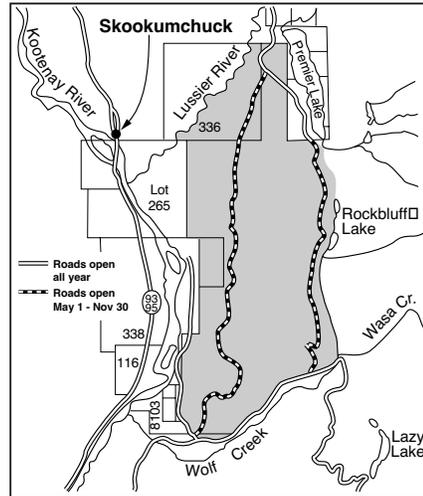
Map D16 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-20).



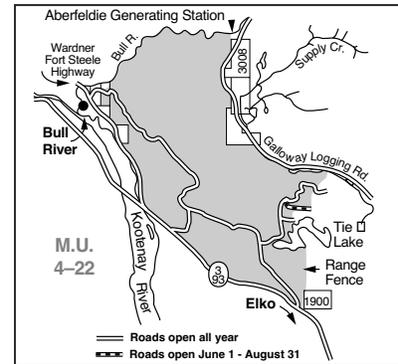
Map D19 Wasa Slough Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-21). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



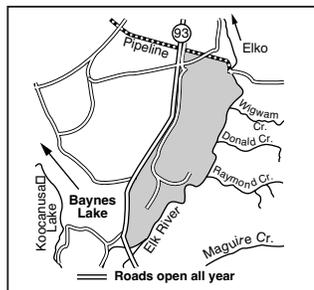
Map D17 Cherry Creek/ Bummers Flats Motor Vehicle Closed Area. Roads shown as open lines and CPR right-of-way are open year round (situated in MUs 4-20, 4-21)



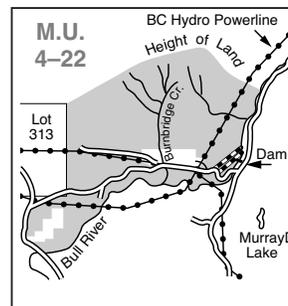
Map D18 Premier Ridge Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-21). Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30, and roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



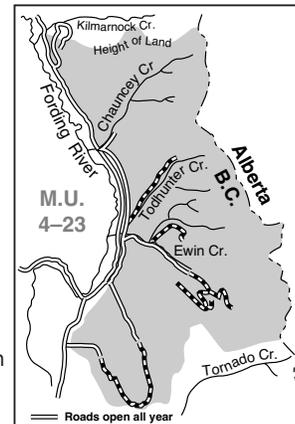
Map D20 Pickering Hills Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District



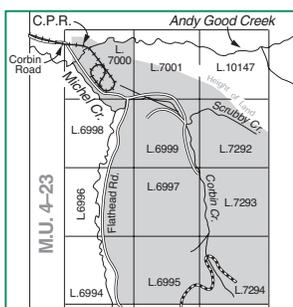
Map D21 Sheep Mountain Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-22).



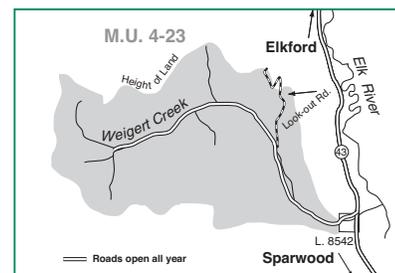
Map D22 Powerplant Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-22). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



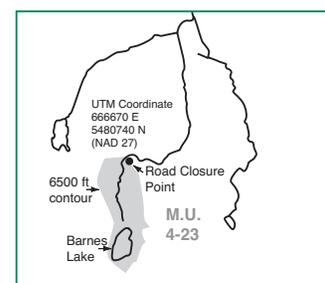
Map D23 Chauncey-Todhunter Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open June 16 to Aug 31; roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



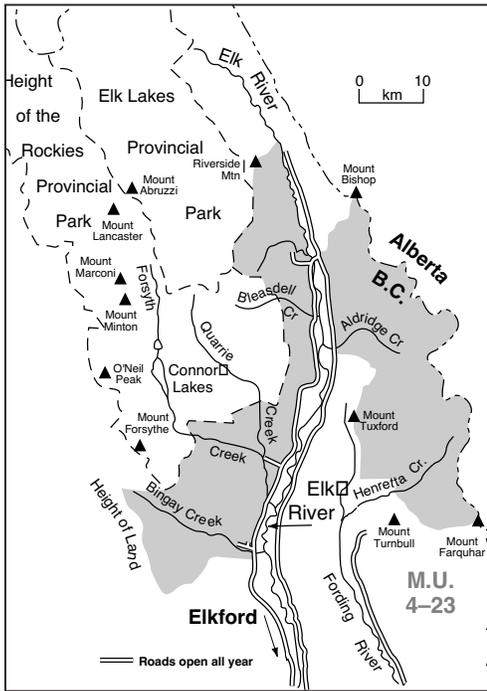
Map D24 Forcing Coal Limited Coal Mountain mine. No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-23).



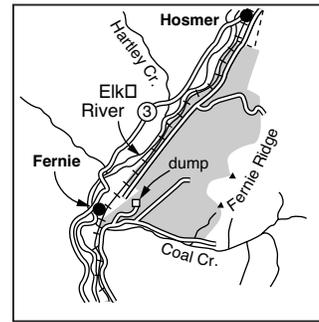
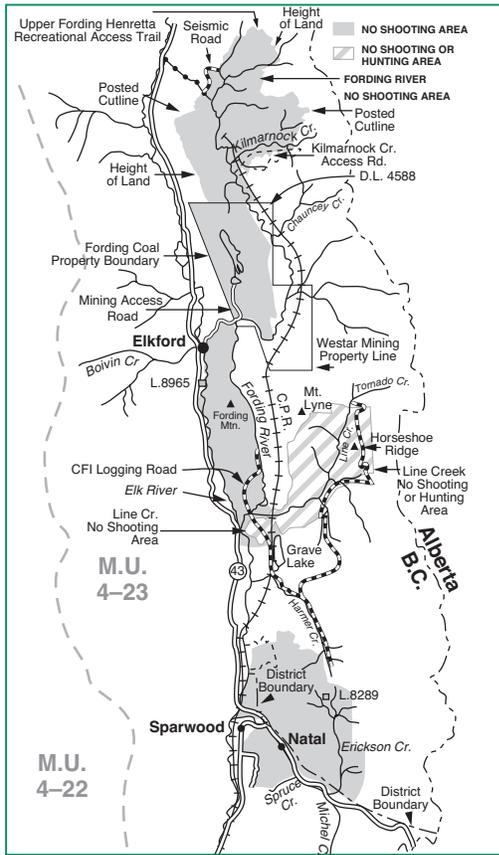
Map D25a Weigert Creek Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles. Roads shown as open lines open year-round. Road shown as dashed open Jul 1 to Aug 31



Map D25b Barnes Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-23). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles.

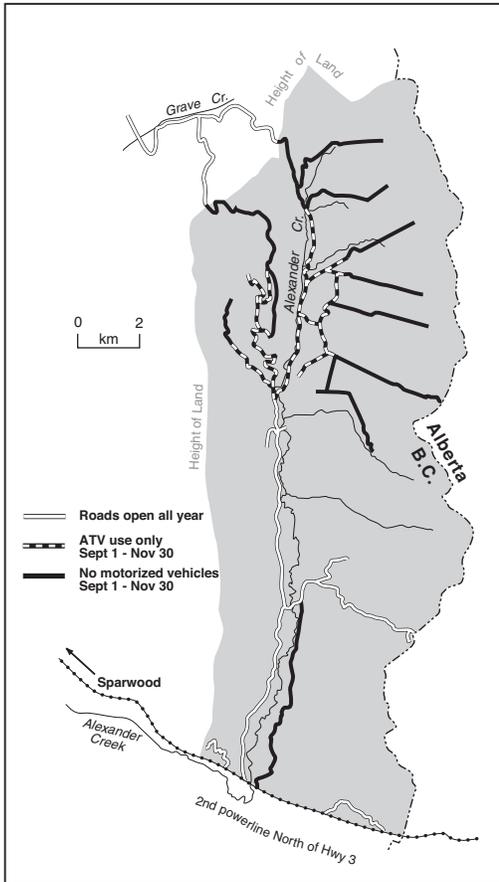


Map D26 Upper Elk Valley - Forcing River Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Closed year round to the operation of all vehicles except snowmobiles. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.

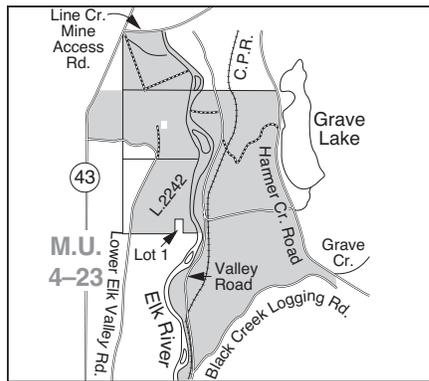


Map D27 Ridgmont Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines open year-round.

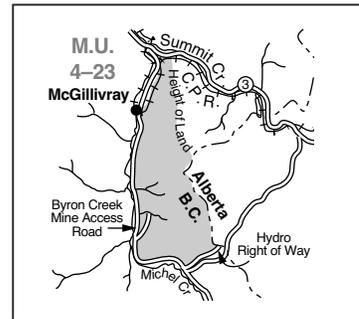
Map D28 Luscarr, Forcing River, Natal Ridge, Sparwood Ridge, Greenhills, Forcing Mountain, Line Creek and McGillivray No Shooting Areas and Line Creek No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-23). Mine No Shooting Areas and No Shooting or Hunting Areas are situated on private property and permission from companies is required prior to entry.



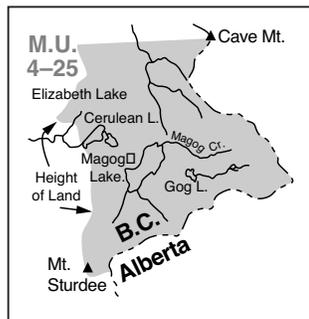
Map D29 Alexander Creek Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles are allowed. See snowmobile restriction on page 48.



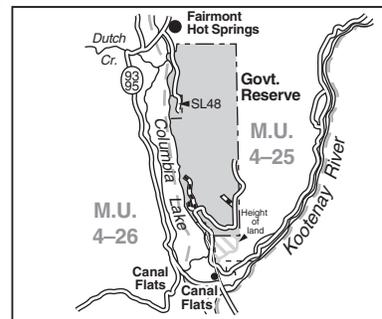
Map D30 Grave Prairie Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 15 to Sept 30.



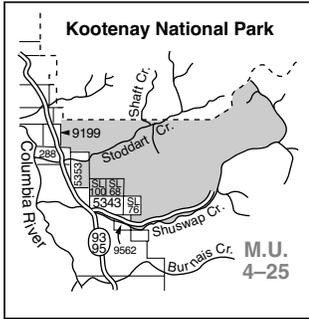
Map D31 Corbin Creek Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



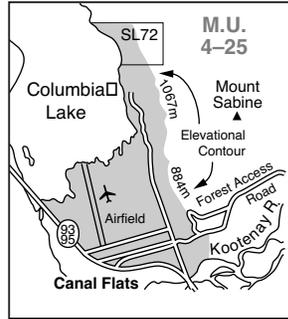
Map D32 Mount Assiniboine Park No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).



Map D33 Columbia Lake and Canal Flats Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-25). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles. Roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30; roads shown as open lines are open year-round. Hatched area open from May 1 to Nov 30.



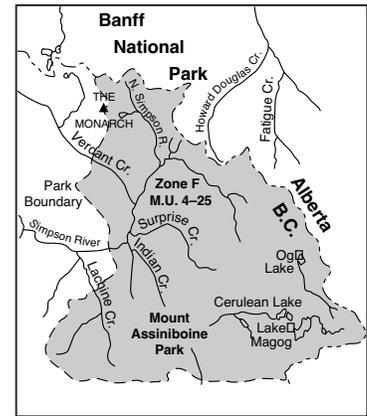
Map D34 Stoddart Creek Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-25). Road shown as open line is open year-round.



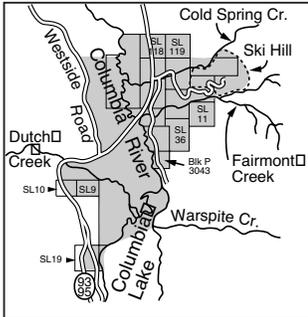
Map D35 Canal Flats Shotgun with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 4-25).



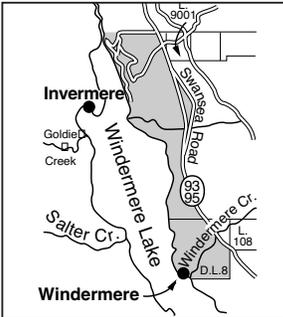
Map D36 Sunshine Meadows No Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25).



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

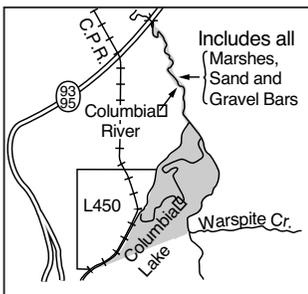


Map D38 Fairmont No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-25)

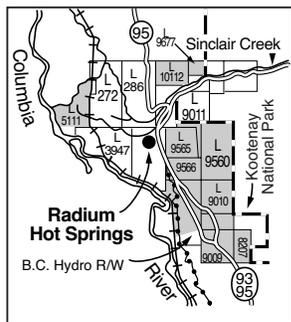


Map D39 Windermere No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-25)

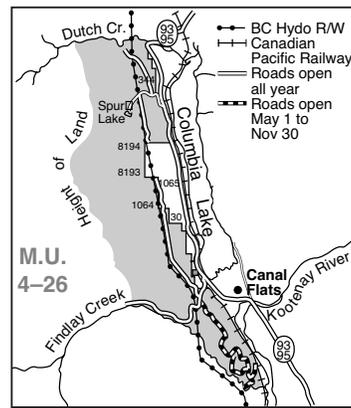
Map D40 Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area. Closed to use of any conveyance which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). (situated in MU 4-25). Contact Cranbrook MWLAP office for more information.



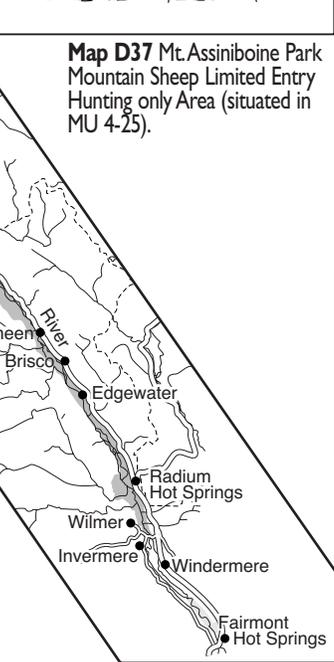
Map D41 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MUs 4-25, 4-26). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



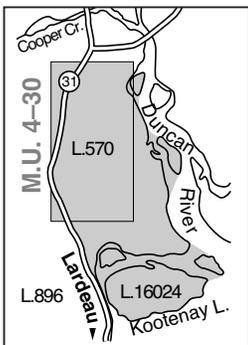
Map D42 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 4-25 and 4-35)



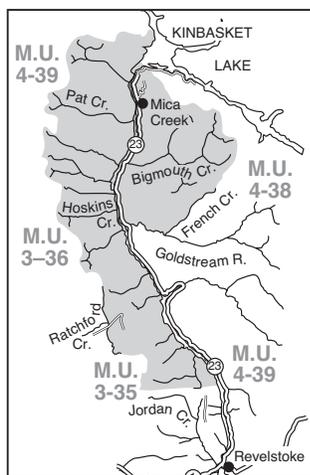
Map D43 Dutch Creek-Findlay Flats Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-26). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



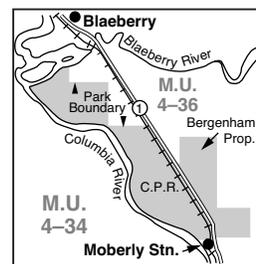
Map D44 Edgewater No shooting or hunting Area. (situated in MU 4-35)



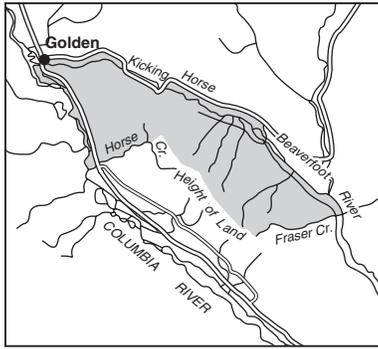
Map D45 Duncan - Lardeau Access Management Area (situated in MU 4-30). The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except on Highway 31.



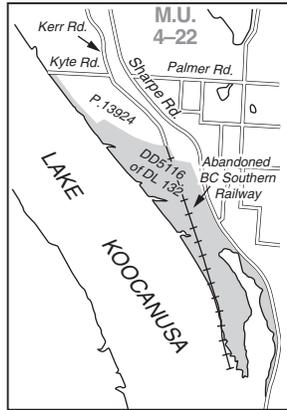
Map D46 Monashee/Selkirk Mountains Snowmobile Restricted Area. Recreational use of snowmobiles (including for hunting or commercial backcountry recreation) is prohibited above 1300 m and below 2100 m from Dec 15 to Apr 15. Access routes shown as open lines are open year round (situated in MUs 3-35, 3-36,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



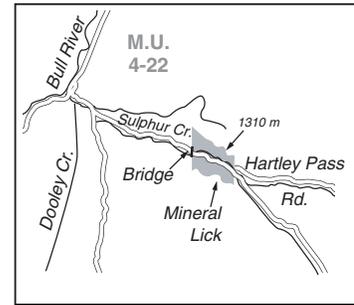
Map D47 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situated in MU 4-36). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



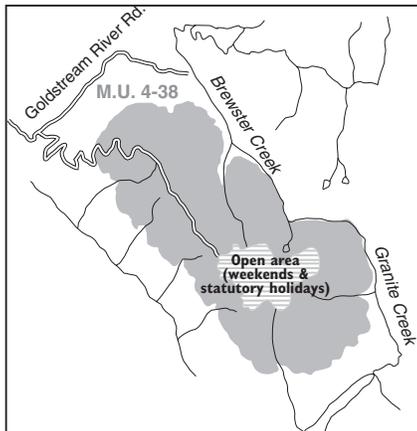
Map D48 Kicking Horse River Mountain Sheep Closed Area (MU 4-35).



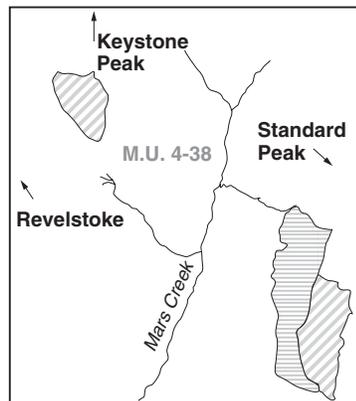
Map D49 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). Public access by land or air prohibited Apr. 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed Apr. 1 to 15 and July 1 to Aug. 1.



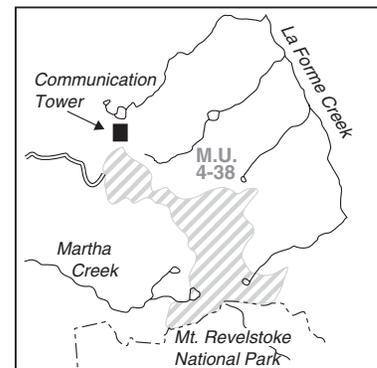
Map D50 Sulphur Creek (MU 4-22). Between Sulphur Creek Bridge and the junction of Sulphur Creek Road and Hartley Pass Road, public access is prohibited beyond 3m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310m elevation level of either side of said road.



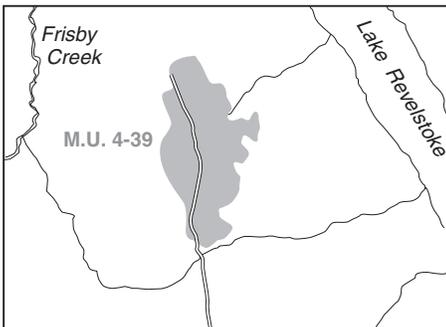
Map D51 Caribou Basin (MU 4-38). Snowmobiles prohibited Dec. 15 to Apr. 15. Trail and hatched area open weekends and statutory holidays.



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



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



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



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

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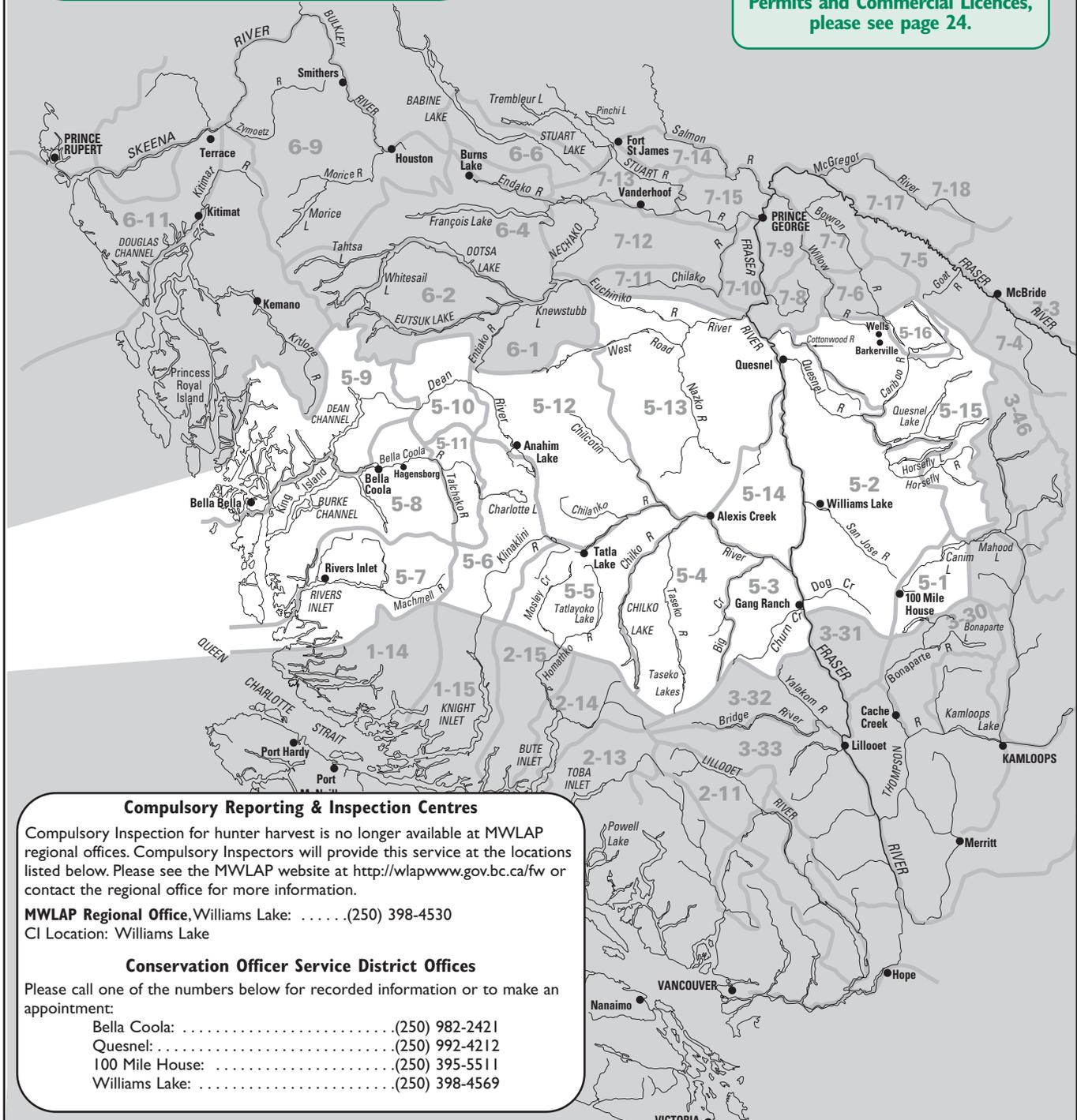
These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 5th edition.

