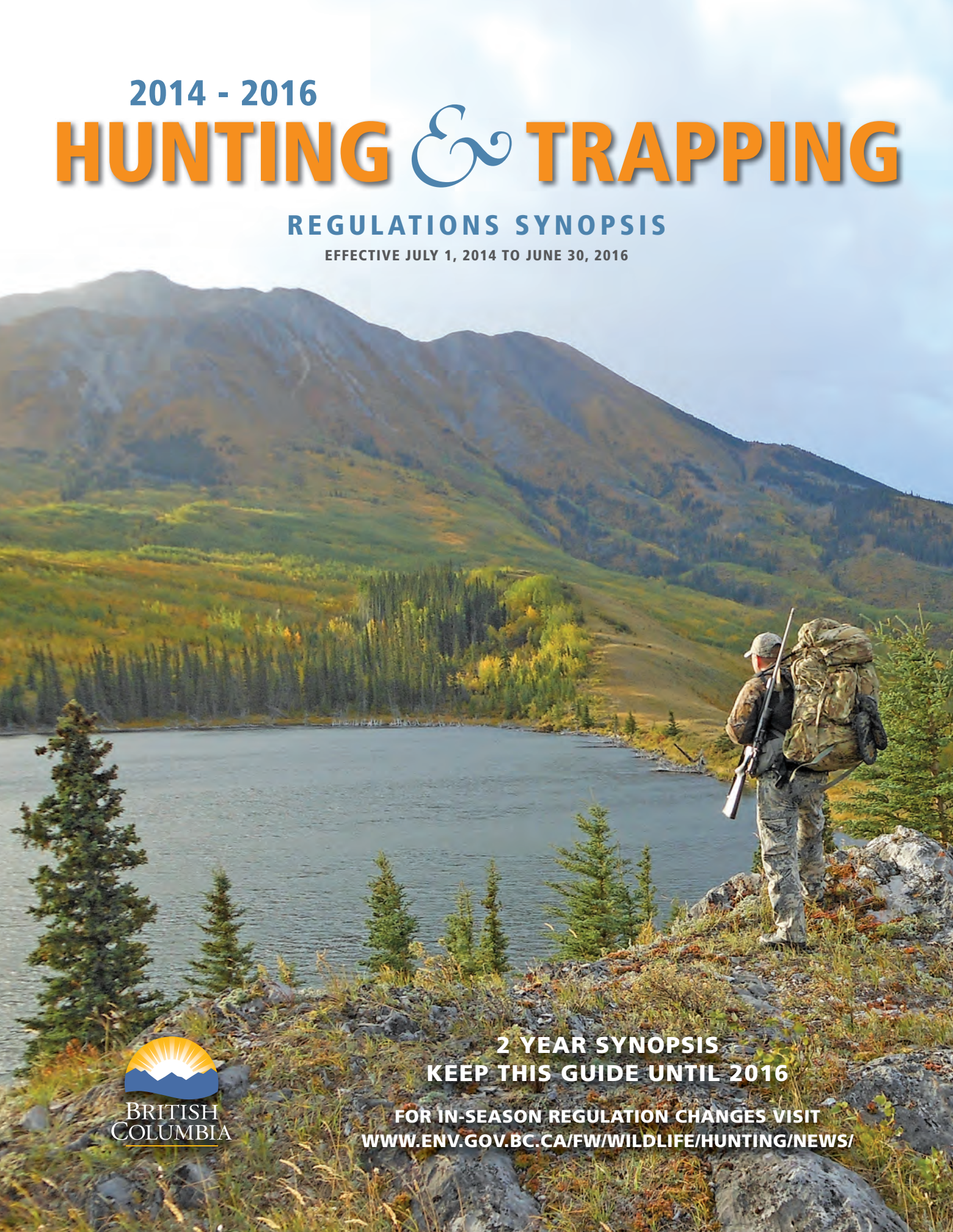


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For more information on the hunting and trapping regulations, call a Ministry Regional Office, Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Management Branch HQ Victoria, or the Conservation Officer Service using the numbers listed on the regional maps of each region.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

- **Service BC**
 - from Vancouver 604-660-2421
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 - elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867
- **Report a Poacher/Polluter (see page 26)** 1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 2014/15 hunting and trapping season! Hunting and trapping provides British Columbians an opportunity to get out into British Columbia's world-renowned backcountry and enjoy the natural wonders of our province. Hunting and trapping also support both direct and indirect jobs through the purchase of equipment and services including fuel, firearms, off road vehicles, camping gear, and lodging and food services to name just a few.

Hunter recruitment and retention continues to be a ministry priority, and in 2013 we surpassed our performance target of 100,000 basic licences sold annually, including 447 initiation hunting licences designed to encourage new hunters. We have also launched a program that will eventually allow hunting licences to be bought on line similar to how fishing licences are sold. Stay tuned for updates as this project progresses.

Hunters and trappers are some of our province's most ardent conservationists. You know that practising sustainable wildlife practices today will ensure hunting opportunities will be available to future generations. The Province shares these conservation values, and is committed to sustainably managing all game species in the province.

The ministry has recently launched a comprehensive study to determine what factors contributed to moose declines in some areas of the B.C. Interior, and what can be done to reverse them.

During the next five years, over 200 moose from five study areas in the province will be radio collared, their movements tracked and all mortalities will be investigated to determine cause of death.

In addition to targeted studies, the ministry continues to invest in wildlife inventories that improve our ability to manage big game populations, maximize hunting opportunity, inform resource development projects and ensure a sustainable harvest now and in the future.

Finally, I am pleased to note that the *Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act* received Royal Assent in March 2014. The Act provides certainty, safety and regulatory structure for thousands of off-road enthusiasts. Implementation of the new laws will begin as early as fall 2014 and will help ensure these vehicles are driven in a safe and environmentally responsible manner and will help combat theft of ORVs. To learn more about the ORV Act, visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv/. My sincere thanks to all the hunters, trappers, organizations and government staff for your continuing contributions and stewardship of wildlife resources in British Columbia, and all the best for a safe and enjoyable 2014-2016 Hunting and Trapping season.

Sincerely,

Steve Thomson
Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2014-2016

- Liberalized black bear hunting seasons in the Thompson, Okanagan, Skeena and Omineca Regions.
- Coordinated and shortened spike-fork moose seasons in the Okanagan Region and portions of the Thompson Region.
- Harmonized restricted Mule Deer Seasons in the Kootenay Region and portions of the Okanagan Region.
- New Initiation Licence allows a person 18 years or older who has never previously held a hunting licence in B.C. to try hunting without having to complete CORE.
- Youth Licence expanded to ages 10 - 17.

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



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.

RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF REGULATION CHANGES VIA RSS

We have adopted a new system for notifying hunters of in-season or recent regulation changes. RSS is an internet-based technology that allows users to sign up for instant web updates. It is a convenient way to be notified of changes to regulations. To sign up for this new service, visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website, click on the RSS icon, and subscribe to the In-Season Regulation Changes feed.
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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, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and 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*.

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

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.

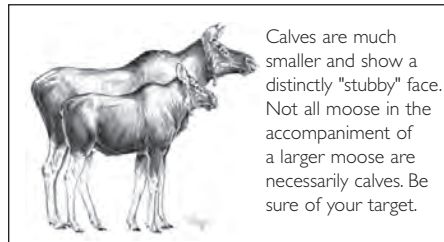
Brow Tine - means the first tine projecting forward or upward in the lower 1/3 of the antler of a moose, caribou, elk or deer.

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 one year of age or older; bearing visible bony antlers.

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

Cow Moose - a female moose recognizable by having no antlers and being 6 feet at shoulder height weighing 600-800 lbs.

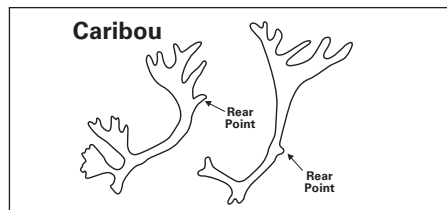
Calf Moose - a moose less than 12 months of age usually less than 5 feet at shoulder height weighing 200-300 lbs.



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

Cancelled Species Licence - means a Species Licence that has been cancelled as indicated on the licence.

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.

Cougar Kitten - means any cougar with spots or any cougar under one year of age.

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 - Spike Bull - means a bull elk having antlers that are composed of a main beam from which there are no bony projections more than 2.5 cm in length.

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

Existing road or trail - means a) a road or trail with a paved surface, b) a cross-country or downhill ski route marked in a ski area by the owner of the ski area, c) a road used for logging or mining, d) a road or trail used for access to fences, power lines, wind generators or communication towers, or e) a trail on which there is no vegetation except on a strip that, if present, can be straddled by a 4-wheel vehicle.

Feral pig - means a pig of the genus *Sus* that is not in captivity or is not otherwise under a person's control

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.

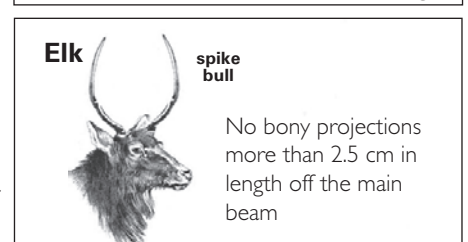
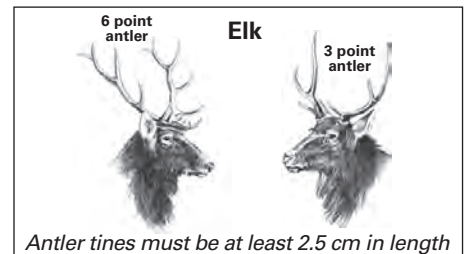
Game Bird - means any grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, ptarmigan, migratory game bird, or wild turkey.

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 & Hunting - includes shooting at, attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking, or lying in wait for wildlife or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently wounded, killed or captured: (a) with intention to capture the wildlife, or (b) while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

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



BEFORE YOUR HUNT

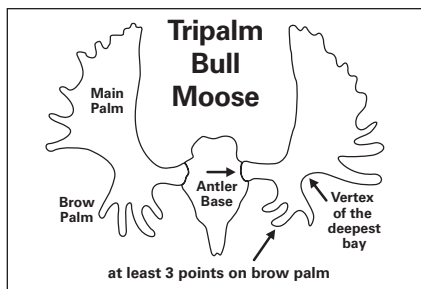
Loaded Firearm - means any firearm containing live ammunition in either the breech or the magazine. A clip containing live ammunition, when attached to the firearm, is considered as the magazine. **Muzzle loaders** - see page 17.

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); American Coot; Common 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.) Does not include a calf. See diagram.

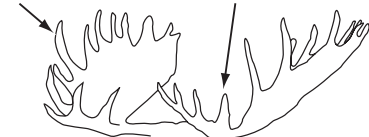
Moose - 10 Point Bull - means a bull moose having at least one antler with a minimum of ten points (tines), including the tines on the brow palm. (See diagram and tine definition.)

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. See diagram



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

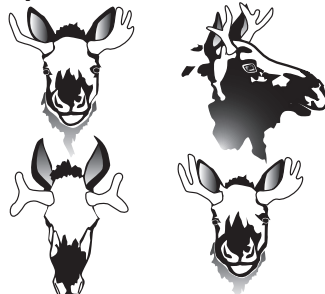
10 Point Bull
Minimum of a total of ten points (including brow palm) on one antler.



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

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

Spike - Fork Bull Moose



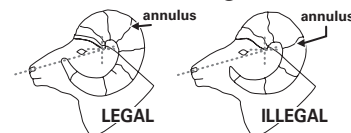
Motor Vehicle - means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is being or may be transported or drawn, and which is designed to be self propelled, and includes an ATV or snowmobile, but does not include a device designed to be moved by human, animal or wind power; a device designed to be used exclusively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

Mountain Goat Kid - means a mountain goat with horns less than 10 cm in length.

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Bighorn

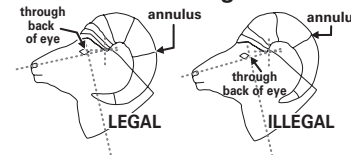
Ram - means any male bighorn mountain sheep, the head of which, when viewed squarely from the side, has at least one horn tip extending upwards beyond a straight line drawn through the centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base. If the skull and horns are presented for

Full Curl Bighorn

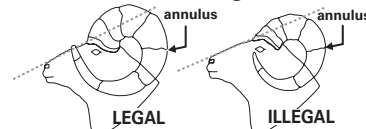


Reference points (+): use centre of the nostril and the lowest hindmost portion of the base of the horn

3/4 Curl Bighorn



Full Curl Thinhorn/ Mature Bighorn



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

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to a line drawn through the lowest hindmost portion of the horn base and the lowermost edge of the eye socket.

Mountain Sheep - Mature Bighorn Ram

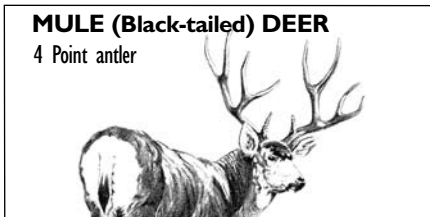
— means any bighorn ram mountain sheep whose horn tip, when viewed squarely from the side extends upwards beyond the forehead-nose bridge.

Mountain Sheep - Full Curl Thinhorn Ram

— means any thinhorn ram mountain sheep that has attained the age of 8 years as evidenced by true horn annuli as determined by the regional manager or his designate, or whose horn tip, when viewed squarely from the side at right angles to the sagittal plane of the skull, extends dorsally beyond the nose bridge plane. Do not use yearly horn growth annuli to determine the age of a ram in the field, because "false" annuli may be present.

Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Four Points

or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least four tines, excluding the brow tine, on one antler:



Mule (Black-tailed) Deer - Three Points

or Greater Buck - means any buck having at least three 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 birds of the order Falconiformes (falcons), Accipitriformes (vultures, eagles, and hawks), or Strigiformes (owls) and includes the eggs of these birds.

Road Allowance - see definition, page 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, to the midpoint of the straight line along which the breadth is measured. (See How to Measure a Tine diagram below)

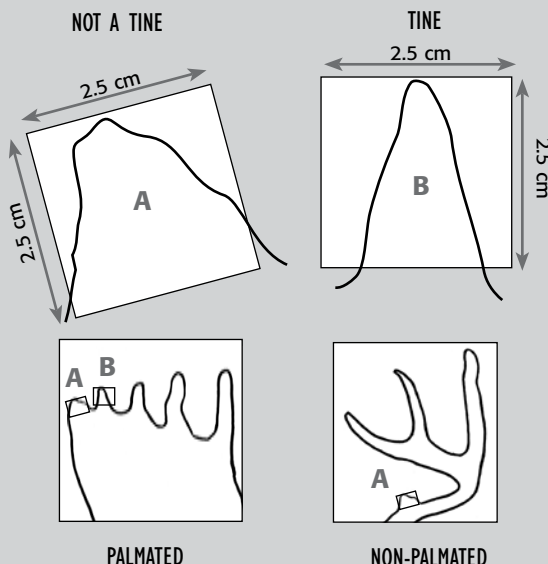
Traffic or Trafficking - means to buy, sell, trade or distribute for gain or consideration or to offer to do so.

Upland Game Bird - includes the gallina-ceous birds, such as wild turkey, grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, pheasant, and quail.

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

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

HOW TO MEASURE A TINE



On larger tines, the measurements can be taken at any point at least 2.5 cm from the tip.

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 or trapper to be aware of the status of the land they hunt and to get permission from the land owner before accessing private land.



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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 examina-

tion 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 Service BC Centres, MFLNRO, the BCWF at 1-888-881-2293 or 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 Service BC in your area or the FW&HM 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 FW&HM 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. Proof of hunter safety training is a pre-requisite.

► 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 FW&HM 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 FW&HM 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 Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, PO Box 9374, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9M4. 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, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 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 www.env.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 occur province wide. Only young hunters at least 10 years of age and less than 18 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 regions are reduced by 2 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 18 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 Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is to ensure the long-term conservation of wildlife populations and their habitats. The Ministry also recognizes that First Nations may establish aboriginal rights to harvest wildlife for sustenance (food, social and ceremonial purposes) in their traditional areas, and that treaty First Nations have treaty rights in relation to harvesting wildlife. 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 Ministry 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 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.

► For information regarding Limited Entry Hunting please contact (250) 356-5142.

LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

There are three types of hunting licences available to BC Residents: Hunting Licence, Initiation Hunting Licence, and Youth Hunting Licence.

Hunting Licence

► Hunting licences are available to resident hunters 10 years of age or older who hold a valid Hunter Number (see BC Resident Hunter Number section page 6).

► A hunting licence, in combination with the appropriate species licence (if required), provides a hunter with a personal bag limit.

► You may be asked to produce photo identification when purchasing a hunting licence.

► BC Resident Hunter Number Cards are available only at Service BC offices, or via mail only to the Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat Management Branch, PO Box 9374 STN PROV GOV, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9M8.

► 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.

► 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.

Youth Hunting Licence:

► Youth 10 years of age or older; and under 18 years of age, that have a hunter number may obtain a Hunting Licence OR a Youth Licence.

► A Youth Hunting Licence can only be issued

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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 18.

► The youth hunter, whether or not they have completed a hunter training program, must be accompanied and under the close personal supervision of an adult who carries the proper licences and meets the prescribed qualifications.

► Non-resident qualifications for a Youth Hunting Licence are the same with the exception that they may not hunt for wildlife for which a Limited Entry Hunting authorization is required.

Initiation Hunting Licence:

► An Initiation Hunting Licence is a once in a lifetime licence that can only be issued to a person who is a B.C. Resident, is 18 years of age or older, and has not held a B.C. hunting licence in the past (with the exception of a youth or junior licence).

► The Initiation 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 and meets the prescribed qualifications.

Bag Limits and Supervision for Youth and Initiation Hunting Licences:

► Wildlife taken under a Youth or Initiation Hunting Licence is included in the bag limit of the supervising licensed adult. No species licences may be purchased with the Youth or Initiation Hunting Licence. However, during a hunting season, a resident licensed youth hunter may accompany and hunt with an adult holding a valid Limited Entry Hunting authorization and a valid species licence.

Hunters under the age of 18, and hunters hunting under the authority of an Initiation Hunting Licence, must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who meets the prescribed following qualifications:

- If a resident, hold a resident hunter number card.
- If not a resident, must have passed a hunter safety training course in another jurisdiction in North America.
- If supervising an Initiation Licensed Hunter, hold a basic hunting licence (unless exempt).
- Have held a hunting licence (or be exempted from holding a licence), other than an Initiation Hunting Licence, in British Columbia, or a licence to hunt in another jurisdiction, in not fewer than 3 of any of the licence years preceding the current licence year. This qualification does not apply to the supervising hunter if a guide outfitter also accompanies the holder of an Initiation Hunting Licence.
- If an Indian residing in BC, have received training in hunting and previously hunted lawfully without supervision.
- Not be prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm.
- Not accompany or supervise more than two Youth Licensed hunters, two Initiation Licensed Hunters, or one Youth and one Initiation Licensed Hunter at one time (Note:

youth who hold a Basic Hunting Licence do not count towards the maximum number that may be accompanied.)

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.

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

A person 10 years of age or older and under 18 who wishes to apply for a hunting licence must do so in person in the presence of a parent or guardian, who must sign an "Acknowledgement of Responsibility" for his/her son, daughter or ward.

BUYING LICENCES

► Resident hunting licences are available at all Service BC's Offices, and other commercial outlets and sporting goods stores. Non-resident hunting licences are available from Service BC Offices. Non-residents may also obtain their licences by mail from Service BC Offices www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/. Please note that non-resident licences are NOT available from commercial outlets and/or sporting goods stores.

► Duplicates for misplaced, lost, stolen or accidentally destroyed licences are available from Vendors and Service BC's 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 the records that you have been issued more than the legal limit of current licences, which is an offence under the **Wildlife Act**.

► Hunters with permanent physical disabilities who are unable, because of their disability, to exit a vehicle to discharge a firearm, or are unable to walk 100 m while carrying a firearm, may apply for a disabled hunting permit.

Information and the permit application process is available through the FrontCounterBC website at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca or by phone at 1-877-855-3222.

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 3 white-tailed deer licences.

► There are special deer licences (Queen Charlotte Islands Deer Licences) which allow hunters to exceed the 2 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 most Post Offices.

► The Bird Banding Laboratory in Maryland collates all North American bird banding records. If you find a banded migratory bird, please report it on their website at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/manual/sect4.cfm

BEARS

► It is prohibited to possess, traffick, import, and export bear galls, including any part or derivative of the gall bladder, and genitalia. It is also prohibited to import, export or traffick in bear paws separated from the carcass or hide, although possession of bear paws is still permit-

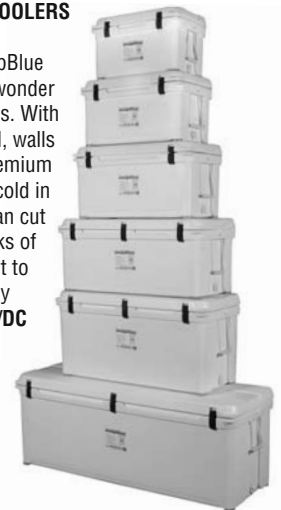
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► Hunters are not committing an offense if they remove the gall bladder from the carcass and leave the gall bladder at the kill site, or, if they move the bear from the kill site and they, within 48 hours, dispose of the gut pile including the gall 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 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, the original documentation makes the transfer or the issuance of a permit much easier. It greatly assist Ministry 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

Non-residents of British Columbia hunting big game must be accompanied by either a licensed BC guide or a resident who holds a Permit to Accompany.

Big Game Guided Hunts

► 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). Applications for permits are available at Service BC offices, Front Counter BC, or electronically from:

www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca (See Wildlife Permits & Commercial Licences article, pg 63.)

► Non-residents must show the Permit to Accompany or a copy indicating the name of the permittee 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 FrontCounterBC at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca or by phone at 1-877-855-3222 for more information..

► Royalties are payable on animals taken under a Permit to Accompany (see Royalty Fees section page 20).

Small Game

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

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

► A BC hunting licence does not give authority to carry a firearm.

► For information on the Canadian Firearm Licence, contact Canadian Firearm Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or visit the website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/.

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Hunting Licence Fees

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A BC resident 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 alien to hunt all game (Resident of another country) \$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

Initiation Licence - allows a person 18 years or older who has never previously held a hunting licence in B.C. to try hunting without having to have a hunter number \$12.00★

A youth hunting licence - to a person 10 yrs of age or older & under age 18 \$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 Foundation (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 ▼ (mule and white-tailed)	\$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 Species licence required	\$50.00
Wolverine	\$8.00	\$40.00

SMALL GAME		
Small Game	No Species licence required	No Species licence required ★
Upland Game Birds	No Species licence required	\$50.00

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

▼ Mule deer licence also valid for black-tailed.

★ Except for upland gamebirds

All hunting and species licences expire March 31 of each year

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 big game species must immediately after the kill and before handling the big game killed, cancel the appropriate species licence in accordance with the instructions on that licence.

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- ▶ 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

- ▶ The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited in most regional district parks. Regional district bylaws are NOT included in this synopsis.
- ▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of all Regional District Parks in Regions 1 and 2.
- ▶ Contact the Regional District in the locality you wish to hunt for information on whether hunting is permitted in or near new and existing parks.

National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) unless a special federal permit is granted or notices to the contrary are posted. Blue signs depicting a loon mark the boundaries of NWAs and MBSs. Contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta for more information (604) 940-4650.

BC Parks

Individuals visiting BC Parks, either a Park, Conservancy, Recreation Area or Protected Area should be aware that the *Park Act* and its regulations apply, as do the hunting regulations in this synopsis. Visit www.bcparks.ca for more information on activities allowed or prohibited in specific parks.

- ▶ Hunting and the discharge of firearms, or bows is prohibited in many BC Parks. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on which BC Parks that are open to hunting please visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/, or phone your local Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office. Hunting in BC Parks is only permitted during a lawful open season. For additional information on permitted activities in BC Parks, please visit the BC Parks website at www.bcparks.ca

- ▶ When a BC Park 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 and motor vehicles (including motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs and other self-propelled vehicles or cycles)

is generally prohibited in BC Parks except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licensed. 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 BC Park 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 this 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, Conservancy and Recreation Area Regulation.

- ▶ Note: Protected areas that have been established since the deadline for changes to the hunting regulations for 2014-2016 (Oct 2013) will have no change to their status unless specified in these regulations.

- ▶ Hunters should note that big game seasons in most parks are under Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) restrictions. Consult the current LEH 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.

Recreation Sites and Trails

- ▶ Unless authorized by a recreation officer, it is unlawful to trap, dispose of wildlife parts, or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow on or into:

- the developed portion of a Recreation Site or Interpretive Forest.
- the developed portion of a Recreation trail where a prohibition has been posted, as defined in the Forest Recreation Regulation.

For more information on Recreation Sites and Trails www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca.

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 or visit www.bcparks.ca/eco_reserve

- ▶ Most ecological reserves are also referenced in the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th

Edition.

Conservation Lands

- ▶ Most regions in BC contain several different types of Conservation Lands, including Wildlife Management Areas, Crown Reserves, and lands acquired for fish and wildlife management purposes; sometimes in cooperation with other agencies (i.e Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Trust of BC).

- ▶ Hunting, the discharge of firearms or bows, motor vehicles, and access are restricted or prohibited in some Conservation Lands.

- ▶ Before hunting in a Conservation Land, please contact your regional office.

Municipal Restrictions

- ▶ Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling the use of weapons, 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.

- ▶ Most municipalities have local bylaws restricting and controlling wildlife attractants and illegal dumping so hunters are reminded to dispose of carcasses and animal parts responsibly. Carcasses are considered wildlife attractants and can attract large predators so do not dispose of them within municipal boundaries or in areas frequented by the public.

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SITE and ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

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

A copy of the following plans is located online at www.recplans.gov.bc.ca/

- Please refer to the Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-1, 4-2, 4-22 and 4-23.
- Please refer to the Golden Backcountry

Recreation Plan for recreation access zoning in MUs 4-34, 4-36 and 4-40.

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 licensed 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

On May 31, 2009 the *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act* introduced a provision that makes it illegal for individuals to cause environmental damage. Irresponsible off-road vehicle use in alpine, grassland or wetland areas can disturb soil and destroy plants, risk watershed and water source quality, threaten or kill birds and animals, introduce invasive plants and reduce wildlife and cattle food sources. Regulations have been revised and update the definition of environmental damage to include any change to soil that adversely alters an ecosystem. Under the new provision, individuals found to have caused environmental damage may be levied a violation ticket that carries a \$575 fine. More serious cases of damage could lead to penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or a year in jail. While travelling on a Forest Service Road, operators of ATVs are required to hold a valid driver's licence, carry a minimum of \$200,000 third-party liability insurance.

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.



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NO HUNTING and NO SHOOTING AREA

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 for the purpose of slaughtering livestock.

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).

HIGHWAY NO SHOOTING AREAS

► It is unlawful to discharge a firearm across or 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:

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

► In addition to the above universal restriction, several major or heavily populated routes in the province have an additional 400 m 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 "400 m 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.

► These restrictions address 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.

Hwy 99 No Shooting Area

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

Hwy 118 No Shooting Area

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

400 METRE SINGLE PROJECTILE (FIREARM) PROHIBITED AREAS

► The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within 400 m (1/4 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 Hwys 1 and 5 at Kamloops;

Hwy 6 between Bench Cr. and Banting Cr.;

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

Hwy 35 between Francois and Burns Lake;

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

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

Hwy 39 from the junction with Hwy 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;

Hwy 113 between Terrace and Kincolith (Gingolx).

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.

400 METRE NO HUNTING OR SHOOTING AREAS

► Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 400 m (1/4 mile) of the road allowance of the following highways:

Highways in all Provincial Parks - see page 11 for information on prohibition for hunting and the discharge of firearms/bows in BC Parks.

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

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

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WHAT IS "WILDLIFE"?

► All native species of animals in the province excluding invertebrates and fish as well as several non-native species 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. Schedules "B" and "C" of the Designation and Exemption Regulation list wildlife that are known to destroy property and/or are detrimental to native wildlife. These species have fewer restrictions regulating their hunting, killing or capturing. Any capture or killing of these species must still abide by provincial laws regarding the humane treatment of animals.

Schedule B

► 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).

- (a) *Scapanus orarius* - coast mole
- (b) *Lepus americanus* - snowshoe hare
- (c) all of the species of the sub family *Arvicolinae* and lemmings, except *Ondatra zibethicus* - muskrat.
- (d) *Neotoma cinerea* - bushy-tailed woodrat
- (e) all species of the genus *Peromyscus* - deer mice
- (f) *Erethizon 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

► Schedule "C" animals can be killed anywhere and at any time in BC. Schedule "C" birds may be hunted using electronic calls. You do not need a hunting licence to capture, hunt or kill the following Schedule "C" wildlife:

- (a) *Rana catesbeiana* - American bullfrog
- (b) *Rana clamitans* - green frog
- (c) all species of the family *Chelydridae* - snapping turtles
- (d) *Didelphis virginiana* - North American opossum
- (e) *Sylvilagus floridanus* - eastern cottontail
- (f) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* - European rabbit
- (g) *Myocastor coypus* - nutria
- (h) all species of the genus *Sciurus* - gray squirrels and fox squirrels
- (i) *Passer domesticus* - house sparrow
- (j) *Sturnus vulgaris* - European starling
- (k) *Columbia livia* - rock dove (domestic pigeon)

► You do need a hunting licence to hunt the following Schedule "C" wildlife UNLESS you are hunting them on your property or they are damaging your property:

- (a) *Corvus caurina* - Northwestern Crow
- (b) *Corvus brachyrhynchos* - American Crow
- (c) *Pica pica* - black-billed magpie
- (d) *Molothrus ater* - brown-headed cowbird and the eggs of this bird species may be destroyed.

► **Feral Pigs (see definition section): A hunting licence is required to hunt feral pigs on Crown Land. It is an offence to possess or transport a live feral pig with the exception of a person who was the owner of the feral pig, or an agent of the owner, for the purpose of recapture and returning it to captivity or control.**

EAR TAGS AND COLLARS

► Please **DO NOT AVOID** hunting animals with ear tags or collars, unless specified under regional sections in the synopsis. This will ensure that biologists acquire accurate data on mortality rates. If you kill a marked animal, please contact your local Ministry office with the number on the ear tag or collar because the meat may not be safe to eat if immobilization drugs were used. Ear tags and collars must be returned to the Ministry office.

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 licensed 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.

► MoE 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.

► 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*.

PENALTIES

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

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, house 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 female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female mountain goat in a group that contains one or more kids
12. to hunt a grizzly bear or black bear less than 2 years old or any bear in its company.
13. to hunt the white or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
14. to hunt a cougar kitten (any cougar with spots or under 1 yr of age) or any cougar accompanying it.
15. to hunt a lynx or bobcat accompanied by one or more lynx or bobcat
16. to kill or wound wildlife by accident or to protect life or property and fail to promptly report the killing to an Officer.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. to hunt bears by placing bait or by using a dead animal or using part of it as bait.
20. to shoot wildlife from a motor vehicle or a boat propelled by a motor.
21. to hunt migratory birds from a power boat, unless the boat is beached, resting at anchor or fastened within or tied immediately along side a fixed hunting blind.
22. to use a power boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle or other mechanical device to herd or harass wildlife.
23. to hunt, take, wound or kill big game while it is swimming unless it has been previously wounded.
24. 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, bicycle or other conveyance.
25. to carry a cocked crossbow in or on a vehicle, or to discharge a bow from a vehicle of any kind
26. to hunt or transport hunters or wildlife by a helicopter.
27. to use a helicopter, including a drone, while on a hunting expedition.
28. to hunt wildlife from an aircraft.
29. to hunt wildlife within 6 hours of being airborne in an aircraft other than a regularly scheduled commercial aircraft.
30. to hunt game, except migratory game birds (see #31), 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 to make the determination of sunrise and sunset in the field based on existing terrain and circumstances.
31. to hunt migratory game birds from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
32. to hunt wildlife by the use of, or with the aid of, a light or an illuminating device.
33. to use poison for the hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any wildlife.
34. 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).
35. to use live birds as decoys or recorded bird calls to hunt game birds.
36. 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.
37. to kill wildlife (with the exception of grizzly bear, cougar or a fur bearing animal other than a black bear) and fail to remove from the carcass the edible portions of the four quarters and loins to the person's normal dwelling place or to a meat cutter or the owner or operator of a cold storage plant. A person who kills wildlife is exempted from the requirement to remove the edible portions 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.
38. to interfere with or obstruct a person licensed or permitted to hunt, guide or trap while that person is lawfully so engaged.
39. to hunt wildlife with a handgun.

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HUNTER NOTICE Accidental Illegal Harvest

What should you do if you harvest an animal in error?

Mistakes happen. Either through poor judgement, inexperience or at times through a series of unavoidable circumstances, each year animals are mistakenly killed. Many are self reported but many more are left in the bush to rot. The Conservation Officer Service wants to encourage those who make such a mistake to come forward. In circumstances where such animals are recovered by the COS the meat will be distributed and utilized by those in need.

Hunters who self report such kills will be viewed in a different light than those who

intentionally kill an illegal animal or fail to report the matter. The Conservation Officer Service believes that the true test of a hunter is not whether or not a mistake is made, but how he/she deals with that mistake.

All self reported unlawful kills will be investigated and the appropriate action will be assessed by the officer.

What should you do?

Immediately cancel your species licence and mark in ink on the species licence page that your intention is to self report.

- If you have telephone service, call the RAPP number and seek direction from a Conservation Officer.

- If you are within close proximity of a phone but it will require some traveling, field dress that animal to prevent spoilage, leave the carcass at the scene and go to a location where a call to the RAPP number can be made.
- If you are in a remote location and telephone contact is not possible, field dress that animal to prevent spoilage, care for the carcass until you enter a location where a phone call to the RAPP number can be made.

RAPP 1- 877-952-7277



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 Bear⁶	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 Bear⁶	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	Bearded Turkey. 1* Upland Game Birds - see next page
Other Small Game (includes Coyote)	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹ for Coyote	Bow B, C, D	Snowshoe hare. 10/day Raccoon, Skunk, 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

- shotgun must have a bore size of 20 gauge or larger and use shells of shot size No. 1 Buck or larger.
- grouse, ptarmigan or turkey only
- grouse or ptarmigan only
- possession or use of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited, except for pigeons or doves. See page 17.
- 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.
- bear may not be hunted by placing bait or by using a dead animal or part of it as bait
- 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.

ARCHERY

- 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.

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. Where the use of a shotgun is allowed for hunting or trapping big game, an unplugged shotgun holding more than 2 shells and firing single projectiles only (slugs) may be used.
- ▶ It is unlawful to use full metal jacketed, non-expanding, tracer, incendiary or explosive bullets for hunting or trapping game.

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

- ▶ Falconers, with valid possession permit, may hunt small game with the use or 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, as long as they have acquired the necessary hunting licence(s).

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.

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 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 Canada and Cackling geese in aggregate is 10.**

▶ **The daily bag limit for White-fronted Goose is 5.**

▶ **The daily bag limit for Snow and Ross's geese in aggregate is 5 except for MUs 2-4 and 2-5 where an additional 5 Snow Geese may be taken.**

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

▶ The possession limit for all **upland game birds** (including sharp-tailed grouse in region 7B) while hunting or returning from hunting is three times the daily limit except for **Sharp-tailed Grouse** (Regions 3 & 5) and pheasants (Region 4 only) where the possession limit is two times the daily limit.

Deer Bag Limits - Explained

One of the most common questions that wildlife staff receive is about deer bag limits and deer species licenses. On the surface it seems confusing, even intimidating, with provincial bag limits vs. regional bag limits, buck limits vs. antlerless bag limits, aggregate bag limits, individual bag limits for species, and species licenses for mule (black-tailed) and white-tailed deer. Don't be intimidated, once the system is broken down into its parts it is straight forward.

There are two classes of bag limits, **Provincial** and **Regional**, neither of these bag limits can be exceeded.

1) The **Provincial bag limit for deer is 3** (not including Haida Gwaii/QCI).

Hunters may not harvest more than 3 deer in one licence year. Hunters may harvest 3 white-tailed deer (if they purchase 3 white-tailed deer licenses), or 3 mule deer (if the purchase 3 mule deer licenses), or a combination of white-tailed and mule deer (1+2 or 2+1) providing they do not exceed the provincial limit of 3. The reason hunters may purchase more than 3 deer licenses in total is to provide hunters with the flexibility to harvest any combination of white-tailed or mule deer up to a maximum of 3.

2) **Regional Bag Limits:** Regional bag limits are implemented to limit the number of a species or sex of deer that may be harvested per hunter per year in response to local conditions. If a hunter harvests the maximum number of a species or sex of deer within a region, they can no longer hunt within that region. They can, however, continue to hunt and harvest deer in other regions until they reach the provincial bag limit of 3.

The following table outlines the provincial and regional bag limits for deer. Deer bag limits on Haida Gwaii are not covered in this article, as they are a unique case.

Region	Mule (Black-tailed) Deer			White-tailed Deer			Combined All Deer	
	Bucks	Antlerless	Total	Bucks	Antlerless	Total	Regional Bag Limit	Provincial Bag Limit
1	2	2	3	0	0	0	3	3
*2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	3
3	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
4	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	3
5	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3
**6	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	3
7A	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3
7B	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
8	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Hunters cannot harvest deer in excess of the sex, species, regional, or provincial bag limits								
* Some exceptions apply			**Table does not include deer bag limit for Haida Gwaii/QCI					

NEW HUNTING LICENCES FOR YOUTH AND BEGINNER HUNTERS

HUNTING LICENCE FOR YOUTH

In 2013 the Junior Hunting License was replaced with a Youth Hunting License, available to hunters 10 years of age or older, and under 18 years of age. No hunter safety training is required to obtain a Youth Hunting Licence, however additional requirements have been implemented for supervising youth hunters. An acknowledgement of responsibility signed by a parent or guardian is still required for all youth under 18 years of age. The youth licence is issued on behalf of the youth, but held by the parent or guardian. As always, any youth 10 years of age or older who wants to take CORE and get their own regular hunting licence and bag limit entitlement can still do so. All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an experienced supervising hunter. The cost of the youth licence is \$7.00.

INITIATION HUNTING LICENCE

A new initiation hunting licence is available to allow a person 18 years or older who has never previously held a hunting licence in

B.C. to try hunting for a period of time. It is a one-time-only licence and requires that the person be accompanied by an experienced supervising hunter. The cost of the initiation licence is \$19.00.

SUPERVISING YOUTH OR INITIATION HUNTERS

Hunters under the age of 18, or hunters hunting under the authority of an Initiation Hunting Licence, must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who meets the prescribed qualifications.

To be eligible to supervise a Youth or Initiation Licensed hunter, the supervising person must:

- If a resident, hold a resident hunter number card.
- If not a resident, must have passed a hunter safety training course in another jurisdiction in North America to supervise youth.
- To supervise an Initiation Licensed Hunter a basic hunting licence (unless exempt) is required.

- Have held a hunting licence (or be exempted from holding a licence), other than an Initiation Hunting Licence, in British Columbia, or a licence to hunt in another jurisdiction, in not fewer than 3 of any of the licence years preceding the current licence year. This qualification does not apply to a guide outfitter supervising the holder of an Initiation Hunting Licence.
- If an Indian residing in BC, have received training in hunting and previously hunted lawfully without supervision.
- Not be prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm.
- Not accompany or supervise more than two youth hunters, two Initiation Licensed Hunters, or one youth and one Initiation Licensed Hunter at one time.
- Persons hunting under the youth licence or initiation licence will not have their own bag limit. Any wildlife killed by a youth hunter or initiation hunter will be included in the bag limit of the supervising hunter.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- CWD has not been found in British Columbia (BC).
- The BC CWD Program is focused on preventing the entry of CWD into the province.
- Prevention and early detection are vital.
- CWD can be transmitted from animal to animal through the environment - if infected parts are left in the field, soil becomes contaminated and can infect new animals.
- The #1 threat of CWD reaching BC is the importation of infected carcasses from areas that have the disease in their populations.

British Columbia conducts annual CWD monitoring of deer, elk and moose, focussing on the higher risk areas near the BC/Alberta border (Regions 7 and 4). Get information and updates on our websites and tell your local sportsman clubs.

We need your help. Hunters, especially in the Peace and Kootenay regions, should submit heads for voluntary testing. Drop off locations have been set up at various businesses and clubs in both regions. We strongly advise further reducing the risk of CWD by not using scents or attractants

from deer (urine, feces, saliva or scent glands), as they may be capable of transmitting CWD through environmental contamination. PLEASE USE synthetic scents to reduce the risk.

KNOW THE IMPORT REGULATIONS

To prevent the import of CWD you cannot bring intact deer, elk, moose or caribou carcasses into BC from another jurisdiction. The carcass must be processed so that high risk material is left behind. High risk material includes the head, hide, hoof, spinal column, internal organ or mammary gland of cervids that were killed outside of BC. Meats as well as hide, antlers and skulls that have all soft tissues removed are permitted.

If you hunt outside of BC **DO NOT** return to BC with the intact carcass - process on-site to reduce the risk. Remove risky material and leave these parts where you hunted. De-bone it, quarter it or have the meat processed prior to returning to BC. If you want to keep antlers, remove any soft tissue and soak the bone plate in 2% bleach. If you want to keep the hide, all tissue must be removed before being possessed in BC. **DO NOT dump carcasses in the bush** if they are from elsewhere. Use landfills for proper disposal. You may be able to submit the head to local agencies for CWD testing. Please help us prevent CWD entry into BC by following the regulations. For more information go to www.stopchronicwastingdisease.ca

HUMAN HEALTH RISKS (ZOOTIC DISEASES)

For information on diseases that affect human health such as West Nile virus, various parasites and Lyme's disease, pick up a copy of our booklet *Diseases You Can Get From Wildlife* from a government office or visit our interactive website. at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/wldhealth/diseases or the BC Centre for Disease Control at www.bccdc.ca

Pay attention to information on a recently recognized parasite of wolves and coyotes, *Echinococcus multilocularis*.

LEARN MORE AND PASS IT ON!

Wildlife health is an important link to the health of BC in general - we need your observations about diseases and parasites in BC wildlife populations. Hunters and anglers provide eyes for the BC Wildlife Health Program to track the health of our wildlife - we welcome observations by videos, written/verbal descriptions, or photographs. If you see something or would like to know more about wildlife diseases, refer to the following:

BC Wildlife Health website at:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/wldhealth.html

Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre at: www.ccwhc.ca

Report your observations at:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/wildlife/wsi/incidental_obs.htm

Hunting in Provincial Parks

If the season during which you want to hunt takes place within a provincial park, certain park regulations may apply (specifically with regards to access). Please contact the BC Parks office in the area in which you want to hunt to determine if any special conditions apply. For a list of BC Parks where hunting is permitted visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/

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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. See website for list of royalty fees www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca.

► 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 any FrontCounterBC location. Addresses available at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca.

POSSESSION & 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.

► It is prohibited to possess the head, hide, hoof, spinal column, internal organ or mammary gland of any animal of the family Cervidae (deer, elk, moose) that was killed outside British Columbia. Possession of an out-of-province Cervidae hide that has been treated in a manner that removes all tissue, or antlers or parts of skulls that have had all tissues removed is permitted.

► Anyone who possesses or transports the carcass or part of the carcass of the following animals must leave naturally attached to the carcass or one part of the carcass in the person's possession the following listed parts:

(1) For elk, moose, and deer:

- (a) If the animal is male, either
 - (i) that portion of the head which bears the antlers, OR
 - (ii) both a testicle or part of the penis, AND the animal's tail or another readily identifiable part of the hide not less than 6 cm².
- (b) If the animal is female, either
 - (i) that portion of the head which in males normally bears antlers, OR
 - (ii) both a portion of the udder or teats, AND the animal's tail or another readily identifiable part of the hide not less than 6 cm².

(2) For caribou:

- (a) If the animal is male, a testicle or part of the penis, AND either the animal's tail, another readily identifiable part of the hide not less than 6 cm² or that portion of the head that bears the antlers.
- (b) If the animal is female, a portion of the udder or teats, AND either the animal's tail, another readily identifiable part of the hide not less than 6 cm² or that portion of the head that normally bears the antlers.

(3) For mountain sheep:

- (a) If the animal is male, either
 - (i) that portion of the head that bears the horns, OR
 - (ii) a testicle or part of the penis.
- (b) If the animal is female, either
 - (i) that portion of the head that in males normally bears horns, OR
 - (ii) a portion of the udder or teats.

(4) For mountain goat or bison:

- (a) If the animal is male, either a testicle or part of the penis.
- (b) If the animal is female, a portion of the udder or teats.

► The above sections (1) - (4) do not apply if a person possesses a portion of a carcass or hide which they did not kill, provided that:

- 1) they possess the portion of carcass or hide for the purpose of transporting it to their residence, a meatcutter, a cold storage plant or a Compulsory Inspector, AND
- 2) they have a Record of Receipt as described in the Transporting Wildlife section (page 24), AND
- 3) the person who killed the wildlife possesses a portion of the carcass or hide with the parts attached as described in sections (1) - (4) on this page.

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 meat 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 24) 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 should obtain from the butcher a receipt which indicates:

- the Hunter Number; the species licence number; and the species, and sex of the animal taken.

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HANDLING GAME MEAT SAFELY

These general safety measures are recommended when handling game meat:

- ✓ Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.
- ✓ Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing or handling any dead animal.
- ✓ Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone if you can avoid it, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord.
- ✓ Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- ✓ Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION and REPORTING

Compulsory Inspection and Compulsory Reporting 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 for hunter harvest are provided in some regional offices and some are provided through independent, qualified inspectors throughout the province.

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. Appointments must be arranged by the hunter for all compulsory inspections. For Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Sections' front page maps.

For more information, please contact the appropriate Ministry Regional Office or the Ministry website

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/ci.htm

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection include, but is not limited to:

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 requested to submit unfrozen wildlife parts. Hunters are not in legal possession of the wildlife unless they comply with compulsory inspection requirements.

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to a compulsory

inspector for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (ie, tooth) **within 30 days** of the kill (see note regarding trapping exemption below).

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

- **mountain goat** • **mountain sheep**
- **grizzly bear** • **cougar** • **caribou**
- **elk in Regions 2 and 8**
- **moose in MUs 6-19, 6-20, and 6-22 to 6-25, and the Nass Wildlife Area (NWA), see map F47 for NWA**
- **black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13**
- **lynx in Region 4**

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 MoE 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 licensed 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 licensed 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 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 Region 6 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 6 within 4 days of the kill.
7. Persons who take a black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 must submit the animal for inspection within 10 days of the kill or before exporting from the province, whichever occurs first.

PARTS REQUIRED

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 grizzly bear, black bear, lynx and 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 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 and moose:

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

COMPULSORY REPORTING

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

- **lynx in regions 3, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, or 8**
- **wolverine** • **bobcat**
- **elk Region 1** • **wolf in Regions 1, 2, 4,** must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report:

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

Compulsory Reporting forms are available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

The Harvest Data card can also be used to submit this data, however hunters must add the number of days hunted before the animal was killed. The card is available at any licence issuer, Service BC, or Ministry office. There are four options to provide wildlife staff with the required information. The report can be:

1) Mailed or submitted in person to any regional office. Hunters also have the option to report to any regional office by phone

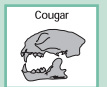
2) Mailed to: Compulsory Reporting, PO Box 9374, Stn Prov Gov, Victoria, BC, V8W 9M4

3) Faxed to (250) 387-0239

4) Scanned and emailed to FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca insert "Compulsory Reporting" in the subject line of the email.

Please note that tooth samples are not required for Compulsory Reporting

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to furbearing animals taken by trapping. See page 92.



DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES OR WILDLIFE PARTS

► Carcasses or part of a carcass of an animal or fish are included in the Wildlife Act definition of an **attractant**. Other than for the purpose of hunting in accordance with the provisions of the **Wildlife Act** and regulations, it is prohibited to provide, leave, or place an attractant in, on or about any land or premises where there are or where there are likely to be people in a manner in which the attractant could attract dangerous wildlife to the land or premises and be accessible to dangerous wildlife. A person that commits an offence under this provision is liable, on a first conviction, to a fine up to \$50,000 and/or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months.

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 1 year after 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 big game within 1 year of the kill AND provides the cancelled species licence and (where Compulsory Inspection is required) the Compulsory Inspection Data Sheet.

► 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 FrontCounter BC (see page 63) to obtain export permits for Compulsory Inspection species 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 FW&HM Branch or a Ministry 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 for the export out of Canada of all grizzly bear, black bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat, wolf, wood bison, sea otter, raptors, river otter and polar bear or parts of these animals. Such permits leaving Canada directly from BC may be obtained by applying to the Permit & Authorization Service Bureau, 4th Floor 2975 Jutland Rd., PO Box 9372 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9M3. Application forms are available from Service BC offices or at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca.

► 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, MEAT CUTTERS, 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.



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► 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 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 FW&HM 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.

► For more information on the Harvest Questionnaire, please visit the Frequently Asked Question at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/harvestquestionnaire/faq.html

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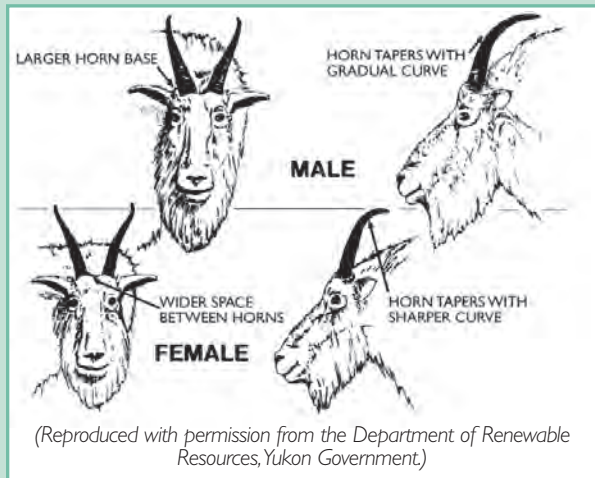
IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS

Minimizing the female (nanny) harvest of mountain goats is an important conservation action. Previously, the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has addressed concerns with the harvest of females through voluntary compliance among hunters to select a male mountain goat (billy). While the proportion of females in the harvest has decreased, there continues to be concerns over the high harvest of female mountain goats in some areas. In order to address this concern, a new regulation was implemented in 2010 that states **"It is unlawful to hunt a female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female mountain goat in a group that contains one or more kids."**

This regulation does not protect all female mountain goats as a solitary

female mountain goat, or a female mountain goat within a group of goats that does not contain kids, would still be legal to harvest. For a more detailed rationale for this regulation, see our website www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/#mtngoatfemales. To test yourself on mountain goat sex identification go to http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz_id=3

The recently completed "Management Plan for the Mountain Goat in British Columbia" contains detailed information on managing mountain goats in BC, and



is available for downloading at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/recovery/management_plans/MtGoat_MP_Final_28May2010.pdf.

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REGION 1

Check website
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/
 for in-season changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.
 CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River

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Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

1. Expansion of the shotgun/bow only restriction area and special antlerless deer seasons in the vicinity of Nanaimo.
2. Expansion of special antlerless deer seasons to the Saanich Peninsula.
3. No Closed Season and No Bag Limit for Fallow Deer in MU I-I. Deer species license requirements for Fallow Deer are under review; check for in-season regulations change and updates at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/
4. Removal of a portion of private land from the Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area.

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is three, of which only two may be antlerless and only 2 may be bucks.

Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue (sooty) and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See page 17 for additional information on bag limits.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these 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 (in order to protect the habitat for Vancouver Island Marmots)

※ **ATV and Snowmobile Closed Areas:**

The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited in the Nanaimo River Camp (Zone B of MU 1-5) in the watershed of the Nanaimo River from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (see Map A17).

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Hunters should be aware of No Hunting and No Shooting Areas described on page 13. Hunters are also responsible for identifying and complying with community/municipal No Shooting bylaws. Municipal bylaws that affect the discharge of firearms and/or bows are not included in this synopsis. For more information, contact individual municipalities.

► No hunting of black bears within 800 m of the intersection of Beaver Cove Road and Telegraph Cove Road in MU 1-11

► 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 Ministry 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.

► **Nanose Bay No Shooting Area (MU1-5)** - From the mean high water mark at the southeast corner of the Qualicum National Wildlife Area east to the mean high water mark on the Department of Defence property line and the shore area between these points (400 m out onto the water from the mean high water mark).

► **Qualicum National Wildlife Areas (MU 1-6)** - Hunting, trapping, fishing or the possession of any firearm (*Canada Wildlife Act*) is prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (604-940-4650) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

► The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 m 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 A11.

► **Cowichan River No Shooting Area (MU 1-4).** The discharge of firearms is Prohibited within 100 m of the high water mark of the Cowichan River from a point starting on the River immediately north of the Holt Creek Trailhead upstream along the Cowichan River to the Municipality of Lake Cowichan.

Gulf Islands Licence Hunting Area

► **Hunters planning to hunt on Galiano, Pender, Saturna, Mayne, Denman and Hornby Islands, and other Gulf Islands within MU 1-1 should be aware that the majority of these islands are comprised of private land and National Park. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt. There is no hunting within Gulf Islands National Park.**

► No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on

Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

► Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while hunting is required.

► All persons 18 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, available at Service BCs offices. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence.

BC PARKS

► Please refer to Site & Access

Restrictions section for more information.

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

NOTICE! GRIZZLY BEARS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

There have been a number of grizzly bear sightings on northern Vancouver Island in recent years. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken and hunters are reminded that there is no open season for grizzly bears on the island. Please report any sightings of a grizzly bear on Vancouver Island (which would be brown in colour compared to the uniformly black colour of black bears on Vancouver Island) to the Nanaimo Regional office, (250) 751-3100, or the 24 hour call center line at 1-877 952-7277. For more information on bear safety visit: www.bearaware.bc.ca/bears/safety.html

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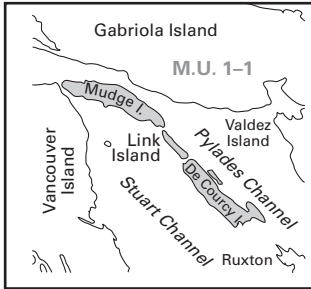
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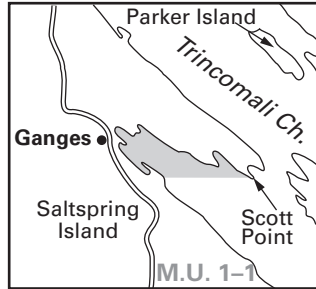
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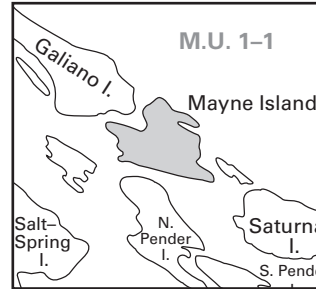
VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼ I-1 to I-15	Bucks	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
	+I-1, +I-2, +I-4, +I-5, +I-6, +I-15	Antlerless	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
	▲ I-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
	I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6, I-10	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
Youth Only Season**	▼★ I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	+I-1, +I-2, +I-4, +I-5, +I-6, +I-15	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Youth Bow Only Season**	★ I-1, I-2, I-4, to I-6, I-10	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	1
▼ A portion of MU I-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.				
* On Denman and Hornby Island season date is Oct 5 to Dec 10 ** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18				
+ Season applies only to a portion of these MUs. I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6, I-15. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and map A35.				
▲ Restricted to Gulf Islands, excluding Saltspring Island and Gabriola Island.				
★ 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).				
FALLOW DEER	I-1	Either sex	No Closed Season	NBL
Species licence requirements for fallow deer are under review please check the in season regulation change website for updates.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	I-14, I-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
BLACK BEAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Dec 10	
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	2
	★ I-1 to I-15		Aug 25 - Sept 9	
★ 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) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
WOLF	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	3
All wolf taken must be reported to a Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
RACCOON	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	I-14, I-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
OPPOSUM, SKUNK	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	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.				
GROUSE: SOOTY (Blue) & RUFFED	I-1 to I-15		Sept 1 - Dec 31	
Bow Only Season	I-1 to I-15		Aug 20 - Aug 31	5 each (15 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-15		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		No Closed Season	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 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPES	I-1 to I-15	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	10 each (30 each)
		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15	Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	I-1 to I-15	Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	I-1 to I-15	Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	I-3, I-8 to I-15	Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲ I-4 to I-7	Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 14, 2014	Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 13, 2015	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲ I-4 to I-7	Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 23, 2014	Oct 10, 2015 - Nov 22, 2015	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲ I-4 to I-7	Dec 20, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	Dec 19, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲ I-4 to I-7	Feb 10, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Feb 11, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30)
▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU I-4, see below				
* I-4 (Cowichan Bay)		Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 23, 2014 Dec 20, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015 Feb 10, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Nov 22, 2015 Dec 19, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016 Feb 11, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30) 10 (30) 10 (30)
* I-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Oct 11, 2014 - Oct 20, 2014 Dec 20, 2014 - Dec 31, 2014 Feb 21, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Oct 19, 2015 Dec 19, 2015 - Dec 31, 2015 Feb 20, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30) 10 (30) 10 (30)
* See Map A11.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	I-1 to I-15	Oct 4, 2014 - Oct 5, 2014	Oct 3, 2015 - Oct 4, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



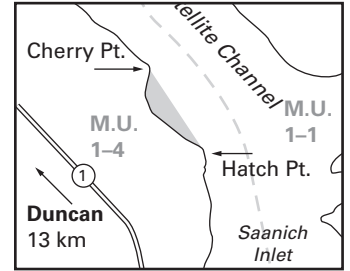
Map A1 Mudge and DeCourcy Islands - No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



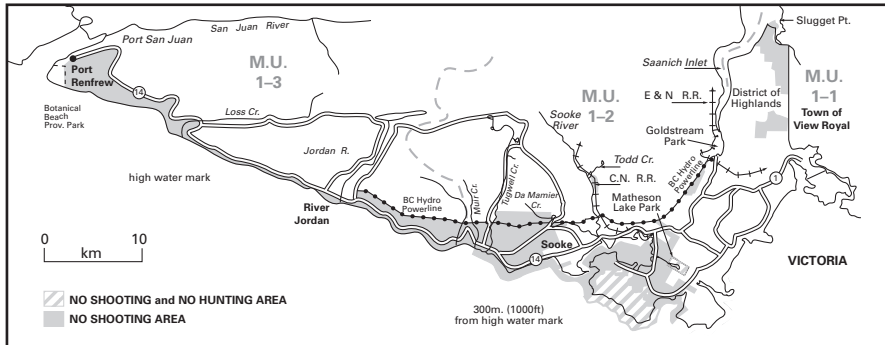
Map A2 Ganges - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



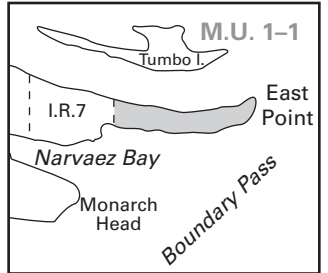
Map A3 Mayne Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



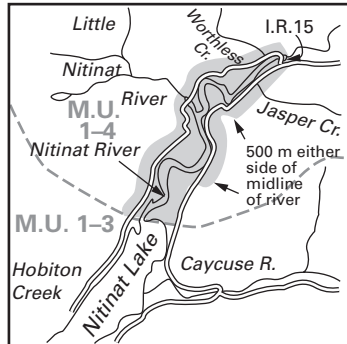
Map A4 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



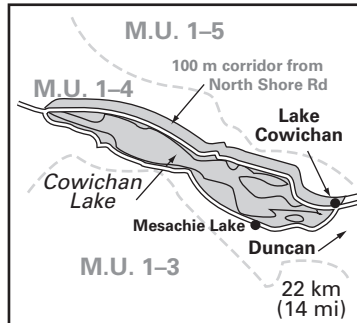
Map A5 Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



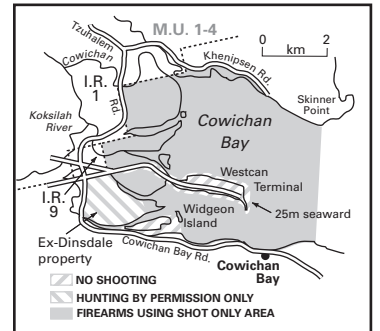
Map A6 Saturna Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



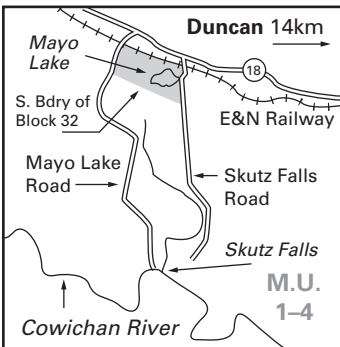
Map A8 Nitinat River - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



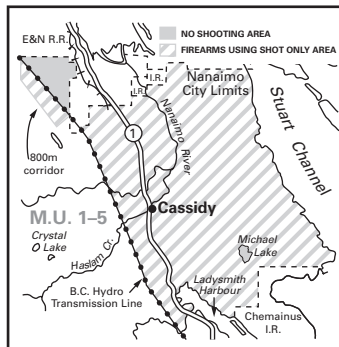
Map A9 Cowichan Lake - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



Map A11 Cowichan Bay Area (situated in MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Firearms Using Shot Only Area, Sept 15 to Mar 11. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See General Open Seasons Table.