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. Spike fork moose season closed.
2. No Shooting area near Gibraltar Mines (MU 5-2) has changed to protect safety of mine workers.

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)
Please see Notice on page 85 for details

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences,
please see page 24.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

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

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

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

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

▶ **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, one of which may be antlerless but only available under LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

▶ **Wolf:** The bag limit for wolf is 3.

▶ **Bobcat:** The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ **A new Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) season for bull caribou in MU 5-12 is being considered; check the 2006/2007 LEH Synopsis for any changes.**

▶ **The spike-fork moose hunting season in the region has been closed so that additional moose population surveys can be completed and further consultation can be carried out with First Nations.**

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all caribou taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Inspected. All moose taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Reported. See page 21 for requirements.

HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

▶ No shooting Areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on page 13.

▶ The discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited on or across the travelled portion and road allowance of all numbered highways and any 2 lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation (see page 13).

ROAD AND VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS AND NO SHOOTING AREAS

▶ Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.



▶ The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited between the hours of 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. in MUs 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6 and 5-14. Snowmobiles are permitted during the period Dec. 1 - May 1.

▶ **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MU's (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

★ **Motor Vehicle Restricted Roads and Areas**

The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited on these roads. In areas where it is specially noted, the motor vehicle restriction applies to all persons at all times and not just hunters.

▲ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas**

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas.

■ **ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Areas**

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

✳ **ATV and Snowmobile Closed Areas**

The operation of snowmobiles or ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited year round in these areas.

▼ **One Quarter Mile Single Projectile (Firearm) Closed Areas**

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

◆ **No Shooting Areas**

The discharge of firearms is prohibited in these areas.

MU 5-2

● Access to the Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the **Mines** and **Trespass Acts**.

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

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

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

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

◆ Rose Lake No Shooting Area - see Map E2.

◆ **Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area - see new Map E4.**

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

◆ Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area - see Map E3.

▲ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

MU 5-3

★ Gaspard-West Churn Forest Service (3200) Road - restricted south of the junction of this road and Stobart Creek (bridge).

★ Gaspard-Churn Creek Forest Service (2800) Road (including any side roads) - restricted south of Kilometre 35 of this Road.

▲ Churn Creek Protected Area - motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is exempt. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E7.

✳ Gaspard-Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area, except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E8.

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

MU 5-4

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

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

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

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

■ Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See new Map E9.

MU 5-5

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

▼ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction; see Map E13.

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

▲ Potato Mountain Vehicle Restricted Area - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose; snowmobiles are permitted Dec. 1 - Mar. 31, except in Ts'yl-os Park, see Map E11.

MU 5-6

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

MU 5-7

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

MU 5-8

- ★ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.

- ◆ Snootli Creek Park - The discharge of firearms is prohibited.

- ▼ Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park - see Map E17.

MU 5-9

- ◆ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area - see Map E19.

MU 5-12

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

- ★ Clusko-Thunder Mountain Forest Service Road and any side roads - restriction is north-westerly from the junction of this road and the Clusko River.

- ★ Michelle-Baezaeko Forest Service Road and any side roads - westerly from Kilometre 66 of this road (66 km past the junction with the Nazko Road).

- ★ "P" (or Punky) Road (Riverside Forest Products) and any side roads - restricted north from Kilometre 57 of this road (this road runs north of Hwy 20 from Chilanko Forks).

- ★ Beeftrail Main Road.

- ▲ Corkscrew Road - except for industrial forestry purposes.

- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 5.

MU 5-13

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

- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 5.

- ▼ West Fraser Road - 400 m (1/4 mile) restriction, south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just north west of Rudy Johnson Bridge), see Map E21.

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

- ▼ Tibbles Road Single projectiles prohibited; see Map E18.

MU 5-14

- ▲ Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area - Roads open as indicated on new Map E20. Commercial vehicles exempt.

- ★ Doc English Vehicle Restricted Area - access is restricted to designated roads; portions of this area are private land and for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas; see Map E22.

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

MU 5-15

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

- ★ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.

- ★ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road and any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.

- ◆ Wells No Shooting Area - see Map E25.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- ▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

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

Big Creek Park*(MU 5-3, 5-4)

Cariboo Mountains Park *(MU 5-15)

Cariboo River Park *(MU 5-15)

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

See Map E7

Fiordland Recreation Area(MU 5-9)

Flat Lake Park*(MU 5-2)

Hakai Recreation Area(MU 5-8)

Homathko River-Tatlayoko Protected Area *(MU 5-5, 2-15)

Itcha Ilgachuz Park*(MU 5-12)

Junction Sheep Range Park * ..(MU 5-14)

Kluskoil Lake Park*(MU 5-13)

Moose Valley Park *(MU 5-2)

Nazko Lake Park*(MU 5-13)

Nuntsi Park *(MU 5-4)

Schoolhouse Lake Park*(MU 5-2)

Ts'il?os Park*(MU 5-4, 5-5)

Tweedsmuir Park that portion in

See Maps E16, E17(MU 5-10, 5-11)

White Pelican Park(MU 5-13, 5-14)

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

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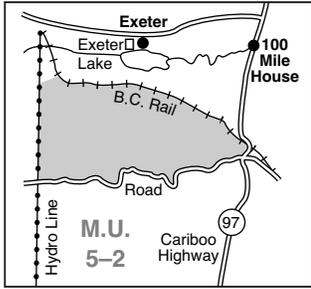
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- ▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

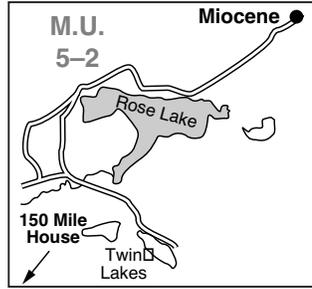


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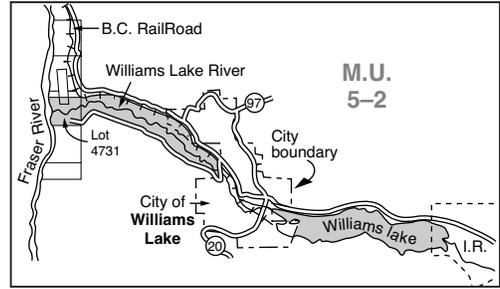
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MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1*
	5-1 to 5-15	.Bucks	.Sept 10 - Nov 20	.1*
	5-1 to 5-15	*4 Point Bucks	.Nov 21 - Nov 30	.1*
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	.Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	.Bucks	.Dec 1 - Dec 10	.1
Bow Only Season	5-8, 5-11▲	.Bucks	.Dec 1 - Dec 24	.1
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
* A total of two deer may be taken regionally within a licence year; however no more than one buck may be taken in each of the time periods listed above. Please take note of the regional bag limit for deer on page 58. ▲ A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E16.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-5, 5-12 to 5-14	.Bucks	.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	.Bucks	.Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	.Bucks	.Dec 1 - Dec 10	.1
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP				
	5-2, 5-3, 5-4★	.Full Curl Bighorn Rams	.Sept 10 - Oct 20	.1
★ See Map E10				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		.Sept 1 - Oct 31	.1
Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
See Maps E11, E15, E24, E25. See LEH Synopsis for LEH goat only areas in MUs 5-5 & 5-6.				
CARIBOU	5-12	*5 point Bulls	.Sept 1 - Oct 15	.1
★ See Definitions section: Caribou. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.2
	5-1 to 5-10, 5-12 to 5-15		.Apr 1/2006 - June 30/2006	.2
	5-11		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.2
	5-11		.Apr 1/2006 - May 31/2006	.2
WOLF	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.3
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.3
	5-10, 5-11		.Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	.3
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	.1
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Sept 10 - April 30/2006	.2
	5-11		.Nov 15 - Mar 31/2006	.2
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company.				
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Dec 1 - Dec 31	.1
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.No Closed Season	.NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE, BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) AND RUFFED				
	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.10 (30)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14		.Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 (10)
See closed areas in MUs 5-3 and 5-14, Maps E8 and E27.				
PTARMIGAN	5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15		.Sept 1 - Nov 1	.5 (15)
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	5-3		.Sept 10 - Nov 20	.5 (15)
RAVEN	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Mar 1/2006 - Mar 31/2006	.5
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		.Apr 1/2006 - May 31/2006	.5
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 15 - Dec 25	.10 (20)
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 15 - Dec 25	.8 (16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Harlequins and 2 Goldeneye are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.				
SNOW GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE & CANADA GEESE				
	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 15 - Dec 25	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 10 - Sept 11	.8 (16)
SNOW GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE				
ROSS'S GEESE & CANADA GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		.Sept 10 - Sept 11	.5 (10)



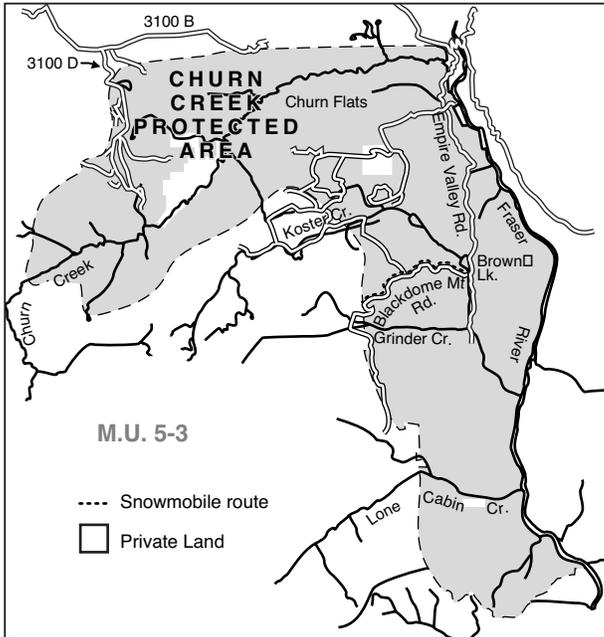
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



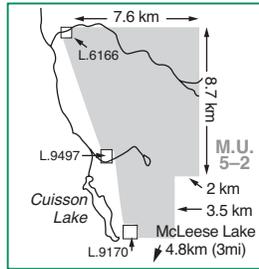
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



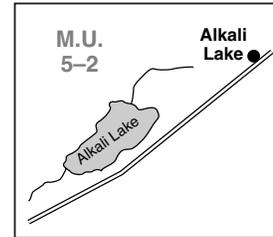
Map E3 Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



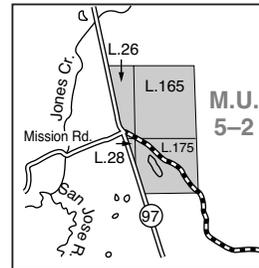
Map E7 Churn Creek Protected Area (situated in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.



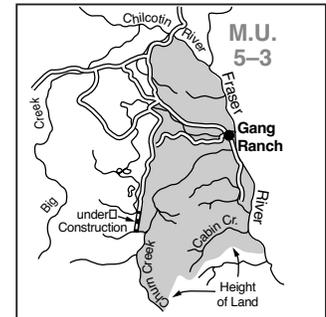
Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



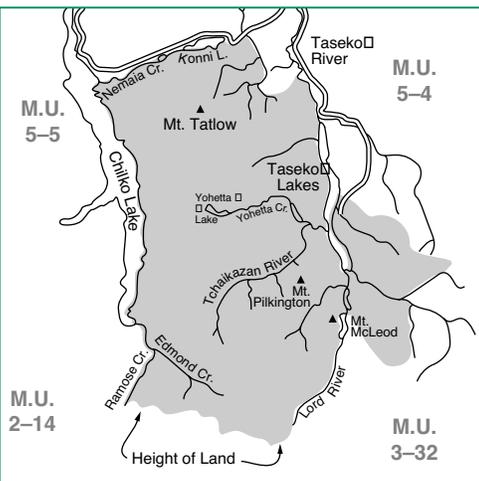
Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 5-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



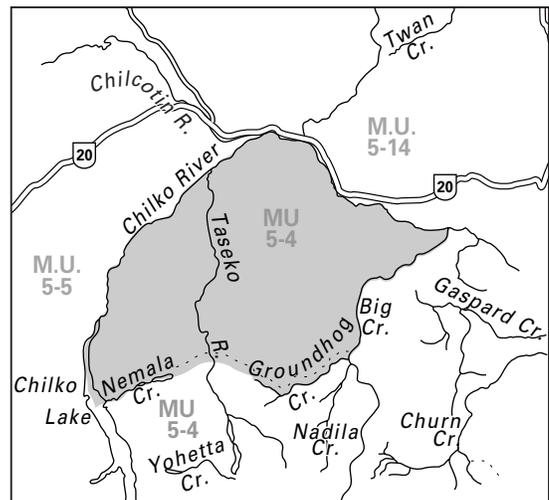
Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Restricted Area closed year round (situated in MU 5-2). Road shown in dashed line is open.



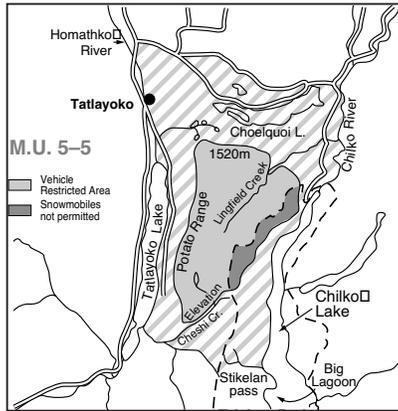
Map E8 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV Restricted Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (situated in MU 5-3).



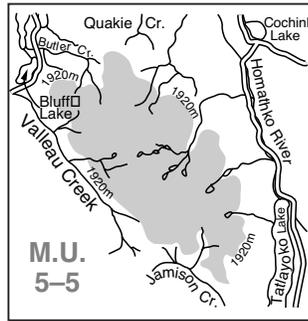
Map E9 Taseko-Chilko Lake Closed Area. The operation of ATV's and snowmobiles for the purpose of hunting, to transport equipment or wildlife, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Yohetta area.



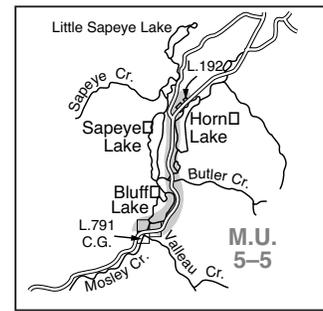
Map E10 Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4. The remainder of MU 5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.



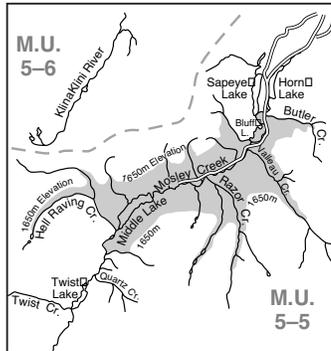
Map E11 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Access Management Area (situated in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles permitted Dec 1 - Mar 31 except in Ts'ily-os Park.



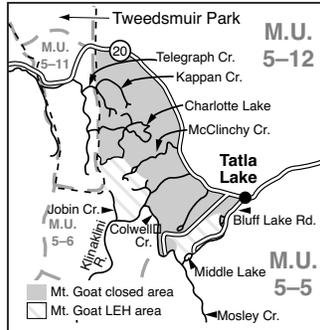
Map E12 Valleau Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 5-5).



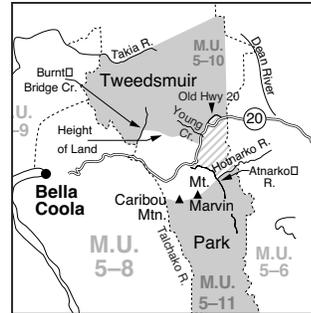
Map E13 Horn-Bluff Lakes 1/4 Mile Road Restriction (situated in MU 5-5). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



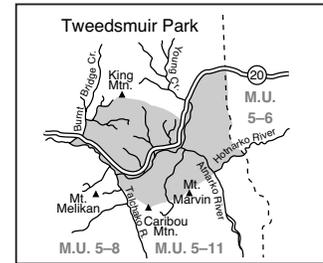
Map E14 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



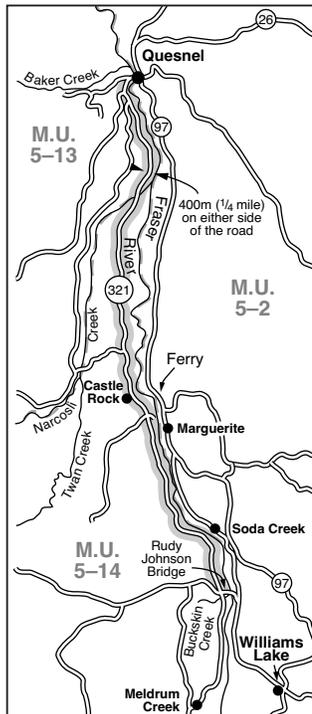
Map E15 Perkins Peak - Kappen Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area. Jobin-McClinchy & Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (situated in MUs 5-5, 5-6).



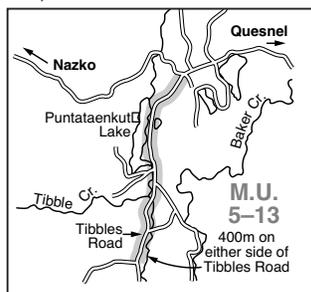
Map E17 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). Hatched areas shows LEH Bull Moose hunting area. See Map F1 on page 68 for more details.



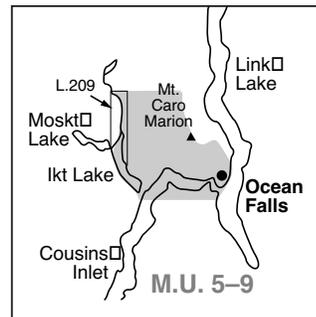
Map E16 Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black-tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (situated in MU 5-11). See Map E17 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



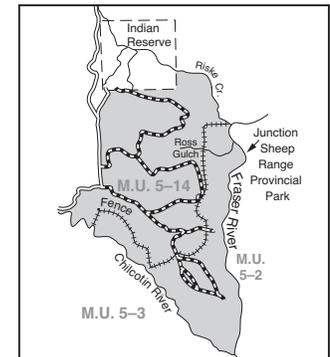
Map E21 West Fraser Road Restricted Area (situated in MUs 5-13, 5-14). The discharge of single projectiles is prohibited.



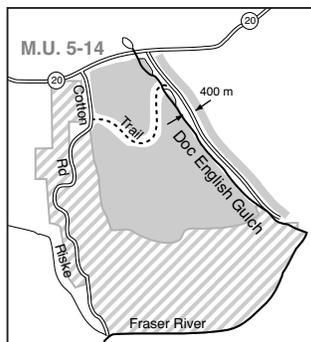
Map E18 Tibbles Road Single Projectiles Prohibited Area (situated in MU 5-13).



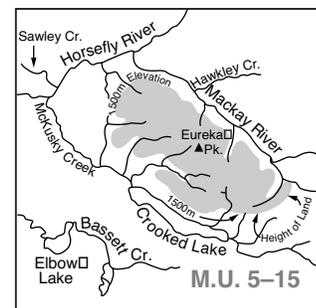
Map E19 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-9).



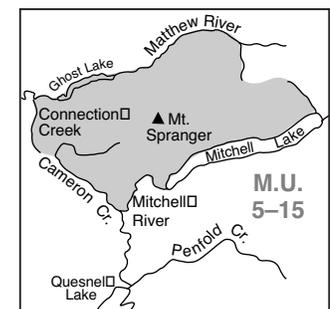
Map E20 Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles, except commercial vehicles. Road shown as dashed lines open April 1 to Nov 30.



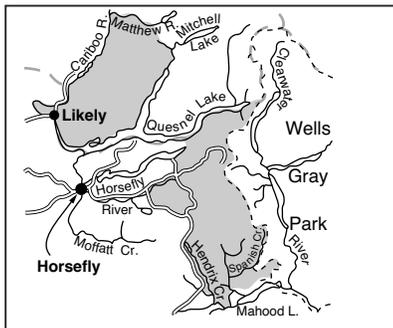
Map E22 Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 5-14). Roads highlighted in white are open. Portions of hatched area are private land & for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas.



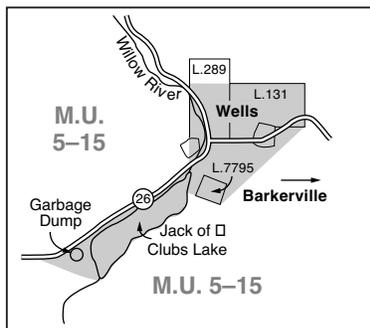
Map E23 Eureka Peak Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 5-15). Closed year-round to the operation of all vehicles. Check the LEH Synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 - Apr. 30.



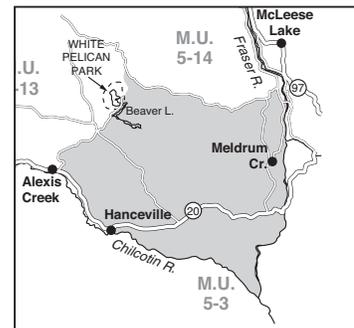
Map E24 Mt. Spranger Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 5-15).



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



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



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



INVASIVE PLANTS (WEEDS) THREATEN BC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

It's hard to imagine that the spread of non-native plants could threaten or limit hunting opportunities in areas of British Columbia. But this is already happening in a couple of ways. First, invasive plants are limiting the health and productivity of wildlife populations. Second, managers are being left with no choice but to close areas to access by hunters in order to slow the spread of these weeds into critical wildlife habitats.

How do these plants hurt wildlife?

The spread of weeds affects wildlife's food sources, habitat, condition/health, and behaviour:

Food is the basis of a healthy wildlife population. It is estimated that invasive plants have resulted in up to a 50% loss in livestock forage in BC. This can lower the carrying capacity of the land and needlessly suppress wildlife populations.

Habitat for game birds and waterfowl are particularly impacted by the spread of weeds. Weeds affect nesting, cover, and foraging areas. Without adequate habitat, populations will decline.

The condition/health of wildlife affects their growth, reproduction, and disease resistance. Some invasive plants produce poisonous chemicals toxic to wildlife, and others have barbs, thorns, and spurs that can damage wildlife externally or internally if accidentally ingested.

Finally, wildlife will eventually change its behaviour to avoid areas in which weeds have impacted their food, habitat, or condition/health.

The end result is that weeds can result in fewer, less-healthy animals, found in fewer places.

What's a Weed?