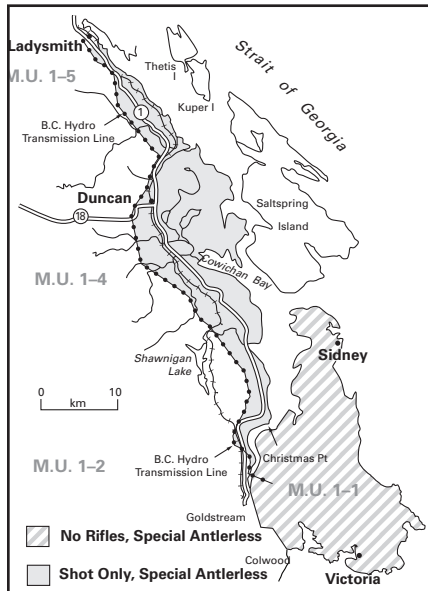
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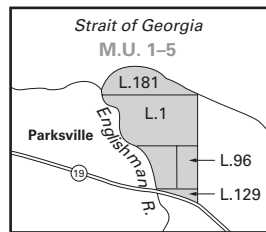
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Canada Goose



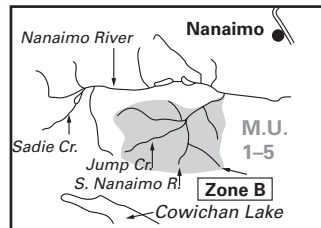
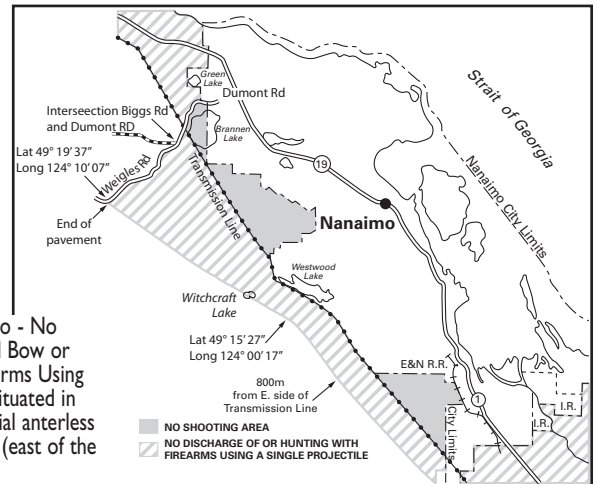


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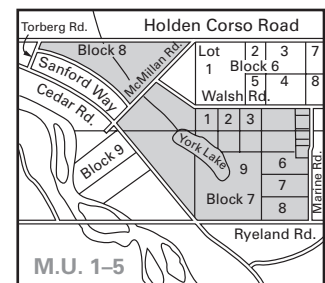


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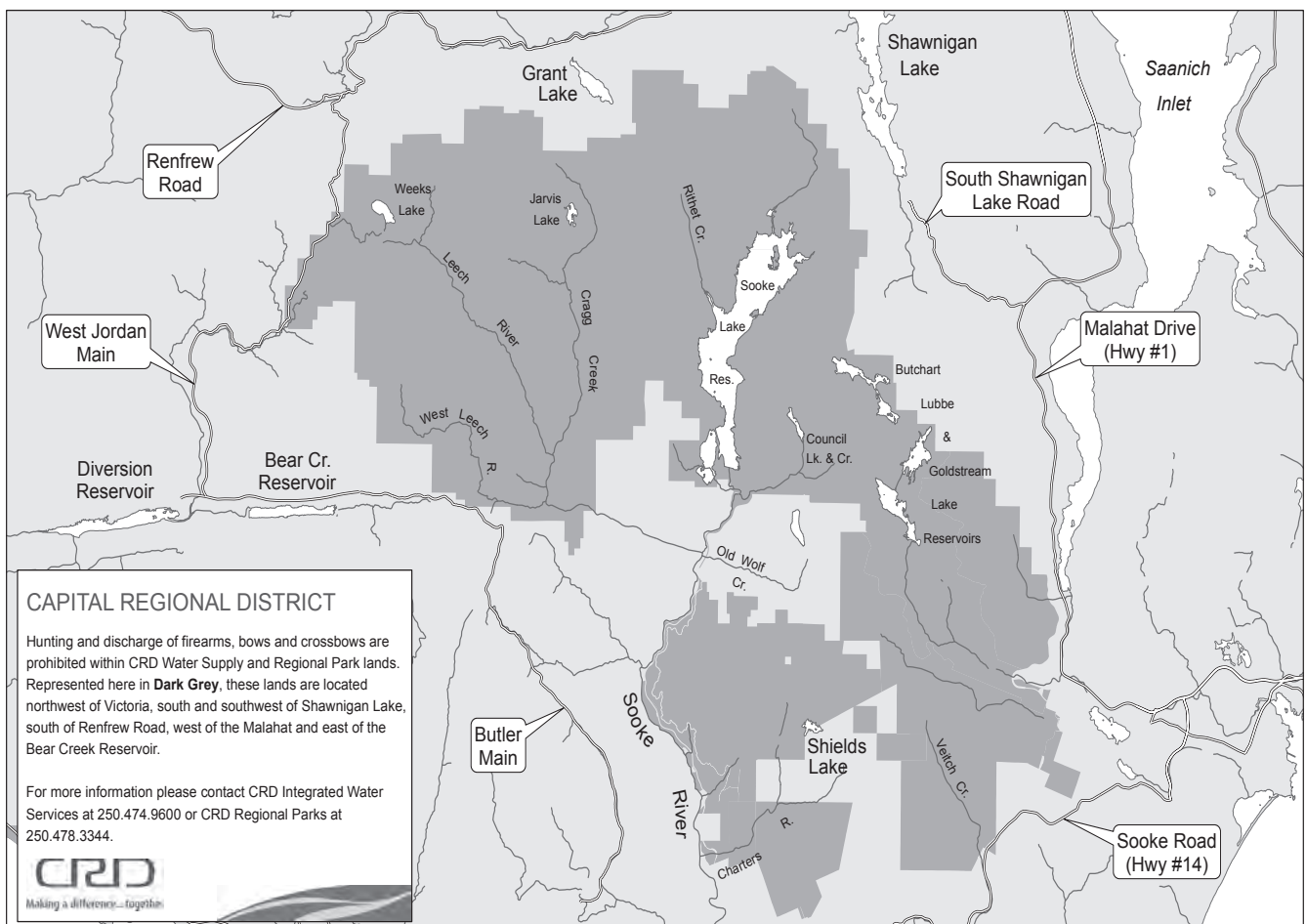
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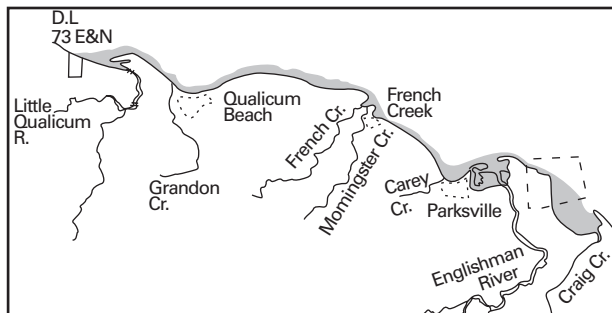


Map A17 Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATV's (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (situated in MU 1-5) in the watershed of the S. Nanaimo River.

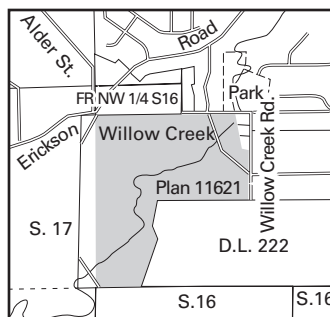


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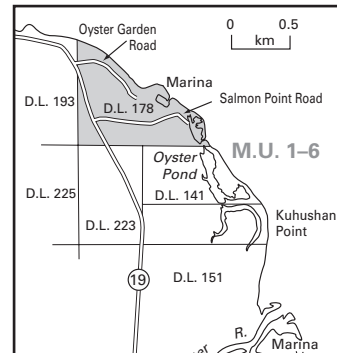




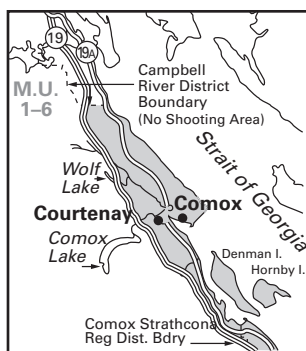
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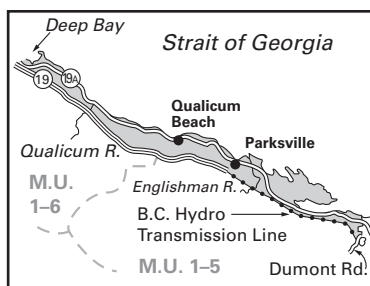
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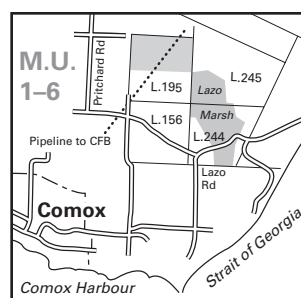
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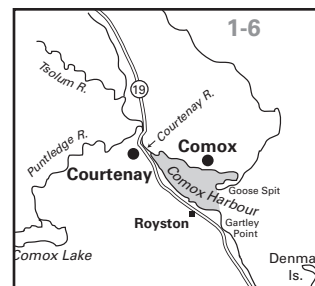
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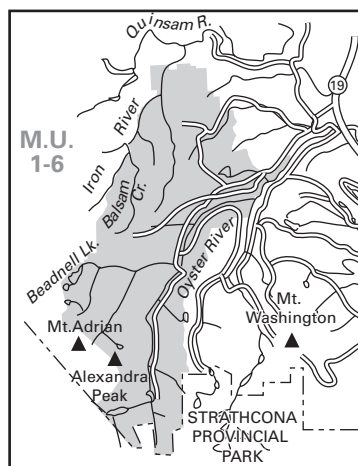
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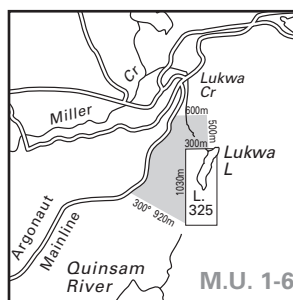
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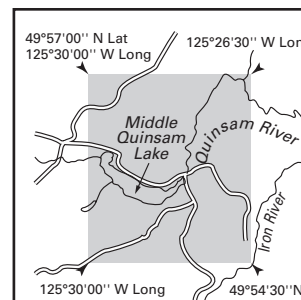
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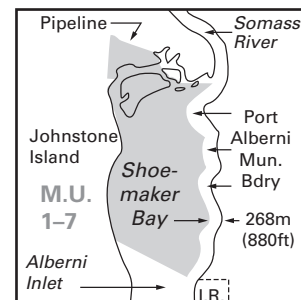
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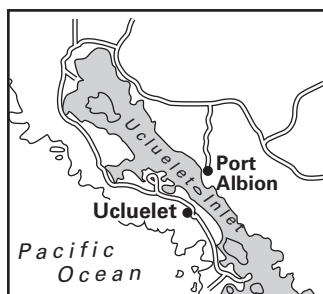
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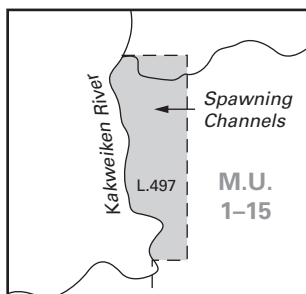
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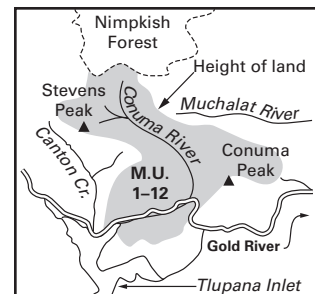
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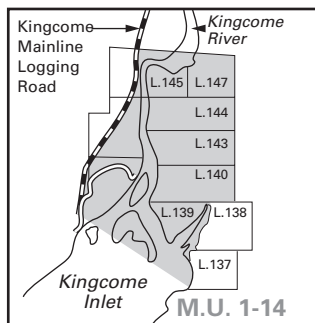
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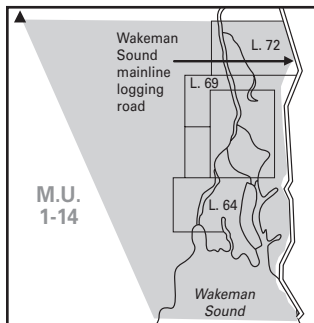
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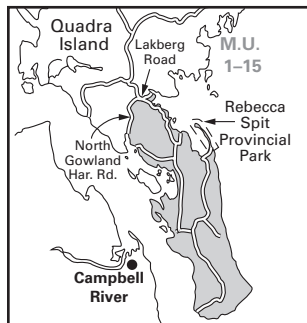
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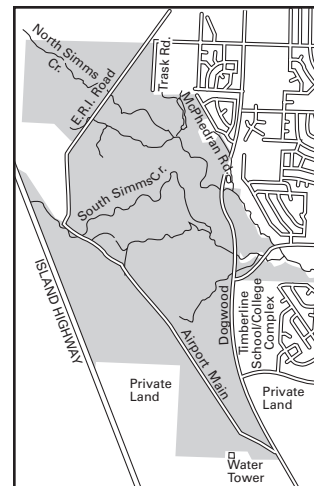
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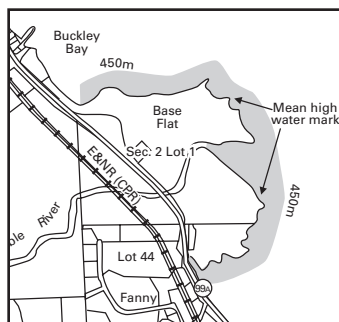
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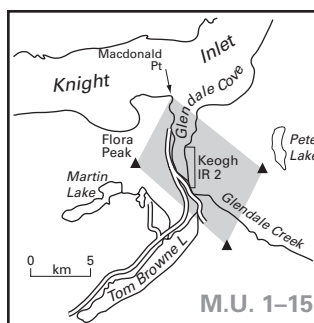
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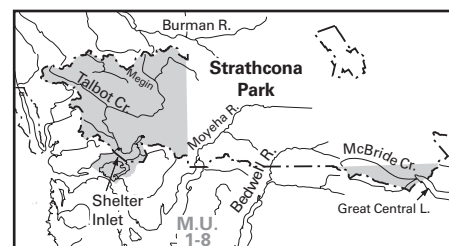
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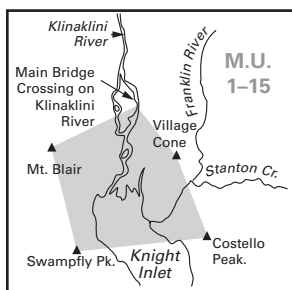
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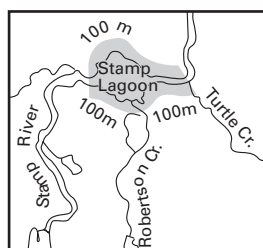
Map A38 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



Map A39 Strathcona Park McBride Creek and Meggin Creek additions (situated in MUs 1-7, 1-8).



Map A40 Knight Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



Map A41 Stamp Lagoon Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-7).

NOTICE! 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 (604-940-4700) for more details.

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REGION 2

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 for in-season changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

CI contractor locations: Surrey, Agassiz, Squamish, Sunshine Coast
Ministry Regional Office, Surrey: (604) 586-4400

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call the number provided below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Cultus Lake:	1-800-731-6373
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Squamish:	1-800-731-6373
Surrey:	1-800-731-6373

**For information on Wildlife
 Permits and Commercial Licences,
 please see page 63.**

Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

1. Implementation of a No Hunting area within Whistler Olympic Park
2. Motor Vehicle Prohibitions within Bert Brink and Pitt Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Areas.

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.

Grouse: The daily aggregate bag limit for sooty/dusky (blue), spruce 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 B10). These special licences are available through selected private outlets. For further information, contact a Service BC's office.

► No Shooting Areas or No Hunting Areas: Hunters should be aware of these areas as outlined on page 13 and regional maps.

► Burns Bog (MU 2-4) No Hunting or Trapping Area - no hunting or trapping in the Burns Bog Partnership Lands.

► Bowen Island No Shooting Area (MU 2-16) - contact the Bowen Island Municipal Clerk (604-947-4255) for important information on municipal bylaws (including those for use of bows) that also cover this area.

► 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.

► **Whistler Olympic Park No Hunting Area. Hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of Whistler Olympic Park.**

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Information signs are posted or gates are placed at the points for motor vehicle closures. 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 Ministry offices for details.

► Motor Vehicle Closed Areas: see the definition of "Motor Vehicle" in the definitions section.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas from April 1 to June 15, unless otherwise indicated.

MU 2-4

★ **Bert Brink Wildlife Management Area - effective year round.**

MU 2-6

★ beyond the bridge crossing at 50.5 mile of the Elaho G-Main Forest Service Road (FSR).

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Pikett Creek located at 30 mile on the Ashlu Creek North FSR.

MU 2-8

★ **Pitt Addington Marsh - effective year round**

MU 2-9

★ **beyond the bridge crossing over an unnamed creek located 5 km north of the bridge crossing over North Sloquet Creek on the North Sloquet Creek FSR.**

MU 2-11

★ beyond the first bridge crossing over South Creek on the South Creek FSR

★ on the Salal Creek FSR beyond 3 km North of the junction of the Upper Lillooet North FSR and the Salal Creek FSR

★ in the Phelix Creek FSR beyond the junction of Phelix Creek FSR and the Blackwater Creek FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Delilah Creek on the North Creek FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Hotsprings Creek on the Meager Creek South FSR

★ beyond the gate located at 9 km on the Meager Creek North FSR

★ beyond the bridge crossing over Tenquille Creek on the Birkenhead FSR

★ Prohibited year round beyond the bridge crossing over the Ryan River located 8 km on the Ryan River FSR

BC PARKS

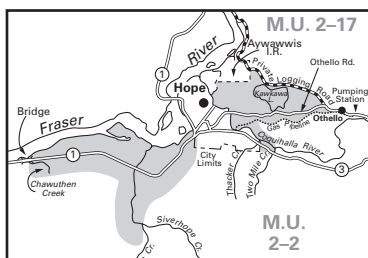
► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

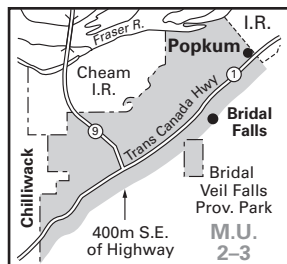
LOWER MAINLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	2-2 to 2-4, 2-6 to 2-8, 2-13 to 2-15, 2-17 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	2
	2-9 to 2-11	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-5, 2-12	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	2-16	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 15	▲2
	2-16	Antlerless	Nov 5 - Nov 20	▲1
Youth/Senior Only Season***	**2-11	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
Youth Only Season*	2-16	Antlerless	Oct 21 - Oct 31	▲1
Bow Only Season	2-2 to 2-19	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	▲2
Bow Only Season	★2-16	Bucks	Sept 1 - Dec 15	3(2)
Bow Only Season	★2-16	Antlerless	Nov 5 - Dec 5	3(2)
Bow Only Season	★2-16	Either Sex	Jan 1 - Jan 15	3(2)
Bow Only Season	◆2-16	Either Sex	Dec 16 - Jan 15	3(2)
▲ In those portions of MU 2-16 being Bowen Island and Texada Island, the bag limit for deer is 3(2). * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ★ Season applies to Bowen Island only. See Notice to Hunters. ◆ Season applies to Texada Island only. ** Season applies only to portions of MU 2-11. See maps B14 and B21A. This area is almost entirely privately owned property and hunters are reminded to get permission before hunting or accessing private property *** Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	2-5		Sept 10 - Oct 15	1
★ See Map B9.	★2-6		Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
▼ See Maps B17, B19	▼ 2-12 to 2-15		Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
BLACK BEAR	2-3 to 2-17		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	2-3 to 2-17		Apr 1 - June 15	2
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	2-2, 2-18, 2-19		Apr 1 - June 15	1
	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	3

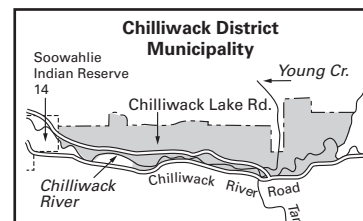
LOWER MAINLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				BAG LIMIT
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	
2-5, 2-6, 2-11 to 2-16			Apr 1 - June 15	3
All wolf taken in Region 2 must be Compulsory Reported see page 21.				
COYOTE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - June 15	NBL
RACCOON, SKUNK	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	2-5 to 2-19		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
BOBCAT	2-2 to 2-19		Nov 15 - Feb 15	5
COUGAR	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	2-2 to 2-19		Apr 1 - June 15	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten..				
GROUSE SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue),				
RUFFED & SPRUCE	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	10 (30)
Bow Only Season	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	10 (30)
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
PTARMIGAN	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 10 - Dec 15	5 (15)
Bow Only Season	2-2, 2-3, 2-5 to 2-19		Sept 1 - Sept 9	5 (15)
			2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
PHEASANT	2-4, 2-8	Cocks	Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 30, 2014	Oct 10 2015 - Nov 30, 2015
Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS,COMMON SNIPE	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016
Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area is closed to Snipe hunting.				
Consideration is being given to extend this closure to other foreshore areas (ie. Roberts and Sturgeon Banks) in future hunting seasons.				
DUCKS	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17. See special area maps.				
BRANT	2-4		Mar 1, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Mar 1, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 4, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 3, 2016
	2-2 to 2-19		Feb 20, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Feb 20, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016
▲ Daily bag and possession limits for Snow Goose only in MUs 2-4 and 2-5 are 10 (30)				
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	2-2 to 2-19		Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 14, 2014	Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 13, 2015
	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 23, 2014	Oct 10, 2015 - Nov 22, 2015
	2-2 to 2-19		Dec 20, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	Dec 19, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016
	2-2 to 2-19★		Feb 10, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Feb 11, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016
★ 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.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE (excluding Brant)	2-2 to 2-19		Oct 4, 2014 - Oct 5, 2014	Oct 3, 2015 - Oct 4, 2015
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



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



Map B2 Popkum - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-3).



Map B3 Chilliwack Valley - Firearms Using
Shot Only Area (situated in MU 2-3).

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

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 moose, where General Open Seasons exist.

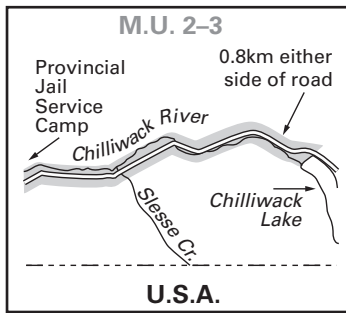
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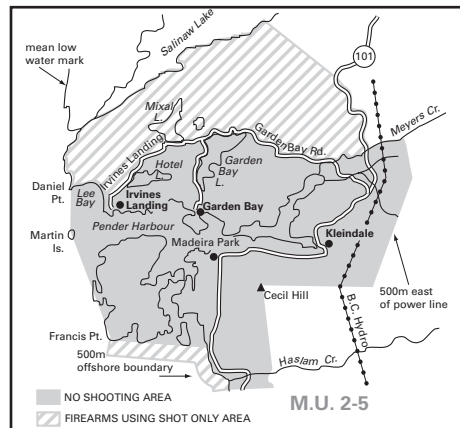
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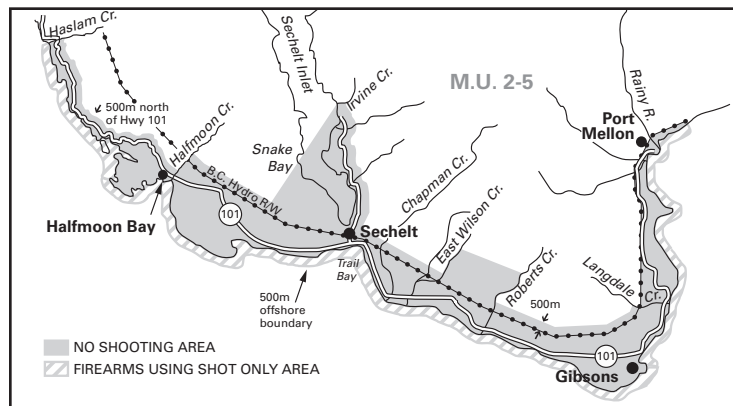




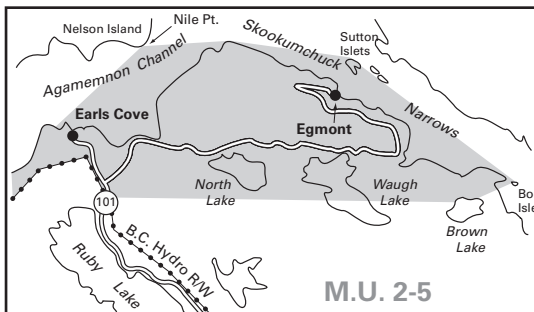
Map B4 Provincial Jail Camp No. 1 No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-3).



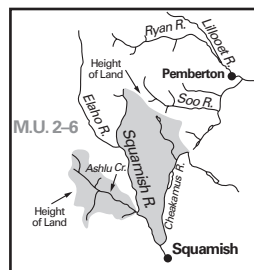
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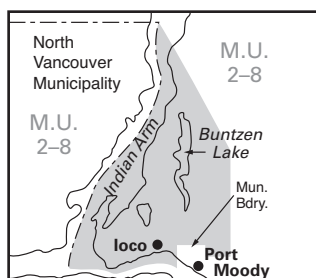
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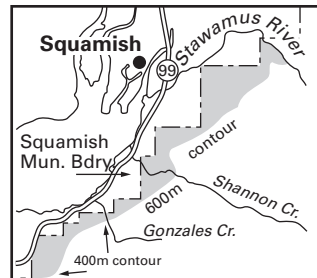
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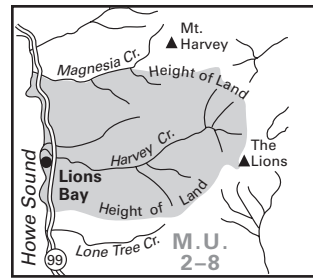
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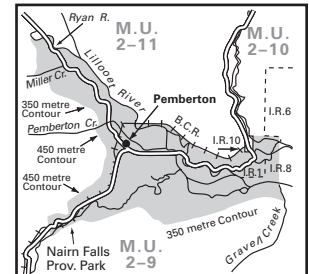
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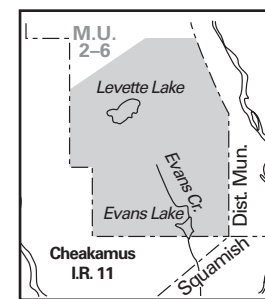
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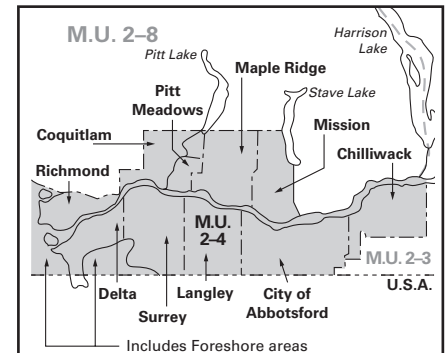
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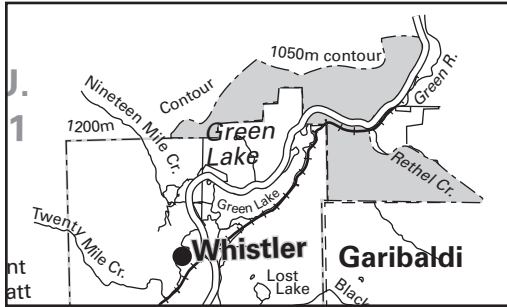


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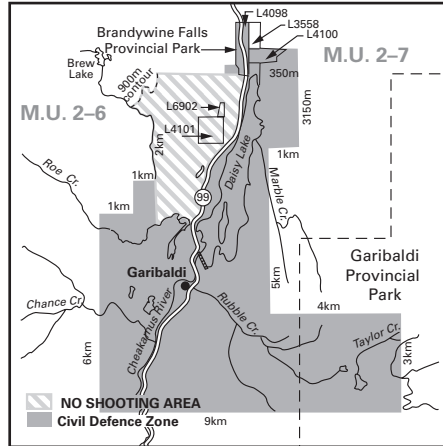


Map B10 Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) (situated in MUs 2-4, 2-8). All persons hunting within MU 2-4 & those portions of MU 2-8 within the corporate limits of the corporation of the district of Maple Ridge, the corporation of the district of Pitt Meadows, the district of Mission, the corporation of the district of Coquitlam are required to purchase a Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting Licence in addition to other Provincial licences and for hunting migratory game birds, the Migratory Bird Licence. \$1,000,000.00 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance is required.

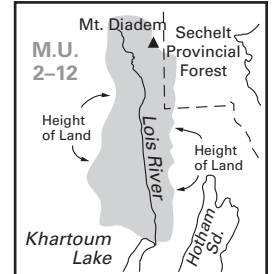




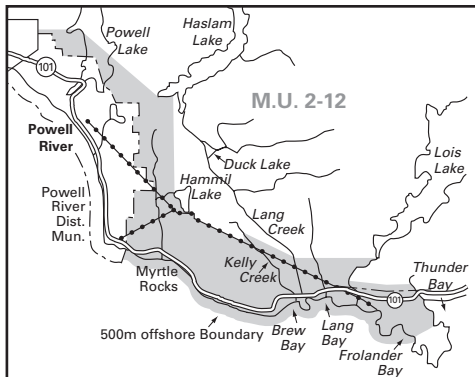
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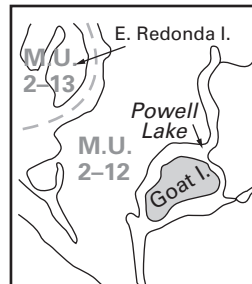
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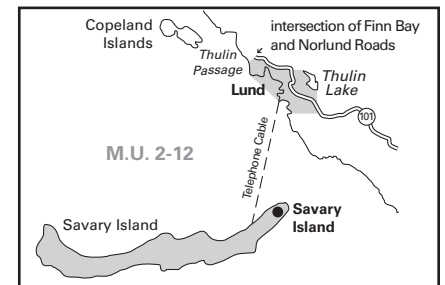
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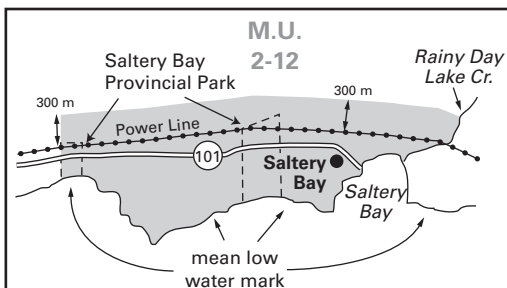
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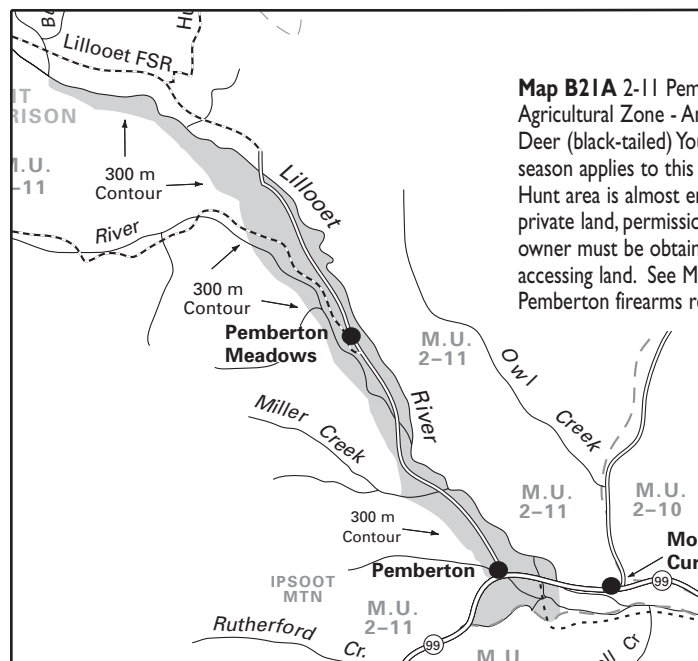
Map B19 Goat Island Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 2-12).