Dandelions growing in the lawn are what most people probably think of when they think of weeds - undesirable plants. In the wild, weeds are plants that do not naturally occur in a given area. They out-compete native plants and spread very quickly. Weeds can do extremely well for two reasons:

1. Once established, they are hard to remove: these plants often grow quickly, produce much seed, have no natural pests (bugs, disease, etc), have large root systems, and are often unpalatable to native wildlife.
2. They take advantage of any opportunity: most of the threatening weeds produce long-living seed, are equipped with barbs that latch onto anything passing by, and can grow anywhere there is a bit of disturbed or exposed soil. This means they are just as happy to sit and wait for the right conditions, or to pick up and go with an unsuspecting carrier and try their luck elsewhere.

Humans are one of the primary transporters of weeds into pristine areas. This happens because weeds thrive in the disturbed landscapes in which humans spend much of their time. Our clothes, animals, and equipment all offer surfaces on which seeds can catch a lift. In the interest of preserving critical habitats, resource managers are forced to close relatively pristine areas to hunting in the interest of the long term health of wildlife populations.

If we want to maximize the wildlife resource and maintain hunting access, we have to learn how to limit the spread of these undesirable plants. Here is how you can start:

- Learn to recognize the most threatening invasive plants in your region- start at www.weedsbc.bc.ca or www.bcgrasslands.org
- Check and clean your clothing, animals, and equipment often, particularly before and after trips,
- Avoid traveling off of road surfaces, through infested areas, causing new disturbed soils, or removing native plants,
- Use ONLY weed-free hay for pack animals before and during trips, and
- Involve your community and clubs in combating invasive plants.

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer: The bag limit and possession limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, of which only one may be antlered and only one may be antlerless,** except in MUs 6-12 and 6-13, where the bag limit is 15 and possession limit is 5. The bag limit and possession limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

► **Cougar:** The bag limit for cougar is 1.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

1. The use of snowmobiles to hunt wildlife is prohibited in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, year round.
2. The use of snowmobiles is permitted to transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife in MUs 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-15 and 6-30, from Dec. 16 to Mar. 31.
3. The use of all motor vehicles to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited beyond 400 metres on either side of the following road between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15:
 - Jade/Boulder Road (MUs 6-19 and 7-52) from the junction of Jade/Boulder Road and Highway 37 east to Boulder City Lake, Letain Lake, Wolverine Lake and Elephant Lake, then south along Kutcho Creek to Provencher Lake and back along the road to its junction with Jade/Boulder Road again.
4. The use of all motor vehicles is prohibited above 1400 metres in elevation on Tsatia Mountain (MU 6-20), Klastline Plateau (MU 6-21), Level Mountain (MU 6-22, 6-26) and Gnat Pass on the east side of Highway 37 (MU 6-19). This applies to both roads and off-road areas.
5. Between May 1 and Nov. 15, the use of motor vehicles on the following roads/trails is prohibited beyond the sides of the roads/trails to the distance of 400m or 10m from the sides, whichever is stated:
 - Middle Range Road (MU 6-19): Commencing at the junction with Jade/Boulder Rd, thence within 400 m of either side of the trail and within 400 m of the ends of the trail at N 58° 20' 48.36" and W 129° 36' 49.44"; N 58° 19' 5.90" and W 129° 37' 18.84"; and N 58° 19' 27.42" and W 129° 42' 28.74".
 - Todagin Mtn. Mining Access Road (MU 6-20): Commencing at Coyote Cr., thence within 400 m of either side of the road to N 57° 44' 12.0" and W 129° 51' 0.6" (start of alpine) thence within 10 m of either side and within 10 m of its end at N 57° 42' 13.43" and W 129° 48' 1.04".

► Goldpan Rd (MU 6-23): Commencing at Dease Lake townsite, thence within 400 m of either side and within 400m of the end of the trail at its junction with Little Eagle River.

► Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24): Commencing at N 58° 48' 12.36" and W 130° 8' 56.21", thence within 400 m of either side and within 400 m of the end of the trail and including within 400 m of the side of the trail leading to Porcupine Lake.

► Hot Lakes Rd (MU 6-24): Commencing at Hwy 37, thence within 400 m of the trail and side trails to N 59° 29' 1.8" and W 129° 38' 3.6" (start of alpine), thence within 10 m of either side and within 10 m of the end of the trail to its end at N 59° 30' 13.5" and W 129° 32' 12.0".

► Cassiar Townsite/Quartzrock Creek Access Trail (MU 6-24): Commencing at the Cassiar townsite, thence within 400 m of either side of the trail to N 59° 22' 37.53" and W 129° 42' 37.97" (height of land); thence within 10 m of either side of the trail and side trails, and within 10 m of their ends, to the end of the trail at N 59° 19' 34.74" and W 129° 50' 25.75".

► Midway Mine Access Trail (MU 6-24): Commencing at N 59 55.666 and W 130 26.224, thence within 400 m of either side of the trail known locally as the Midway Mine Access Trail and within 400 m of its end at a point 5 km north of the Little Rancheria River. (See Map F29.)

► One Ace Mountain Mining Access Rd (MU 6-24): Commencing near the junction with Hwy 37 at N 59° 52' 49.51" and W 129° 10' 13.0", thence within 400 m of either side of the trail, and side trails, and within 400 m of the end of the trail, and side trails, to the end locations at N 59° 48' 37.55" and W 129° 36' 53.89"; at N 59° 50' 5.76" and W 129° 37' 56.09"; and at N 59° 55' 35.54" and W 129° 32' 13.82".

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► **Mule deer hunters are strongly encouraged to submit a front incisor tooth (including the root) and a photograph of the antlers to any Skeena MWLAP office [Regional office: 3726 Alfred Avenue, Smithers (drop off tooth - please do not mail)]. A lack of harvest data increases the risk that mule deer seasons will become more restrictive.**

► **The Nisga'a Government wishes to urge hunters to use caution when hunting in the Nass Valley, because there may be a large number of people picking mushrooms during the hunting season.**

► A Nisga'a Hunting Licence is not required for 2005 but may be implemented by 2006. Call 1-866-633-0888.

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

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

► No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 13.

► Hunters should be aware that the discharge of a firearm is prohibited within 400 metres of either side of the road allowance of Granisle Highway (Hwy 118) between Topley and Granisle (MU 6-8).

► The hunting of all wildlife is prohibited within 2 km of either side of the Muddy Lake/Golden Bear Access Road (MUs 6-22, 6-26).

► White (Kermode) and blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear are closed to hunting throughout the Skeena Region. Note that these animals are rarely pure in colour and are usually somewhat dirty. Hunters should pass up any very light-coloured black bear.

► Lucy Island (in the vicinity of Langara Island, Queen Charlotte Islands) is a Wildlife Sanctuary and hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms are prohibited (MU 6-13).

► Please avoid shooting collared wildlife. See page 14.

NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS

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

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

- Klappan Rail Grade (MUs 6-18, 6-20).
- Highway 37, from the Junction of the Dease Lake turnoff to the Yukon border (MUs 6-23, 6-24). See Map F32.
- the road locally known as Blue River Road, east from Highway 37 to the Blue River Indian Reserve #2 (MU 6-23). See Map F32.
- the trail locally known as One Ace Mountain Road, west from Highway 37 to One Ace Mountain (MU 6-24). See Map F32.
- the road locally known as McDame Road, southeasterly from Highway 37 near Good Hope Lake to Atan Lake (MU6-23). See Map F32.
- Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24).
- Goldpan Road (MU 6-23).
- Jade/Boulder Road (MU 6-19).
- Todigan Mountain Mining Access Road (MU 6-20).
- the road and trail locally known as the Barrington Burn Road from the junction near Telegraph Creek (MU 6-22) (Map F40).
- Twenty Mile Road (east of the Hyland River), south from the Alaska Highway to the Liard River (MU 6-23). See Map F34.

- the road locally known as Midway Mine/Silvertip Road, south from the Yukon border to the mine site (MU 6-24) (Map F32).
 - that portion of the Alaska Highway in MU 6-25 (Map F41).
 - the road locally known as the Smart River Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F41.
 - the road locally known as Logjam Creek Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F41.
 - Highway 7 from the Yukon border to Atlin (MU 6-25).
 - the road locally known as Surprise Lake Road or Discovery Avenue from Highway 7 to Surprise Lake (MU 6-25). See Map F35.
 - the road locally known as Bull Creek/Blue Canyon Road/ Spruce Creek road to the junction with Bull Creek (MU 6-25). See Map F36.
 - the road locally known as Warm Bay/O'Donnell Road (MU 6-25). See Map F37.
 - the road and trail locally known as Gladys Lake / Rufner / 4th of July Creek road from Highway 7 to Gladys Lake (MU 6-25). See Map F38.
2. There is no open season for moose during the period Sept. 25 to Oct. 10, within 400 m. of the shore of and over that portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (also known as Burial Island), and including Shaman Island. (MU 6-25). See Map F39.

NATIONAL PARKS

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

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- ▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.
 - ▶ In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season:
- Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Nisga'a (aka Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park)**(MU 6-15)
- Atlin Park & Recreation Area**
See Maps F30 and F31 (MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27)
- Babine Lake Marine Park**(MU 6-6)

- Babine Mountains Park**
See Map F10(MU 6-8)
- Babine Mountains Trails**(MU 6-8)
- Babine River Corridor Park**(MU 6-7, 6-8)
- Border Lake Park**(MU 6-21)
- Boulder Creek Park**(MU 6-9)
- Boya Lake Park**(MU 6-23)
open to the discharge of firearms only from Oct 1 - Mar 31.
- Bulkley Junction Park**(MU 6-30)
- Burns Lake Park**(MU 6-4)
- Chukachida Protected Area**(MU 6-19, 6-20)
- Craig Headwaters Protected Area**(MU 6-21)
- Dala-Kildala Rivers Estuaries Park**(MU 6-3)
- Damdochax Protected Area**(MU 6-17)
- Eagle Bay Park**(MU 6-3)
- Entiako Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-1)
- Foch-Gilttoyees Park**(MU 6-11)
- Francois Lake Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-4)
- Gitnadoiks River Park**
See Maps F7 and F10(MU 6-10)
- Great Glacier Park**(MU 6-22)
- Hai Lake - Mount Herman Park**(MU 6-11)
- Huchsduwachdu Nuyem Jeeks/Kitlope Heritage Conservancy Protected Area**(MU 6-3)
- Khutzeymateen Park**(MU 6-14)
Hunting of wildlife is prohibited in the valley below 1,000 meters above sea level within this park. See Map F18.
- Kitimat River Park**(MU 6-11)
- Kitwanga Mountain Park**(MU 6-15)
- Lakelse Lake Wetlands Park**(MU 6-11)
- Lava Forks Park**(MU 6-21)
- Little Andrews Bay Park**(MU 6-4)
- Lower Skeena River Park**(MU 6-10)
- Mount Edziza Park**
See Map F27(MU 6-21)
- Naikoon Park**(MU 6-13)
open to the discharge of firearms only from Sept 15 to Mar 31. See Map F14.
- Nalbeelah Creek Wetlands Park**(MU 6-3)
- Netalzul Meadows Park**(MU 6-8)
- Nilkitkwa Lake Park**(MU 6-8)
- Ningunsaw Park**(MU 6-21)
- Owyacumish River Park**(MU 6-3)
- Pitman River Protected Area**(MU 6-19)
- Rainbow Alley Park**(MU 6-8)
- Seven Sisters Park and Protected Area**(MU 6-9)
- Sleeping Beauty Mountain Park**(MU 6-15)
- Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park**
See Maps F22 to F24(MU 6-20)
- Spatsizi Headwaters Park**(MU 6-20)
- Stikine River Park**(MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22).
See Maps F22, F23, F24, F26 and F27.
- Sue Channel Park**(MU 6-3)

- Sustut Protected Area**(MU 6-18)
- Sustut Park**(MU 6-18, 7-38)
- Sutherland River Protected Area**(MU 6-6)
- Sutherland River Park**(MU 6-6)
- Swan Lake Kispiox River Park**(MU 6-30)
- Tatshenshini-Alseck Park**(MU 6-29)
- Todagin South Slope Park**(MU 6-20)
- Tuya Mountains Park**(MU 6-22)
- Tweedsmuir Park that portion in**
See Map F1a(MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-4)
- Tweedsmuir Corridor Protected Area**(MU 6-2)
- Uncha Mountain Red Hills Park**(MU 6-4)
- ▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

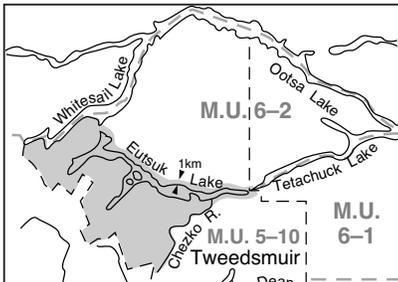


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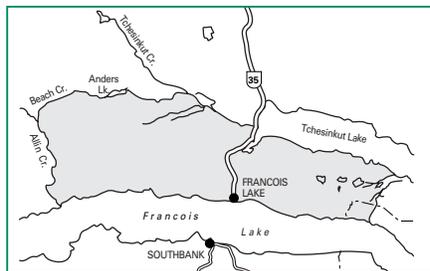
SPECIES ▼	MANAGEMENT UNITS ▼	CLASS ▼	SEASON DATES ▼	BAG LIMIT ▼	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	*6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	.Sept 10 – Sept 30	.1	
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	.Bucks	.Sept 10 – Nov 30	.1	
	*6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	.Bucks	.Oct 1 – Oct 19	.1	
	*6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	.Oct 20 – Nov 30	.1	
	▲6-4	.Antlerless	▼ Dec 11 – Dec 31	.1	
	6-12, 6-13	.Bucks	.June 1 – Feb 28/2006	◆15 (15)	
	6-12, 6-13	.Antlerless	.Sept 1 – Feb 28/2006	◆15 (15)	
	Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	.Bucks	.Sept 1 – Sept 9	.1
	Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	.Antlerless	.Sept 1 – Sept 9, Dec 1 – Dec 10	.1
	Bow Only Season	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	.Bucks	.Dec 1 – Dec 10	.1
Bow Only Season	*6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	★4 Point Bucks	.Dec 1 – Dec 10	.1	
* See Notice to Hunters, page 65, regarding request for harvest data.					
▲ Restricted to private land (with permission of the landowner) and includes Crown Land within 400 m of private land (see Map F1b).					
▼ Restricted to hunters under the age of 19.					
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.					
◆ The possession limit for deer in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 5 - see Deer Licences section. See Notice to Hunters, page 65.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	.Bucks	.Sept 10 – Nov 30	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	.Bucks, Antlerless	.Sept 1 – Sept 9	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	.Bucks, Antlerless	.Dec 1 – Dec 10	.1	
MOOSE	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-16, 6-30	.Bulls	.Oct 20 – Oct 26	.1	
	▲▼6-17, 6-18 to 6-29	.Bulls	.Aug 15 – Nov 15	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-16, 6-30	.Bulls	.Sept 1 – Sept 9	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-16, 6-30	.Bulls	.Oct 1 – Oct 8	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-16, 6-30	.Bulls	.Nov 16 – Nov 20	.1	
▲ Hunters Note: Parts of Several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F1a, F7 and F22.					
▼ Parts of several MUs are closed to hunting of moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10. See Notice to Moose Hunters. See Maps F22, F32, F34 to F41.					
ELK	6-13	.Bulls	.Sept 15 – Nov 15	.1	
Bow Only Season	6-13	.Bulls	.Sept 1 – Sept 14	.1	
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	6-17, 6-18 to 6-26, ★6-27	.Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	.Aug 1 – Oct 15	.1	
See Maps F22, F27, F43, F30. ★ A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F30.					
MOUNTAIN GOAT	▲6-3, 6-7, 6-11, 6-17 to 6-30		.Aug 1 – Oct 15	.1	
	▲6-14 to ★6-16		.Aug 1 – Nov 15	.1	
See special area maps F10 and F26. Special Bow Only Season. See Map F2. ★ Portion of 6-16 closed. See Map F21b.					
▲ Parts of several MUs have special regulations or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F10, F20, F23, F24, F26, F27, F31, F33, F43, and F21b.					
CARIBOU	6-17 to 6-20, 6-22 to 6-27	★5 point Bulls	.Aug 15 – Oct 10	.1	
★ See Definitions section: Caribou. The antlers must accompany the species licence.					
See special area maps. Parts of MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-25 and 6-26 are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F22, F42 and G19					
BLACK BEAR	6-1 to 6-30		.Sept 1 – Nov 30	.2	
	6-1 to 6-30		.Apr 1/2006 – June 30/2006	.2	
WOLF	6-1 to 6-30		★Aug 1 – Mar 31/2006	.3	
	6-1 to 6-30		★Apr 1 – June 15/2006	.3	
★ In that portion of MUs 6-1 and 6-2 being Tweedsmuir Park, the open season for wolf is Sept 1 – Mar 31/2006					
COUGAR	6-1 to 6-11		.Sept 10 – Mar 31/2006; Apr 1-30/2006	.1	
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company.					
The cougar season will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since Apr 1, 2005 the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 5.					
COYOTE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		.Sept 1 – Mar 31/2006	.10	
WOLVERINE	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		.Sept 15 – Jan 15/2006	.1	
LYNX	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-15 to 6-30		.Nov 15 – Feb 15/2006	.1	
RACCOON	6-12, 6-13		.No closed season	.NBL	
SNOWSHOE HARE	6-1 to 6-30		.Aug 1 – Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)	
	6-1 to 6-30		.Apr 1/2006 – Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)	
BLUE, SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	6-1 to 6-30		.Sept 10 – Nov 15	.10 (30)	
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-30		.Sept 1 – Sept 9	.10 (30)	
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.					
PTARMIGAN	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14 to 6-30		.Aug 15 – Feb 28/2006	.10 (30)	

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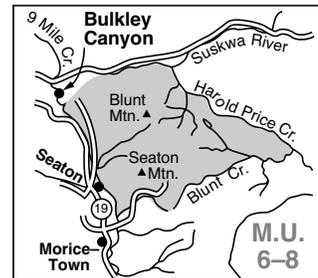
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	10 (20)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 13/2006	10 (20)
DUCKS	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	8 (16)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 13/2006	8 (16)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 13/2006	5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (10)
	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Oct 1 - Jan 13/2006	5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Sept 17 - Sept 18	8 (16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AND CANADA GEESE	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14		Sept 17 - Sept 18	5 (10)
<i>The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.</i>				



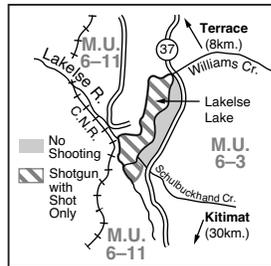
Map F1a Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 6-1, 6-2, 5-10, 5-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in MU 6-2 in Tweedsmuir Park is Oct 20 to Nov 15.



Map F1b Francois Lake antlerless mule deer age-restricted hunt area (situated in MU 6-4)



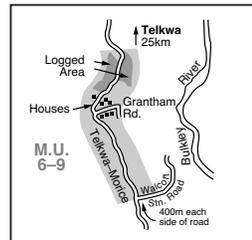
Map F2 Blunt Mountain Special Area (situated in MU 6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 - Oct. 19.



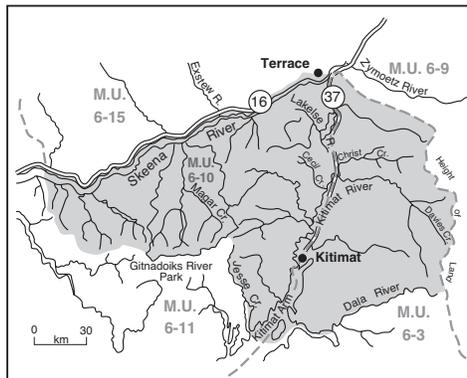
Map F4 Lakelse Lake No Shooting Area and Shotgun Only Area (situated in MU 6-11).



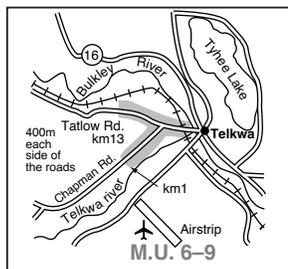
Map F3 Babine River No Shooting Area and Grizzly Bear Closed Area (Sept 1 - Nov 15 only) 1 km on either side of river (situated in MU 6-8).



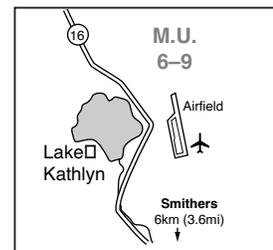
Map F5 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



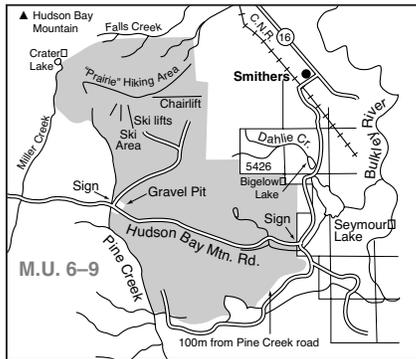
Map F7 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-10 and in portions of 6-3, 6-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Oct 20 to Oct 26 only. For those portions of MUs 6-3 and 6-11 that are outside of the shaded Smithers Bull Moose LEH area, the general open season for bull moose is Sept 10 to Nov 15.



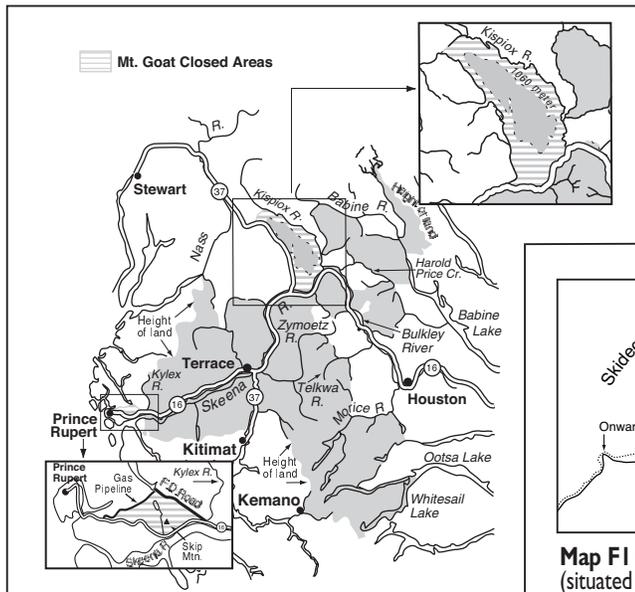
Map F6 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area 0.4 km either side of road (situated in MU 6-9).



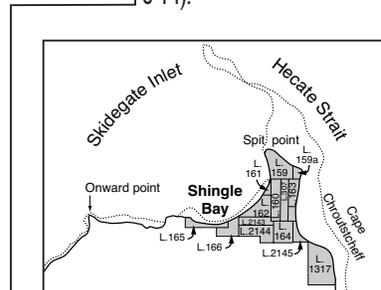
Map F8 Lake Kathlyn No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



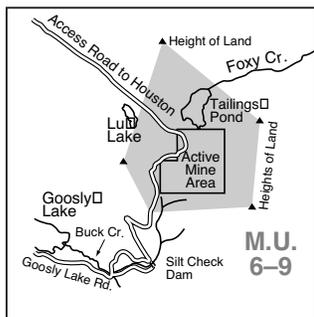
Map F9 Hudson Bay Mountain and Smithers Community Forest No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



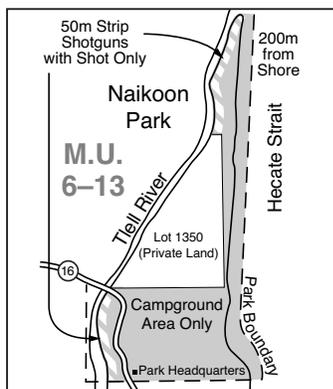
Map F10 Skeena and Babine Mtn. Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30) and Mountain Goat Closed Area in MU 6-30. Note: no open season for mountain goats on Skip Mountain (situated in MU 6-14).