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Map B21 Saltery Bay - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-12).



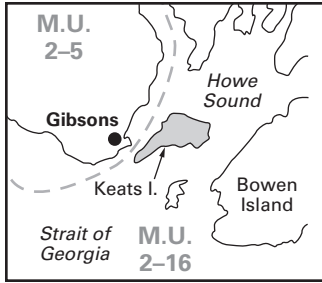
Map B21A 2-11 Pemberton Agricultural Zone - Antlerless Mule Deer (black-tailed) Youth/Senior season applies to this area only. Hunt area is almost entirely private land, permission from land owner must be obtained prior to accessing land. See Map B14 for Pemberton firearms restrictions.



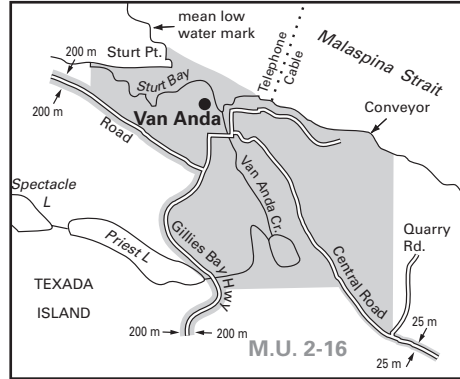
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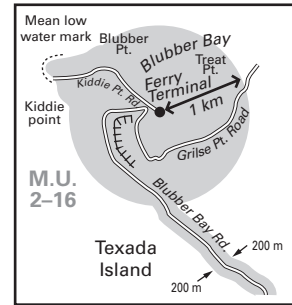
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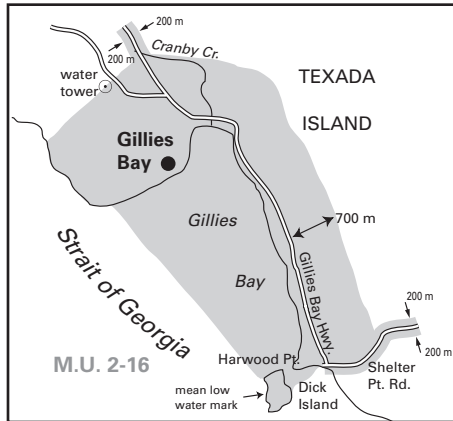
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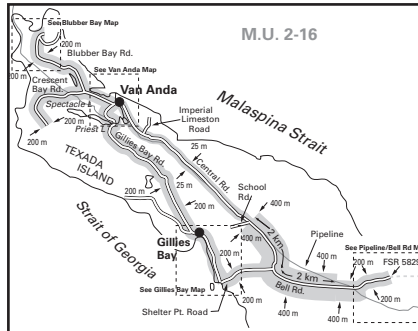
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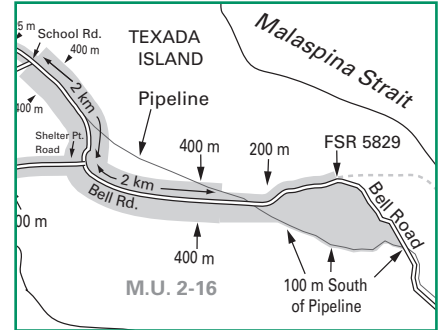
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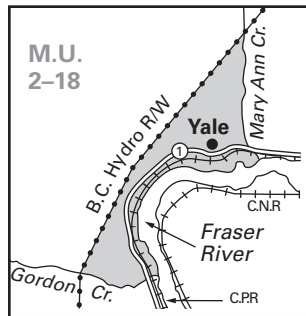
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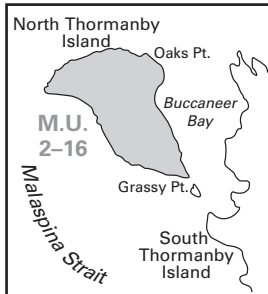
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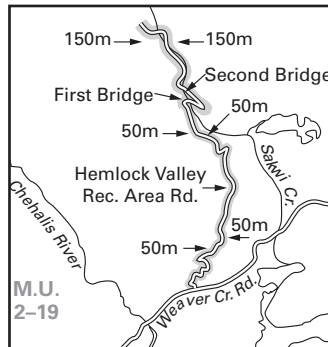
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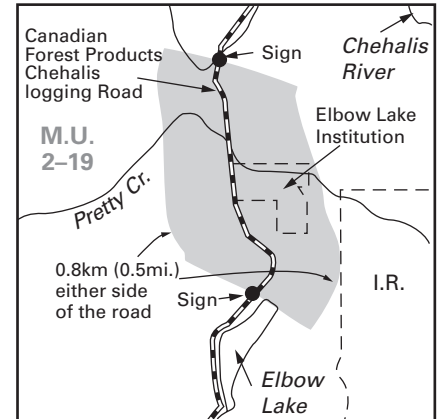
Map B28 Yale - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-18).



Map B29 North Thormanby Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 2-16).



Map B30 Hemlock Valley - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-19).



Map B31 Elbow Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 2-19).

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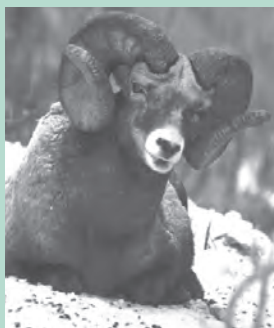
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Recognizing the need to limit the illegal sheep harvest in British Columbia, the WSSBC with the support of FLNRO, created a Sheep Horn Curl Education Program. The program is divided into two sections: an informational component, and a test component. All sheep hunters should review the Sheep Horn Curl Education Program and take the horn curl test. Even experienced sheep hunters will find it a helpful review. Please go to www.wildsheepsociety.org, click

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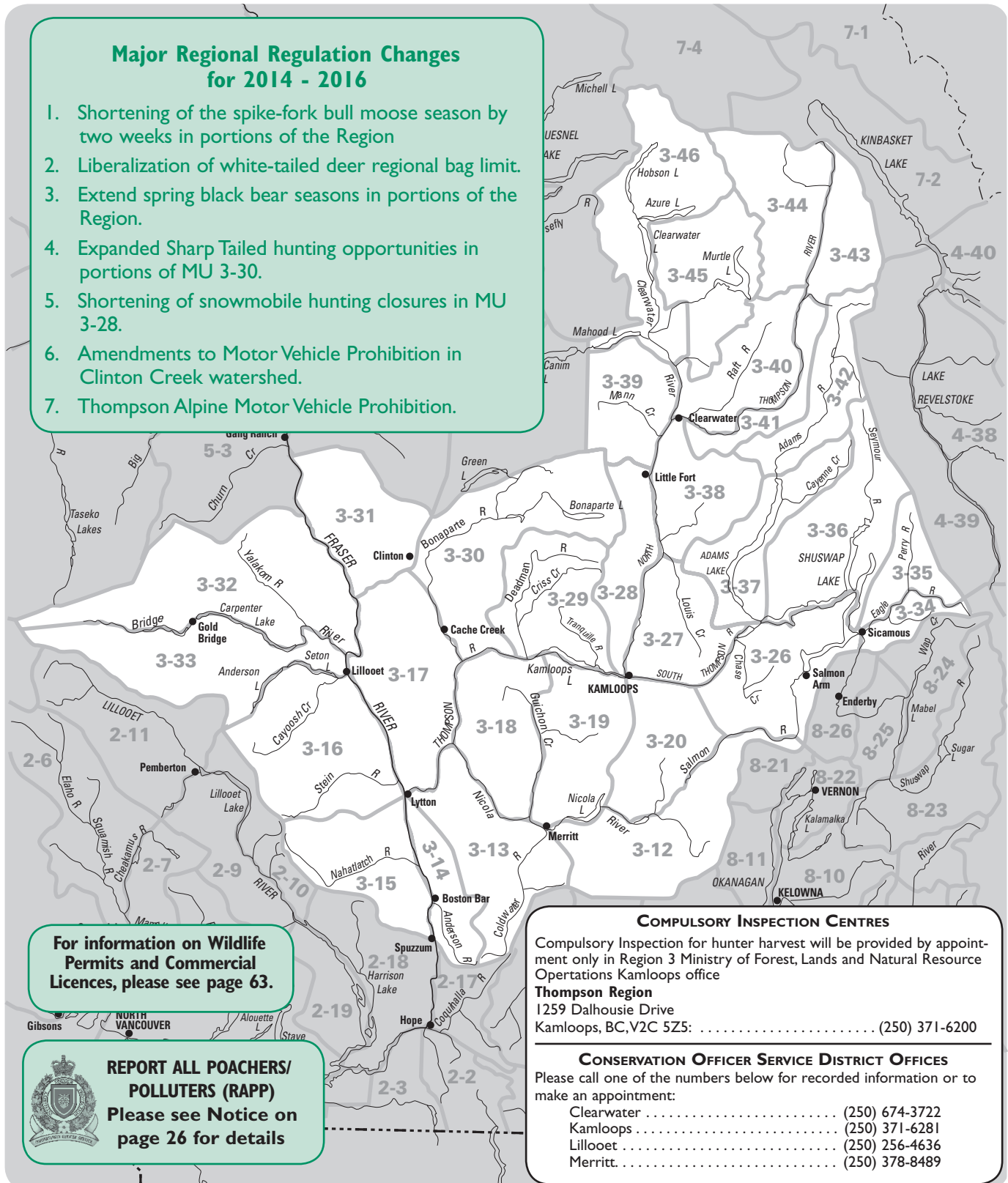
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Major Regional Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

1. Shortening of the spike-fork bull moose season by two weeks in portions of the Region
2. Liberalization of white-tailed deer regional bag limit.
3. Extend spring black bear seasons in portions of the Region.
4. Expanded Sharp Tailed hunting opportunities in portions of MU 3-30.
5. Shortening of snowmobile hunting closures in MU 3-28.
6. Amendments to Motor Vehicle Prohibition in Clinton Creek watershed.
7. Thompson Alpine Motor Vehicle Prohibition.

REGION 3

Thompson



For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.



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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 two, either sex.**

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► 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. Contact Kamloops Regional Office for details.

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in the following areas:

★ **The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 3 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails- See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.**

★ Above the elevation of 1800 m in the Mt Hewitt-Bostock and Stoyoma Mountain area (MUs 3-13, 3-14) from May 1 to Nov 30 inclusive (except for Cabin Lake Rd). See Map C1.

★ Skull Mountain Special Resource Management Zone (MU 3-28) other than indicated open roads (see Map C17) or under permit Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.

★ Lac du Bois - Dewdrop in MUs 3-28 and 3-29. See Map C16.

★ Dewdrop/Rosseau WMA (MU 3-29). See Map C18.

★ Porcupine Meadows Park (MU 3-29). See Map C13.

★ Above the 1920 m elevation in MU 3-32 in the following areas:

- China Head Mountain (excluding Yalakom-Big Bar Road)
- Nine Mile Ridge
- Red Mountain - French Mountain
- Hogback Mountain

★ **Clinton Creek Watershed (MU 3-31). See Map C14.**

★ Spruce Lake area in MU 3-32. See Map C15.

★ Watersheds of Miledge, Chappell and Lempriere Creeks above 1700 m in MU 3-44 (snowmobiles are permitted in designated area between Dec. 1 and May 31). See Map C19.

★ Texas Creek watershed (MU 3-16), upstream of 3 km on the Texas Creek Forest Service Road closed from Apr. 15 to June 30.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas:** 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:

▲ Greenstone Mountain Burn (MU 3-19) (except for Duffy Lake Road, Beaton Lake Road and Greenstone Mountain Road). See Map C3.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas:** 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: **year round in 3-45, 3-46, and April 1 to Dec 14 in MU 3-28.** An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction with respect to the trapping of furbearing animals.

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 firearms restrictions in the No Hunting and No Shooting Areas section page 13 and regional maps.

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

BC PARKS

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

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.



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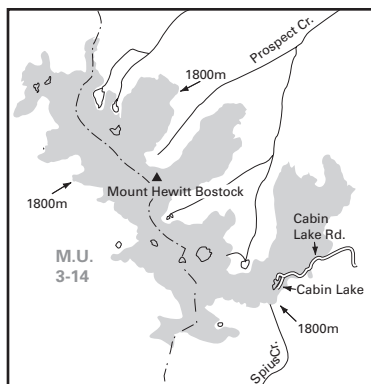
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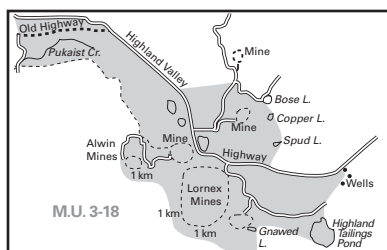
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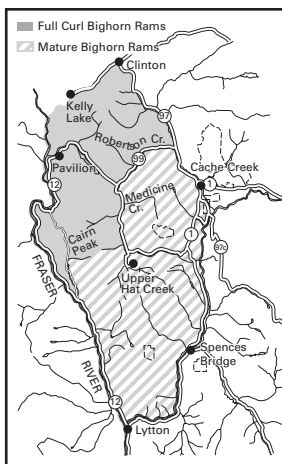
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MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	3-15, 3-16, 3-32, 3-33	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 20 - Sept 30	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Dec 10	1
	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
▲ See Definitions section: Mule Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
	3-46	Bucks	Sept 20 - Dec 10	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2
Youth Only Season*	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Youth Only Season	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	3-34 to 3-44, 3-46	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	3-15 to 3-17, 3-31 to 3-33	*Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Nov 15	1
	3-12 to 3-14, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30	*Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
* See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	3-17*, 3-31, 3-32+	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	3-17*	▲Mature Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
* A portion of 3-17 only. See Map C2. + A portion of MU 3-32 is closed to Mountain Sheep hunting. See map C20. ▲ See Definitions section: Mountain Sheep				
BLACK BEAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	2
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44, 3-46		Apr 1 - June 30	2
WOLF	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Sept 10 - June 15	3
	3-34 to 3-44		Aug 1 - June 15	NBL
COYOTE	3-17, 3-31, 3-32		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
	3-12 to 3-16, 3-18 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-30, 3-33 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
COUGAR	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
	3-34 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
BOBCAT	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
LYNX	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
RACCOON	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
	3-46		Sept 20 - Nov 30	5 each (15 each)
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.				
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	*3-30, 3-31		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)
* Restricted to portions of MU 3-30 see Map C21				
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)
MOURNING DOVES	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	3-13 to 3-17		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW, ROSS'S and WHITE-FRONTED	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Sept 10 - Sept 20	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Oct 1 - Dec 23	10 (30)
	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44		Mar 1 - Mar 10	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 7, 2014	Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 6, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



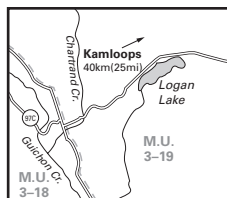
Map C1 Stoyoma Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MUs 3-13, 3-14) above 1800 m elevation from May 1 - Nov 30, except on Cabin Lake Rd.



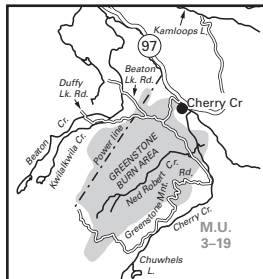
Map C5 Highland Valley - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-18).



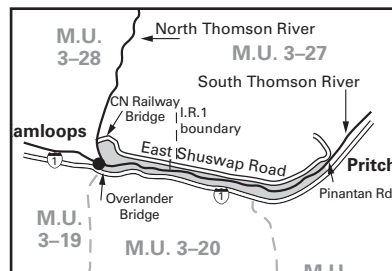
Map C2 Full Curl bighorn and Mature bighorn sheep hunting areas (situated in MU 3-17).



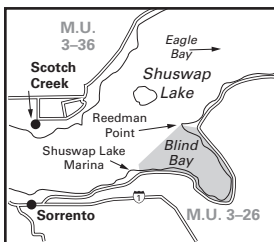
Map C7 Logan Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-19).



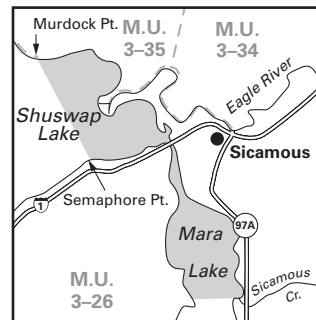
Map C3 Greenstone Mt. Burn Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 3-19). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



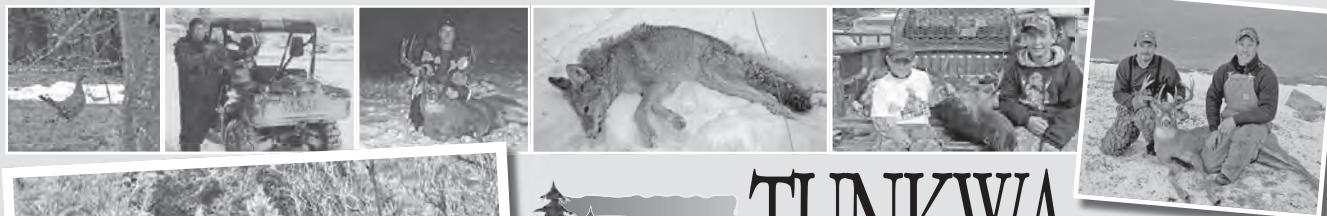
Map C4 Kamloops - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 3-27 and 3-28).



Map C6 Blind Bay - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



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



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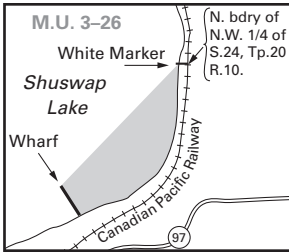
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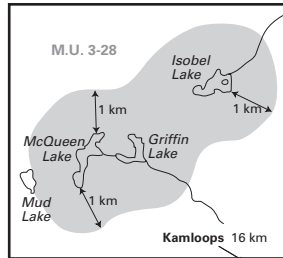
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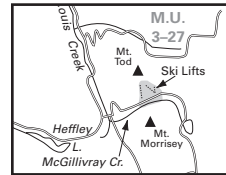
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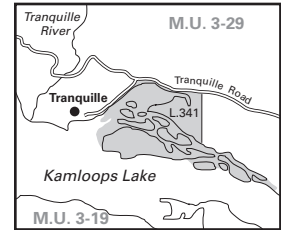
Map C9 Salmon Arm - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 3-26).



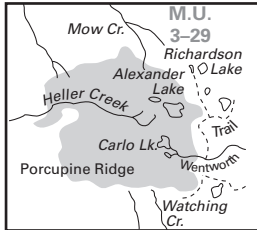
Map C10 McQueen Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 3-28).



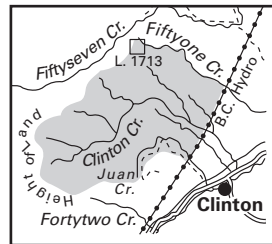
Map C11 Sun Peaks - No Shooting or Hunting Area 400m from existing Ski Lifts (situated in MU 3-27).



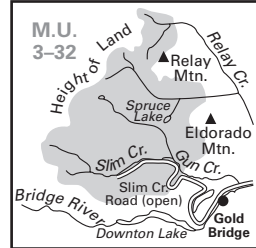
Map C12 Tranquille Wildlife Management Area - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park in MU 3-29)



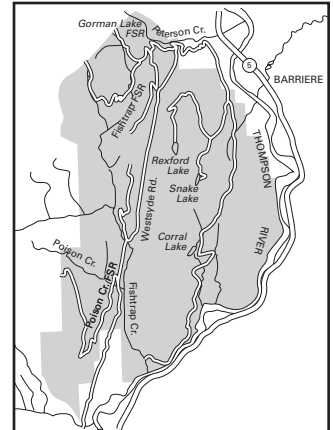
Map C13 Porcupine Meadows Park (formerly Porcupine Ridge AMA) Closed to motor vehicles. Snowmobiles allowed from Dec 15 to April 15.



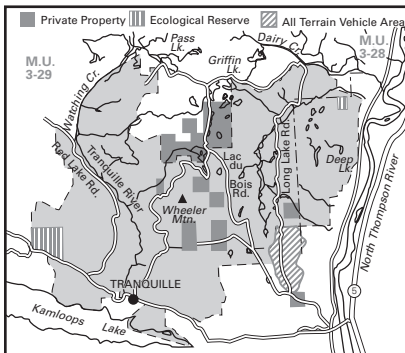
Map C14 Clinton Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-31).



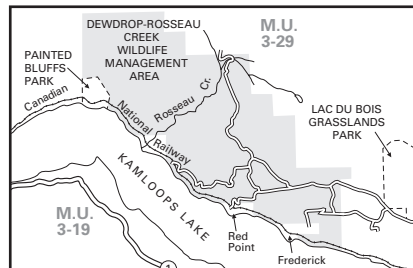
Map C15 Spruce Lake Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in Spruce Lake Protected Area in MU 3-32). Closed from June 1 to Nov 30. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



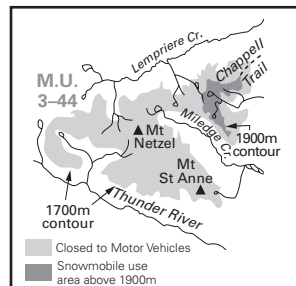
Map C17 Skull Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-28). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. All other roads closed to motor vehicles from Sept. 1 to Dec. 10.



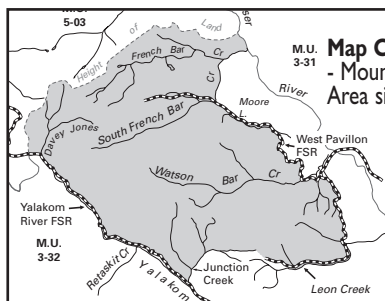
Map C16 Lac du Bois Grasslands Park (situated in MUs 3-28, 3-29). Vehicle access restricted to high-lighted roads except as posted.



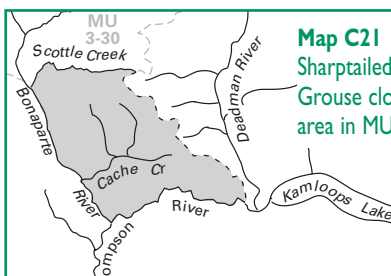
Map C18 Dewdrop/Rosseau Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 3-29). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round.



Map C19 Mileage, Chappell & Lempriere Creeks Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 3-44). Snowmobile use allowed in area shown (above 1900 m contour) from Dec 1 to May 31.



Map C20 Camelsfoot - Mountain Sheep Closed Area situated in MU 3-32.



Map C21 Sharptailed Grouse closed area in MU 3-30.



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These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information.
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

CI Locations: **Creston**, Revelstoke, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood, Cranbrook, Fruitvale, Nakusp

Regional Office, Cranbrook:(250) 489-8540
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CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

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Creston 1-877-333-8537	Fernie 1-877-333-8537
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Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

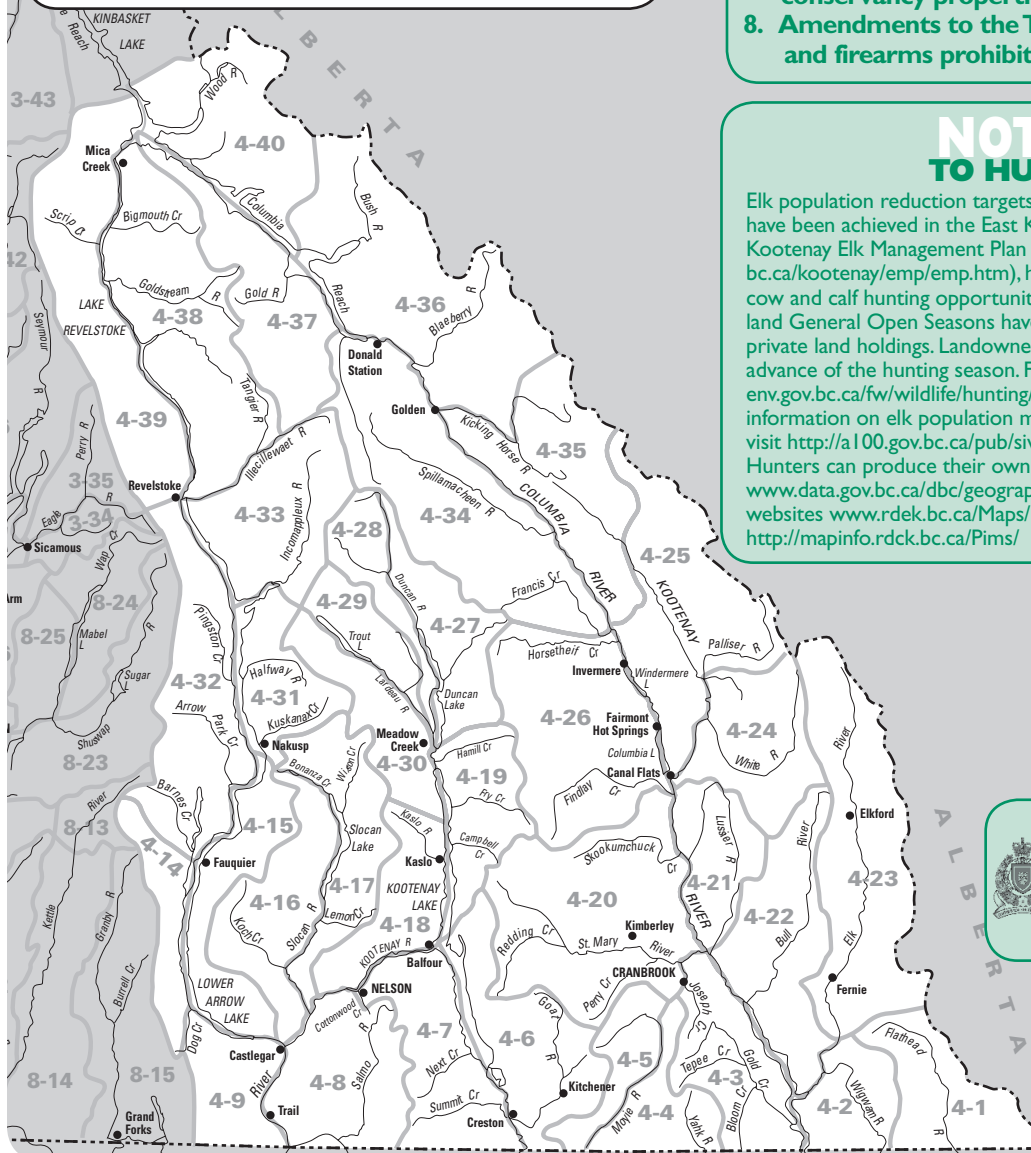
1. Conversion of Mt. Goat General Open Seasons in MUs 4-27, 4-34 to Limited Entry Hunting only.
2. Expanded spike-fork moose hunting opportunities.
3. Any Mule Deer buck seasons replaced with a 4 pt buck season.
4. Modifications to agricultural zone elk hunting opportunities.
5. Revised cougar seasons and female quota.
6. Two week extension to lynx hunt season.
7. New Motor Vehicle Prohibitions on conservancy properties.
8. Amendments to the Teck Greenhills hunting and firearms prohibited area.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Elk population reduction targets to address agricultural concerns have been achieved in the East Kootenay Trench, as per the Kootenay Elk Management Plan (available at www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/emp/emp.htm), hence there will be very restricted cow and calf hunting opportunities for 2014 and 2015. Private land General Open Seasons have been established for a few select private land holdings. Landowners must be contacted well in advance of the hunting season. For more information see www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html. For more information on elk population monitoring in the East Kootenays visit <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/siwe/details.do?id=4428>. Hunters can produce their own maps through iMap BC available at www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/ or through Regional District websites www.rdek.bc.ca/Maps/Mapsmain.htm or <http://mapinfo.rdek.bc.ca/Pims/>

REPORT ALL POACHERS/ POLLUTERS (RAPP)
 Please see Notice on page 26 for details

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.



REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Bobcat: The bag limit for Bobcat is one.

Cougar: The bag limit for Cougar is one, **except in MUs 4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, and 4-39 where the bag limit is two.**

Coyote: No bag limit (NBL).

Deer: The aggregate bag limit in the Kootenay Region is **two**. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. The bag limit for white-tailed is two; **both may be antlerless**, but only one may be a buck.

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

Turkey: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is two. Only one turkey may be taken in the spring and only one turkey may be taken in the fall.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► **Several animals have been radio-collared for research in the Kootenay Region. These animals provide data on survival rates, habitat use, and migratory behaviour. If you harvest a radio-collared animal, please return the collar to the Ministry office in Cranbrook or Nelson to ensure the necessary information is collected.**

► No Shooting Areas: see firearms restrictions as outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section and region's maps on pages 51-56.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

► Access Permits are required for hunting or fishing activities on the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. For more details on acquiring permits visit www.crestonwildlife.ca or call 250-402-6900.

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► 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. Maps are available for many of the motorized access closures and restrictions at

www.env.gov.bc.ca/kootenay/eco/access.htm.

► See definitions of "ATV", "motor vehicle" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

► Public access by land or air is prohibited in the 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 D54. The boat launch and all portions of the sand peninsula south of the boat launch are open.

► Public access is prohibited beyond 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road in mineral lick area (MU 4-22) year round. See Map D51.

► **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following areas (see also Site

and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12). See maps on pages 51-56 for additional information:

(1) Access Management Areas (AMAs) - designated areas where vehicle use is managed to reduce damage to fish and wildlife habitat and/or to protect fish and wildlife populations from harassment or over harvest:

★ **MotorVehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas year round, unless indicated otherwise.

(2) Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (formerly known as VAHCs) - designated areas where 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.

* **Year Round Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** unless otherwise indicated.

◆ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** - open Mar. 1 - 31 and July 1 - Aug. 31,

▼ **Seasonal Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** - open Dec. 1 - Mar. 31 and July 1 - Aug. 31

(3) Region-wide Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area: 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.

MU 4-1

★ McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (Map D1)
★ Upper Flathead (Map D2)
★ East Flathead (Map D3)

MU 4-2

★ Wigwam Flats-Mt. Broadwood /Sportsman Ridge (Map D4)
★ Galton Range (Map D6)
★ Upper Wigwam River drainage. See Map D5.
◆ The watershed of an unnamed tributary of Lodgepole Creek (locally known as Windfall Creek) upstream of 34.8 km on the Windfall Creek Road.

MU 4-3

◆ Purcell Creek watershed upstream of the Linklater Creek Bypass Road
◆ Elizabeth Lake (Map D9)
★ Linklater Creek (Map D10)

MU 4-4

▼ the northerly watershed above Hawkins Creek Road west of an unnamed stream flowing southwesterly into Hawkins Creek from Mt. Mahon approximately 2 km northwest of the confluence of Canuck Creek and Hawkins Creek and including the western slopes of Mt. Mahon and the Manson Creek watershed.