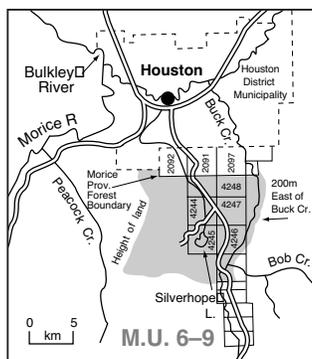
Map F11 Sandspit No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-12).



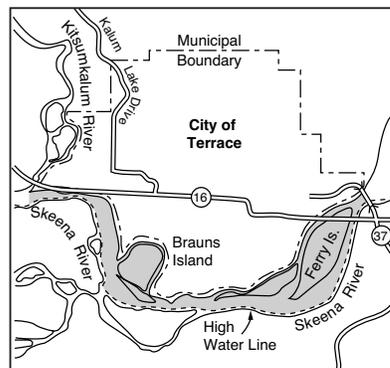
Map F12 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



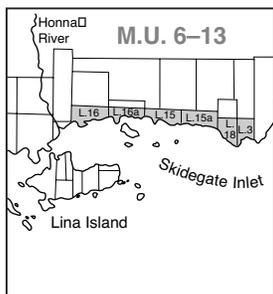
Map F14 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-13). Hunters should note the 50 metre strips along the banks of the Tlell River are open for Shotguns with Shot Only as indicated on map. (Closed along Hwy).



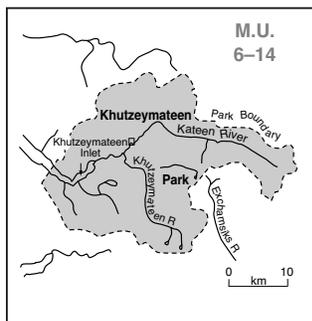
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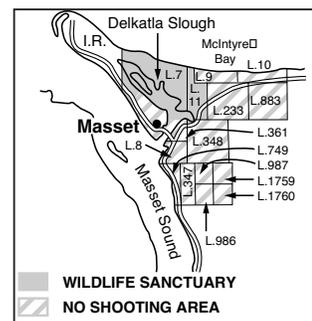
Map F16 City of Terrace No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 6-9, 6-15).



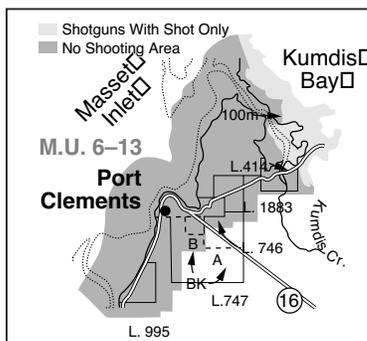
Map F13 Queen Charlotte City No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-13)



Map F18 Khutzeymateen Provincial Park No Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-14). Hunting of wildlife prohibited in the valley below 1,000 m above sea level.

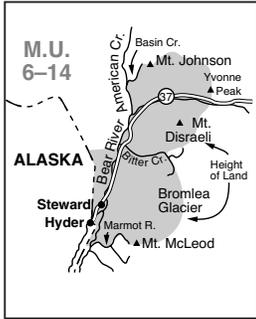


Map F19 Masset No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-13). Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.

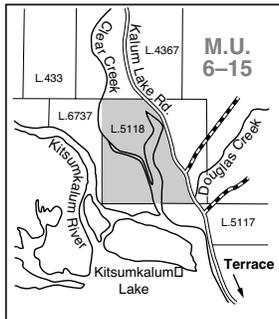


Map F17 Port Clements No Shooting Area and Kumdis Bay Shotgun with shot only area (situated in MU 6-13).

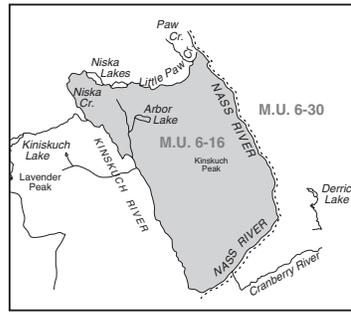
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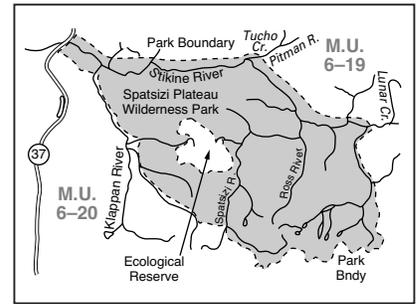
Map F20 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-14).



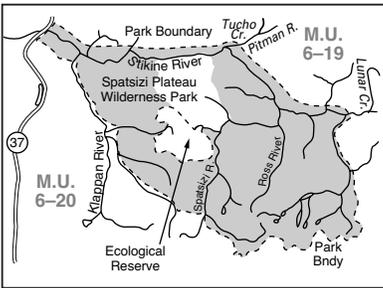
Map F21a North Kitsumkalum Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-15).



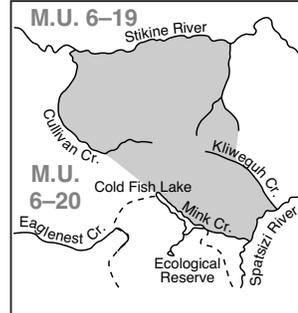
Map F21b Nass Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 6-16).



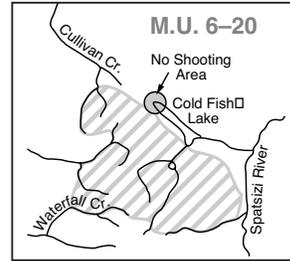
Map F22 Spatsizi Caribou, Mountain Sheep and Moose Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situated in MU 6-19, 6-20).



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



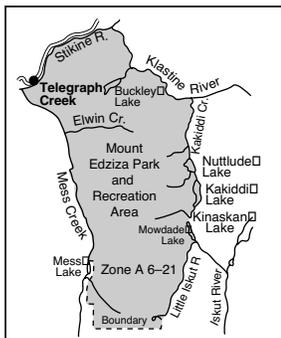
Map F24 Spatsizi Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 6-20).



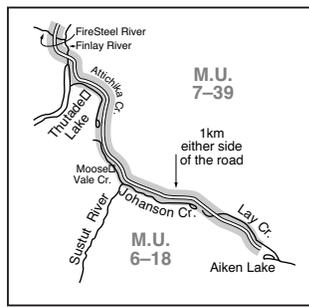
Map F25 Spatsizi (Cold Fish-Gladys Lake) Ecological Reserve No Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-20). Cold Fish Lake Camp No Shooting Area: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1 km of Cold Fish Lake Camp.



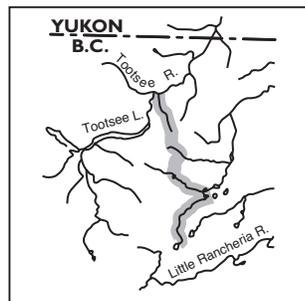
Map F26 Todagin Mountain No Shooting Area, Mountain Goat Closed Area and motor vehicle Prohibited Area (situated in MU 6-20). See vehicle restrictions on page 65.



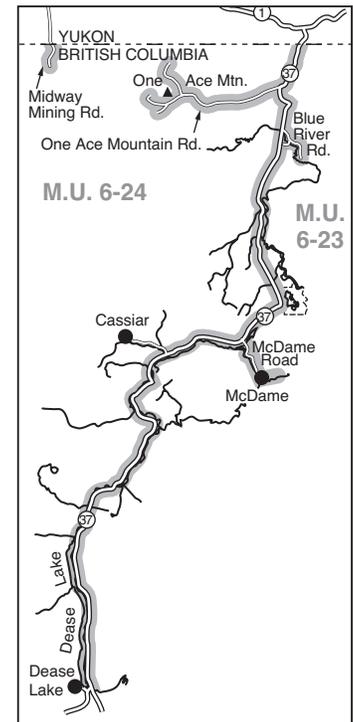
Map F27 Mt. Edziza Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Areas (situated in MU 6-21).



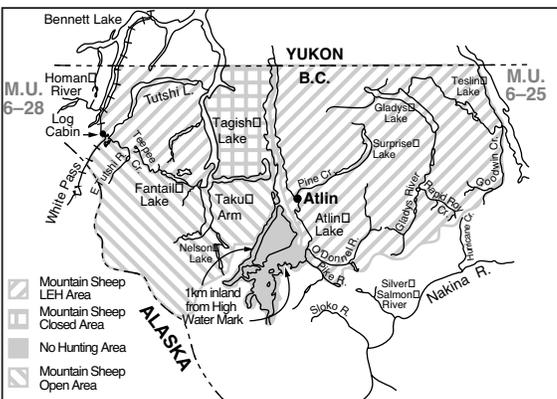
Map F28 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 6-18, 7-39).



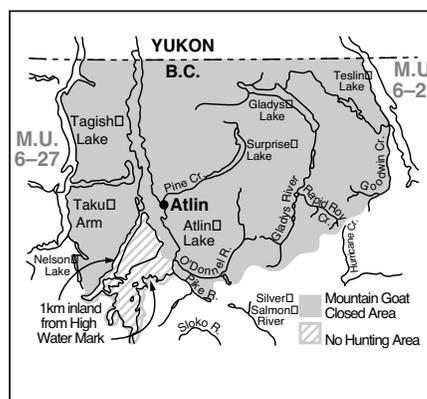
Map F29 Midway Mine Access Trail (situated in MU 6-24). See page 65.



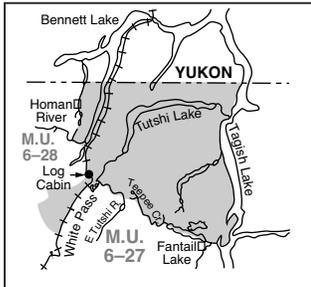
Map F32 Cassiar Road Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-23). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of Blue River; One Ace Mountain, Midway Mining and McDame Roads and Highway 37 from the Yukon border to Dease Lake from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



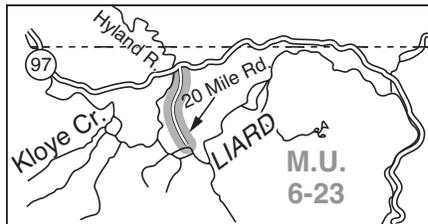
Map F30 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area from Aug 1 - Oct 15 (situated in MU 6-25, 6-27).



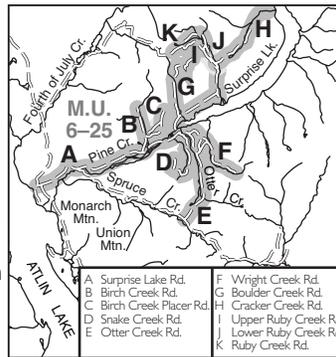
Map F31 Atlin Mountain Goat Closed Area and No Hunting Area (situated in MUs 6-25, 6-27).



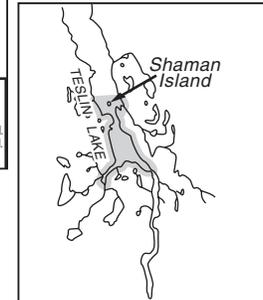
Map F33 Tagish Highlands Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area. (situated in MUs 6-27, 6-28).



Map F34 Twenty Mile Road Closed Area (situated in MU 6-23). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of Twenty Mile Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



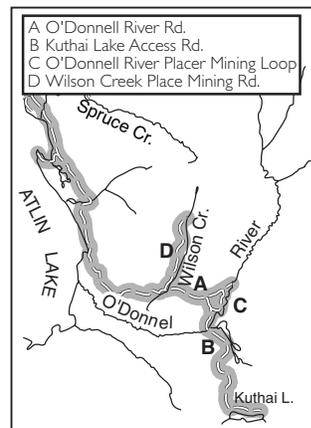
Map F35 Surprise Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400 m of the roads listed in the legend.



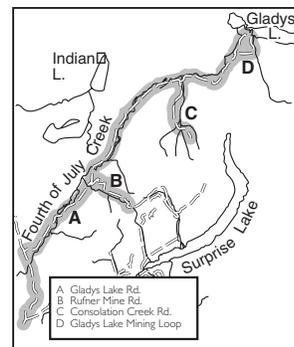
Map F39 Teslin Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 with 400m of the shore of and over the portion of Teslin Lake south of the north end of Shaman Island (Burial Island) and including Shaman Island.



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



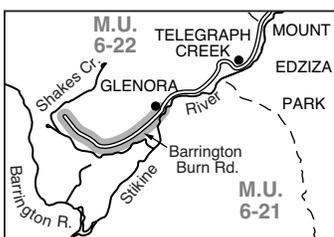
Map F37 O'Donnell Road Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of O'Donnell Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



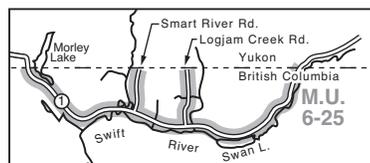
Map F38 Gladys Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400m of the road listed in the legend.



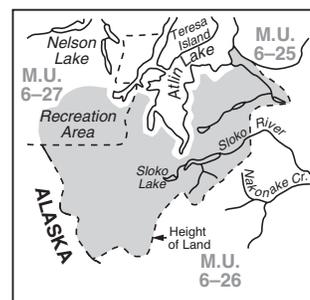
Map F42 Kawdy Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



Map F40 Barrington Burn Road Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-22). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of Barrington Burn Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



Map F41 Alaska Highway Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of that portion of the Alaska Highway (Highway 1) in MU 6-25, Smart River Road and Logjam Creek Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.

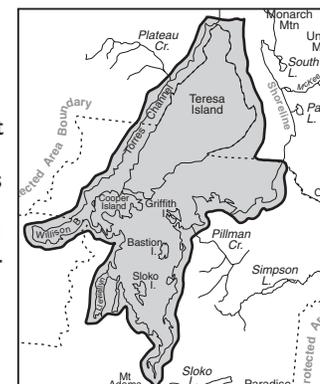


Map F43 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situated in MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27).

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

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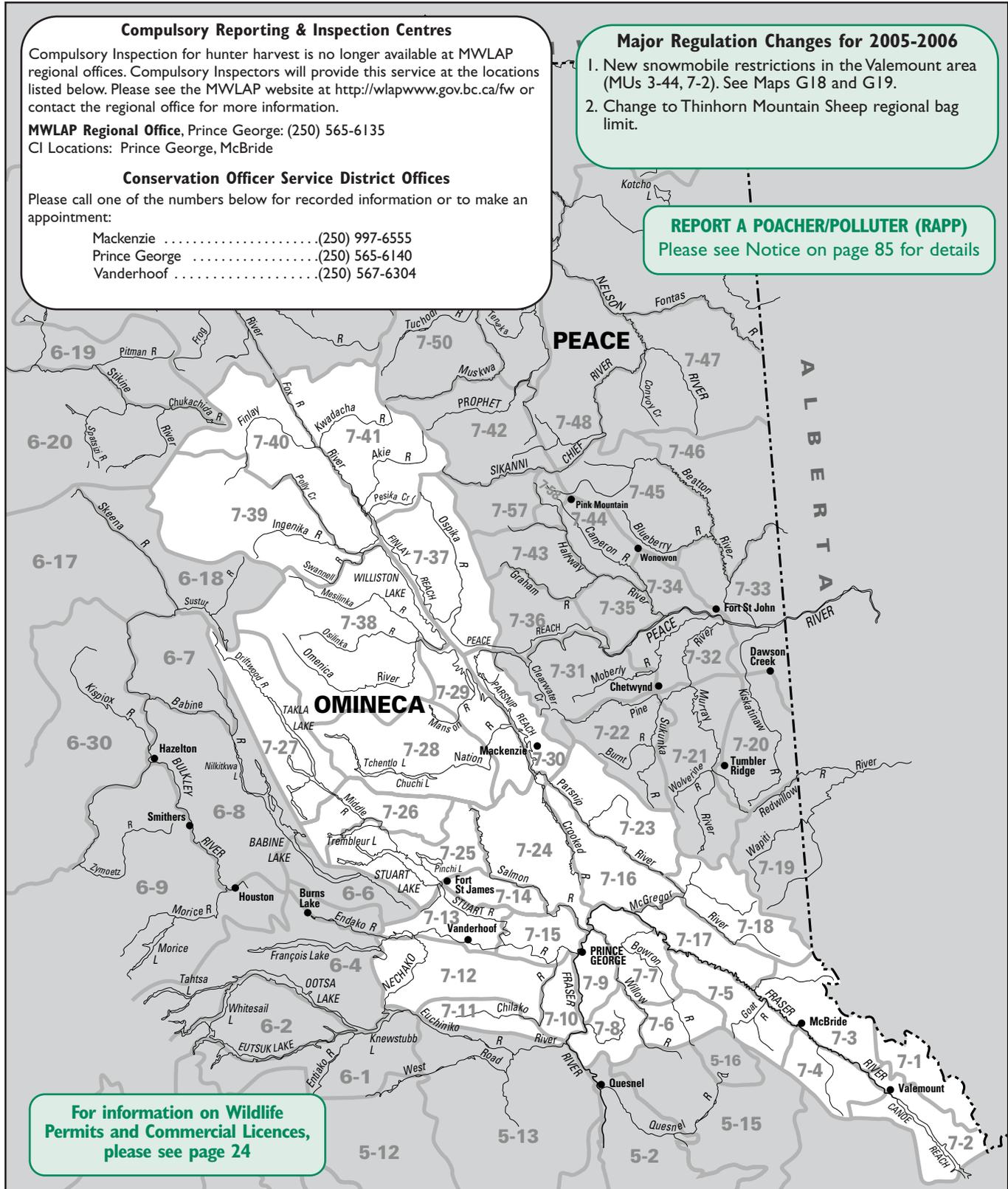
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

- Mackenzie(250) 997-6555
- Prince George(250) 565-6140
- Vanderhoof(250) 567-6304

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. New snowmobile restrictions in the Valemount area (MUs 3-44, 7-2). See Maps G18 and G19.
2. Change to Thinhorn Mountain Sheep regional bag limit.

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)
 Please see Notice on page 85 for details



For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

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

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

▶ **Thinhorn Mountain Sheep:** The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent calendar years have expired.

Despite the above, if a thinhorn sheep is determined on compulsory inspection to be at least 8 years of age, the bag limit is one. Hunters who harvested an under 8 year sheep will have that bag limit carried forward such that they cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and 2 subsequent years have expired. Contact the MWLAP office in Prince George for more information.

VEHICLE RESTRICTION OMINECA SUB-REGION

▶ There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region. See definitions of "motor vehicle" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

▶ Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

▶ **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

▼ Motor Vehicles used to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife are not permitted.

◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) used to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife are not permitted.

▲ Snowmobiles used to hunt wildlife, transport wildlife, transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or transport

hunters to and from the location of wildlife are not permitted.

✗ **Snowmobiles are not permitted.**

MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30,

and 7-37 to 7-39

▲ from Mar. 31 to Dec. 15

MU 7-2

✗ **Howard closed area (MU 7-2) as shown on Map G19. This area in the headwaters of Howard Creek drainage proceeds north up-slope from Howard Creek to the ridge top, then west to the height of land and southeast along this height of land, then back to Howard Creek.**

✗ **Foster Creek closed area (MU 7-2) as shown on Map G19. This area between Howard Creek and Foster Creek and east of the height of land is from 1300 m elevation up to the treeless alpine (which is open to snowmobiles), with an open access route on Foster Road (snowmobiles permitted Dec 1 to May 31).**

✗ **Canoe River-North Thompson closed area (MUs 3-44, 7-2) as shown on Map G18 west of Highway 5 between Canoe River and the North Thompson River. The westerly boundary generally follows heights of land and alpine/forest edges in the Canoe, Camp, Allan and North Thompson watersheds. Seasonally open snowmobiling areas include the Allan and Oasis areas, which are marked with trail head signs.**

✗ **Encampment Creek closed area (MU 7-2) as shown on attached Map G19. The area above 1300 m elevation which is between Foster Creek south arm and the height of land separating Foster and Encampment Creek drainages.**

MU 7-3

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

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:40 am to 8:00am from Aug. 15 - 31
- ◆ 5:30 am to 9:00am from Sept. 1 - 30
- ◆ 6:30 am to 10:00am from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15

MU 7-18

▲ access road to Kakwa Recreation Area due north of Buchanan Creek (MU 7-18)

MUs 7-38, 7-39

◆ the entire area

MU 7-40

▼ on all side roads of the Finlay Russel Forest Road, including the Selkutz Forest Road, leading towards the Russel Range.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ **The Tsay Keh Dene First Nation wishes to urge hunters to use caution and respect for local residents when hunting in MU's 7-29, 7-30 and 7-37 to 7-39, Tsay Keh Dene traditional territory. Please ensure you watch for local residents and leave your campsites clean.**

▶ Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required **to keep the antlers of a bull moose** taken in the Omineca sub-region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer of MWLAP.