MU 4-5

▼ Irishman Cr 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.

MU 4-7

▼ Topaz Creek watershed upstream of Midgely Mountain Road at the 1425 m (4700 ft) elevation
★ all areas north of Corn Creek in the Corn Creek watershed, upstream of Acorn Creek, including Buckworth Creek, closed from Sept 1 to June 1. Corn Creek FSR is open.

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

* commencing on the north side of Peter Creek bridge crossing and includes both Faith and Peter Creek watersheds, Sept. 1 to Nov. 30

MU 4-15

▼ Commencing at 11 km on the Rialto Cr FSR and above the 760 metre contour in the watersheds of Tulip Creek in the west to Rialto Creek in the east including all watersheds in between (Syringa, Allendale, Yarrow and several unnamed) and including areas within Syringa Provincial Park.
* Deer Creek Road:

- commencing at 19 km on the Deer Cr. FSR including all roads/trails on Cougar Ridge), Sept 1 to Nov 30
- commencing at 23 km on the Rusty Cr. FSR and including Twobit, Sunshine, Gladstone Hutchinson and Sangrida watersheds above 750 m Sept 1 to Nov 30.

MU 4-18

* Grohman Creek (Map D14)
★ Marsden Face during the period Dec 1 to April 15 (Map D15)
◆ the watershed of Sproule Creek and commencing at the start of the Sproule Creek FSR, and not including that portion of the Smallwood FSR located within the Sproule Creek Watershed.

MU 4-20

★ **Wycliffe Conservation Properties District Lots 6034, 6667 and 7318**

★ Baribeau Creek watershed upstream from 1.0 km on the Baribeau Creek Road snowmobiles and trappers are exempt
◆ 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 D23
◆ the watershed of Copper Creek upstream of the Skookumchuck Forest Access Rd 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 D24) from Dec 1 to April 30

MU 4-22

★ Baynes Lake area (Map D54)
★ Powerplant area (Map D28)
★ the Pickering Hills and Sheep Mtn. areas shown on Maps D26 and D27

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- ◆ the watershed of Big Tower, Little Tower, Swanson Creek and Haynes Creeks
- ◆ the watershed of Iron Creek and Lime Creek
- ◆ the watershed of Burton Creek upstream of 3.5 km on Burton Creek FSR
- ◆ 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 D33)
- ★ Chauncey-Todhunter area (Map D29)
- ★ Grave Prairie area (Map D34)
- ★ Corbin Creek (Map D38)
- ★ Weigert Creek (except snowmobiles) (note Map D31)
- ★ Upper Elk Valley/Fording River (snowmobiles allowed) (Map D35)
- ★ Alexander Creek Access Management Area (Map D39)

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 the White Rock Forestry Access Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nilsuka Creek upstream of the North White River haul road
- ◆ Grave Creek watershed upstream from 48 km on the Main Grave Creek Road
- ◆ the watershed of Nine Mile Creek upstream of 1300 metre elevation
- ◆ the watershed of the middle fork of White River upstream of the first bridge crossing

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

- Use of a conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower is prohibited within the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (MUs 4-25, 4-26, 4-34, 4-35). 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 Nicholzen
- The Dogtooth Rd located at Golden (Map D40)

MU 4-25

- ★ Stoddart Creek area (Map D41)
- ★ Columbia Lake area. (Map D42).
- ◆ Albert River watershed upstream from 52.5 km on the Albert River Road

- ◆ Cross River watershed upstream from 27.3 km on the Cross River Road, and on side roads further than 100 m road distance from the Cross River main line between 20.4 km and 27.3 km
- ◆ 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**★ Hoodoo Conservation Property (Map D59)**

- ★ that portion of the watershed of Goldie Creek upstream of 1525 metre elevation
- ★ Dutch Creek-Findlay. (Map D52)
- ◆ the watershed of Brewer Creek upstream of and including the watershed of Thorald Creek
- ◆ Crown land in the watershed of Lavington Creek upstream of the northerly boundary of sublot 137, Kootenay Land District
- ◆ the watershed of Dutch Creek upstream of its confluence with Whitetail Creek

MU 4-29

- ◆ the easterly watershed of the Lardeau River between the northerly boundaries of District Lots 7527 and 9378, Kootenay Land District and the northerly height of land of Lake Creek (including the Lake Creek watershed), from Oct. 20 to Dec. 10.

MU 4-30

- ★ the Duncan-Lardeau area shown on Map D56

MU 4-32

- ◆ the watershed on the north east side of Barnes Creek upstream of the 30 km marker on east Barnes Creek Main, south of the height of land with Keefer Lake and south of the height of land with Fife Creek. The closure on the Fife Creek side commences at the height of land on Branch 40 by way of Fife Creek FSR

MU 4-34

- ★ Holt Creek area (See Map D58)
- ★ Lang Creek area (See Map D58)

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 including the Sorcerer Creek drainage, upstream of the 15 km sign on the Downie Creek FSR

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

- ▶ 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 wolf taken in Region 4 must be Compulsory Reported. See page 21.

BC PARKS

- ▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.
- ▶ Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in

Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

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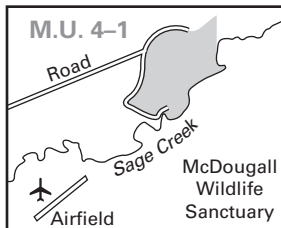
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KOOTENAY GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

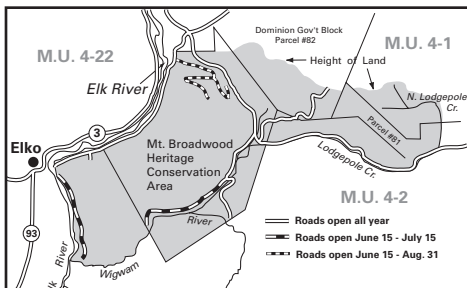
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	1
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
▲ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See regional bag limit on page 48. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	2
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2**
Youth Only Season*	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	2**
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ** The bag limit for white tailed deer is 2. Both may be antlerless, but only one may be a buck.				
ELK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
	*4-2 to 4-5, **4-6, **4-7, *4-20 to 4-22, ***4-23, *4-24, *4-25	▲Spike Bulls	Sept 10 - Sept 19	1
	+4-20, 4-22 (limited to 4 private properties)	Antlerless	Sept 20-Sept 30	1
Senior/Youth▼	+4-20, 4-22 (limited to 4 private properties)	Antlerless	Sept 10-Sept 19	1
Senior/Youth▼	**4-6, **4-7	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Sept 19	1
Bow Only Season	**4-6, **4-7, *** 4-23,	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-38, 4-40	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	*4-2 to 4-5, *4-20 to 4-22, *4-24, *4-25	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 19	1
* Restricted to only portions of these MUs. See Map D7 for details. ** Restricted to only portions of 4-6 and 4-7. See Map D8 for details. *** Restricted to only portions of 4-23 only. See Map D9A for details. ▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence				
▼ Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older. + Restricted to select Private Land Lots within MUs 4-20 and 4-22. Visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/maps.html for details				
MOOSE	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 20 - Oct 31	1
	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	*Spike-fork Bulls	Oct 15 - Oct 31	1
Bow Only Season	4-7 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-18, 4-27 to 4-33, 4-36 to 4-40	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 19	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-6, 4-19 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35	*Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 14	1
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory Inspection is no longer required for Moose harvested in Region 4				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	4-1, 4-2, 4-21 to 4-24, ▲4-25, ★ 4-35	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 25	1
★ See Mountain Sheep closed area in MU 4-35 (Map D53). ▲ In that portion of MU 4-25, excluding Mt. Assiniboin Park. See Map D46.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	4-28 to *4-30, 4-36, 4-37, 4-39, 4-40		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
* Portion of MU 4-30 only. See Map D57.				
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 - June 30	2
	▲ 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Aug 31	2
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 9	2
▲ Restricted to private land only, hunter must obtain permission from land owners prior to access.				
WOLF	▲ 4-5 to 4-8, 4-17, 4-18, 4-20, 4-27 to 4-31, 4-33, 4-37 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Jun 15	NBL
	▲ 4-1 to 4-4, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-16, 4-19, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-36		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	▲ 4-1 to 4-4, 4-9, 4-14 to 4-16, 4-19, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-32, 4-34 to 4-36		Apr 1 - Jun 15	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 m in elevation, there is no closed season.				
COYOTE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
WOLVERINE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 1 - Jan 31	1
LYNX	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Dec 31	1
Compulsory inspection is required, see page 21 for details. Hunters are requested to avoid shooting lynx with collars.				
BOBCAT	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
COUGAR	4-1 to 4-4, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36		▲ Sept 10-Jan 31	1
	4-5, 4-20		Sept 10-Feb 28	1
	4-6 to 4-8, 4-28 to 4-31, 4-38, 4-39		Sept 10-Mar 31	2
	4-9 to 4-19, 4-27, 4-32, 4-33, 4-37, 4-40		Sept 10-Mar 31	1
Pursuit Only*	4-1 to 4-4, 4-21 to 4-26, 4-34 to 4-36		Nov 15 - Feb 28	0
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. ▲ Note the cougar season in MUs 4-3, 4-4 and 4-26 will close 72 hours after the regional manager has published that since April 1, of the license year, the total number of female cougars killed in these MUs has reached 15. Excessive female harvest in other MUs may result in season closures. * 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 kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.				
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		No Closed Season	NBL
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
SNOWSHOE HARE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
RACCOON	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
SKUNK	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Aug 1 - Apr 30	NBL

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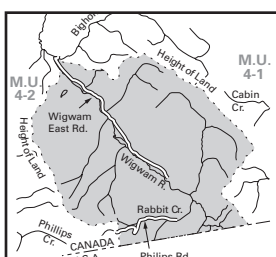
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
<i>For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.</i>				
PHEASANT	4-6, 4-7	Cocks	Oct 15 - Nov 30	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 - May 15	1
Bow Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Bearded	Sept 1 - Sept 30	*1
Bow or Shot Only Season	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40	Any turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	*1
<i>* The aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2, only one may be taken in the spring and one in the fall.</i>				
MOURNING DOVES	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	8 (24)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.</i>				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 10 - Dec 23	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40*		Sept 10 - Dec 23	10 (30)
<i>* Kootenay River Canada Goose closed area in portions of MUs 4-3, 4-20, 4-21 and 4-22, see Map D12.</i>				
<i>Hunters please note that Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area opens to hunting for coots, snipe, ducks and geese on October 1.</i>				
<i>Access permit is required for hunting activities in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area for more information, phone 250-402-6900 or www.crestonwildlife.ca</i>				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40		Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 7, 2014 Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 6, 2015	★
<i>★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.</i>				



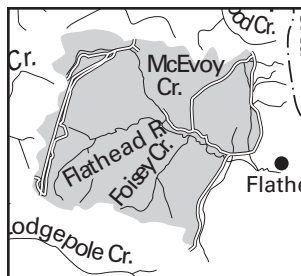
Map D1 McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 4-1). No Shooting, Hunting, or Trapping Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



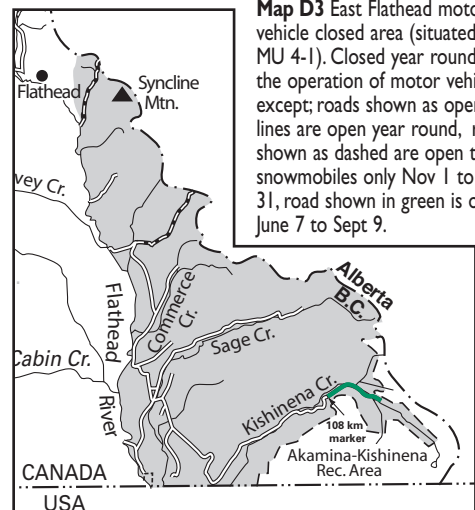
Map D4 Wigwam Flats - Mt. Broadwood/ Sportsman Ridge Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-2), except roads noted on the map.



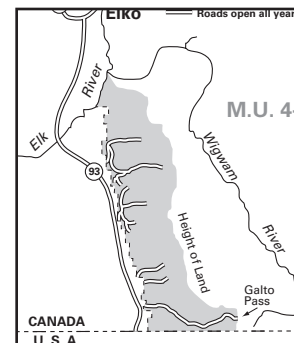
Map D5 Upper Wigwam Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 4-2, except roads shown as open lines year round.



Map D2 Upper Flathead Motor vehicle closed area (situated in MU 4-1). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles, except that snowmobiles are allowed Nov 1 to May 31. Roads shown are open year round.



Map D3 East Flathead motor vehicle closed area (situated in MU 4-1). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as open lines are open year round, roads shown as dashed are open to snowmobiles only Nov 1 to May 31, road shown in green is open June 7 to Sept 9.



Map D6 Galton Range Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-2), except roads shown as open lines are open year round.

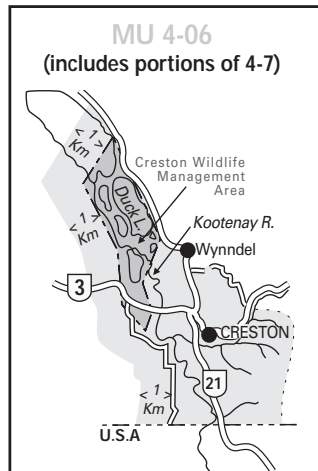
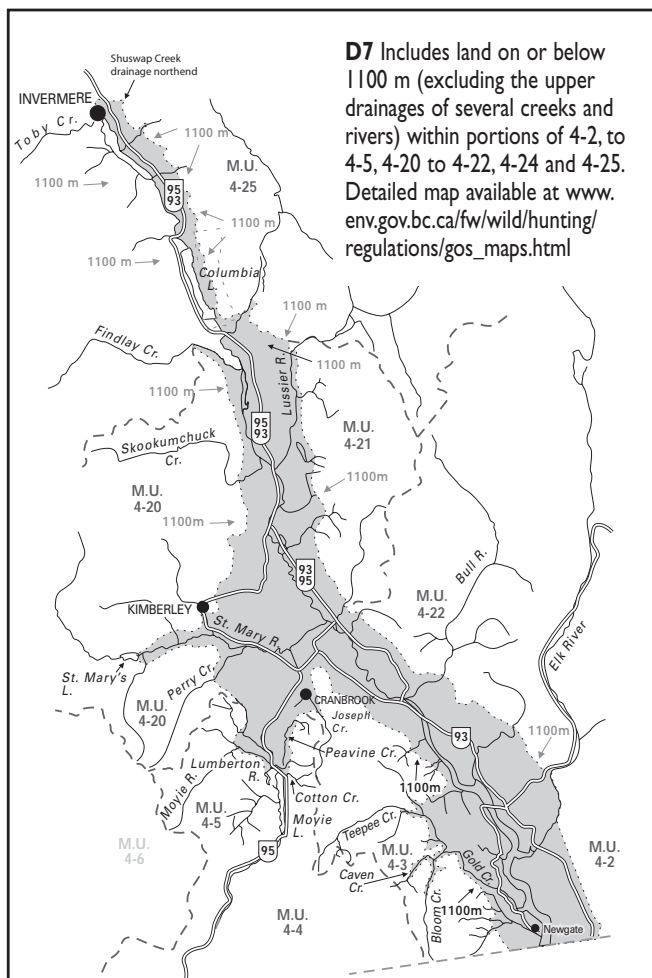
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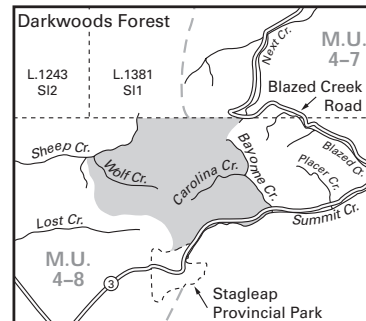
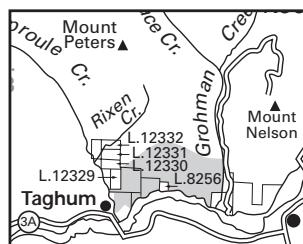
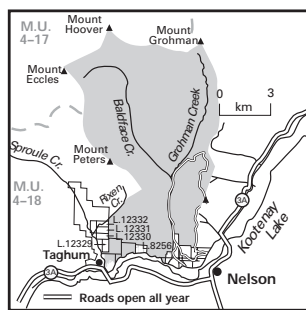
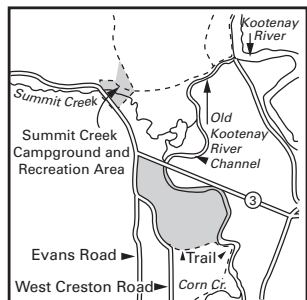
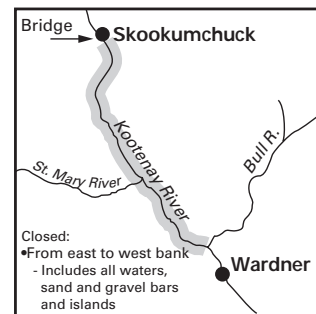
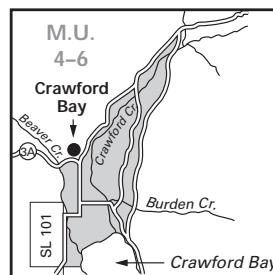
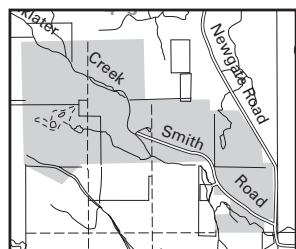
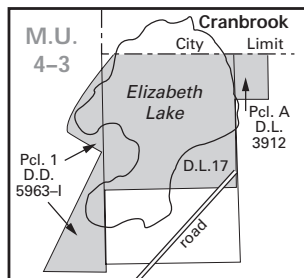
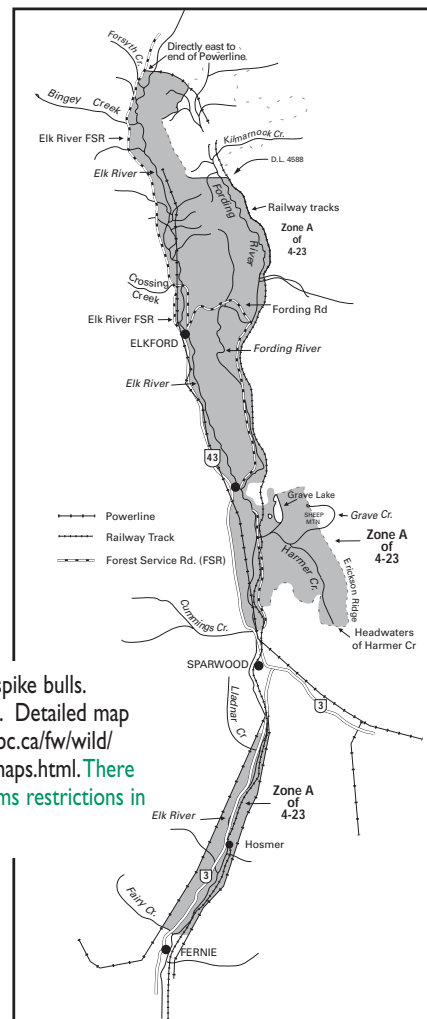


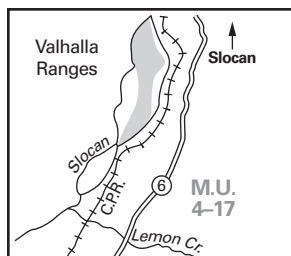
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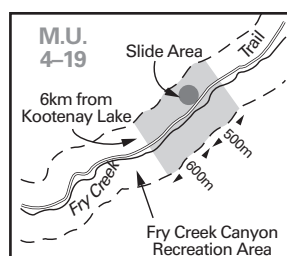




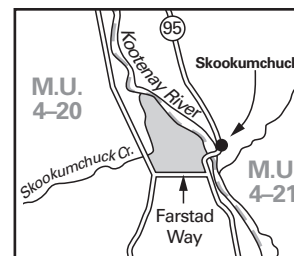
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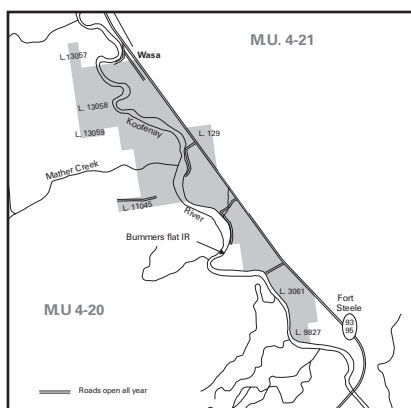
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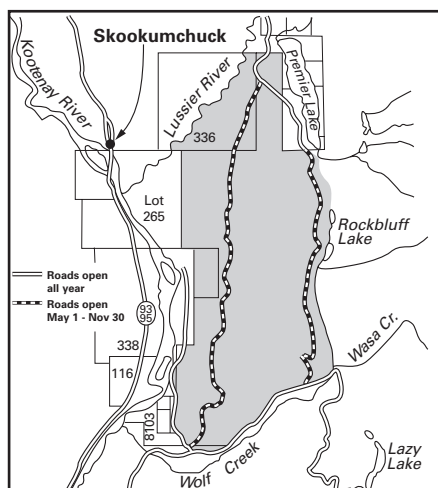
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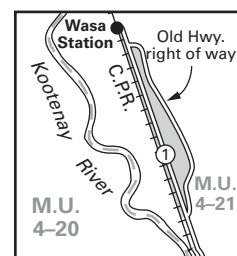
Map D22 Skookumchuck Pulp Mill No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-20).



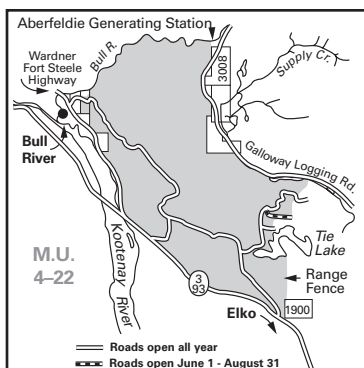
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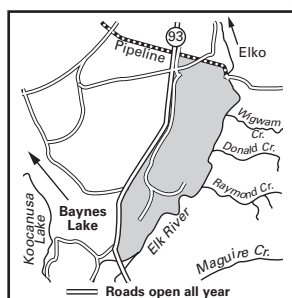
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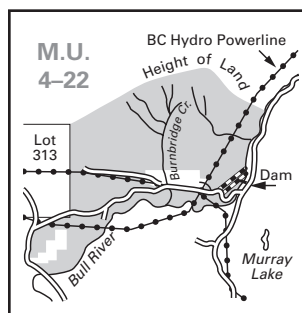
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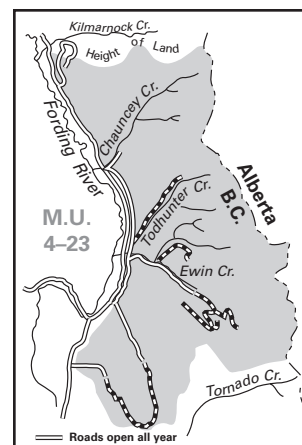
Map D26 Pickering Hills Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-22). Excludes Lot 3, Plan 12040, District Lot 325, Kootenay Land District.



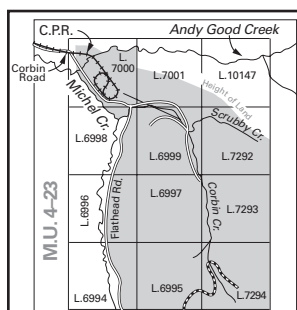
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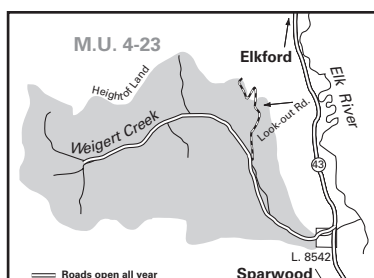
Map D28 Powerplant Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-22). Roads shown as open lines are open year-round; roads shown as dashed lines are open May 1 to Nov 30.



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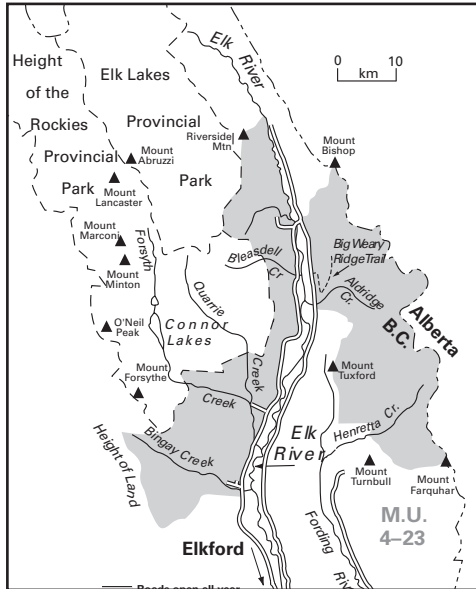
Map D30 Teck Coal Limited Coal Mountain Mine No Shooting Area (situated in MU 4-23).



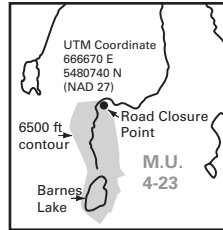
Map D31 Weigert Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. Roads shown as open lines open year-round. Road shown as dashed open July 1 to Aug 31 to ATV use only.

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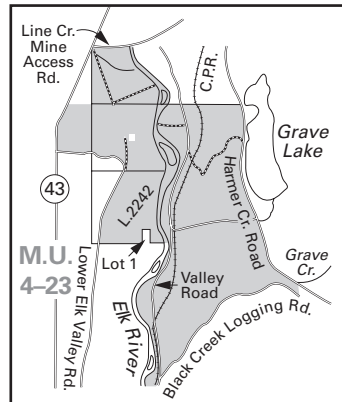
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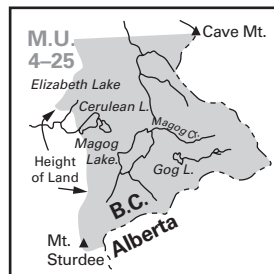
Map D32 Upper Elk Valley - Fording River Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. Roads shown as open lines are open year-round. Big Weary Ridge Trail open July 1 to Aug 31 to ATV use only.



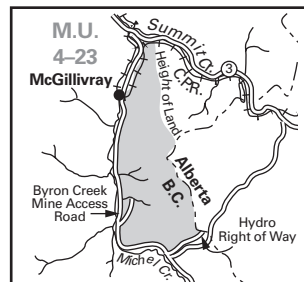
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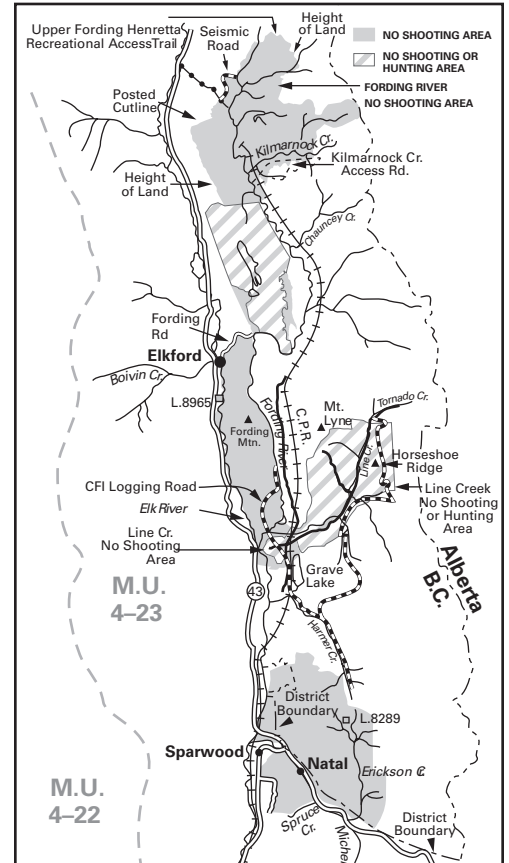
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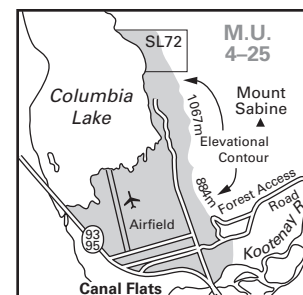
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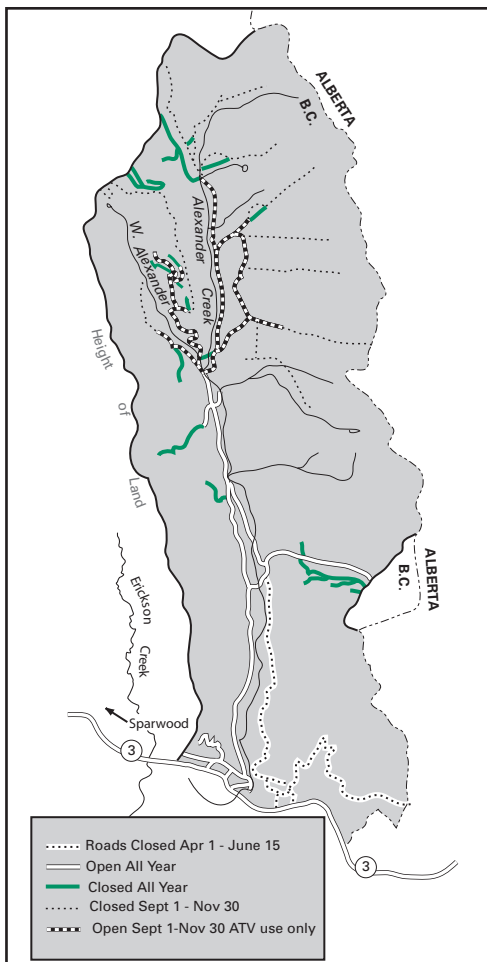
Map D38 Corbin Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Roads shown as open lines are open year round.



Map D35 Teck, Fording River, Natal Ridge, Sparwood Ridge, Greenhills, Fording 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. Detailed maps for each mine are available at gate houses..



Map D39 Canal Flats Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 4-25).



Map D37 Alexander Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area AMA (situated in MU 4-23). Snowmobiles allowed. See restriction on using snowmobiles for hunting on page 48.