▶ A few white moose have been noticed in MU 7-13. Hunters are requested not to shoot a white moose due to their uniqueness and viewing value to all people who enjoy wildlife.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

- Arctic Pacific Lakes Park**(MUs 7-16, 7-18, 7-23)
- Bobtail Mountain Park**(MU 7-12)
- Bowron Lake Park only those portions in**(MUs 7-5, 7-6, 5-15)
- Carp Lake Park**(MU 7-24)
- Chase Park**(MU 7-38)
- Close-to-the-Edge Park and Protected Area**(MU 7-18)
- Crooked River Park addition on west side of Crooked River only**
See Map P5, p 76(MUs 7-16, 7-24)
- Dahl Lake Park – Henry & Chuk Lakes addition only** See Map P2, p. 76(MU 7-12)
- Ed Bird-Estella Park**(MU 7-40)
- Erg Mountain Park**(MU 7-5)
- Eskers Park – Taginchil Lake and south-west additions only**
See Map P4, p. 76(MU 7-15)
- Evanoff Park**(MU 7-17)
- Finger-Tatuk Park**(MU 7-11)
- Finlay – Russel Protected Area**(MUs 7-39, 7-40)
- Finlay – Russel Park**(MUs 7-39,7-40)
- Fort George Canyon Park**(MUs 7-9, 7-10)
- Foster Arm Protected Area**(MU 7-2)
- Fraser River Park**(MU 7-10)
- Giscombe Portage Trail Protected Area**(MU 7-24)
- Heather – Dina Park**(MU 7-30)
- Holliday Creek Arch Protected Area**(MU 7-3)
- Jackman Flats Park**(MU 7-2)
- Kakwa Park**
See Map G20 p. 82(MUs 7-18, 7-19)
- Kakwa Recreation Area**(MUs 7-18, 7-19)
- Kwadacha Wilderness Park**(MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50)
- Lower Rausch Protected Area** (MU 7-4)



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 7A

Monkman Park that portion in
 See Map P6, p. 76MU 7-18
Mount Blanchet Park(MU 7-27)
Mount Pope Park(MU 7-25)
Mount Robson Park – Swift Creek addition only
 See Map P3, p. 76(MU 7-3)
Mudzenchoot Park(MU 7-28)
Muscovite Lakes Park(MU 7-29)
Nation Lakes Park(MU 7-28)
Nechako Canyon Protected Area
(MU 7-12)
Omineca Protected Area(MU 7-38)
Omineca Park(MUs 7-29, 7-38)

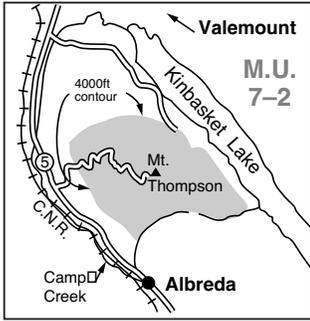
Ptarmigan Creek Park(MU 7-5)
Ptarmigan Protected Area(MU 7-5)
Purden Lake Park addition only
 See Map P1, p. 76(MU 7-7)
Rubyrock Lake Park ..(MUs 7-25, 7-26)
Slim Creek Park(MU 7-5)
Small River Caves Park(MU 7-3)
Stuart Lake Marine Park ... (MU 7-25)
Stuart Lake Park(MU 7-25)
Stuart River Park(MU 7-13, 7-15)
Sugarbowl – Grizzly Den Park and Protected Area(MU 7-5, 7-7, 7-17)
Sustut Park(MU 6-18, 7-38)
Takla Lake Marine Park addition only
 See Map P8, p. 76(MU 7-27)

Tatlatui Park(MU7-39)
 (No open season for mountain sheep)
Three Sisters Lakes Park(MU 7-9)
Trembleur Lake Park(MU 7-26)
Upper Raush Protected Area (MU 7-4)
West Twin Park and Protected Area
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Whiskers Point Park southeast addition only
 See Map P7, p. 76(MU 7-24)

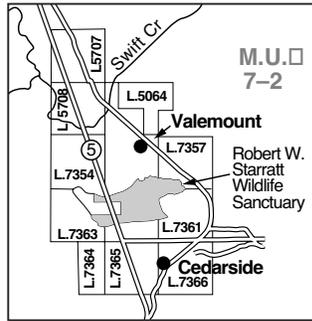
► Parks and recreation areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

OMINECA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

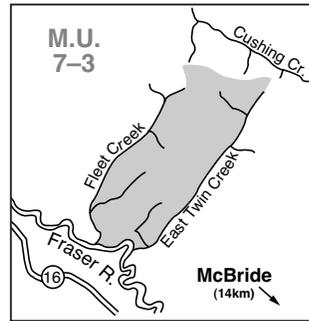
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	.1
Bow Only Season	7-6 to 7-15, 7-24 to 7-26	*4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	.1
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	.1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	.1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	+Calves	Oct 10 - Oct 25	.1
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	*Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	.1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers must accompany the species licence. + Open only for calf moose less than 12 months of age. See special area maps.				
ELK	7-41	*6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	.1
	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	*6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	.1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26	*6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
★ See Definitions section: Elk. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Elk taken in MUs 7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-24 to 7-26 must be compulsory inspected. See page 21.				
BIGHORN MTN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	.1
THINHORN MTN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	.1
Tatlatui Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. See page 73 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-3 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Oct 15	.1
MUs 7-3, 7-4. (See Map G6). See special area maps. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting.				
CARIBOU	*7-37 to 7-41	*5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	.1
* See special area maps. For MU 7-39, see Map G16. ★ See Definitions section: Caribou.				
BLACK BEAR	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Nov 15	.2
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.2
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.3
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.3
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15/2006	.1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	.1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		No Closed Season	.NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BLUE GROUSE	7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27, 7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	.10 (30)
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	.10 (30)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
PTARMIGAN	7-2 to 7-6, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Feb 28/2006	.10 (30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	.10 (20)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	.8 (16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.				
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE, and CANADA GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 30	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.				



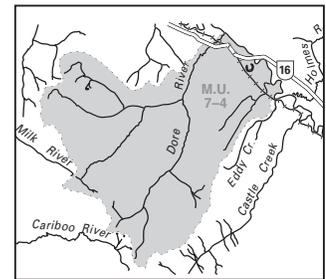
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-2).



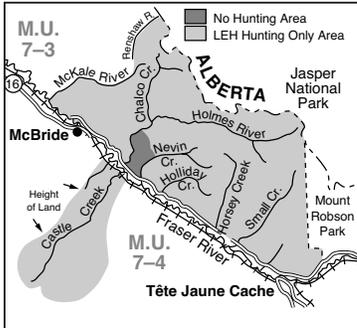
Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 7-2). No hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.



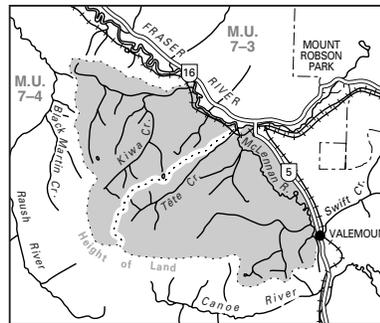
Map G3 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-3).



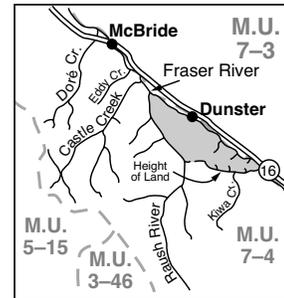
Map G4 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area. Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situated in MU 7-4).



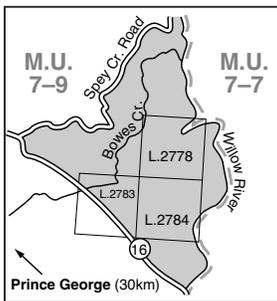
Map G5 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas. Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situated in MU 7-3 and MU 7-4).



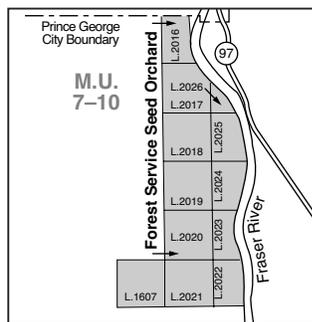
Map G6 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area. Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders (situated in MU 7-4).



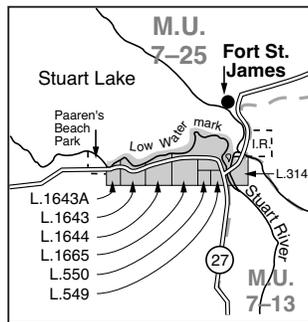
Map G7 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-4).



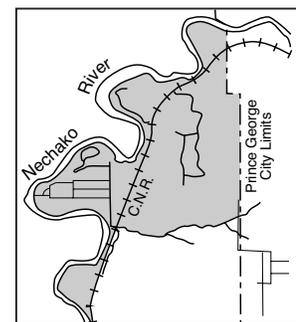
Map G8 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 7-9).



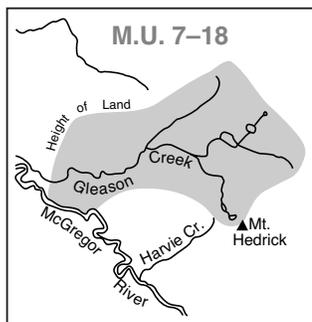
Map G9 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-10).



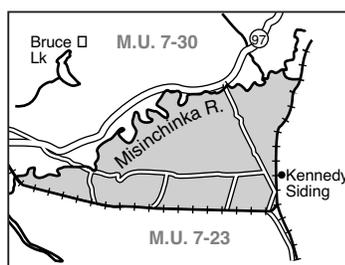
Map G10 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 7-13, 7-25).



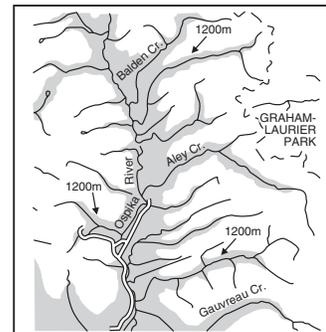
Map G11 Miworth No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-15).



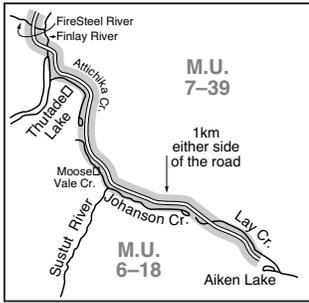
Map G12 Gleason Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-18).



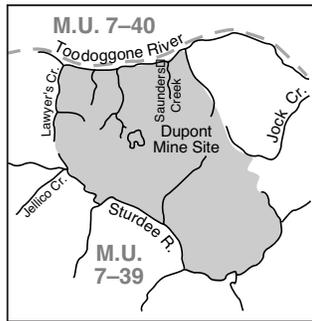
Map G13 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Nov 6 to March 31



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

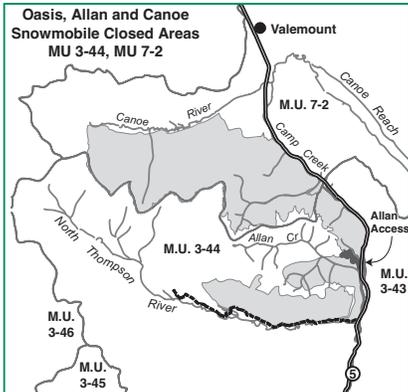
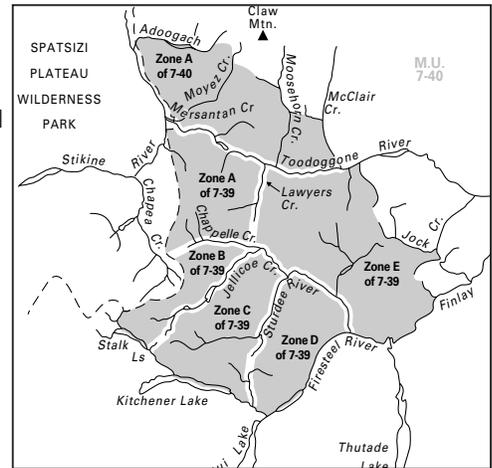


Map G15 Omineca Mining Road Extension No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 6-18, 7-39).

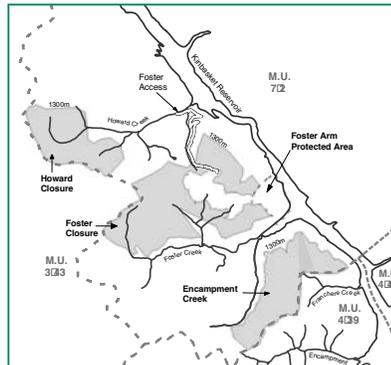


Map G16 Edozadelly No Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-39). Hunting of all wildlife species except caribou and moose (Limited Entry Hunting only) is prohibited.

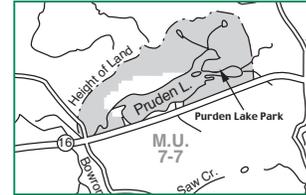
Map G17 Black Lake and Edozadelly Caribou closed areas. Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zones A to E of 7-39 and in Zone A of 7-40 except for LEH permit holders.



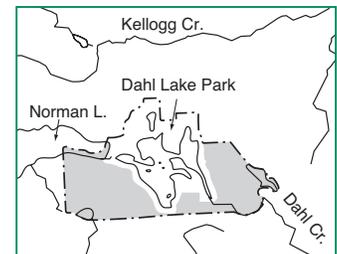
Map G18 (Map C17a copied from page 46) Canoe River - North Thompson Snowmobile Closed Area (situated in MUs 3-44, 7-2). Snowmobiles permitted on Allan Trail Dec 1 to May 31.



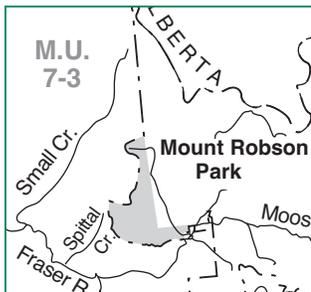
Map G19 Howard, Foster, and Encampment Closed Areas (MU 7-2). No snowmobiles permitted except on Foster Trail Dec 1 to May 31.



Map P1 Purden Lake Park addition (situated in MU 7-7).



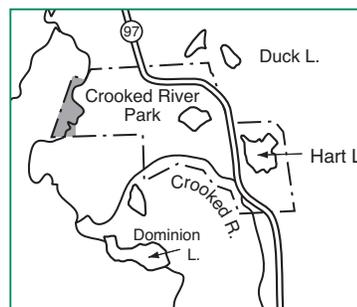
Map P2 Dahl Lake Park addition (situated in MU 7-12).



Map P3 Mount Robson addition (situated in MU 7-13).



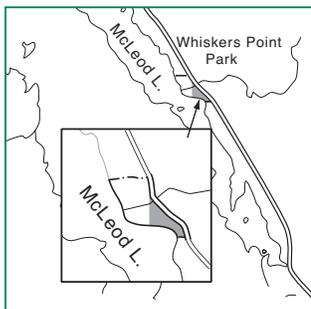
Map P4 Eskers Park addition (situated in MU 7-15).



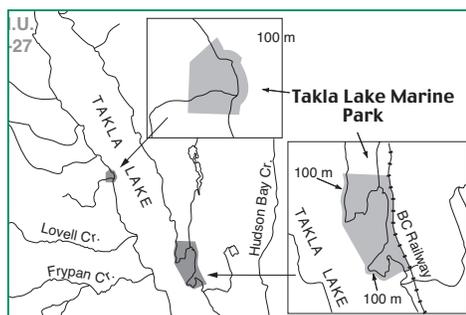
Map P5 Crooked River Park addition (situated in MU 7-16, 7-24).



Map P6 Monkman Lake Park addition (situated in MU 7-18).



Map P7 Whiskers Point Park addition (situated in MU 7-24).



Map P8 Takla Marine Park addition (situated in MU 7-27).



Record of Receipt for Transporting Wildlife

Date: _____ Place of Receipt: _____

Species: _____ Sex: _____

Name & Address of person who killed the animal: _____

BC Resident Hunter Number of the person who killed the animal: _____

Species Licence Number under which the animal was taken: _____

Name and address of the person to whom the wildlife parts are to be delivered _____

See Possession and Transportation section for details on transporting wildlife.

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NOTE:
Gloves should be worn
while handling wolf
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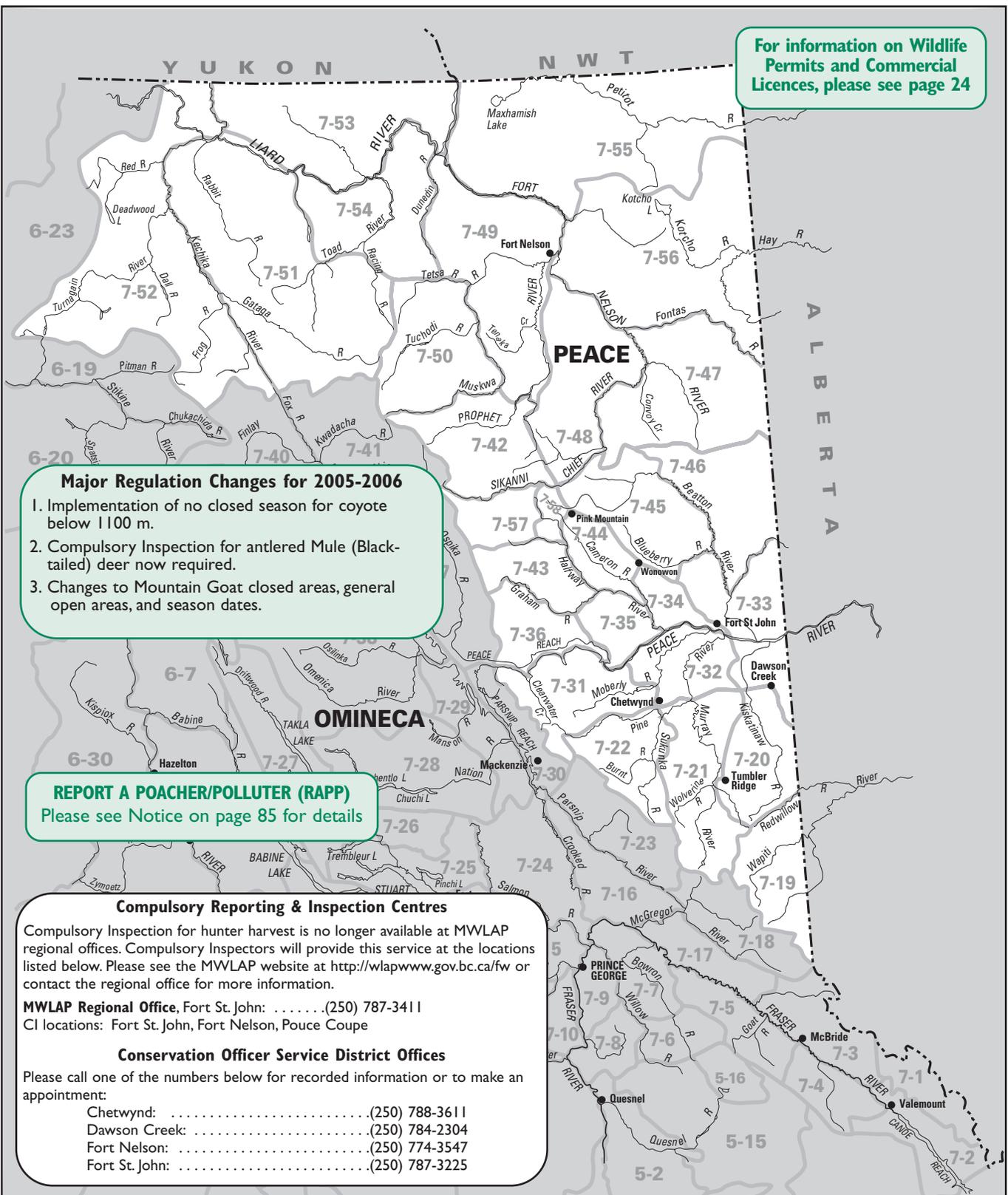
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REGION 7B



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

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 24



Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. Implementation of no closed season for coyote below 1100 m.
2. Compulsory Inspection for antlered Mule (Black-tailed) deer now required.
3. Changes to Mountain Goat closed areas, general open areas, and season dates.

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)
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Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

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

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

Chetwynd: (250) 788-3611
Dawson Creek: (250) 784-2304
Fort Nelson: (250) 774-3547
Fort St. John: (250) 787-3225

BAG LIMITS

▶ **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A and 7B (Omineca/Peace) is two. Only one buck may be taken in region 7A and 7B combined. The bag limit for mule deer bucks in 7B is one in two years, therefore a hunter who takes a mule deer buck in 7B cannot take another in 7B until the calendar year of the kill and the subsequent calendar year have expired. One mule deer may be antlerless. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is one.

▶ **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse (blue, spruce (Franklin), ruffed) is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10. The regional daily bag limit for sharp tailed grouse is 3.

▶ **Thinhorn Mountain Sheep:** The regional bag limit is one sheep in three years. A hunter who harvests a thinhorn sheep cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and two subsequent years have expired. Hunters who harvested an under 8 year sheep under the previous bag limit will have that bag limit carried forward such that they cannot hunt or kill another thinhorn sheep until the calendar year of the kill and 2 subsequent years have expired.

HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

▶ No shooting areas: Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on p. 13.

▶ The discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited on or across the travelled portion and road allowance of all numbered highways and any 2 lane or greater public road that is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation **(or their Contractors), the federal government or another province or territory** (see page 13).

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

▶ There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this region.

▶ Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' responsibility to recognize closures whether a sign is in place or not.

▶ **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

- ★ All Motor Vehicles are prohibited.
- ▼ All Motor Vehicles used to hunt, transport wildlife or to transport hunters are prohibited.
- ◆ ATVs (including motorcycles and snowmobiles) used for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife are prohibited.

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

MUs 7-19, 7-31, 7-35, 7-36, 7-43, 7-53, 7-57 and the Southeast portion of 7-21 (see Map G28)

- ★ above 1400 metres in elevation. However, the use of snowmobiles (less than 450 kg in weight) is permitted from Nov. 1 to April 30. Onion Lake Trail (MU 7-21) and Talisman et al Murray Road (C-22-E/93-1-15) are open year round. Contact MWLAP office in Fort St. John for more information.

MU 7-36

- ◆ east of Aylard Creek and the unnamed creek due north of Aylard Creek that flows into the Graham River; from Aug. 15 to Oct. 31.

MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57

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

MUs 7-21, 7-22

- ▼ BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road
- ★ above the 1524 metre elevation in the Bullmoose Chamberlain Mt. area, excepting BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

MU 7-52

- ★ Beyond 400 metres on either side of Jade/Boulder Road (MUs 6-19 & 7-52) from the junction of Jade/Boulder Road and Hwy 37 east to Boulder City Lake, Letain L, Wolverine L and Elephant L, then south along Kutcho Creek to Provencher L and back along the road to its junction with Jade/Boulder Road again. This closure applies between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ Hunters are reminded that when they take livestock into the wilderness, they should purchase locally grown feed that is known to be weed-free. The spread of invasive weeds is common every year and can be prevented by using local weed-free feed and checking all vehicles to ensure they are weed-free before leaving home. For further information on this matter, please contact your local Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries office. **See Invasive Plants article, page 63.**

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited on the west half of Lot 1323, Peace River District, in which Halfway Elementary School is located. See Map G39.

▶ The discharge of firearms using single projectiles is prohibited within 400 m (1/4 mile) of either side of:

- Road 520 (Canyon Drive) between Hudson's Hope and the W.A.C. Bennett Dam,
- Road 190 (Twelve Mile Road) between Road 520 and Dunlevy Creek.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily in the Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas. See Map G23.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited on Fort St. John's sewage lagoons, that is the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian; and Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 83, Range 18, West of the 6th Meridian.

▶ There is no shooting or hunting within 200m of the high water mark of Radar Lake in the vicinity of the City of Dawson Creek.

▶ There is no shooting or hunting within Stone Mountain Park within 1 mile (1.6 km) of the Alaska Highway.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the Dokie subdivision in the vicinity of Chetwynd (MU 7-22 & 7-31). See Map G29.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all mule deer taken in Region 7B (Peace) must be **compulsory inspected** within 30 days of the date of kill at a Compulsory Inspection location. See page 21 for details.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

Bearhole Lake Park & Protected Area	.....(MU 7-20)
Beatton River Park	.....(MU 7-33)
Bocock Peak Park	.....(MU 7-31)
Butler Ridge Park	.....(MU 7-35)
Dall River Old Growth Park(MU 7-52)
Denetiah Corridor Protected Area(MU 7-51)
Denetiah Park(MU 7-52)
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Dune Za Keyih Park(MU 7-51, 7-52)
Ekwan Lake Protected Area(MU 7-56)
Goguka Creek Protected Area(MU 7-48)
Graham-Laurier Park	.....(MUs 7-36, 7-43)

- Gwillim Lake Park – that portion which does not drain into Gwillim Lake only**(MUs 7-21, 7-22)
- Hay River Protected Area** ... (MU 7-56)
- Hole-in-the-Wall Park** (MU 7-22)
- Horneline Creek Park** (MU 7-51)
- Jackpine Remnant Protected Area** (MU 7-55)
- Kakwa Park**
See Map G20 (MU 7-18, 7-19)
- Kakwa Recreation Area**
See Map G20 (MU 7-18, 7-19)
- Kiskatinaw River Protected Area** (MU 7-33)
- Klin-se-za Protected Area** ... (MU 7-31)
- Klua Lakes Protected Area** ... (MU 7-48)
- Kotcho Lake Village Site Park** (MU 7-56)
- Kwadacha Wilderness Park** (MU 7-41, 7-42, 7-50).
- Liard River Corridor Protected Area** (MUs 7-49, 7-53, 7-54)
- Liard River Corridor Park** (MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Liard River West Corridor Park** (MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Maxhamish Lake Protected Area** (MU 7-55)
- Milligan Hills Park** (MUs 7-46, 7-47)
- Muncho Lake Park See Map G44** (MUs 7-51, 7-54)

- Northern Rocky Mountains Park** (MUs 7-42, 7-50, 7-51)
- Northern Rocky Mountains Protected Area** (MUs 7-50)
- Peace River Corridor Park** .. (MU 7-33)
- Pine Le Moray Park** (MU 7-22)
- Pine River Breaks Park** (MU 7-21)
- Pink Mountain Park** (MU 7-58)
- Portage Brule Rapids Protected Area** (MU 7-53)
- Prophet River Hotsprings Park** (MU 7-42)
- Redfern-Keily Park** (MU 7-42)
- Scatter River Old Growth Park** (MUs 7-53, 7-54)
- Sikanni Chief Canyon Protected Area** (MUs 7-45, 7-47, 7-48)
- Sikanni Chief Falls Protected Area** (MUs 7-42, 7-57)
- Sikanni Old Growth Park** (MUs 7-47, 7-48)
- Smith River Falls – Fort Halkett Park** (MU 7-53)
- Stone Mountain Park** (MUs 7-50, 7-51, 7-54)
(see Notice to Hunters, page 79)
- Thinahtea South and North Protected Areas** (MU 7-55)
- Toad River Hot Springs Park** .. (MU 7-54)
- Wapiti Lake Park** (MU 7-19)

- ▶ Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.
- ▶ Horses are authorized for use in parks and protected areas within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, where no Letter of Permission is required.
- ▶ Horse use in parks and protected areas other than within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area requires a Letter of Permission from BC Parks issued prior to the trip.
- ▶ The use of exotics, such as llamas and ostriches, is prohibited in provincial parks and protected areas of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

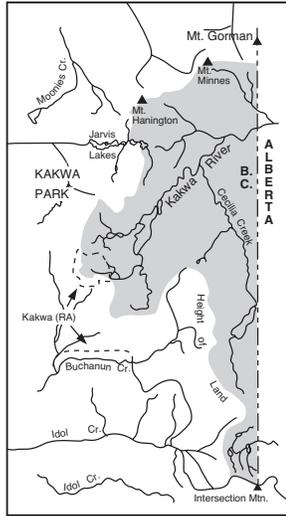


PEACE GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

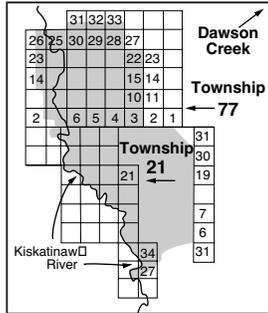
SPECIES ▼	MANAGEMENT UNITS ▼	CLASS ▼	SEASON DATES ▼	BAG LIMIT ▼
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-19, 7-36, 7-42, ★7-43A, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-57, 7-58	▲4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-20 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-35, ★7-43B to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	*7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	Antlerless	Oct 5 - Oct 10	1
	Bow Only Season 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	1
<i>Note bag limit of one mule deer buck in two years. Antlered mule deer taken must be compulsory inspected in Ft Nelson, Ft St. John, Pouce Coupe or Prince George. See Compulsory Reporting & Inspection section.</i>				
<i>* Restricted to private land (with permission of the landowner) and includes Crown Land within 400 m of private land.</i>				
<i>★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information.</i>				
<i>▲ See Definitions Section: Mule (Black-tailed Deer). The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19, 7-36, 7-42, ★7-43A, 7-48, 7-57, 7-58	▲4 Point Bucks	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-20 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-35, ★7-43B to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 20	1
	Bow Only Season 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 21	1
	<i>★ MU 7-43 has been split into Zone A and Zone B. See Map G37 for more information.</i>			
<i>▲ See Definitions Section: Mule (Black-tailed Deer). The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				
MOOSE	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-54, 7-57, 7-58	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-55, 7-56	Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 5	1
	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-55, 7-56	★Bulls	Sept 6 - Oct 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 16 - Oct 31	1
	Bow Only Season 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	★Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 15	1
<i>★ Open only for bull moose: (a) having no more than two points (tines) on one antler ("Spike-fork bull moose"), (b) having antlers with at least three points (tines) on one brow palm ("Tripalm bull moose") or (c) having at least one antler with a minimum of 10 points (tines), including the brow palm. See Definitions section: Moose. The antlers must accompany the species licence.</i>				

PEACE GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

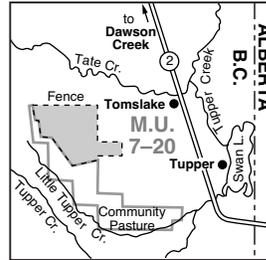
SPECIES ▼	MANAGEMENT UNITS ▼	CLASS ▼	SEASON DATES ▼	BAG LIMIT ▼
ELK	7-42, 7-57, 7-58	★6 Point Bulls	.Aug 15 - Oct 31	.1
	7-49, 7-50	★3 Point Bulls	.Aug 15 - Sept 9	.1
	7-49, 7-50	★6 Point Bulls	.Sept 10 - Oct 31	.1
	7-48, 7-51, 7-53, 7-54	★6 Point Bulls	.Sept 1 - Sept 10	.1
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-43 to 7-46	★6 Point Bulls	.Sept 1 - Oct 31	.1
	▲7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35	.Antlerless	.Oct 5 - Oct 10	.1
	▼7-50	.Antlerless	.Aug 20 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	▼7-50	★3 Point Bulls	.Sept 10 - Sept 30	.1
★ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
▲ Restricted to private land (with permission of the landowner) and includes Crown Land within 400 m of private land.				
▼ Portion of 7-50 only. See Map G40.				
BIGHORN MTN. SHEEP	7-19	.Full Curl Bighorn Rams	.Aug 15 - Sept 30	.1
See special area Map G20.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57	.Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	.Aug 1 - Oct 15	.1
See page 79 for information on regional bag limit. See special area maps.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	▲7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57		.Aug 25 - Oct 15	.1
▲ See special area maps G35, G43 to G45, G48, G49 inclusive. Mountain goats are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
CARIBOU	*7-50, *7-51, 7-52, 7-53, *7-54, 7-57	.Bulls	.Aug 20 - Aug 31	.1
	7-42, 7-50 to 7-54, 7-57	★5 Point Bulls	.Sept 1 - Sept 30	.1
Bow Only Season	7-58	★5 Point Bulls	.Sept 1 - Sept 30	.1
*Closed to the hunting of caribou within 1.6km of Highway 97 during the period Aug 20 to Aug 31.				
★ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting Section.				
BLACK BEAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Aug 15 - Nov 15	.2
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.2
See Bears section for more information.				
COUGAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Dec 1 to Feb 28/2006	.1
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company.				
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.3
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.3
▼No closed season below 1100 m elevation.				
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Sept 1 - Mar 31/2006	.NBL
▼No closed season below 1100 m elevation.				
WOLVERINE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-47 to 7-58		.Oct 15 - Jan 15/2006	.1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Nov 15 - Feb 15/2006	.1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)
BLUE GROUSE	7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43,		.Sept 1 - Nov 15	.10 (30)
	7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58			
SPRUCE (FRANKLIN) and RUFFED GROUSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Sept 1 - Nov 15	.10 (30)
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	7-20 to 7-22, 7-32 to 7-35,		.Sept 1 - Nov 15	.3 (9)
	7-44 to 7-49, 7-52 to 7-56, 7-58			
PTARMIGAN	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31,		.Aug 15 - Feb 28/2006	.10 (30)
	7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-55, 7-57			
RAVEN	▲7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		.No Closed Season	.5
▲ Restricted to private land (with permission of the landowner)				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.10 (20)
See Map G32				
DUCKS	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.8 (16)
See Map G32. Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.				
CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, and ROSS'S GEESE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		.Sept 1 - Nov 30	.5 (10)
See Map G32. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.				



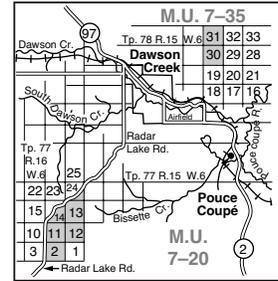
Map G20 Kakwa Park and Recreation Area (situated in MU 7-19). No Hunting Area.



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

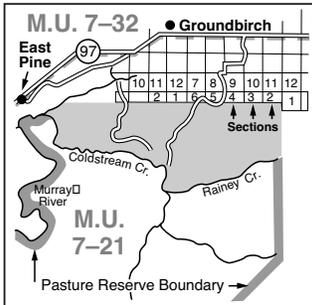


Map G22 One Island Restricted Firearms Area (situated in MU 7-20). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.

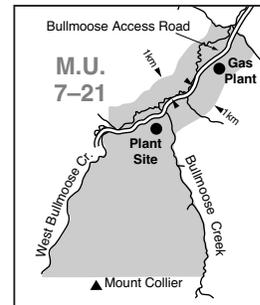


Map G23 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration Areas (situated in MUs 7-20, 7-33). The discharge of firearms is prohibited between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

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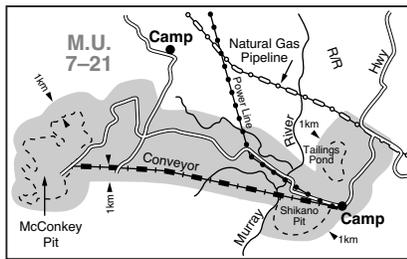


Map G24 Groundbirch Restricted Firearms Area (situated in MU 7-21). Shotguns with shot only from June 1 to Oct 31.

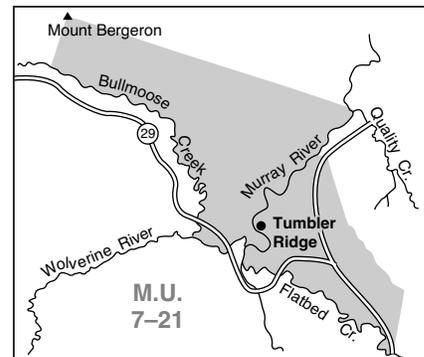


Map G25 Bullmoose Mine No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-21).

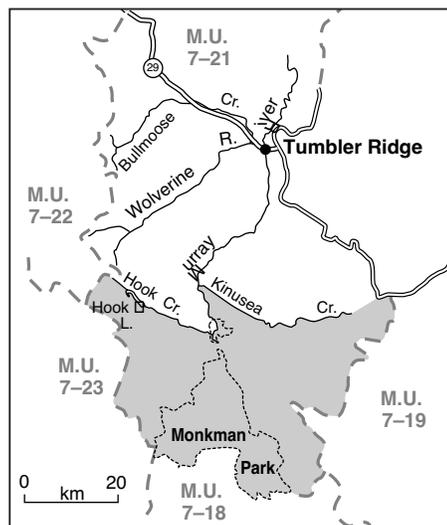
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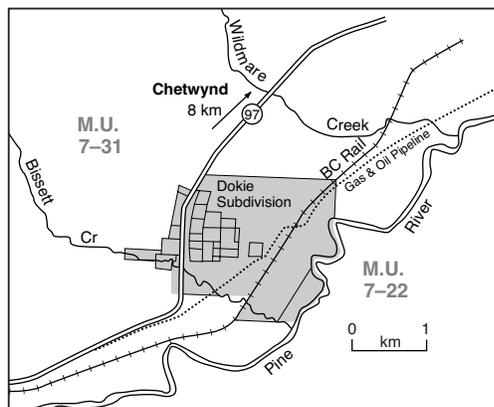
Map G26 Quintette Coal No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-21).



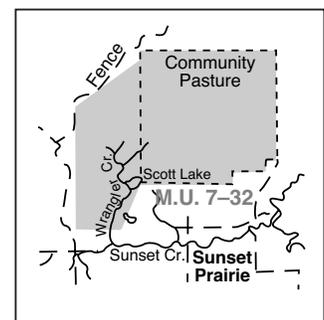
Map G27 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-21).



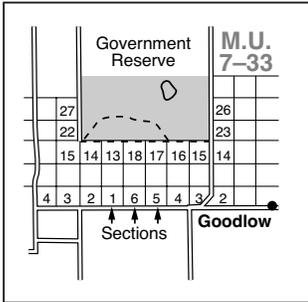
Map G28 Southeast MU 7-21 Vehicle Elevation Closure (situated in MU 7-21).



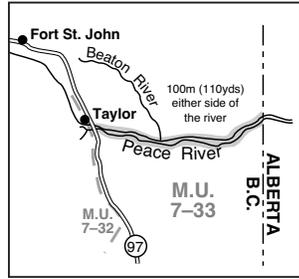
Map G29 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-22 and 7-31).



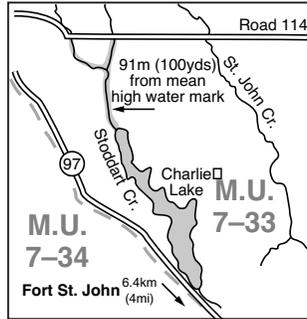
Map G30 Sunset Prairie Restricted Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-32). From June 1 to Oct 31 hunting is prohibited.



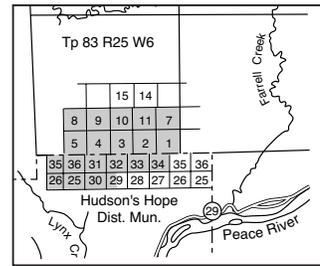
Map G31 Goodlow Restricted Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-33). From June 1 to Oct 15 hunting is prohibited.



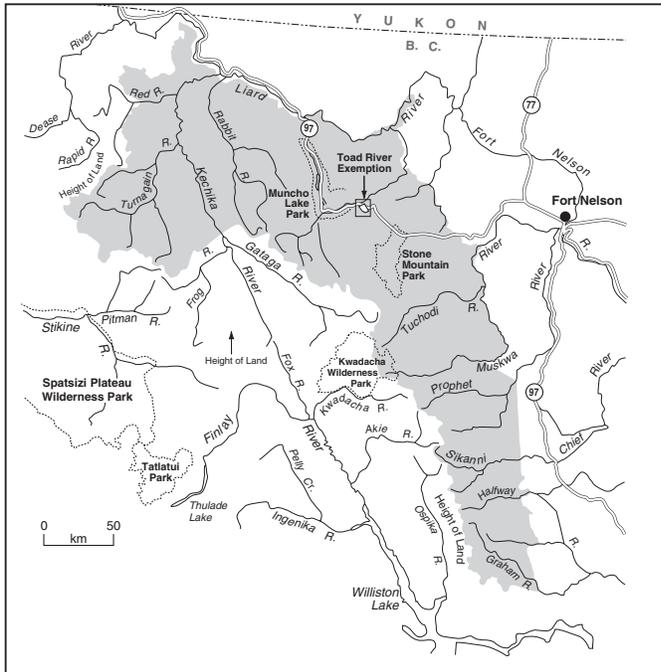
Map G32 Peace River Duck, Coot, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose and Wilson's Snipe and Ross's Goose Closed Area (situated in MU 7-33).



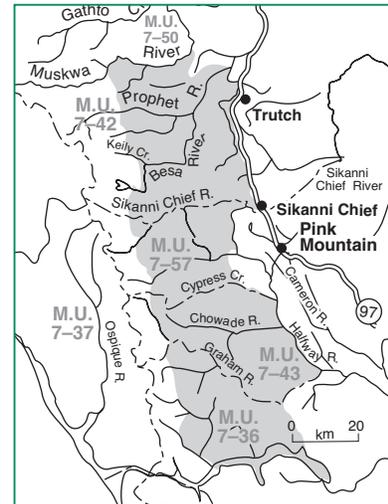
Map G33 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-33).



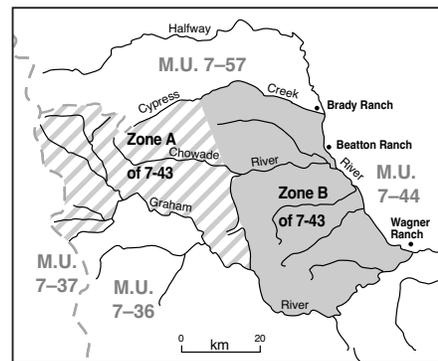
Map G34 Farrell Creek Restricted Firearms Area (situated in MU 7-35). Shotguns with Shot Only from June 1 to Oct 15.



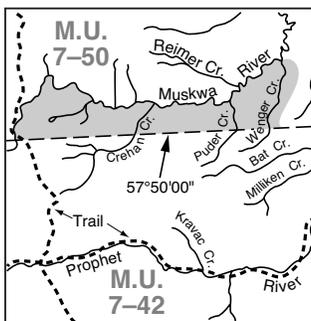
Map G36 Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (situated in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57) and Klingzut Mountain Motor Vehicle closed area (situated in MU 7-42). Maps showing boundaries and motor vehicle routes within the Muskwa-Kechika AMA can be viewed in the MWLAP and Ministry of Forests offices in Fort Nelson, the MWLAP office in Fort St John [(250) 787-3225], and <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/lrmp/mk/index.htm>. Larger scale maps can be purchased from McElhanney Associates in Fort St. John [(250) 787-0356].



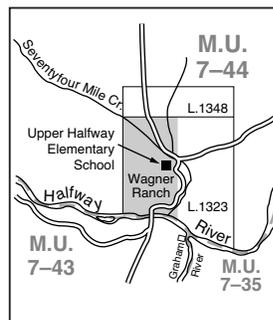
Map G35 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 and 7-57).



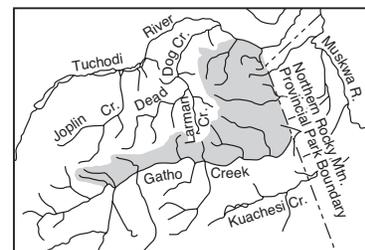
Map G37 MU 7-43 Mule & White-tailed Deer Special Area. Zone A open season is Oct 10 to Oct 31. Zone B open season is Nov 1 to Nov 20.



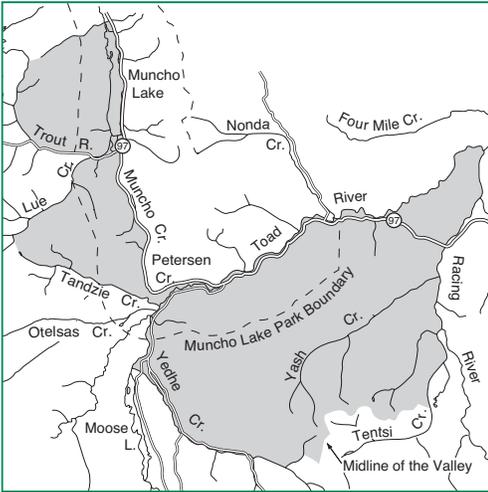
Map G38 Muskwa Flats Special Elk Area (situated in MU 7-42). The open season for hunting three-point elk is from Aug 15 to Sept 9 and six-point elk from Sept 10 to Oct 31: Bag limit = 1



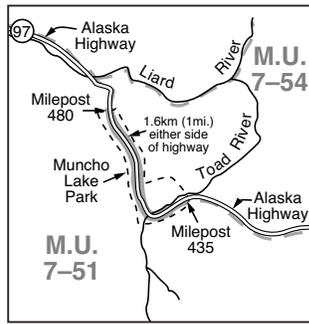
Map G39 Upper Halfway No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-44).



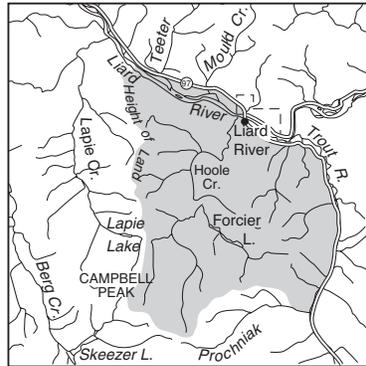
Map G40 Childers Antlerless and Archery Bull Elk Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-50).



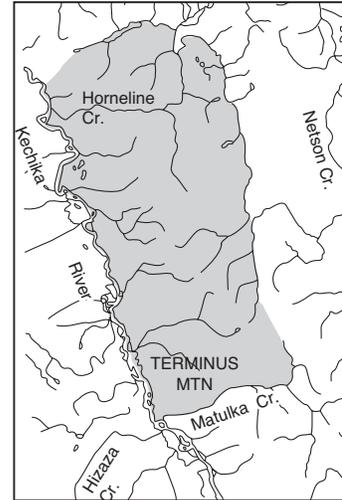
Map G43 Toad River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-51, 7-54) Note: this closed area is an amalgamation of three former Mountain Goat Closed Areas (namely Map G43 Yash-Yedhe; Map G46 Muncho Lake and Map G47 Peterson Mtn). Additional area has been closed to facilitate amalgamation and to protect a portion of MU 7-54.



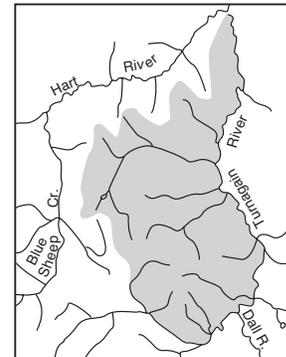
Map G44 Muncho Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-51, 7-54).



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



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



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



THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE 1905 - 2005

July 1, 2005 marks the 100th Anniversary of the appointment of the first **Provincial Game and Forest Warden**, Arthur Bryan Williams. For the first few years he had no budget and his staff consisted only of volunteer Deputies. By 1918 there were thirty-three paid Deputies with many more honorary Deputies located around the Province.

In 1918 the Provincial Police assumed administration of the **Game Act**, while an appointed Game Commission made decisions on seasons and regulations. Mr. Williams and all but three of the former deputies were discharged.

On June 1, 1929, the BC Game Department was re-established, again headed by A. Bryan Williams as Game Commissioner. Forty-five members of the Provincial Police formed the nucleus of the Game Department, while several of the former Deputy Game Wardens were re-hired.

In 1934, a new Game Commission, made up of A.G. Bolton, James Cunningham and Frank Butler, replaced Williams. When the Game Department became the Fish and Game Branch of the Department of Recreation

and Conservation in 1957, Mr. Butler became its Director. Game Wardens were renamed Conservation Officers in 1961.

Charles E. Estlin was appointed as the first Chief Conservation Officer in 1962 and the Fish and Game Branch became the Fish and Wildlife Branch in 1966.

In 1980, Conservation Officers formed their own branch within the new Ministry of Environment, separate from Fish and Wildlife. This branch became the field enforcement and public safety arm of the Ministry.

In 2002 the Conservation Officer Service and the position of Chief Conservation Officer, who has complete supervision over the Service, were officially created in legislation. Conservation Officers now wear their own unique uniform, have their own coat of arms and operate distinctively marked patrol vehicles. There are currently just over 120 COs within the Service in 44 locations province-wide.