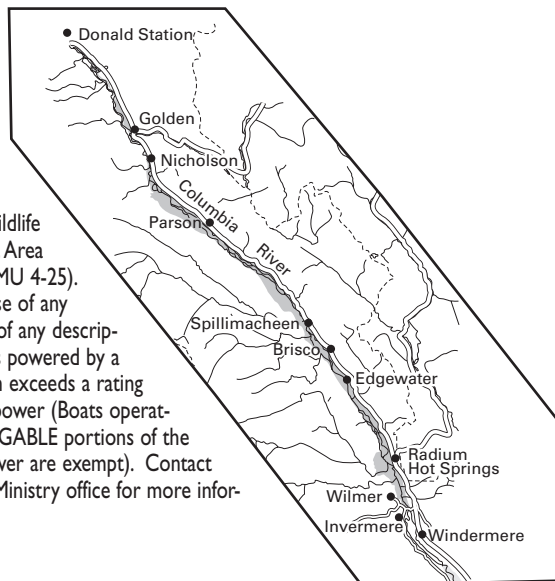
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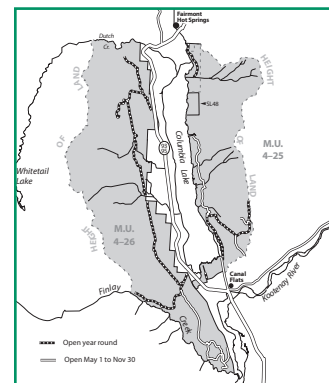
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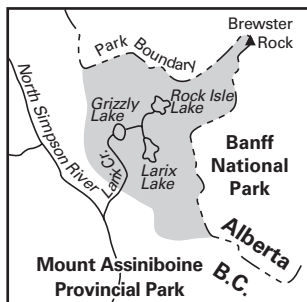
Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (situated in MU 4-25). Closed to use of any conveyance of any description which is powered by a motor which exceeds a rating of 10 horsepower (Boats operating on NAVIGABLE portions of the Columbia River are exempt). Contact Cranbrook Ministry office for more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

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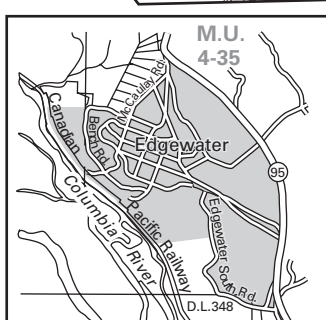
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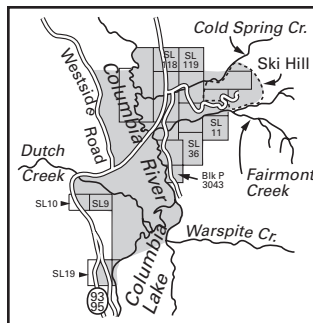
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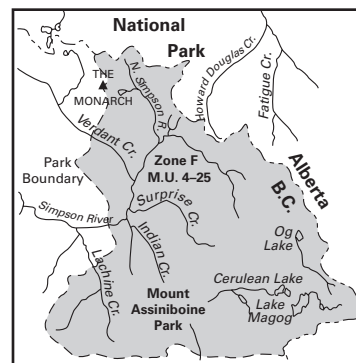
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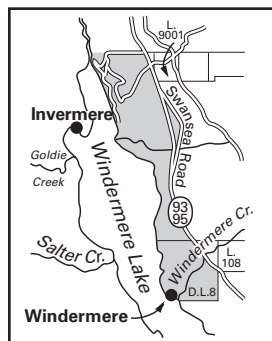
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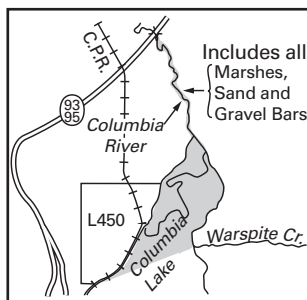
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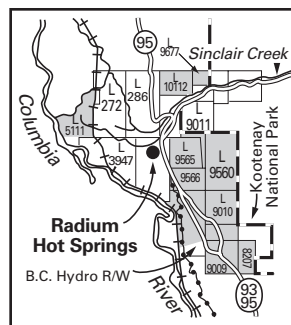
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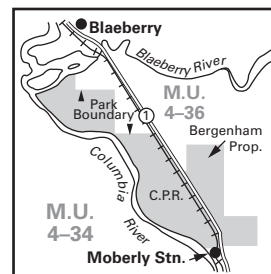
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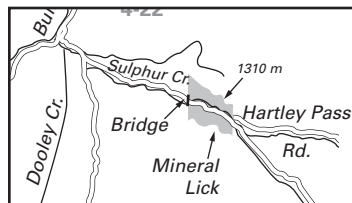
Map D48 Columbia Lake and River Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MUs 4-25, 4-26) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



Map D49 Radium No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 4-25 and 4-35).



Map D50 Bergenham and Moberly Marsh Wildlife Sanctuaries (situated in MU 4-36) No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Areas.



Map D51 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 3 m of either side of Sulphur Creek Road and up to 1310 m elevation level of either side of that road.

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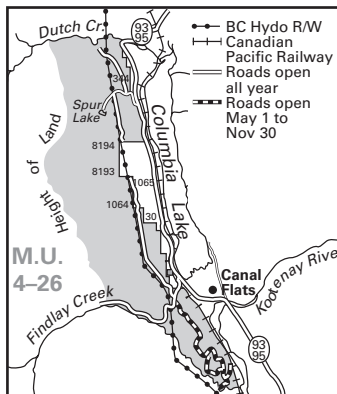
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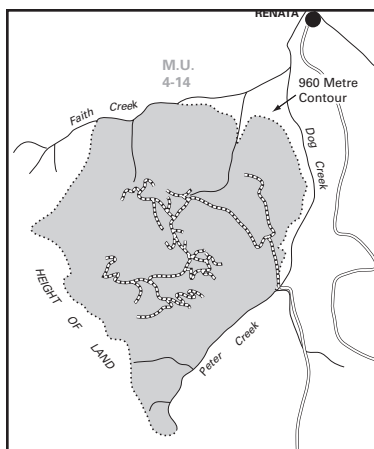


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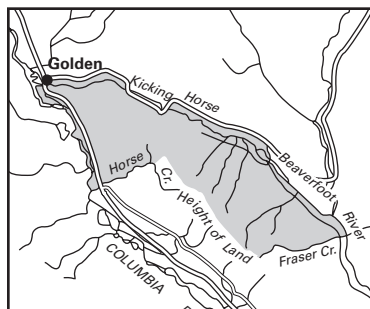
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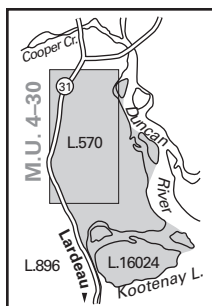
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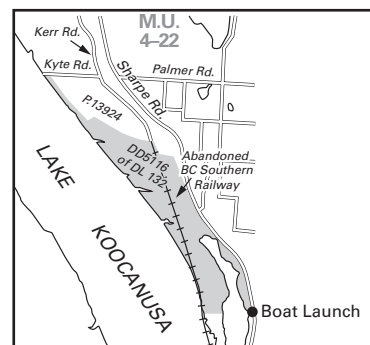
Map D55 Dog Creek - Motor Vehicle Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 4-14). Closed Sept 1 to Nov 30.



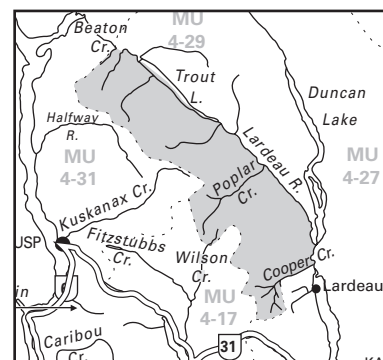
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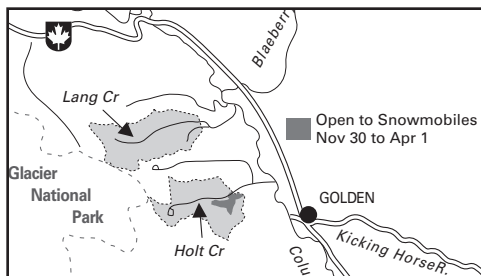
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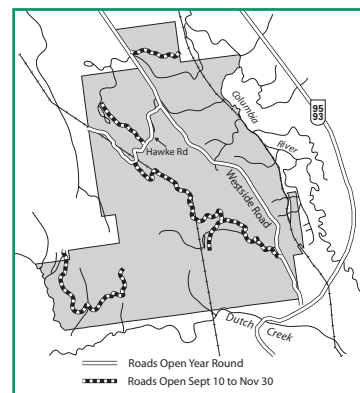
Map D54 Baynes Lake (MU 4-22). Public access by land or air is prohibited Apr 15 to June 30. Dogs must be leashed Apr 1 to 15 and July 1 to Aug 1. The boat launch and all portions of the sand peninsula south of the boat launch are open.



Map D57 Lardeau - Mountain Goat 4-30 Season (situated in MU 4-30).



Map D58 Lang and Holt Creek - Motor Vehicle Closure (situated in MU 4-34). The Holt Creek closure begins at approximately 4.8 km on Holt Creek Road. The Lang Creek closure begins at approximately 3.4 km on the Lang Creek Road.



Map D59 Hoodos Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 4-26).

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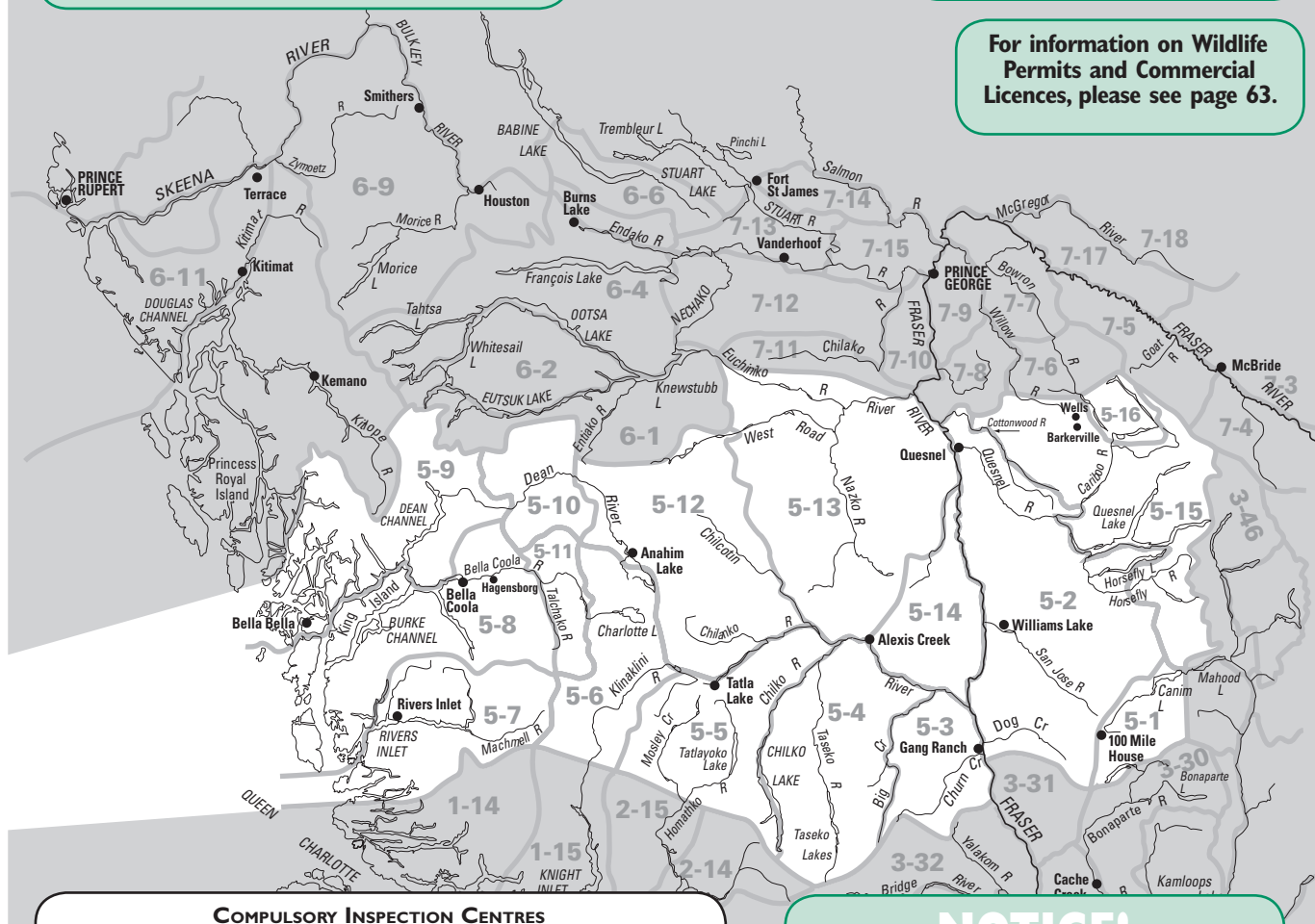
Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

- ## 1. Removal of antler restrictions for coastal mule deer seasons.



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For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.



Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information. www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

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NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

In 2011, 44 VHF radio and GPS collars were put on caribou in the Itcha and Ilgachuz Mountains in Region 5, MU 5-12. Up to 20 collars were put on adult bulls. Hunters are asked not to shoot collared animals. GPS collars are light brown with a black battery pack at base; VHF collars are white. The purpose of this study is to gather information on bull and cow numbers, population trends, habitat use and caribou distribution on the landscape in response to the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. If found, please return to the Ministry office in Williams Lake (250-398-4530).

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** 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.

► **Wolf:** The bag limit for wolf is 3, except in MU's **5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15** where there is no bag limit.

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

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. See page 21 for requirements.

FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

► No Shooting Areas: note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section on page 13.

- **No Shooting Areas** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the following areas:
 - 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E1.
 - Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E2.
 - Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E4.
 - Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake)(MU 5-2) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms - see Map E5.
 - Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map E3.
 - Nekite River Spawning Channel (MU 5-7)- Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.
 - Snootli Creek Park (MU 5-8)
 - Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9)- see Map E19.
 - Stum Lake (MU 5-13) - 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.
 - Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15)- see Map E26.

Ⓐ **Quarter Mile Single Projectile (Firearm) Closed Areas** The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile within 400 metres (1/4 mile) on either side of the road allowance is prohibited in the following areas. Use of firearms using shot permitted:

- Ⓐ Robertson Road and any side roads (MU 5-2) 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.

Ⓐ Tatlayoko Road (MU 5-5) - either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.

Ⓐ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (MU 5-5) - see Map E13.

Ⓐ Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park (MU 5-8) - see Map E17.

Ⓐ West Fraser Road (MU 5-13)- 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.

Ⓐ Tibbles Road - see Map E18.

Ⓐ West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-13. See Map E21.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► 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 hunter's 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 Vehicle Closed Areas

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

▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed 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 in these areas.

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The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

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MU 5-2

- Access to Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the **Mines** and **Trespass Acts**.
- ▲ Moffat Lake-Spokin FSR (Project #7968-05) and any side roads.
- ★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

MU 5-3

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ 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 allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E7.
- ✕ Gaspard-Churn Creek 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 m elevation.

MU 5-4

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ 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 Map E9.

MU 5-5

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ Valteau Creek - see Map E12.
- ★ Potato Mountain - Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, except in Ts'il'os Park. See Map E11.

MU 5-6

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

MU 5-8

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

MU 5-12

- ▲ Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from 66.5 km.
- ▲ Beef Trail Road.
- ★ Corkscrew Road - Except for industrial forestry purposes.
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 5.

MU 5-13

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

MU 5-12 and 5-13

- ★ Itcha Ilgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E28. Commercial vehicles are exempt.

MU 5-14

- From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ★ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E20. Commercial vehicles allowed.
- ▲ Doc English - 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.

MU 5-15

- ★ Eureka Peak - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Apr 30. - see Map E23

- ▲ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
- ▲ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road (South side of Crooked Lake) and any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.

BC PARKS

► Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section for more information.
 ► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

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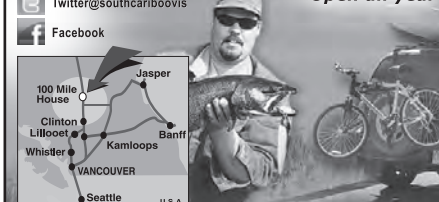
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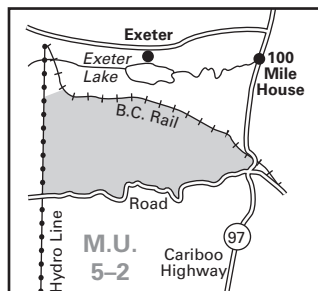
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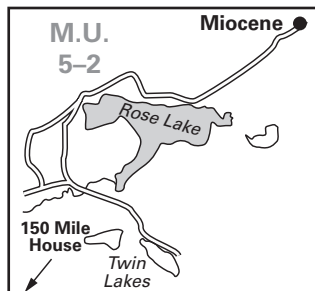
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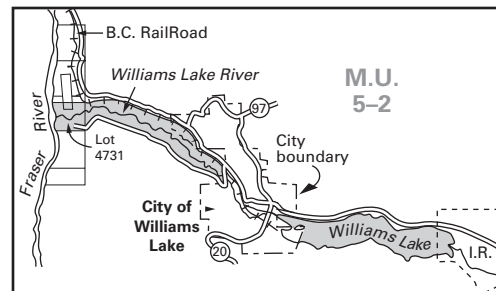
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MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
	5-7 to 5-9	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	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 portion of 5-11 only. See Map E16.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
Youth Only Season*	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2, 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
* See Maps E11, E15, E24, E25. See LEH Synopsis for LEH goat only areas in MUs 5-5 & 5-6.				
Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
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 - June 30	2
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30	2
	5-11		Apr 1 - May 31	2
WOLF	5-7, 5-8, 5-9		Apr 1 - June 15	3
	5-7, 5-8, 5-9		Aug 1 - Mar 31	3
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31	3
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Apr 30	2
	5-11		Nov 15 - Mar 31	2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
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 - Apr 30	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: SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce 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 - Mar 31	5
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - May 31	5
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.				
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESSE: SNOW and ROSS'S,	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESSE: WHITE-FRONTED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESSE: CANADA & CACKLING	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15 - Dec 25	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESSE	5-1 to 5-15	Sept 13, 2014 - Sept 14, 2014	Sept 12, 2015 - Sept 13, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



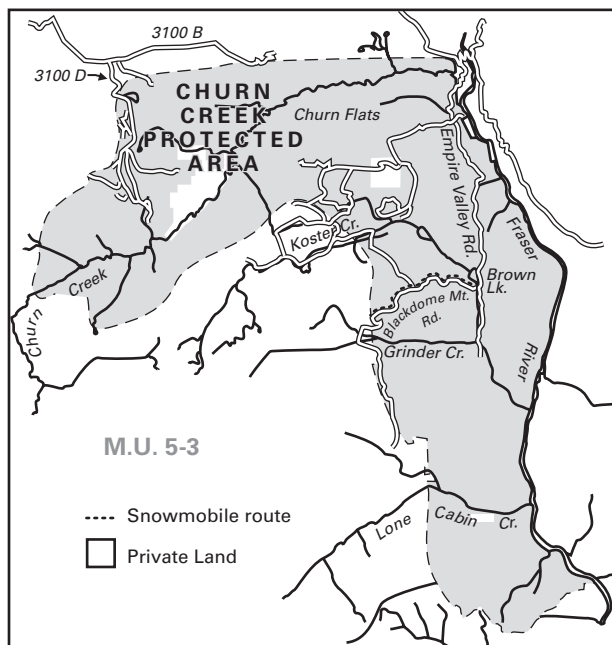
Map E1 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



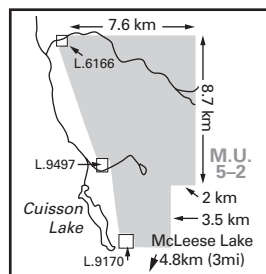
Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



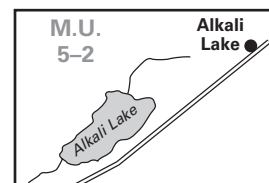
Map E3 Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).



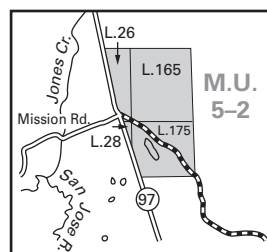
Map E7 Churn Creek Protected Area (situated in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.



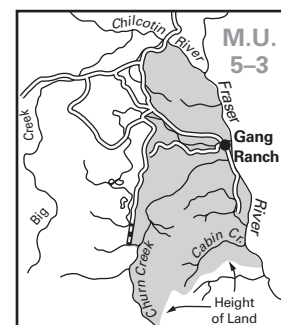
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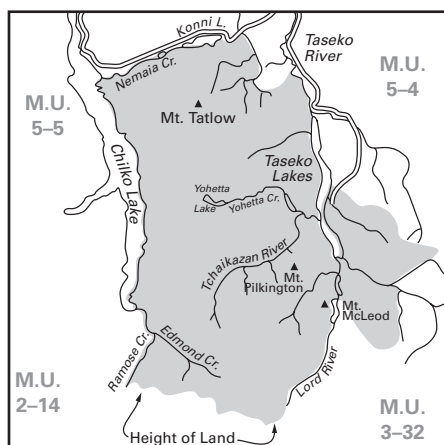
Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 5-2). No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



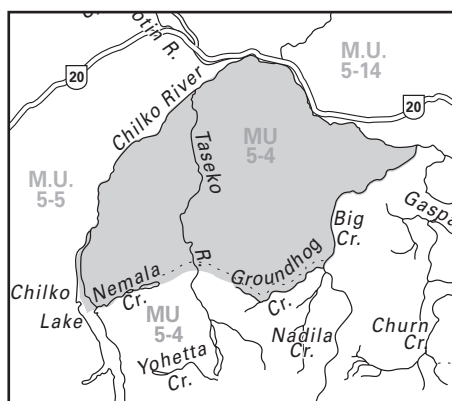
Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-2). Road shown as dashed line is open.



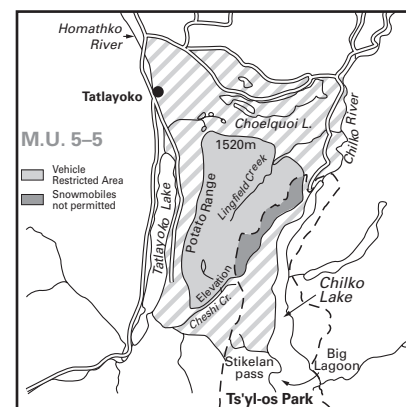
Map E8 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (situated in MU 5-3).



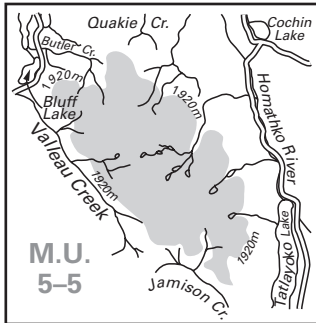
Map E9 Taseko-Chilko Lake ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 5-4).



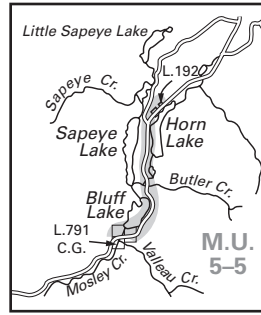
Map E10 Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4. The remainder of MU 5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.



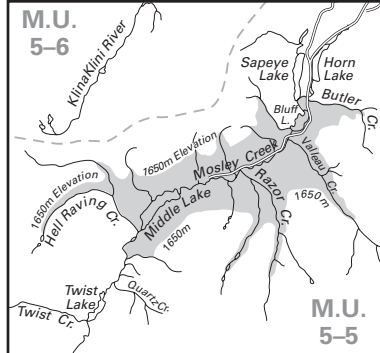
Map E11 Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 m elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Mar 31 except in Ts'yl'os Park.



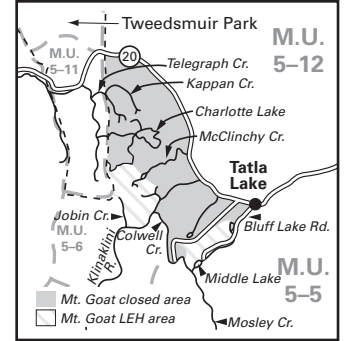
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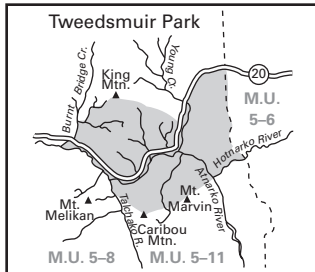
Map E13 Horn-Bluff Lakes Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



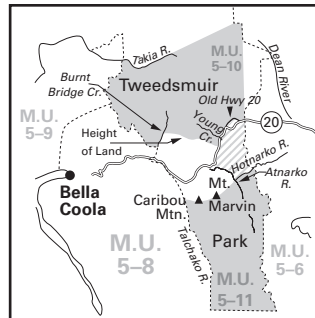
Map E14 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).



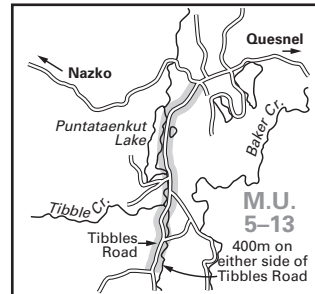
Map E15 Perkins Peak - Kappen Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area. Jobin-McClinchy & Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (situated in MUs 5-5, 5-6).



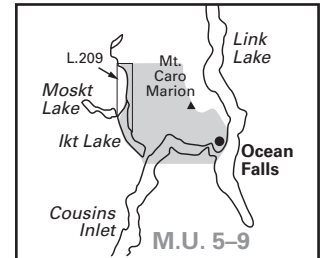
Map E16 Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black-tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (situated in MU 5-11). See Map E17 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



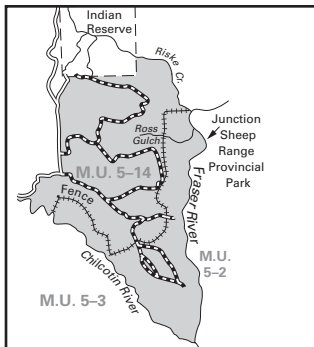
Map E17 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (situated in MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2). Hatched areas shows LEH Bull Moose hunting area. See Map F1 on page 67 for more details.



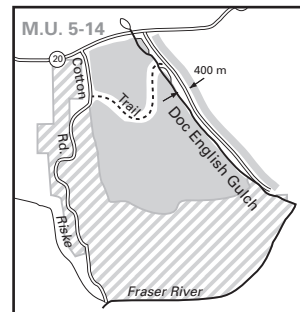
Map E18 Tibbles Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MU 5-13).



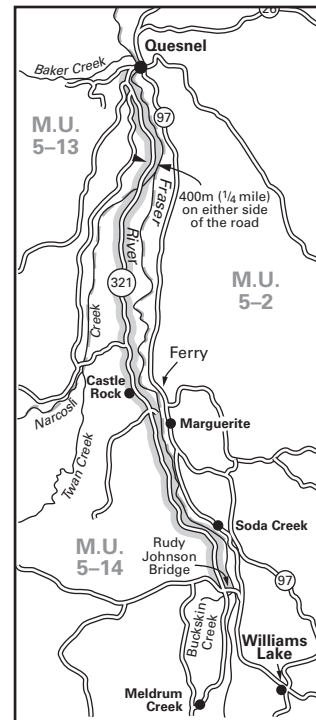
Map E19 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-9).



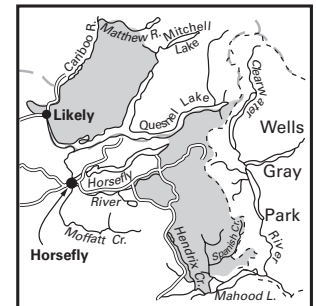
Map E20 Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14), except commercial vehicles allowed. Road shown as dashed lines are open Apr 1 to Nov 30.



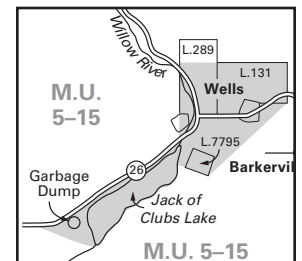
Map E22 Doc English Gulch Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 5-14). Trails highlighted in white are open. Portions of hatched area are private land & for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas.



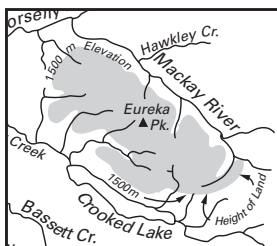
Map E21 West Fraser Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MUs 5-13, 5-14).



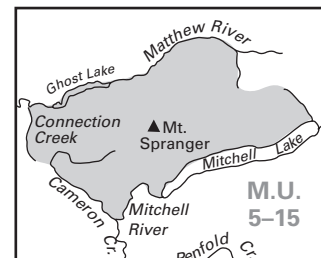
Map E25 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situated in MU 5-15). See LEH Synopsis for area open to LEH.



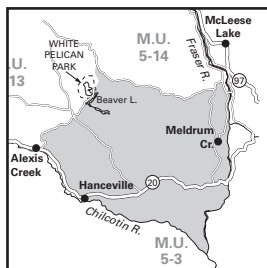
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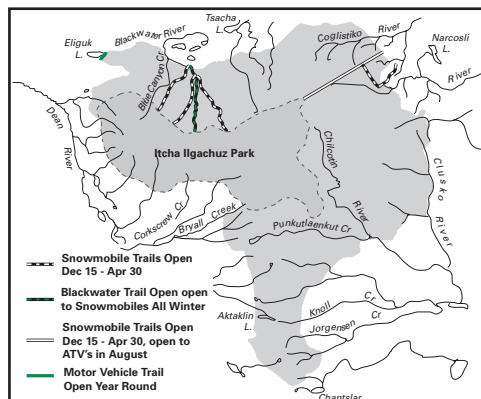
Map E23 Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-15). Check the LEH Synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles allowed Dec 1 to Apr 30.



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



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



Map E28 Itcha Ilgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-12 & 5-13). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles except: ATV trail to the north-eastern edge of Itcha Ilgachuz Park open in August; snowmobile trails open from Dec 15-Apr 30 except the Blackwater Trail which is open to snowmobiles as soon as passable; motor vehicle track on the north western edge open all year. Commercial vehicles are exempt.

WILDLIFE PERMITS & COMMERCIAL LICENCES

Since 2004, the Ministry's Permit and Authorizations Service Bureau was the central bureau to process fish, wildlife, and park use permits. The Permit and Authorizations Service Bureau will no longer be providing this service. Effective April 1, 2014, FrontCounter BC will begin processing fish, wildlife, and park use permit applications through their 29 regional offices.

As FrontCounter BC staff already assist clients and process a number of natural resource applications, the addition of fish, wildlife, and park use permits fits with the scope of FrontCounter BC services and further enhances services.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations is committed to integrating natural resource sector services and improving citizen's access to government services. Part of that improvement is to streamline permitting processing, decrease turnaround times, and eliminate red tape. Moving the fish, wildlife, and park use permitting to the 29 FrontCounter BC

office provides an efficient 1 window approach that will help prevent permit backlogs in the future.

Hunting licences continue to be available through retailers.

FrontCounter BC office locations and contact information can be found on the FrontCounter BC website at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca by clicking on the 'where' button.

Clients can also contact the FrontCounter BC Contact Center with enquiries by calling 1-877-855-3222.

FCounter BC offices are located in 100 Mile House, Burns Lake, Campbell River, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Clearwater, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Mackenzie, Merritt, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, Powell River, Prince George, Haida Gwaii, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Smithers, Squamish, Surrey, Terrace, Vanderhoof, Vernon, and Williams Lake.

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NOTICE TO BEAR HUNTERS

In order to ensure the sustainability of bear hunting, bear hunters are requested to:

1. Be patient. Don't shoot the moment you see a bear!
2. Observe carefully and select an adult, male bear, especially a male grizzly bear. Bears can look deceptively large. Adult males have larger home ranges and will tend to be encountered less frequently than females and younger males.
3. Be aware that there is no open season on any bear (grizzly bear or black bear) less than two years old or any bear in its company (e.g., the sow). Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.