For more information on the history of the Conservation Officer Service, please go to <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/eeeb/index.htm>



Game Wardens Neil Cameron and Len Washburn in Fernie, 1932



REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS

*British Columbia's fish, wildlife and natural environment are the common property of the people of the province.
Everyone who uses or enjoys the outdoors has a responsibility to protect and maintain it.*

The Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection has established a partnership with the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre

Available 24/7

Use This Number to Report:

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

Wildlife/Human Conflicts where public safety is at risk.

Starting in 2005, look for this sign along highways and forestry roads in British Columbia

R. A. P. P.
Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer Service
(24 Hrs.)
1-877-952-7277

What you can do:

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

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) operates in cooperation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation. The B.C.W.F. pays rewards up to \$2000 for information leading to charges being laid against persons doing wanton damage to wildlife, wildlife or fish habitat or the property of companies or individuals who allow hunters and anglers access to property they control.

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THE AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANE TRAPPING STANDARDS

On June 1, 1999, the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS, or the "Agreement") came into effect. Signed by the Government of Canada, the European Community, and the Government of the Russian Federation, the Agreement serves to protect Canada's access to the European fur market (around 70% of Canadian wild furs are sold there) and thus protects the wild fur industry in Canada.

The AIHTS sets performance thresholds on traps for specific species. Those traps that meet the performance thresholds are then eligible for certification. To comply with the Agreement by 2007, BC will make the necessary regulatory changes to ensure that only certified traps will be used for those species listed in the AIHTS.

What does the Agreement mean for British Columbia's trappers?

The Agreement applies to most furbearers trapped in BC, including beaver; bobcat, coyote, ermine, fisher; lynx, marten, muskrat, otter; raccoon and wolf.

For the 2007/2008 trapping season and beyond, a person trapping any of the above species:

1. for wildlife management purposes, including wildlife conflict control;
2. to obtain furs, skins or meat;
3. for conservation purposes;

will be required, by law, to use only species-specific traps that have been certified under the Agreement. This includes both killing and restraining traps.

If no certified trap is available for a given species after June 2007, current trap types and/or models will be allowed for the given species until a reasonable number of traps have been certified through the aforementioned process.

Since 1999, the Province of British Columbia has been moving towards meeting its obligations under the Agreement. The implementation of the Agreement will allow trappers to continue to market their furs internationally, and will assure Canada continues to play a leading role in the research, development and implementation of humane trapping methods to effectively manage our fur resource.

For more information on the Agreement and to see an updated list of traps currently meeting the standards of the Agreement, please visit the Fur Institute of Canada's web site at www.fur.ca or contact the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection at 250-387-6965.

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For trapping information,
please see Pages 92 - 96

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

Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres

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

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

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

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

- Grand Forks: (250) 442-4350
- Kelowna: (250) 861-7670
- Penticton: (250) 490-8203
- Princeton: (250) 295-6343
- Vernon: (250) 558-1776

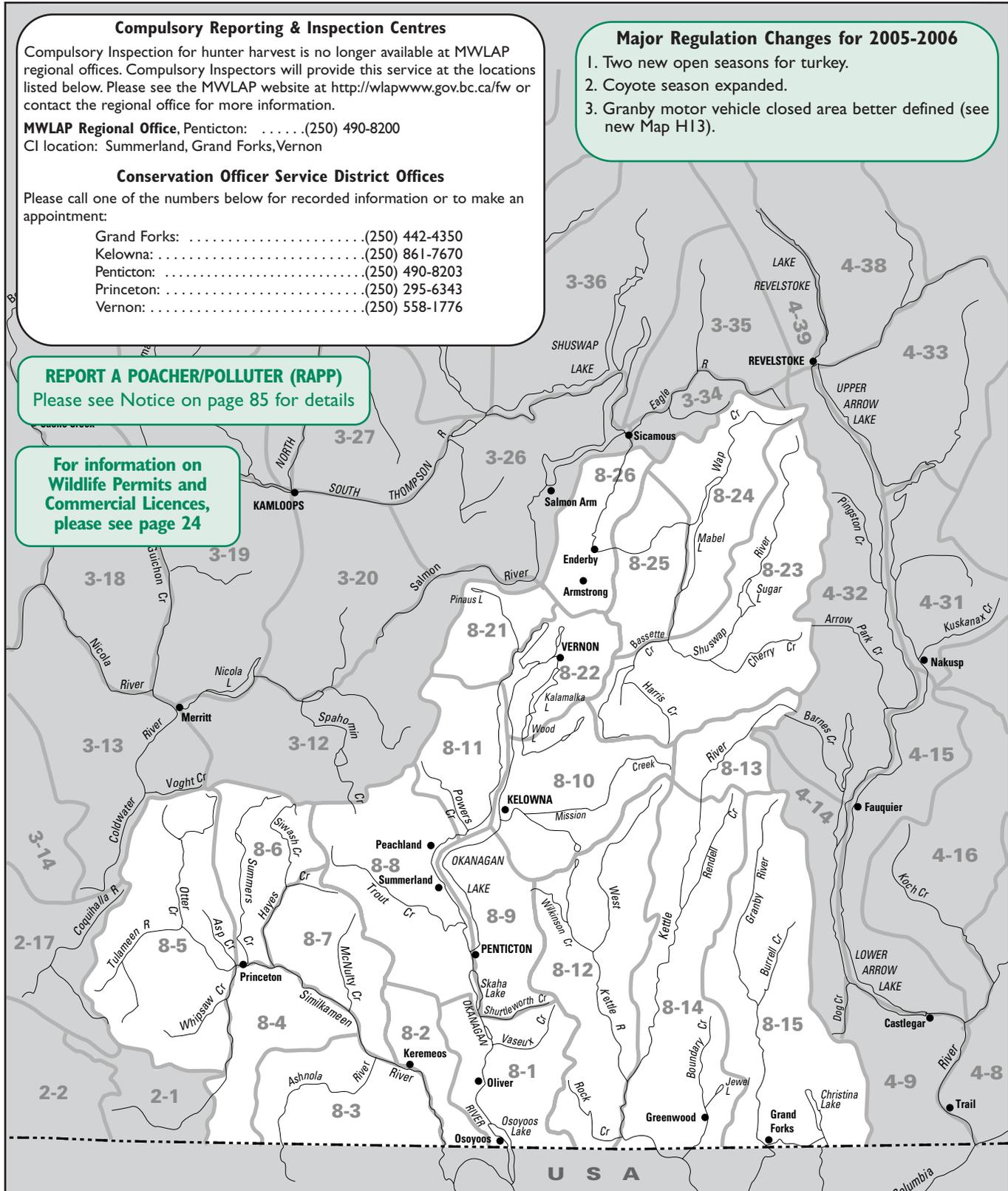
Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. Two new open seasons for turkey.
2. Coyote season expanded.
3. Granby motor vehicle closed area better defined (see new Map H13).

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)

Please see Notice on page 85 for details

For information on
 Wildlife Permits and
 Commercial Licences,
 please see page 24



BAG LIMITS

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

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

▶ **Turkey:** The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2. Only 1 turkey may be taken during each open season.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

▶ Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters - but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.

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

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

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

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

▶ The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in that portion of MU 8-9 east of Skaha Lake described as Lot A & Lot B of Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 27801, SDYD, & Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 1189, SDYD.

▶ The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in the Granby motor vehicle restricted area in MUs 8-14 & 8-15. Snowmobiles are allowed during the period Nov 1 to May 31. **The area is closed 600 m north of the 5 km mark of Burrell-Young Lake FSR, 300 m north of 2 km mark on Arrow Neck FSR, east of the 22 km mark of Grano FSR, east of the 8 km mark on Arthurs Rd, and 500 m east of the 10 km mark on the Goatskin-Rendall FSR. See new Map H13.**

▶ The operation of all motor vehicles for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in the Garnet Fire motor vehicle restricted area in MU 8-09. See Map H9.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

▶ In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all elk taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Inspected within 30 days of the date of kill and all moose taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Reported within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 21 for requirements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

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

▶ No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 13. Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Hwy 97C are No Shooting and No Hunting Closures.

PROVINCIAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND PROTECTED AREAS

▶ Please refer to Site and Access Restrictions section for more information.

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

Cathedral Protected Area(MU 8-3)
Cathedral Park(MU 8-3)

is open to the discharge of firearms from August 25 to April 15. The core area of Cathedral Park is closed to the discharge of firearms. Only when authorized by a Park Officer hunters are permitted to carry unloaded firearms or bows only when in transit to an open area outside the Core Area.

Darke Lake Park(MU 8-8)
Eneas Lake Park(MU 8-8)
Fintry Protected Area(MU 8-11)
Gladstone Park(MU 8-15)
Granby Park(MU 8-15)
Graystokes Park

.....(MUs 8-10, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-23)
Keremeos Columns Park(MU 8-2)
Nickel Plate Park(MU 8-7)
Okanagan Mountain Park(MU 8-9)
Silver Star Park(MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26)
 See Map H18 No Hunting Area.

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

Anarchist Protected Area(MU 8-1)

Brent Mountain Protected Area ... (MU 8-8)
Browne Lake Park(MU 8-10)
Cascade Recreation Area ... (MUs 8-5, 2-17)
Enderby Cliffs Protected Area ... (MU 8-26)
Greenbush Lake Protected Area (MU 8-23)
Kalamalka Lake Protected Area ..(MU 8-22)
Kingfisher Creek Park(MU 8-25)
Monashee Park addition only
 See Map H19(MU 8-23)
Mount Griffin Park (MUs 8-24, 3-34)
Myra-Bellevue Protected Area
(MUs 8-10)
Myra-Bellevue Park (MUs 8-10, 8-12)
Shuswap River Islands Park (MU 8-25)
Skookumchuck Rapids Park (MU 8-25)
Snowy Protected Area(MU 8-3)
South Okanagan Grasslands Protected Area
(MU 8-1)
Trepanier Park(MUs 8-8, 3-12)
Upper Violet Creek Park ... (MUs 8-26, 3-26)
Vaseux Protected Area(MU 8-1)
White Lake Grasslands Protected Area
(MU 8-1)
Wrinkly Face Park(MU 8-10)
 ▶ Parks and Recreation Areas not listed above are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

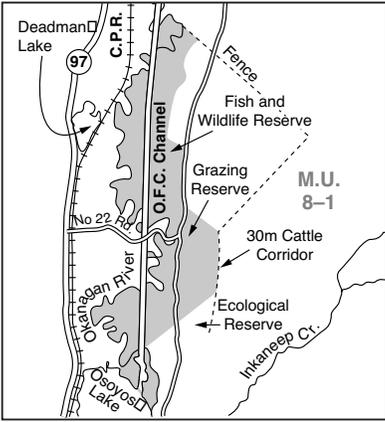


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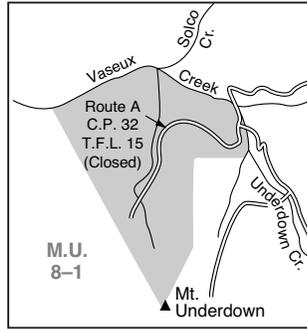
If the season during which you want to hunt takes place within a provincial park, certain park regulations may apply (specifically with regards to access). Please contact the BC Parks office in the area in which you want to hunt to determine if any special conditions apply.

OKANAGAN GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

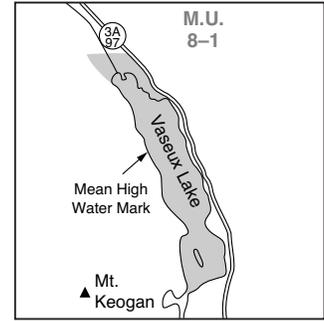
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	.1	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 20	.1	
	8-12 to 8-15	★4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Oct 31	.1	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Oct 21 - Nov 10	.1	
	Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21, 8-22, 8-24 to 8-26	Bucks	Nov 25 - Dec 10	.1	
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-3 to 8-7	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 15	.1	
	8-1, 8-2, 8-8 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 to Nov 24	.1	
	Youth Season*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 to Sept 9	.1
	Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	.1
	Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 25 - Dec 10	.2 (1)
*This season is open to hunters under the age of 19 only.					
MOOSE	8-1 to *8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	.1	
*Granby Park (MU 8-15) and Gladstone Park (MU 8-15, 4-14) are closed to moose hunting. See special area maps.					
★See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence.					
Successful hunters who kill a bull moose in Region 8 are required to submit a Compulsory Report. See Compulsory Reporting & Inspection section.					
ELK	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	.1	
	8-4 to 8-7	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 25 - Oct 20	.1	
▲See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence. Elk taken must be Compulsory Inspected. See Compulsory Reporting and Inspection section.					
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	.2	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2006 - June 15/2006	.2	
	*8-1 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Aug 31	.2	
The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31). *Hunting is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners.					
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	.NBL	
COYOTE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - June 30/2006	.NBL	
LYNX and BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28/2006	.1 (of each)	
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28/2006	.2	
	8-1 to 8-26		Mar 1/2006 - Mar 31/2006	.2	
Hunters may not hunt a spotted cougar or any cougar in its company. Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season are reminded that they must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to capture or kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.					
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Mar 31/2006	.10 (daily)	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1/2006 - Apr 30/2006	.10 (daily)	
MOURNING DOVE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	.5 (10)	
GROUSE BLUE, RUFFED, and SPRUCE (FRANKLIN)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 (15)	
	Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Dec 1 - Dec 10	.5 (15)	
For Blue, Spruce (Franklin's) and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.					
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-9		Oct 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)	
GRAY (HUNGARIAN) PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-10, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	.3 (9)	
PHEASANT	8-1 to 8-3, 8-8 to 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	.2 (6)	
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-4, 8-7 to 8-11, 8-15, 8-21, 8-22, 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	.10 (30)	
TURKEY	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Bearded	Apr 15/2006 - May 15/2006	.1 ▼	
	8-1, 8-9	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Nov 30	.1 ▼	
▼The aggregate regional bag limit is 2 and only one turkey may be taken during each open season.					
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	.10 (20)	
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	.8 (16)	
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see pages 16 & 17.					
WHITE FRONTED GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	.5 (10)	
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.					
CANADA GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Nov 28	.5 (10)	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 20 - Jan 5/2006	.5 (10)	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Feb 21/2006 - Mar 10/2006	.5 (10)	
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.					
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)					
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 3 - Sept 4	.8 (16)	
WHITE FRONTED GEESE, CANADA GEESE, SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 3 - Sept 4	.5 (10)	



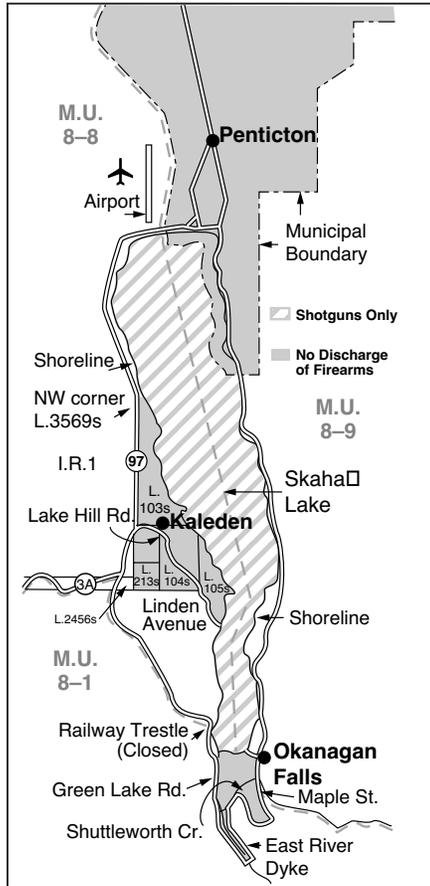
Map H1 Osoyoos Oxbows Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 8-1). The operation of motor vehicles is restricted to established roadways. Hunting and the discharge of firearms are prohibited from Mar 1 to Sept 30 throughout the restricted area including the roadways.



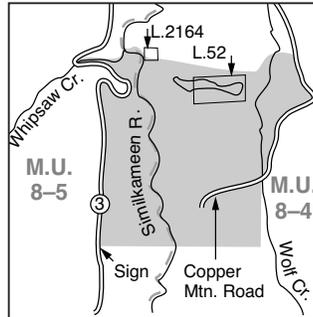
Map H2 Underdown Creek Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 8-1). Closed year-round to the operation of all motor vehicles.



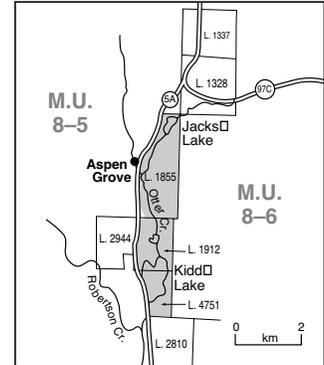
Map H3 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situated in MU 8-1).



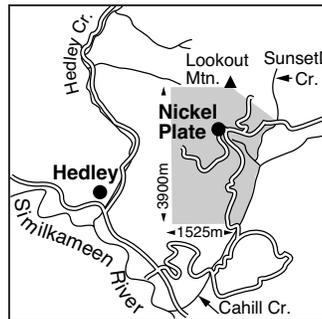
Map H4 Kaleden, Pentiction and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



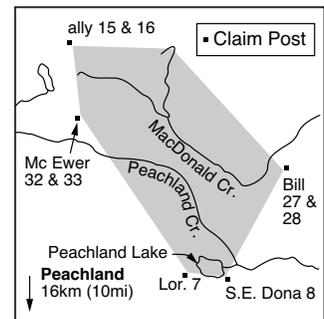
Map H5 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 8-4, 8-5).



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

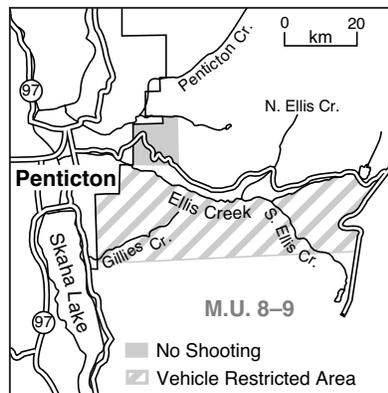


Map H7 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (situated in MU 8-7).

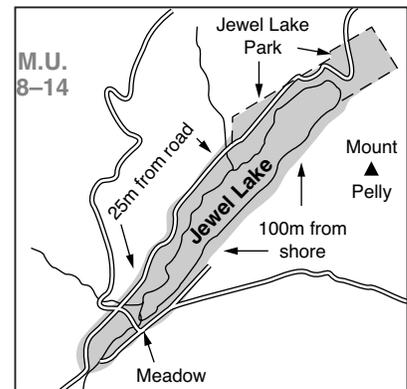


Map H8 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (situated in MU 8-8).

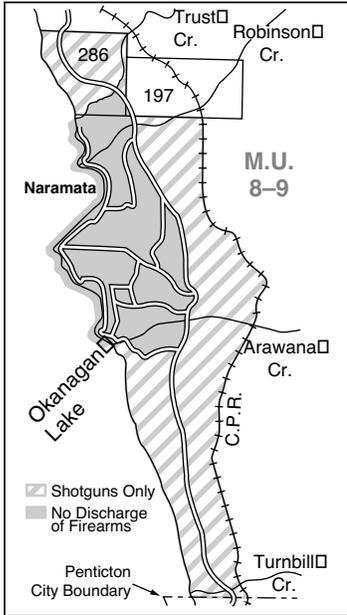
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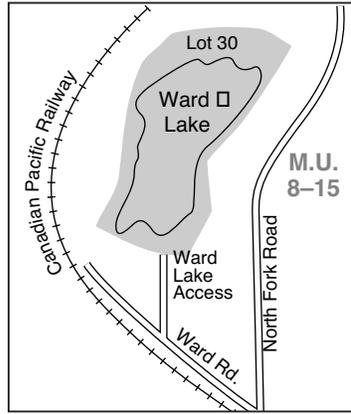
Map H9 Garnet Fire Vehicle Restricted Area and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (situated in MU 8-9).



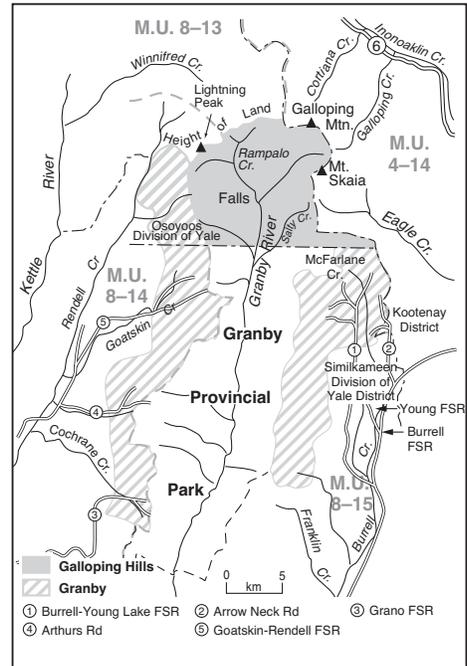
Map H10 Jewel Lake No Shooting and No Hunting Area (situated in MU 8-14).



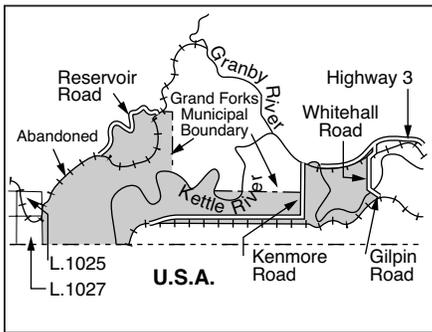
Map H11 Naramata No Shooting Area and Shotguns with Shot Only Area (situated in MU 8-9).



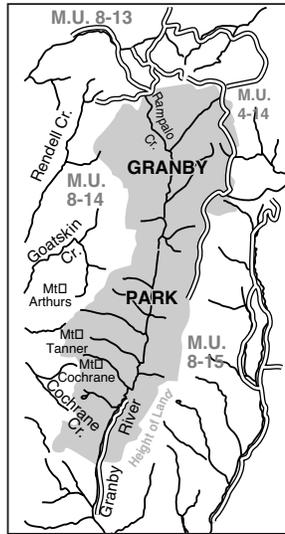
Map H12 Ward Lake No Hunting, No Shooting and No Trapping Area (situated in MU 8-15).



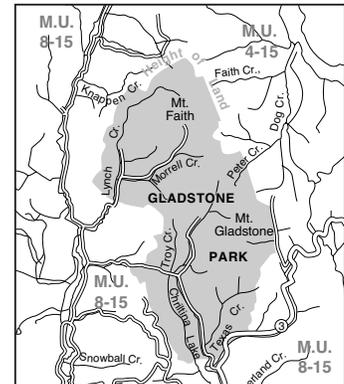
Map H13 Galloping Hills Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MU 8-15) and Granby Vehicle Restricted Area (situated in MUs 8-14 & 8-15).



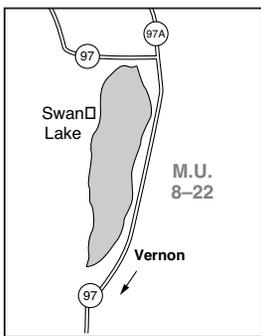
Map H14 Grand Forks Shotgun Only Area (situated in MU 8-15).



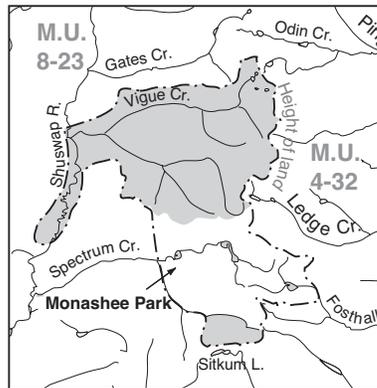
Map H15 Granby Park Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 8-15).



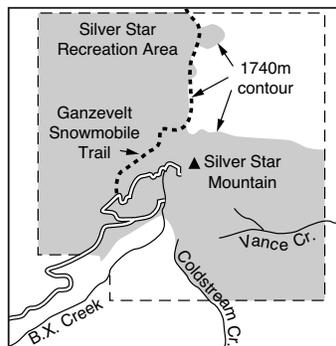
Map H16 Gladstone Park Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 8-15).



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



Map H19 Monashee Park addition (situated in MU 8-23).



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

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TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Major Regulation Changes for 2005-2006

1. New fisher trapping seasons.
2. New restriction on pre-baiting for wolf and coyote in MU 4-1.
3. Trappers may pick up road kill under certain conditions.
4. Note the 2005-2006 Schedule of Royalties.
5. New articles "Bait Stations & Snare-set Recommendations" (p. 96) and "Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards" (p. 86).

BC'S FUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

▶ In British Columbia, some 3,500 trappers actively manage 17 furbearing animal species, following standards, legislation and regulations developed by MWLAP. About half of the province's trappers are Aboriginal.

- ▶ The Fur Management Program includes:
 - The BC Trappers Association's (BCTA) Continuing Trapper Education Program courses for new and experienced trappers.
 - The "Furbearer Management Guidelines" available for muskrat, beaver, mink, marten, fisher, weasel, wolverine, otter, bobcat, lynx, fox, coyote, and wolf. These guidelines outline the role that trappers can play in the wise management of these species. The guidelines can be found on the FWRA branch website at: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw>

Regulating Harvest

▶ In general, appropriate trapping seasons have been developed by considering a variety of criteria including pelt primeness, relative vulnerability of age and sex classes to harvesting, abundance and capture technology.

▶ The registered trapline system continues to be the primary system for setting harvest guidelines and managing furbearing animals. Harvest levels are guided by species management strategies, with furbearers being divided into three classes:

Class 1 Species - can be managed on individual traplines. This class includes beaver, fox, marten, mink, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, squirrel and weasel.

Class 2 Species - move between and among traplines and thus are not manageable on individual traplines. Harvests will be regulated regionally, in consultation with local trappers. This class includes lynx, bobcat, wolverine, fisher and otter.

Class 3 Species - also move between and among traplines, but generally are not vulnerable to over-trapping. This class includes the wolf and coyote. Trappers will be encouraged to trap these species, especially in areas of chronic animal damage control problems.

DEFINITIONS

egg trap - means a holding device set in a manner to capture a raccoon by a front paw.

foot snare - means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the foot or leg.

furbearing animal or furbearer - means any fox, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, skunk, squirrel (excluding ground squirrels), weasel, wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

killing snare - means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

killing trap - means a trap or trapset that is designed to kill an animal.

leghold trap - means a trap or device, other than a snare, which is set in such a way as to capture the animal for which it is set by the leg or foot.

modified leghold trap - means a trap which has a minimum space of 5 mm between the jaws of the trap when in the closed position, or has manufactured pads of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws, or has lamination of the trap jaws to increase the surface area of the jaw face.

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

GENERAL REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

Checking Traps

▶ A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on a trapline at least once every 72 hours, the egg trap(s) he or she has set for raccoons at least once every 24 hours, and killing traps or killing snares that he or she has set on the trapline at least once every 14 days.

▶ A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless that person examines the holding or non-killing traps he or she has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.

▶ It is an offence to trap a furbearing animal, and if the animal is alive when the trap is checked, fail to immediately release or kill the animal.

▶ Except as authorised by regulation, it is an offence to trap a furbearing animal, and if the animal is alive, to transport it to another area and release it without a permit.

Trapping Near A Dwelling Or On Private Property

▶ It is an offence to trap within 200 m of a dwelling, unless you use:

If trapping on land, a live box trap or egg trap, or

If trapping on or in water;

- a Conibear trap not larger than size #330 or equivalent, or
- leghold traps not larger than size #2, or
- submarine traps.

▶ It is an offence to trap on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner.

Use of Firearms

▶ It is an offence to trap wildlife using a firearm from one hour after sunset on any day until one hour before sunrise on the day following, unless using a firearm to kill a furbearing animal caught in a trap on a registered trapline.

Removal of Edible Portions and Hide

▶ It is an offence to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, cougar or a furbearing animal other than a black bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions of the four quarters and loins to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the edible portions if that person transfers possession of the wildlife

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to a recipient who complies with the requirement. Edible portions do not include meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking. Of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear, the hide must be removed to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter; the owner or operator of a cold storage plant or to a taxidermist, tanner or a fur trader. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the hide if that person transfers possession of the wildlife to another person who complies with the requirement.

Use of Road-Kill Wildlife

▶ Trappers may pick up and transport any dead mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose, black bear, or any wildlife listed in Schedules B or C (see the "What is Wildlife?" section for current schedules) if:

(a) the wildlife is dead as a result of colliding with a motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle operated by the trapper;

(b) the meat of the wildlife is unfit for human consumption;

(c) the carcass of the wildlife is to be used only

(i) by the trapper, and

(ii) as bait for traps set under the authority of the trapper's licence or licence exemption; and

(d) at the time of possession and transportation, the trapper has, on his or her person, the trapper's current trapping licence or proof of the trapper's licence exemption.

▶ Trappers who pick up road-kill wildlife for use as bait must, within 30 days of picking up the road kill, complete a "Trapper Road Kill Possession Report Form" (available at any regional office, Government Agents office, or on the ministry website at: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/fw/index.html>) and submit it to the address shown on the form.

▶ Trappers must retain a copy of every completed Trapper Road Kill Possession Report Form for at least 2 years after the date of pick up of the road kill described on the form.

▶ For more information on this regulation, please contact the FWRA Branch at 250-387-6965.

Collared, Implanted or Ear-tagged Furbearing Animals

▶ Several furbearing animal research projects are under way within the province. Please report the harvest of any collared, implanted or ear-tagged animal and return

collars or implants to the nearest MWLAP regional office. Radio collars and implants are property of the Crown and must be returned.

Trapline Cabins

▶ Trappers must register their trapline cabins that are on Crown Land. Cabin applications may take six months or more to process. Contact the MWLAP Regional Office in the area of the trapline for more information. See below for more information on trapline cabins in parks.

Ecological Reserves, Provincial Parks, & Recreation Areas

▶ Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.

▶ Registered trapline tenure within Provincial Parks is subject to the provisions of the *Park Act* and its regulations. Trappers are required to obtain a Park or Resource Use Permit to trap that part of their trapline occurring within a Provincial Park or Recreation Area. This permit can be obtained from the Permit & Authorization Service Bureau (see page 24).

Trapline cabins in Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas also require authorization by a Park Use or a Resource Use Permit.

TRAPLINE REGISTRATION, USE & RELINQUISHMENT

▶ It is an offence to set a trap for, hunt, kill, take or capture a furbearing animal in any area of the province unless you are the registered holder of the trapline for that area or are authorized by regulation or permit.

▶ Registration of a trapline on Crown Land may only be granted to a person 19 years of age or older who is a citizen of Canada or has the status of a permanent resident of Canada.

▶ No more than one trapline shall be registered to a person unless traplines are adjoining, and a fur management plan is approved by the Regional Manager.

▶ Registration of a trapline does not:

- give the holder of a trapline any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
- restrict the rights of another person to hunt or capture wildlife where authorized by regulation or permit.

▶ The boundaries of a trapline are defined by the MWLAP Regional Manager.

▶ The relinquishment or transfer of a trapline must be approved by the Regional Manager.

▶ No person shall continue to hold a registered trapline unless he or she:

- carries on active trapping on his or her registered trapline to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager; or

- obtains permission from the Regional Manager to temporarily discontinue the use of his or her registered trapline for a period not exceeding two years, or
- uses or causes the use of his or her trapline by a licenced trapper or a person exempted from holding a licence.

▶ A person fails to use a trapline where, within a year, that person fails to take from the trapline furbearing animals of a value of \$200, or 50 pelts, except where it is unreasonable for that value of animals or number of pelts to be taken from the trapline.

▶ The Province reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown Land, whether or not the Crown Land in question is under a trapline registration.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND INFORMATION

▶ The Assigned Trapper Number (ATN) is required by the Fur Trader when accepting, exporting and selling fur. It is also required when paying fur royalties. Please remember to write your ATN on a slip of paper or letter when shipping your fur to a fur trader. This will prevent delays in getting your furs to market and cash returns to you. Fur traders cannot ship or sell fur without recording your ATN.

▶ You are reminded that, under Sections 247 and 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada, it is an offence for anyone to wilfully cause, or permit to be caused, unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or injury to a person.

▶ 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.

▶ A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully-set trap commits an offence.

▶ It is an offence to have live wildlife in your personal possession except under a licence or permit or as provided by regulation. A trapping licence does NOT authorize the possession of live wildlife.

▶ Any raw fur or skin of a furbearing animal shipped out of the Province for commercial purposes must be accompanied by a Fur Royalty Export Permit.

▶ **When trapping in areas near recreational areas or communities, trappers should evaluate whether lethal traps are necessary at the site. It is important to remember that the landscape is utilized by a number of different user groups and that the safety of non-target species is vital to good trapline management. Warning signs should be used to inform people of trapping activities.**

COMPULSORY REPORTING & INSPECTION

▶ In order to better record the harvest of furbearing animals, the FWRA Branch requires that certain species be reported or submitted to a MWLAP office. The information gathered is critical to the management of these populations, and trapper compliance is needed to ensure that seasons are properly set. Please review the following requirements and keep accurate records pertaining to them.

Compulsory Reporting

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

- **fisher in all MUs when trapped in a fisher open season;**
- wolverine in regions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7;
- lynx in region 4 and 8;
- bobcat in MU's 1-14 and 1-15, and in regions 2, 4, and 8; and
- wolf in regions 1 and 4.

▶ Compulsory reporting forms are available at any MWLAP regional office and the MWLAP website. Reporting may be done by mail (to the address on the form), phone or in person. When reporting, please give the following information:

- name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top right corner of licence),
- location and date of kill,
- type of trap and set used,
- number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed, and
- the sex and age class of the animal.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & INCIDENTAL (ACCIDENTAL) TRAPPING

▶ Furbearers that are killed incidentally in areas with no open season must be compulsory inspected. Trappers must submit, within 15 days following the end of the trapping season, the carcass and pelt of:

- wolverine in regions 1, 2, and 8;
- **fisher in all MUs when trapped outside a fisher open season;**
- weasel in region 1 and MU's 6-12 and 6-13, and a long-tailed weasel in MU's 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 and 2-19; and
- lynx in MU's 1-14 and 1-15 and region 2.

▶ Trappers must submit the entire carcass and pelt and provide the following information to the local MWLAP regional office:

- name, address and Assigned Trapper Number (top right corner of licence),

- location and date of kill,
- type of trap and set used, and
- number of days the trap was set before the animal was killed.

▶ Animals submitted can not be reclaimed by the trapper and may be donated by the Province to the Trapper Education Program.

LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES

▶ Applications for trapping licences are available at Government Agent offices, Permit & Authorization Service Bureau, or electronically from the MWLAP website: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/pasb/applications.htm>. (See Wildlife Permits & Commercial Licences article, page 24.)

▶ The fees payable for the issuance of the following licences are:

1. For a trapping licence issued to a citizen or permanent resident of Canada to trap furbearing animals (includes Habitat Conservation Trust Fund surcharge) \$40.00
2. For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her licence has been lost or destroyed (an affidavit is also required, for a fee of \$10.70) \$10.00
3. To transfer registered trapline rights to a person or group of persons . . . \$50.00
4. For a fur trader's licence \$100.00
5. For a fur trader to trade from a place of business in another province . . \$400.00

Note: Trapping licences shall be valid from the date of issuance to June 30, 2006.

FUR ROYALTY REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE

▶ Royalty must be paid by a person to keep the pelt or skin of a furbearing animal (not raised in captivity) lawfully taken under their TRAPPING licence, unless that person sells the pelt or skin to a licenced fur trader.

▶ Royalty fee payments may be submitted by mail or courier with cheque (payable to The Minister of Finance), money order or credit card to: Permit & Authorization Service Bureau, 2975 Jutland Rd, PO Box 9372 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M3 or by fax: 250-387-0922.

▶ If the pelt or skin of a furbearing animal was lawfully taken under a person's HUNTING licence, a royalty does not need to be paid, unless that person intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

SCHEDULE OF ROYALTIES

▶ Royalty per pelt or skin:

Beaver \$0.70	Muskrat . . . \$0.06
Black Bear . \$2.42	Otter \$4.96
Bobcat . . . \$4.47	Raccoon . . . \$0.44
Coyote . . . \$1.25	Skunk \$0.23
Fisher . . . \$1.15	Squirrel . . . \$0.04
Fox \$1.02	Weasel \$0.12
Lynx \$5.07	Wolf \$2.79
Marten . . . \$1.45	Wolverine . \$6.60
Mink \$0.52	

TRAPPER EDUCATION PROGRAM

▶ British Columbia is committed to regulating humane traps as they become available and ensuring that trappers are educated in the use of humane traps. All trappers have a responsibility to ensure they are trained and use the most humane traps available, that furbearing animals in their trapping areas are managed wisely, and pelts are handled professionally.

▶ It is an offence to trap unless you have completed a Trapper Education Program (TEP) approved by the Director of the FWRA Branch. Approved TEP courses include those obtained in British Columbia since July 1, 1982; from Quebec since July 1, 1988; and from the Yukon, Alberta and Ontario since July 1, 1989.

▶ In cooperation with MWLAP, the BC Trappers Association (BCTA) delivers TEP.

▶ TEP courses are 3 days in length.

▶ The cost of the TEP course is \$290.00.

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

▶ Instructors are located around the Province. The demand for TEP courses continues to be high and the delivery of a course is subject to instructor availability. Plan in advance!

▶ If you are interested in TEP, please contact: Marlene Sharpe, Provincial Trapper Education Coordinator 5- 595 Ongman Road, Prince George, BC V2K 4L1 Phone: 250-561-1602.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FISHERS

▶ **Following a recent review of fisher status by the BC Conservation Data Centre, fisher status has changed from red-listed to blue-listed (for a description of the provincial listing process, please go to the BC Conservation Data Centre's web site at <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/cdc>). Therefore, fisher trapping seasons have been re-opened in areas of the province that can support a harvest.**

Trapping Methods

	Killing Snare	Modified Leghold	Leghold - Submerging	Killing Trap	Live Box Trap	Foot Snare	Rifle, Shotgun or Bow	Egg Trap
Beaver	x		x	x	x		x	
Black Bear*							x ^{3,4}	
Bobcat	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Coyote	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Fisher	x			x	x		x	
Fox	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Lynx	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Marten	x			x	x		x	
Mink	x		x	x	x		x	
Muskrat	x		x ²	x	x		x	
Otter	x		x	x	x		x	
Raccoon	x			x	x		x	x
Skunk	x			x	x		x	
Squirrel	x			x	x		x	
Weasel	x			x	x		x	
Wolf	x	x ¹		x	x	x	x ³	
Wolverine	x			x	x		x	

“x” means that this is a legal trapping method in BC

* black bear may not be trapped by placing bait or by using a dead animal or part of it as bait.

- 1 For solidly-fastened leghold traps designed to trap wolves, no more than 60 cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened may be used.
- 2 A minimum weight of 150 g must be securely attached to all muskrat submerging sets smaller than size #11/2.
- 3 It is an offence to trap a black bear, or a wolf not caught in a trap or a snare, with a rifle using a rimfire cartridge, or with a shotgun with a bore size of less than 20 gauge, or using shells of shot size smaller than No. 1 Buck.
- 4 Refer to the Hunting Methods table, p. 16, for firearm and archery requirements for black bear; the Bears section, and the Important Notice for Bear Hunters.

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All fisher trapped during an open season must be Compulsory Reported, and those incidentally trapped in areas or at times with no open season must be Compulsory Inspected (see Compulsory Reporting/Inspection requirements, page 94). Fisher populations will continue to be assessed as new data becomes available. Trappers are encouraged to help provide this data by ensuring all fishers taken are compulsory reported or inspected in a timely manner.

► **Strategies to minimize incidental capture of fisher in marginal areas and to enhance populations are summarized below:**

Harvest Reduction Efforts

- Modify marten boxes by making them longer and the entry hole smaller (2.5 - 3" in diameter).
- Avoid trapping around fisher den sites, near large cottonwoods and fir snags.
- Avoid trapping marten or mink where fisher sign is evident.

It's Unlawful

You should know that it is unlawful to:

- Use a leghold trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap.
- Use a killing snare on land, unless the snare is equipped with a locking device, or is designed to catch squirrels or hares, or is a mechanically-powered killing snare.
- Use a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licenced or authorized to trap.
- Use a snare made of braided wire unless licenced or authorized to trap.
- Set spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap.
- Use a trap equipped with a spearing device.
- Use any Conibear trap larger than, but not including, #220 for land sets within any municipality in Region 2.
- Use a rat trap unless the bait and trigger are completely covered, with an opening not larger than 4.5 cm wide and 5 cm high.
- Trap with a rifle using a full metal jacketed non-expanding bullet, or a tracer, incendiary, or explosive bullet, or with a shotgun using a tracer or incendiary shot shell.
- Use electronic or recorded calls for trapping furbearing animals other than for trapping wolf, coyote, bobcat or lynx.

Trappers should be aware of the restrictions described in “It’s Unlawful” (page 14) and hunting methods and restrictions (pages 16 to 18).

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Population Enhancement

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

2005 - 2006 PROVINCIAL TRAPPING SEASONS

Note: The following open seasons apply to the entire region unless specific Management Units (MUs) are stated.

SPECIES/REGIONS (MUs)	SEASON DATES	SPECIES/REGIONS (MUs)	SEASON DATES
BEAVER Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 .....Oct 15 - Apr 30 Regions 6, 7 .....Oct 1 - May 31		MUSKRAT Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 .....Oct 15 - Apr 30 Region 2 .....Nov 15 - Feb 15 Regions 6, 7 .....Oct 1 - May 31	
BLACK BEAR Region 5 and MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14 .....Oct 15 - May 15 Region 6 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14) and Region 7 .....Oct 1 - May 31 <i>Quota = 2 black bear in one year</i> See the "Bears" and "It's Unlawful" sections for general regulations concerning bear parts.		RACCOON Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7, 8 .....Oct 1 - Mar 31 MUs 6-12, 6-13 .....Jan 1 - Dec 31	
BOBCAT Regions 2, 3, 4♦, 5, 8 .....Nov 15 - Feb 15 ♦ <i>Quota = 2 in one year</i>		RIVER OTTER Region 1 and MUs 2-2 to 2-5, 2-12 to 2-16 .....Nov 15 - Feb 28 MUs 2-6 to 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19 and Regions 3, 4, 5 .....Oct 15 - Apr 30 Regions 6, 7 .....Oct 1 - May 31 Region 8 .....Nov 1 - Apr 15	
COYOTE Regions 2, 3, 4+, 5, 6, 7★, 8 and MUs 1-14, 1-15 .....Oct 15 - Mar 31 + <i>In MU 4-1, open season is Dec 1 - Mar 31 if using a killing snare. In MU 4-1, it is illegal to place bait between Mar 31 - Dec 1 of a kind/quantity that could reasonably be expected to attract a coyote to an area in which a killing snare is used.</i> ★ <i>There is no closed season for coyote in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 below 1100 m elevation.</i>		SKUNK MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 .....Oct 15 - Feb 28	
FISHER MUs 3-27 to 3-33, 3-38 to 3-41, 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15, 6-1 to 6-11, 6-19 to 6-27, 7-5 to 7-58 ...Nov 1 - Feb 15 See <i>Compulsory Inspection & Reporting requirements, page 94</i>		SQUIRREL Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 .....Nov 1 - Mar 15 Regions 6, 7 .....Nov 1 - Mar 31	
FOX MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 .....Oct 15 - Feb 28 Region 5 .....Oct 15 - Mar 31		WEASEL Regions 2+, 3, 4, 5, 8 .....Nov 1 - Feb 15 Region 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13) and Region 7 .....Nov 1 - Feb 28 + <i>There is no open season on long-tailed weasel in MUs 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 & 2-19</i>	
LYNX Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 .....Nov 15 - Feb 15 Region 4 .....Nov 15 - Dec 31		WOLVERINE Regions 3, 4, 5 .....Nov 1 - Jan 31 Region 6 (except 6-3, 6-11, 6-14) and Region 7 .....Nov 1 - Feb 28 MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14 .....Nov 1 - Feb 15	
MARTEN Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Nov 1 - Feb 15 Regions 6 and 7 (except MUs 7-49 to 7-54)Nov 1 - Feb 28 MUs 7-49 to 7-54Nov 1 - Mar 15		WOLF Region 1Nov 1 - Jun 30 MUs 2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16 and Region 3 (except MUs 3-45, 3-46) ...Oct 15 - Feb 28 Regions 4+, 5, 6Oct 15 - Mar 31 Region 7★Oct 15 - May 31 * <i>There is no closed season on wolf in the East Kootenay Trench below 1100 m elevation.</i> + <i>In MU 4-1, open season is Dec 1 - Mar 31 if using a killing snare. In MU 4-1, it is illegal to place bait between Mar 31 - Dec 1 of a kind/quantity that could reasonably be expected to attract a wolf to an area in which a killing snare is used.</i> ★ <i>There is no closed season for wolf in MUs 7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 below 1100 m elevation.</i>	
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A person who leaves a trap set after the last day of the trapping season commits an offence.

BAIT STATIONS AND SNARE-SET RECOMMENDATIONS

Bait Stations

Bait stations are strategically placed baits used to attract animals, particularly wolves and coyotes, to locations where they can be trapped. They are often established a week or two prior to trapping at the site.

Bait stations may alter bear behaviour by potentially delaying the onset of hibernation. Because of this, bait stations should only be set up after local bears have begun hibernating.

Snares

Currently, killing snares may be used to trap all furbearers except Black Bear. Proper snaring techniques are important to master to trap these animals in a humane and efficient manner. When setting snares, please remember:

1. snares must be constructed from high quality material and be assembled with care,
2. the snare cable cannot be not twisted when making the snare,
3. snare cables and wires should not be re-used after the capture of an animal,

4. loop size and height of the loop off the ground are critical to the humane and effective operation of a snare. Large loops and snares set at improper heights have the potential to inhumanely trap both target and non-target species. This is especially true when trapping WOLVES, COYOTES, or FOXES. Do not set snares with excessively large loops,
5. record the locations of all your snares and be sure none are left out after the end of the trapping season,
6. snares set for wolves and coyotes should be set only after bears have begun hibernating and should be pulled prior to bears coming out of hibernation in the spring.

The BC Trappers Association's Trapper Education Manual describes guidelines for establishing bait stations, as well as for assembling and setting snares for various species. Please consult this publication to ensure you are following proper, humane snaring practices. Contact the BC Trappers Association at 1-866-222-0454 to obtain a copy of the manual.