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



4. Be aware there is no open season on white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
5. Contact the nearest Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear. See Ear Tags and Collars section, page 14.

All grizzly bear hunting is under Limited Entry Hunting (LEH). See LEH Synopsis for more information and an article on how to identify black bears and grizzly bears.

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



REGION 6

Check website
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/
 for in-season changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

The Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) is requesting the assistance of hunters to ensure that all parts of wildlife harvested within the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory in northern British Columbia (MU 6-25) are utilized. The TTC requests that hunters drop off any portions of carcasses they would otherwise leave in the field (e.g. ribs and heads). For further information on this program, please contact Mike Dunn, Fish and Wildlife Officer at 867-390-2532.

Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

1. Extended fall black bear hunting seasons.
2. Extended wolverine hunting season.
3. Removal of the Todagin Mountain Mining Access Road Motor Vehicle Restrictions.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the Ministry website or contact the regional office for more information. www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html.

CI locations: Terrace, Smithers and Nanaimo

Ministry Regional Office, Smithers: (250) 847-7260
Nanaimo: (MU's 6-12 and 6-13) (250) 751-3100

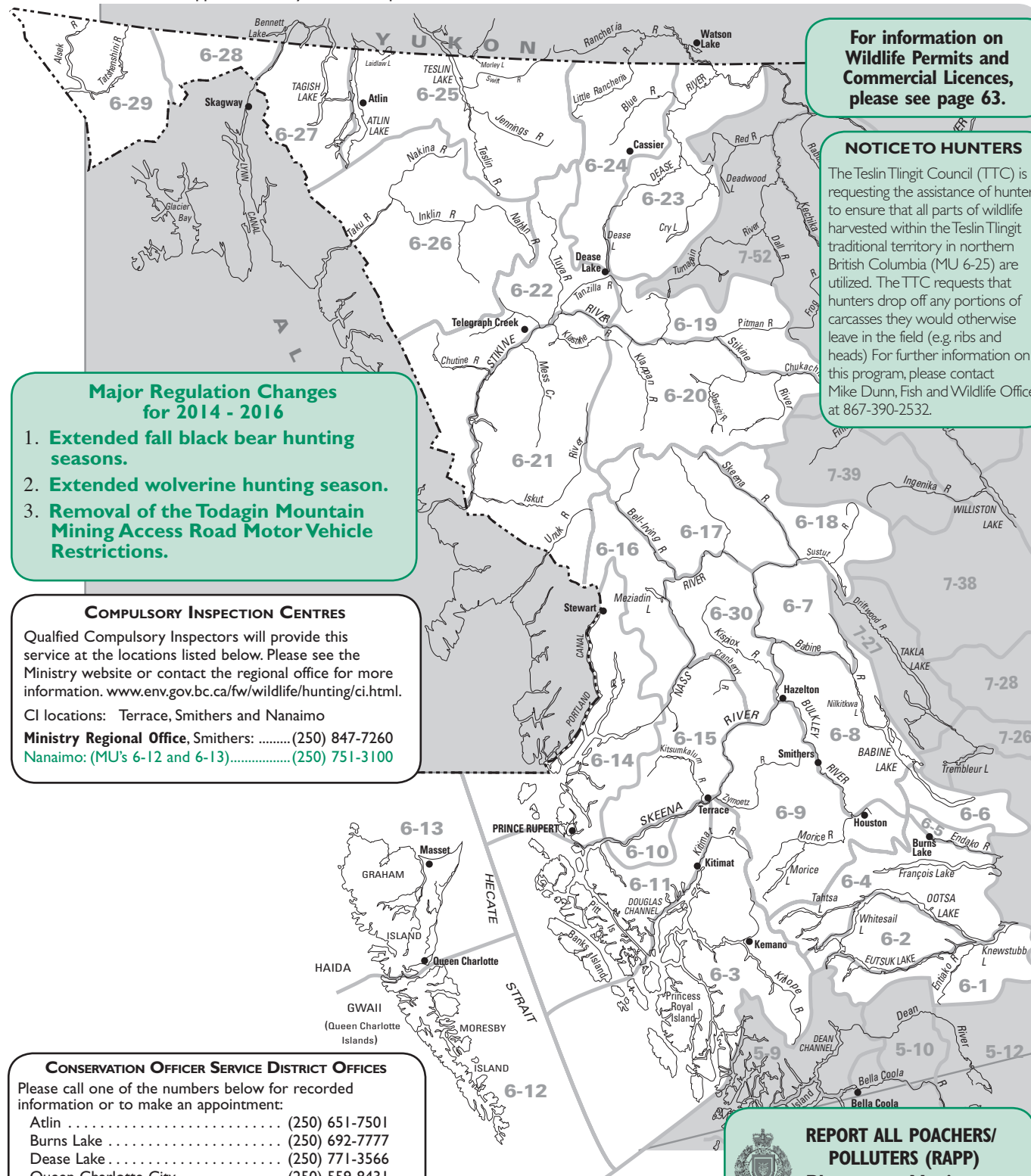
CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

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

Atlin	(250) 651-7501
Burns Lake	(250) 692-7777
Dease Lake	(250) 771-3566
Queen Charlotte City	(250) 559-8431
Smithers	(250) 847-7266
Terrace	(250) 638-6530



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details



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 two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Cougar:** The bag limit for cougar is 1.

► **Black Bear:** The bag limit for black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 is 1 per licence year.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

▼ Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas: ▼

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.

► Snowmobiles may be used as transport vehicles while hunting wildlife, transporting wildlife, transporting equipment or supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport hunters to or from the location of wildlife in MUs 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-7, 6-10 to 6-14 and 6-16 to 6-29.

► The use of snowmobiles is permitted to transport wildlife, transport equipment, firearms or supplies or transport hunter 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 only.

▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed 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 in these areas.

▲ Telkwa Mountain Area (See map F48)

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas during the time periods indicated:

★ Year round Motor Vehicle Closed

Areas - The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round above 1400 m 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 Hwy 37 (MU 6-19). This applies to both road and off-road areas.

★ Seasonal Motor Vehicle Closed Areas -

From May 1 to Nov 15, the operation of all motor vehicle is only allowed within 400 m on either side of the road/trail, or 10 m on either side of the road/trail as stated, when the road/trail is accessed from the point of commencement as described below:

► Jade/Boulder Mining Access Road (MU 6-19), commencing at the junction of that road and Hwy 37 to the height of land at Cariboo Pass that separates the watershed of the Turnagain River from the watershed of the Tanzilla River:

► Middle Range Road (MU 6-19), commencing at the junction with Jade/Boulder Road, to 400 m from 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".

► Goldpan Road (MU 6-23), commencing at the junction with Hwy 37, to where it crosses Little Eagle River:

► Adsit Lake Road (MU 6-24), commencing at N 58° 48' 12.36" and W 130° 8' 56.21", to a point 400 m beyond the end of both roads, and including the road leading to Porcupine Lake.

► Hot Lakes Road (MU 6-24), commencing at Highway 37 to N 59° 29' 1.8" and W 129° 38' 3.6" (start of alpine), then within 10 metres of either side to 10 metres from the end of the trail at N 59° 30' 13.5" and W 129° 32' 12.0".

► Cassiar Townsite/Quartzrock Creek Access Trail (MU 6-24), commencing at the junction of Quartzrock Creek Road and Highway 37 to N 59° 22' 37.53" and W 129° 42' 37.97" (height of land), then within 10 metres of either side of the trail and side trails to 10 metres from the end at N 59° 19' 34.74" and W 129° 50' 25.75".

► Midway Mine Access Trail (MU 6-24), commencing at N 59° 55' 39.96" and W 130° 26' 13.44" to 400 metres from its end at a point 5 km north of the Little Rancheria River: See Map F31.

► One Ace mountain mining Access Road (MU 6-24), commencing near the junction with Highway 37 at N 59° 52' 49.51" and W 129° 10' 13.0" to 400 metres from the end of the trail and side trails 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 N 59° 55' 35.54" and W 129° 32' 13.82".

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Hunters may encounter locked gates that prevent access to certain areas. Most gates have been erected legally as part of local planning processes. Hunters should check with local government ministries and/or logging companies on gate locations or other restrictions.

► First Nations wish to urge hunters to use caution and respect when hunting in traditional territories in the Skeena Region. Please watch for local residents and leave your campsites clean.

► Mule deer hunters are strongly encouraged to submit a front incisor tooth (including the root) and a photograph of the antlers to any Skeena Ministry 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.

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

► Hunters should check regional maps for No Shooting and No Hunting Areas that might apply in areas they wish to hunt (pgs 67 - 71). Hunters should note closures in the No Shooting and No Hunting Areas section 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 Rd (MUs 6-22, 6-26).

► White and blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear are closed to hunting. 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 BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

► There is no open season for black bears in those portions of MU 6-3, being Gribbell Island, Kitasoo Spirit Bear Conservancy on Princess Royal Island, or the Whalen Estuary and all lands within 1 km of the Estuary on Princess Royal Island.

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:

- Highway 51 from Dease Lake to Telegraph Creek.
- Highway 37 from the junction of Highway 37 and Highway 37A to the Yukon border.
- the road locally known as Blue River Road, east from Highway 37 to the Blue River Indian Reserve #2 (MU 6-23). See Map F33.
- the trail locally known as One Ace Mountain Road, west from Highway 37 to One Ace Mountain (MU 6-24). See Map F33.
- the road locally known as McDame Road, southeasterly from Highway 37 near Good Hope Lake to Atan Lake (MU 6-23). See Map F33.
- Twenty Mile Road (east of the Hyland River), south from the Alaska Highway to the Liard River (MU 6-23). See Map F36.
- the road locally known as Midway Mine/Silvertip Rd, south from the Yukon border to the mine site (MU 6-24) See Map F33.
- that portion of the Alaska Highway in MU 6-25 See Map F43.
- the road locally known as the Smart River Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F43.
- the road locally known as Logjam Creek Road, north from the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border (MU 6-25). See Map F43.
- 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 F37.
- the road locally known as Bull Creek/Blue Canyon Road/ Spruce Creek road to the junction with Bull Creek (MU 6-25). See Map F39.
- the road locally known as Warm Bay/ O'Donnell Road (MU 6-25). See Map F40.
- 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 F41.

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 F38.

NATIONAL PARKS

► Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks this includes Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site.

BC PARKS

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

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

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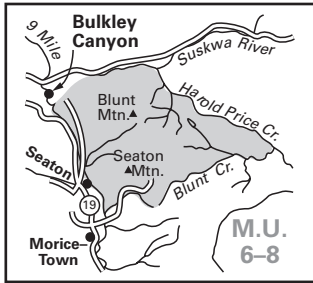
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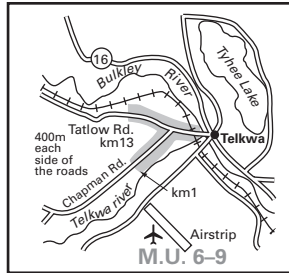
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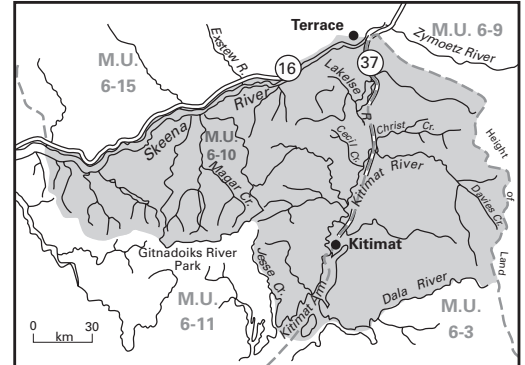
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	▼6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-9, 6-30	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 19	1
	6-7 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Oct 20 - Nov 30	1
	6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-6	4 Point Bucks★	Oct 20 - Nov 15	1
	6-12, 6-13	Bucks	June 1 - Feb 28	◆15 (15)
	6-12, 6-13	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Feb 28	◆15 (15)
	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	6-3, 6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
	6-7 to 6-9, 6-30	4 Point Bucks★	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only Season	6-10, 6-11, 6-14, 6-15	Antlerless	Dec 1 - Dec 10	1
▼ See Notice to Hunters, page 65, regarding request for harvest data.				
★ 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
Youth Only Season*	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	6-1 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	6-3, 6-7 to 6-11, 6-14, 6-15, 6-30	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	1
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	▲6-1 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls	Oct 20 - Oct 26	1
	▲▼6-17 to 6-19, 6-20★, 6-21 to 6-29	Bulls*	Aug 20 - Oct 31	1
	★6-20*	Bulls	Sept 15 - Oct 15	1
	▲6-1, 6-2 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	▲6-1, 6-2 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls	Oct 1 - Oct 8	1
	▲6-1, 6-2 to 6-11, 6-15▲, 6-30▲	Bulls	Nov 16 - Nov 20	1
See Notice to Moose Hunters on page 65				
▲ Hunters Note: Parts of Several MUs have special regulations, are closed to Moose hunting or are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F1, F2, F7, and F23.				
▼ Parts of several MUs are closed to hunting of moose during the period Sept 25 to Oct 10. See Notice to Moose Hunters pg 65. See Maps F23, F33, F36 to F43.				
★ This season applies only to a portion of MU 6-20. See Map F26A. ★★ This season applies only to that portion of 6-20 outside the shaded area on map F26A.				
* Compulsory Inspection of Moose taken in MUs 6-19, 6-20, 6-22 to 6-25 and the Nass Wildlife Area (NWA). See map F47 for NWA. See Compulsory Inspection page 21 for parts required.				
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
★ A portion of 6-27 only. See Map F32. ▲ Parts of several MUs are open by LEH authorization only. See Maps F24, F28, F29, F32 and F45				



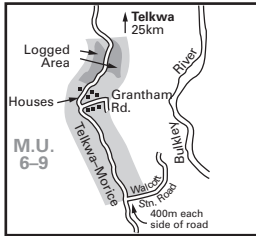
Map F5 Blunt Mountain Special Bow Only Season (situated in MU 6-8). The open season for bow hunting of mountain goat is Aug 15 - Oct. 19.



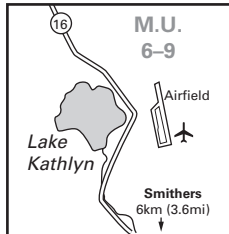
Map F6 Tatlow Road No Shooting Area 0.4 km either side of road (situated in MU 6-9).



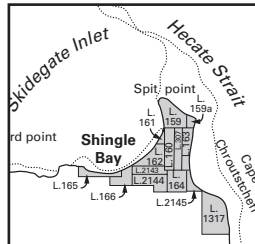
Map F7 Smithers Bull Moose Limited Entry Hunting area (situated in MU 6-10 and in portions of 6-3, 6-11). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Oct 20 to Oct 26 only. For those portions of MUs 6-3 and 6-11 that are outside of the shaded Smithers Bull Moose LEH area, the general open season for bull moose is Sept 10 to Nov 15.



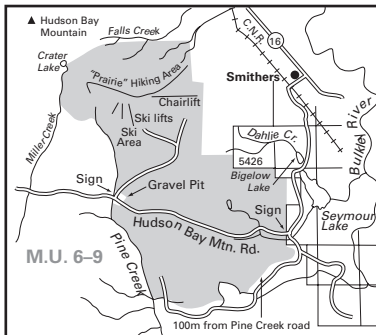
Map F8 Grantham Road Subdivision No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



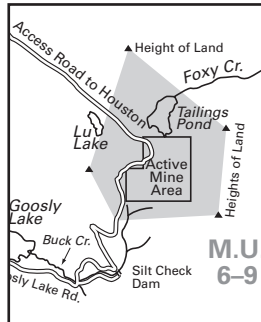
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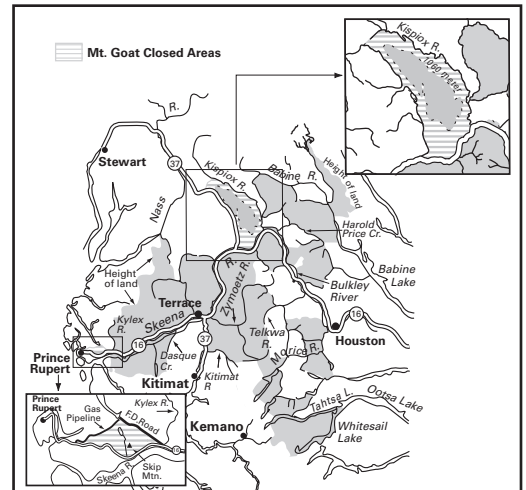
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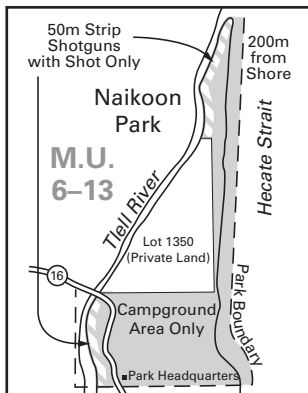
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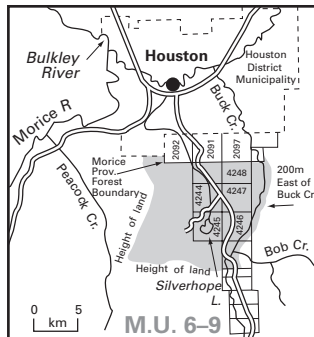
Map F13 Equity Mine Property No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-9).



Map F12 Skeena and Babine Mtn. Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only areas (situated in MUs 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 F14 Naikoon Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-13). The 50 metre strips along the banks of the Bulkley River are open for Firearms Using Shot Only as indicated on map (closed along Hwy).



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

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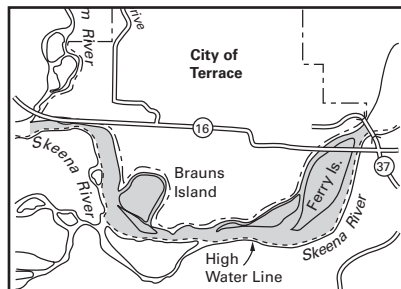
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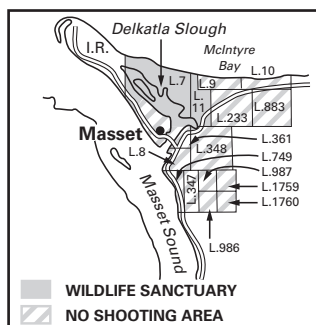
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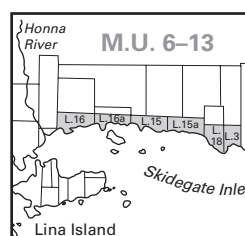
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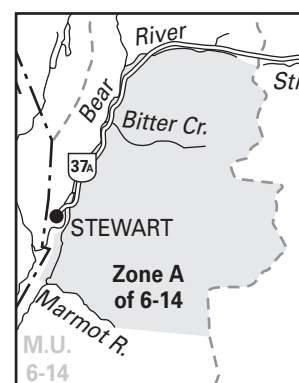
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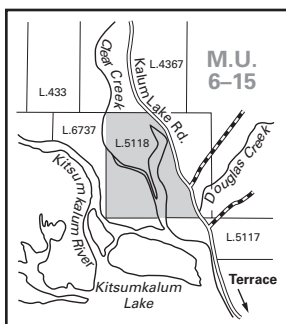
Map F17 Masset No Shooting Area (situated in MU 6-13) and Delkatla Slough Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.



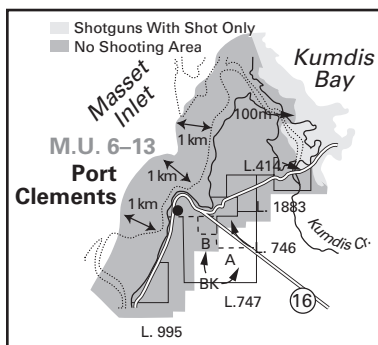
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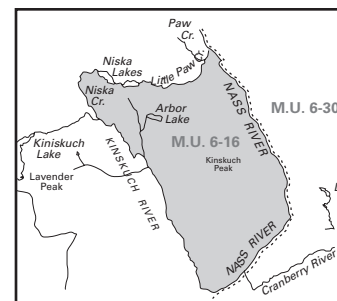
Map F19 Bear Pass Mountain Goat Area. This portion of MU 6-14 is open Aug 1 - Feb 28



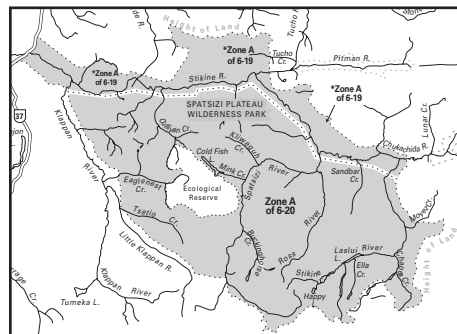
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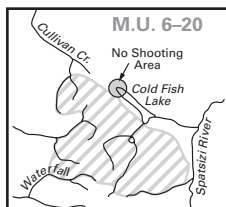
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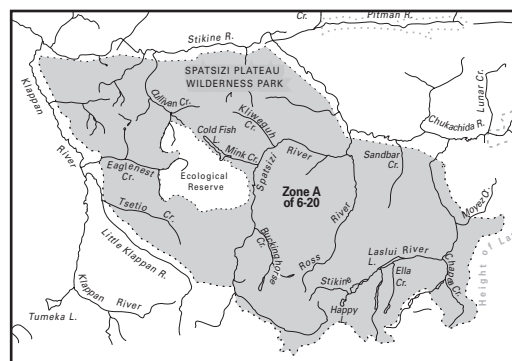
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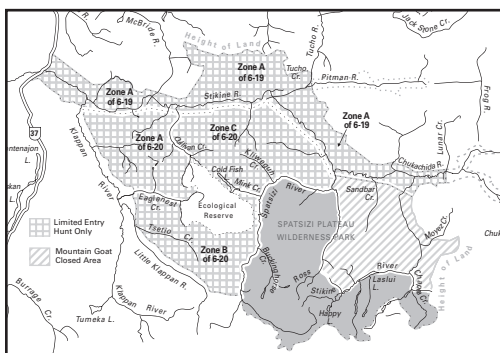
Map F23 Spatsizi Moose Limited Entry Hunting only areas (situated in MU 6-19, 6-20). See map F27.



Map F27 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.



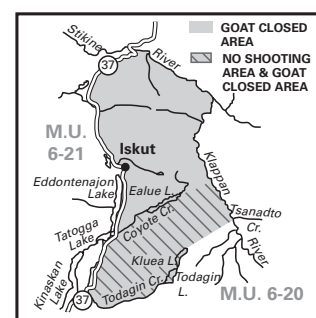
Map F24 Spatsizi Mountain Sheep and Caribou Limited Entry Hunting only areas (situated in MU 6-19, 6-20). See map F27.



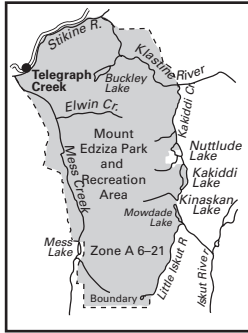
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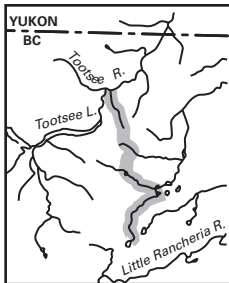
Map F26A Klappan - Bull Moose (situated in MU 6-20). The general open hunting season for bull moose in this area is from Sept 15 to Oct 15 only.



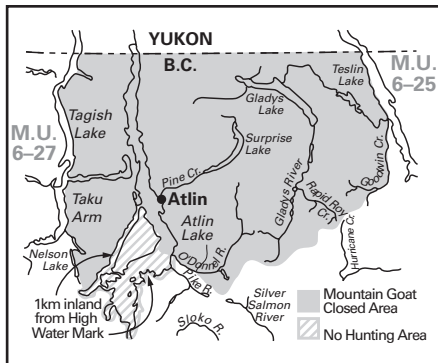
Map F28 Todagin Mountain No Shooting/Archery only Area and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 6-20). See page 65 for mining access road restrictions.



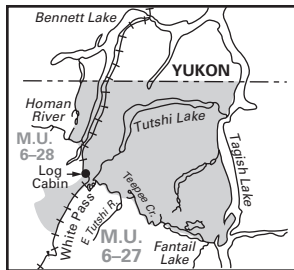
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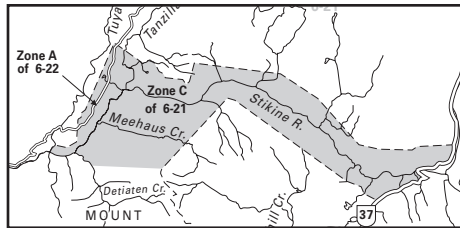
Map F31 Midway Mine Access Trail (situated in MU 6-24). See page 65.



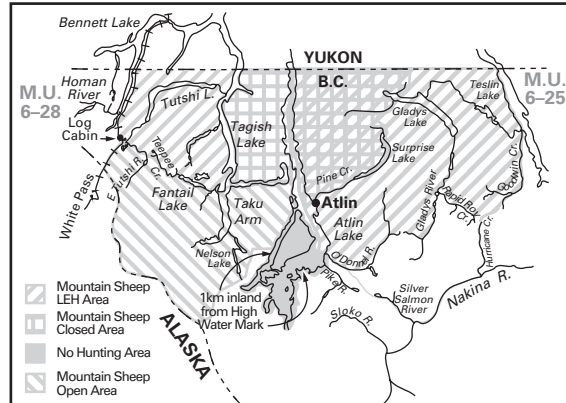
Map F34 Atlin Mountain Goat Closed Area and No Hunting Area (situated in MUs 6-25, 6-27).



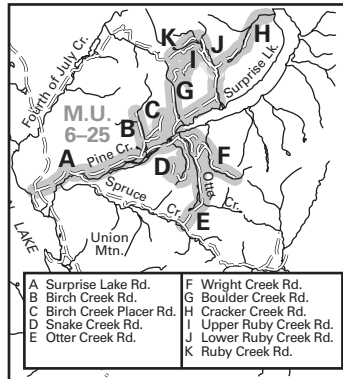
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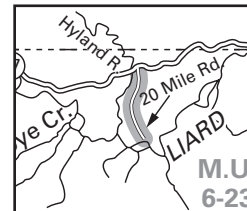
Map F30 Stikine Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting only area (situated in MUs 6-21, 6-22).



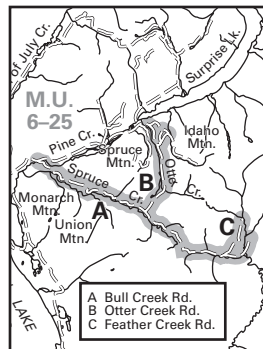
Map F32 Atlin Mountain Sheep Limited Entry Hunting Area and Mountain Sheep Open Area (situated in MU 6-25, 6-27).



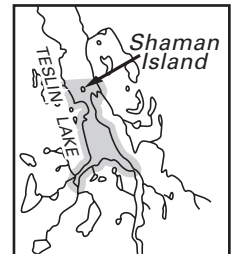
Map F37 Surprise Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25). Hunting of moose is prohibited from Sept 25 to Oct 10 within 400 m of the roads listed in the legend.



Map F36 Twenty Mile Road Moose 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 F39 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 F38 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.

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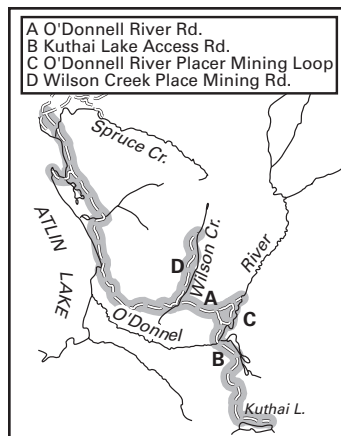
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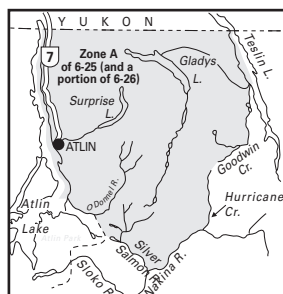
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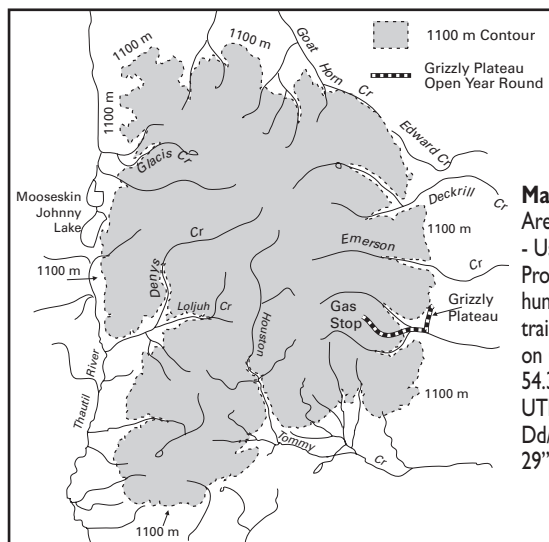
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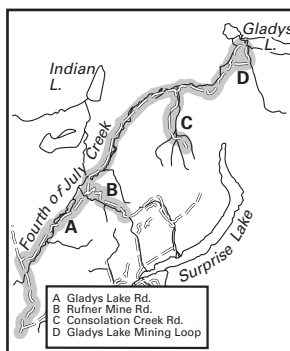
Map F40 O'Donnell Road/Kuthai Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Hunting of moose is prohibited within 400m of O'Donnell Road from Sept 25 to Oct 10.



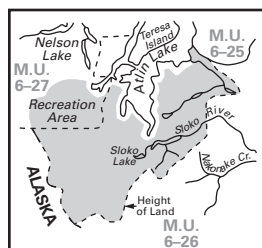
Map F44 Atlin Caribou Limited Entry Hunting Area (situated in MU 6-25 and 6-26). Caribou hunting is by LEH only.



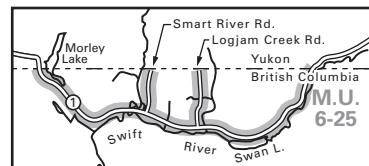
Map F48 Telkwa Mountain Area (situated in MU 6-9)
- Use of Motor Vehicles Prohibited for purpose of hunting, excluding the main trail to the "Gas Stop" location on Grizzly Plateau, located at 54.382 00 N by 127.00805 W, UTM zone 9 629369/6027637, Dd/mm/ss: 54 22'55"/127 00' 29"



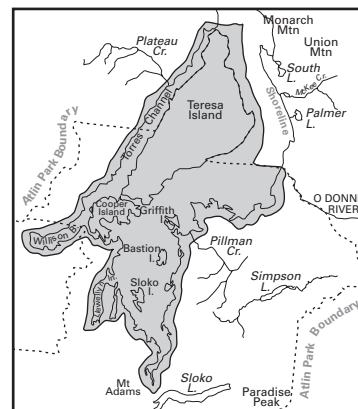
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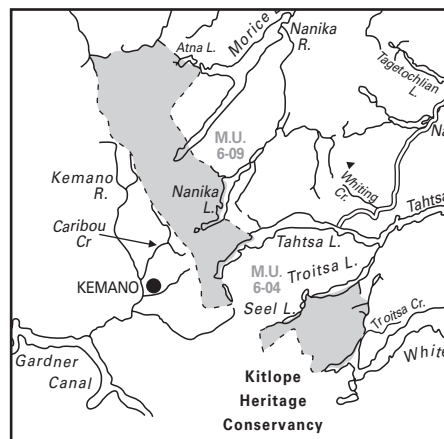
Map F45 Atlin Mountain Goat Limited Entry Hunting Area and Atlin Park Mountain Sheep and Caribou Closed Area (situated in MUs 6-25, 6-26, 6-27).



Map F43 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 F46 Atlin Park No Hunting Area in portions of MUs 6-25 and 6-27.



Map F47 General Open Season Areas for Mountain Goat (situated in portions of MUs 6-04 and 6-09)

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These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.

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NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

For persons hunting in MUs 7-29 (north of Nation River), and 7-37 to 7-39: You are hunting in the traditional territory of the Tsay Keh Dene First Nation. Before your hunt, please contact the band office at www.tsaykey.com - click on Fish and Wildlife, tkdfishandwildlife@gmail.com, Prince George contact Derek Ingram 250-562-8882, or Tsay Keh Dene contact Luke Gleeson 250-993-2127 or check in at the Tsay Keh village band office at the north end of the Williston Reservoir to receive information pertinent to the safety and environmental concerns of the Tsay Keh people.

Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016

1. Amendments to hunter eligibility and season length for calf moose seasons.
2. Extension to spring black bear seasons



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REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer in Region 7A is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

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

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Vanderhoof Access Management Plan is available at www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/princegeorge/vanderhf/plan/project.html

► There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region. See definitions of "motor vehicle", "ATV" 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 and regional maps):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited in these areas.

▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed 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 in these areas.

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MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-39

▼ from Mar. 31 to Nov. 30.

MU 7-3 and 7-17

▲ Morkill Forest Road above its crossing of Fraser River during the periods April 15 to June 15 and August 15 to November 30.

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:30 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, 7-40

- ◆ the entire area of MUs 7-38, 7-39
- ★ Finlay area (MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40) above 1450 m elevation. Authorized trappers exempt from restriction. Other commercial vehicles allowed, provided they

stay on existing mining and logging roads. Closure does not apply on the road surface of the Omineca Mining Road through Lawyers Pass from Aiken Lake to the south shore of the Toodoggone River; or, on the road to Johanson Lake.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► 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 MoE.

► 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.

BC PARKS

► Please refer to Site & Access

Restrictions section for more information.

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.

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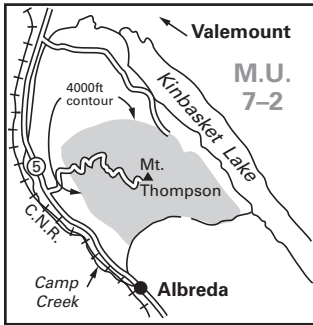
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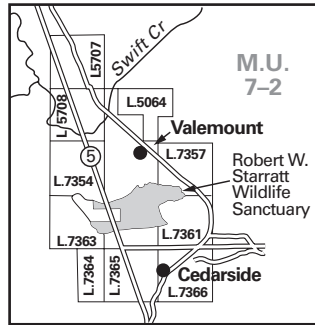
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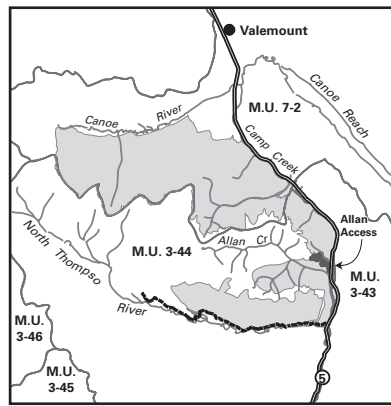
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 19	1
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 20 - Nov 15	1
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15, 7-26	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30	1
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Nov 20	1
Youth Only Season*	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Antlerless	Oct 1 - Oct 19	1
Youth Bow Only Season*	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Youth Only Season*	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-16, 7-23	+Calves	Oct 1 - Oct 25	1
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	1
	7-2 to 7-15, 7-17, 7-18, 7-24 to 7-30, 7-38	+Calves	Oct 10 - Oct 19	1
Youth/Senior Only Season*	7-2 to 7-15	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	★ 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. Lower jaw with incisor teeth must accompany species licence. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18 and those 65 years of age or older.			
ELK	7-37, 7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	★ See Definitions section: Elk. Antlers must accompany the species licence.			
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN 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.				
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 G8). 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. ★ 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 - June 30	2
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - June 15	NBL
COUGAR	7-2 to 7-8, 7-16 to 7-18, 7-23		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	7-9 to 7-15, 7-24, 7-25		Sept 10 - Mar 31	1
Hunters are reminded that all cougars must be compulsory inspected. Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 1 - Feb 15	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Apr 30	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.				
DUSKY (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)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
SPRUCE and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined 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	10 (30)
2014 - 2015			2015 - 2016	
COOTS, COMMON SNIFE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 12; Sept 15 - Nov 30	Sept 1 - Sept 11; Sept 14 - Nov 30	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 12; Sept 15 - Nov 30	Sept 1 - Sept 11; Sept 14 - Nov 30	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 12; Sept 15 - Nov 30	Sept 1 - Sept 11; Sept 14 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 12; Sept 15 - Nov 30	Sept 1 - Sept 11; Sept 14 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 12; Sept 15 - Nov 30	Sept 1 - Sept 11; Sept 14 - Nov 30	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 13, 2014 - Sept 14, 2014	Sept 12, 2015 - Sept 13, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



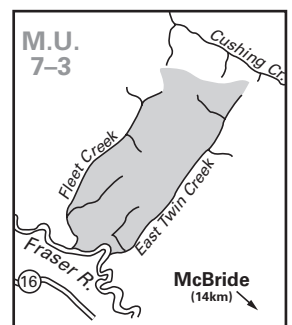
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-2).



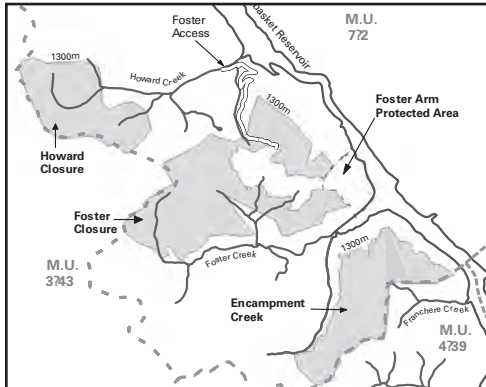
Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (situated in MU 7-2).



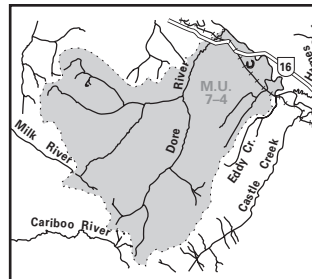
Map G3 Canoe River - North Thompson Snowmobile Closed Area (situated in MUs 3-44, 7-2). Snowmobiles allowed on Allan Creek Access Trail Nov 1 to May 31.



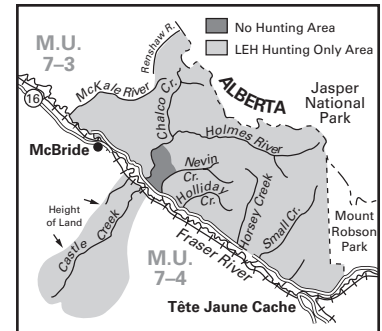
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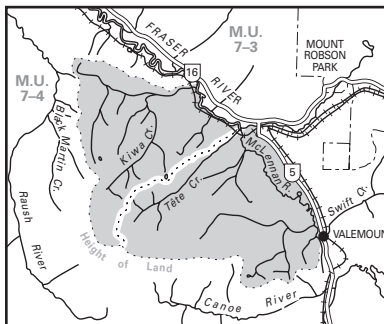
Map G4 Howard, Foster, and Encampment Snowmobile Closed Areas (MU 7-2). Snowmobiles allowed on Foster Trail Dec 1 to May 31.



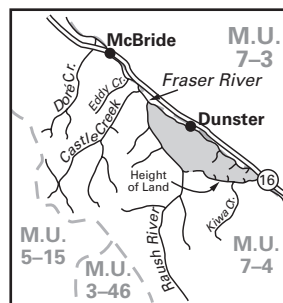
Map G6 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area (situated in MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



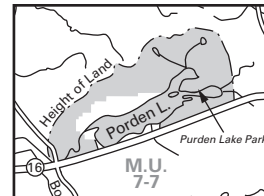
Map G7 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas (situated in MU 7-3, MU 7-4). Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders



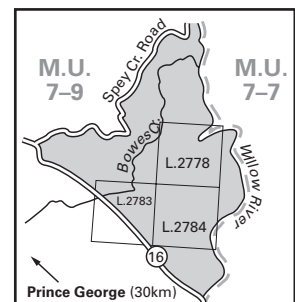
Map G8 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



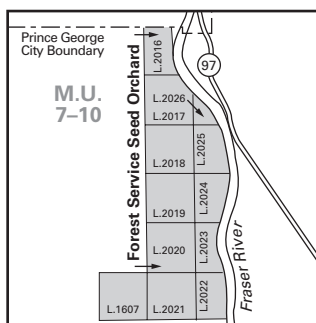
Map G9 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-4).



Map G10 Purden Lake Park addition (situated in MU 7-7). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



Map G11 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 7-9).



Map G12 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-10).

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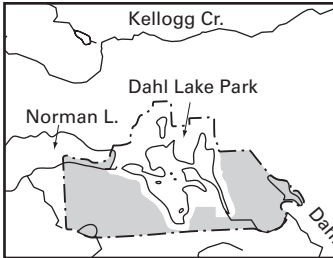
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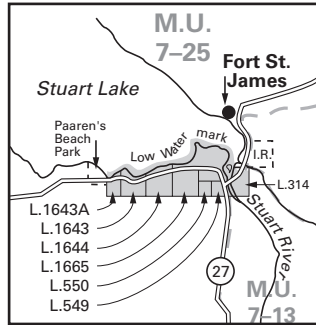
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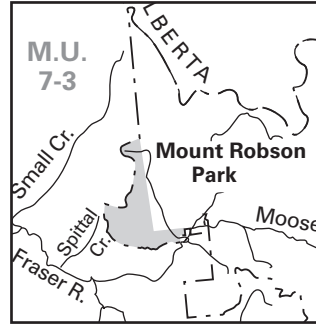
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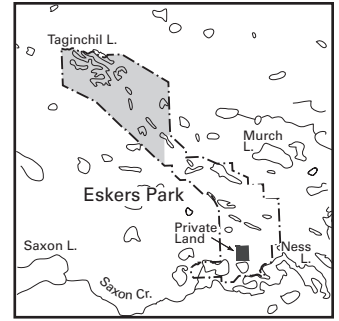
Map G13 Dahl Lake Park addition (situated in MU 7-12). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



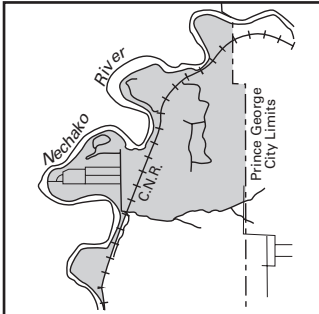
Map G14 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (situated in MUs 7-13, 7-25).



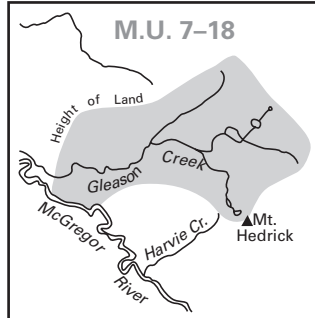
Map G15 Mount Robson addition (situated in MU 7-3). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



Map G16 Eskers Park addition (situated in MU 7-15). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



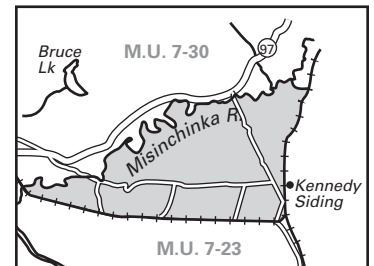
Map G17 Miworth No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-15).



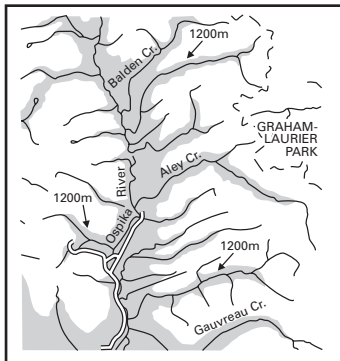
Map G18 Gleason Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-18).



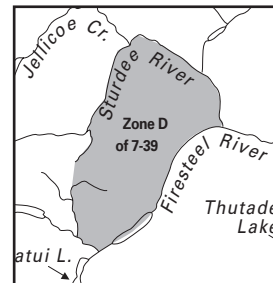
Map G19 Monkman Lake Park area open to hunting (situated in MU 7-18).



Map G20 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Nov 6 to Mar 31.



Map G21 Ospika River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-37).



Map G22 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zone D of MU 7-39 except for LEH permit holders.

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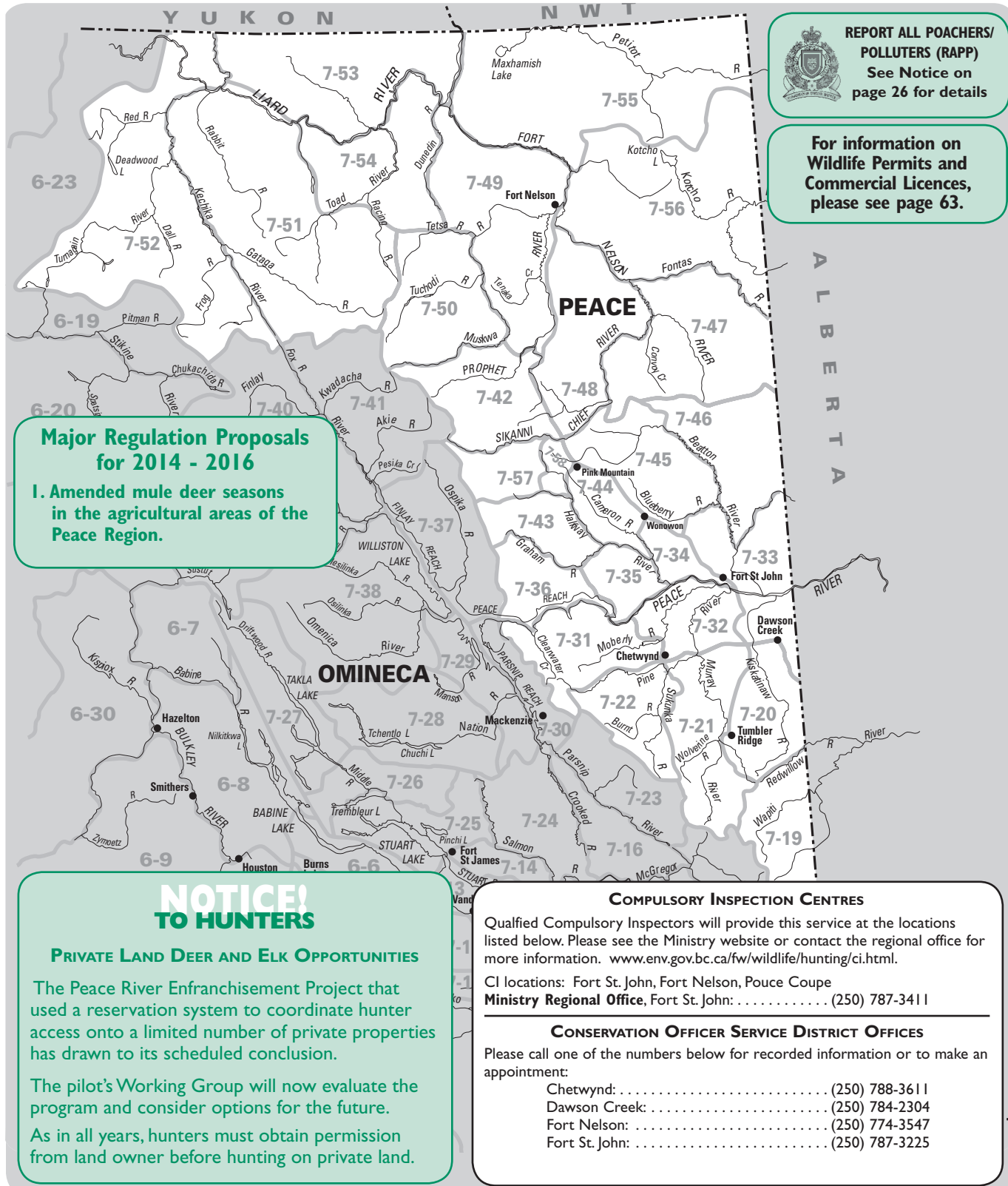


REGION 7B

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www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/
 for in-season changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The combined bag limit for deer in Region 7B is two. The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), 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.

FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

► Please take note of the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined on page 13.

► 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 H20.

► 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 Area. See Map H6.

► The discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Area. See Map H4.

► 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 H14.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this region. Note definitions of "Motor Vehicle", "ATV" 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 Vehicle Closed Areas

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

▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed 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 in these areas.

◆ ATVs for Hunting Closed Areas

The operation of ATVs (including motorcycles) for purposes of hunting, or to transport hunters, hunting supplies, wildlife or firearms to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MUs 7-19, 7-21 (southeast portion), 7-31, 7-35, 7-36, 7-43, 7-53, 7-57

★ above 1400 m in elevation. However, the use of snowmobiles (less than 450 kg in weight) is allowed 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 Ministry office in Fort St. John for more information. See Map H13.

MUs 7-21, 7-22

▲ BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road

★ above the 1524 m elevation in the Bullmoose Chamberlain Mt. area, except BP Canada/Ocelot Petroleum West Bullmoose Road.

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 Ministry office in Fort St. John and Ministry of Forests and Range offices in Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek. Vehicles 500 are no longer permitted on the west corridor. See Map H19.

MU 7-52

★ Beyond 400 m 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 May 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 invasive plant-free or use pelletized and processed feed. The spread of invasive plants is common every year and can be prevented by using local weed-free feed, pelletized and processed feed and checking and cleaning all vehicles to ensure they are weed-free before leaving home. It is suggested to ensure that livestock are fed weed-free feed 2 days prior to departure and including travel time into the wilderness. It is recommended to bring and utilize feed bags, buckets or troughs with you while in the wilderness to minimize potential ground disturbance by feeding or salting at temporary cam sites and trail heads. For further information on this matter, please contact your local Ministry of Agriculture and Lands or Ministry of Forests and Range.

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

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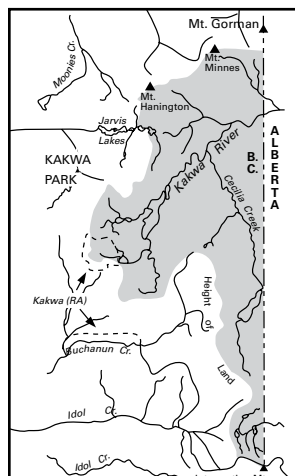
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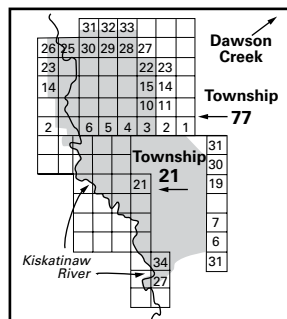
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-19, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43*, 7-48 to 7-52, 7-57, 7-58	▲4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Oct 5	1
	7-20 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-35, 7-43** to 7-47, 7-54	▲4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
Bow Only Season	7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-47	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
Bag limit for mule deer bucks is one. * Restricted to western portion of MU 7-43 See Map H26. ** Restricted to eastern portion of MU 7-43 See Map H27. ▲ See Definitions Section: Mule (Black-tailed Deer). The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35*, 7-45*, 7-46*	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
Youth Only Season★	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35*, 7-45*, 7-46*	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
Youth Only Season★	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
Bow Only Season	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-50, 7-54 to 7-58	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
★ Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. * Restricted to portions of M.U.s 7-20, 7-21, 7-35, 7-45 and 7-46. See Map H21				
MOOSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 ▲	Bulls	Aug 15 - Aug 31	1
	7-19, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58 ▲	★Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 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
★ 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. ▲ Compulsory Inspection of moose harvested in MUs 7-50 to 7-54 is being considered, check www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news prior to hunting in these MUs.				
ELK	7-42★★, 7-57	▲6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-42★, 7-49, 7-50	▲3 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 9	1
	7-42★, 7-49, 7-50	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
	7-48, 7-51 to 7-54	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 10	1
	7-19, 7-20+, 7-21+, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-43**, 7-46+	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-43***, 7-44, 7-45, 7-46*, 7-58	▲3 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-20*, 7-21*, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-43***, 7-44, 7-45, 7-46*, 7-58	Antlerless	Sept 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-42★, 7-50	Antlerless	Aug 20 - Oct 31	1
Bow Only Season	7-50	▲3 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 31	1
★ Restricted to northern portion of MU 7-42, see map H23 ★★ Restricted to southern portion of MU 7-42, see map H23B + These MUs only include those portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, and 7-46 located outside the shaded portion of the MU. See Map H21. * Restricted to portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, and 7-46. See Map H21 ** Restricted to western portion of MU 7-43 See Map H26. *** Restricted to eastern portion of MU 7-43 See Map H27. ▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-19	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
See special area Map H1.				
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 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 regional maps H16, H20, and H22 inclusive. Mountain goats are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat.				
CARIBOU	7-42, 7-50 to 7-54, ▲7-57	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Bow Only Season	7-58	★5 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
▲ Restricted to a portion of MU 7-57. See map H28. ★ See Definitions section: Caribou. The antlers must accompany the species licence. See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting Section page 21.				
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 - June 15	2
WOLF	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Aug 1 - Mar 31	3 ▲
	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Apr 1 - June 15	3 ▲
▼No closed season below 1100 m elevation. ▲ No bag limit for wolves is being considered, check www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news prior to your hunt.				
COUGAR	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 10 - Mar 31	1
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: Cougar kitten.				
COYOTE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		▼Sept 1 - Mar 31	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	1
LYNX	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
DUSKY (Blue) GROUSE	7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-52, 7-54, 7-57, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
SPRUCE and RUFFED GROUSE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				

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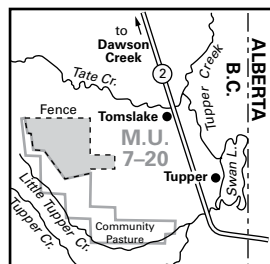
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	7-20 to 7-22, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-44 to 7-49, 7-52 to 7-56, 7-58		Sept 1 - Nov 15	3 (9)
PTARMIGAN	7-19, 7-21, 7-22, 7-31, 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 to 7-55, 7-57		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
RAVEN	▲7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45, 7-46		No 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 3 - Nov 30	10 each (30 each)
See Map H10				
DUCKS	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3 - Nov 30	8 (24)
See Map H10. Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 3 - Nov 30	10 (30)
Geese: See map H10.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	7-19 to 7-22, 7-31 to 7-36, 7-42 to 7-58		Sept 1 - Sept 2	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



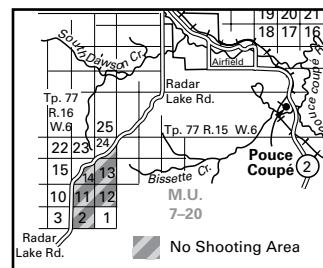
Map H1 Kakwa Park and Recreation Area No Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-19).



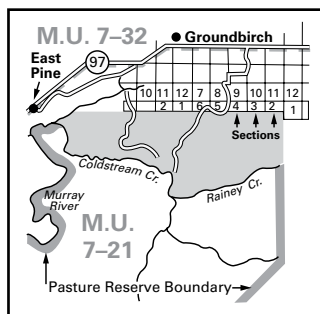
Map H2 Bear Mountain No Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-20), from June 1 to Oct 15.



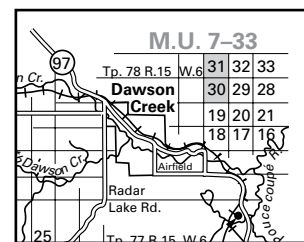
Map H3 One Island Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 7-20) from June 1 to Oct 15.



Map H4 Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Area - No Shooting Area. (situated in MU 7-20)



Map H5 Groundbirch Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 7-21) from June 1 to Oct 31.



Map H6 Dawson Creek Environmental Demonstration - No Shooting Area between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm daily. (situated in MU 7-33)

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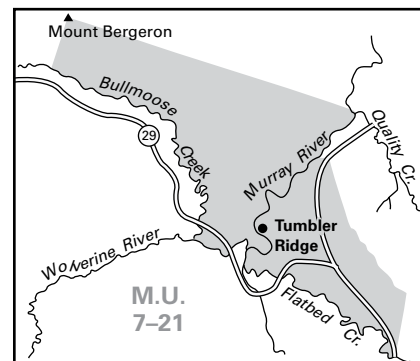
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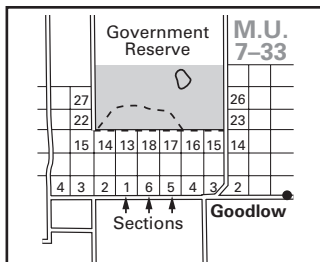
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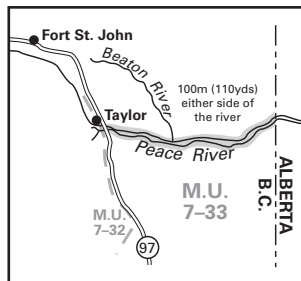
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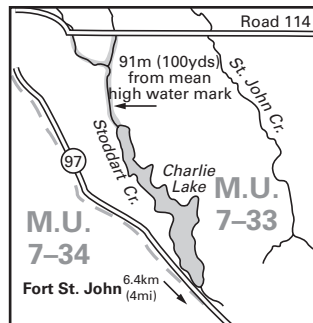
Map H8 Mt. Bergeron-Tumbler Ridge No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-21).



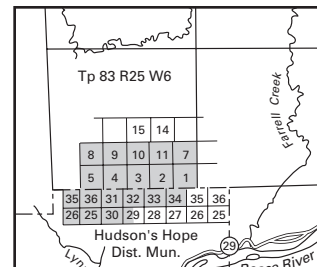
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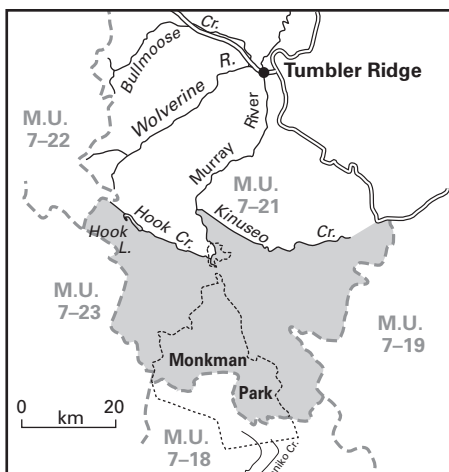
Map H10 Peace River Duck, Coot, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose and Wilson's Snipe and Ross's Goose Closed Area (situated in MU 7-33).



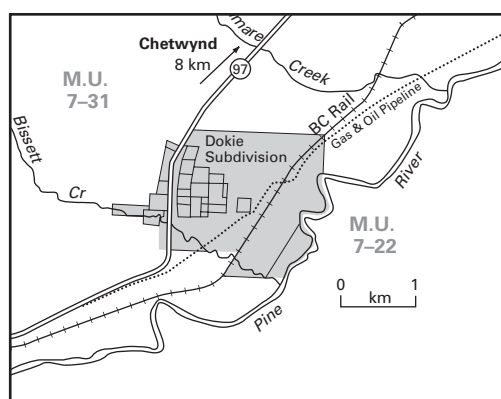
Map H11 Charlie Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-33).



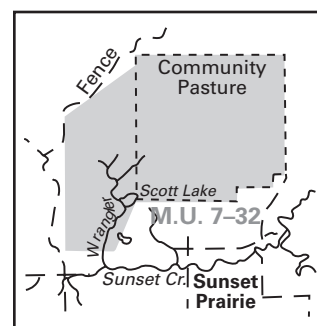
Map H12 Farrell Creek Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 7-35) from June 1 to Oct 15.



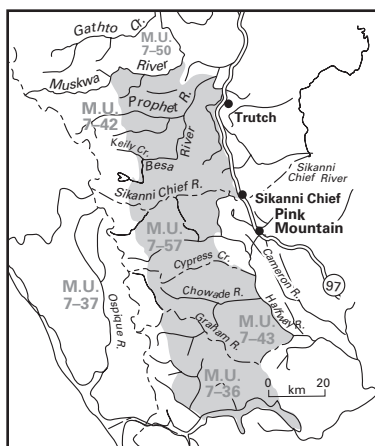
Map H13 Southeast Peace Motor Vehicle Closed Area map shows only the southeast portion of MU 7-21 above 1400 m.



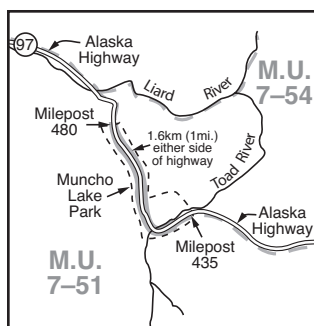
Map H14 Dokie Subdivision No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-22 and 7-31).



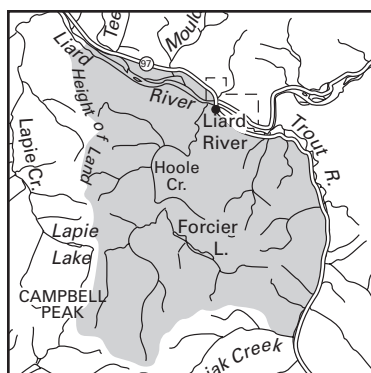
Map H15 Sunset Prairie No Hunting Area (situated in MU 7-32) from June 1 to Oct 31.



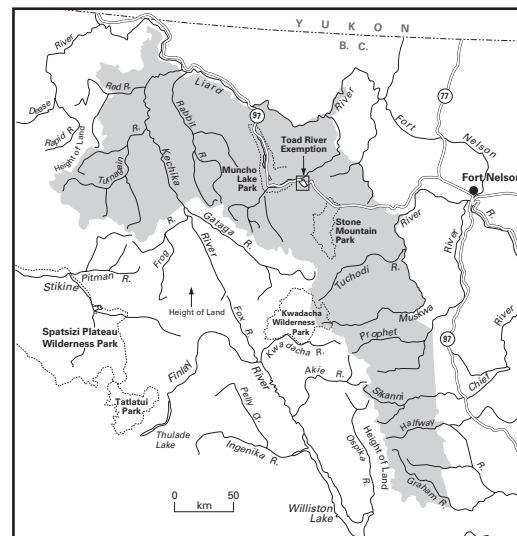
Map H16 Sikanni-Muskwa Foothills Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50 and 7-57).



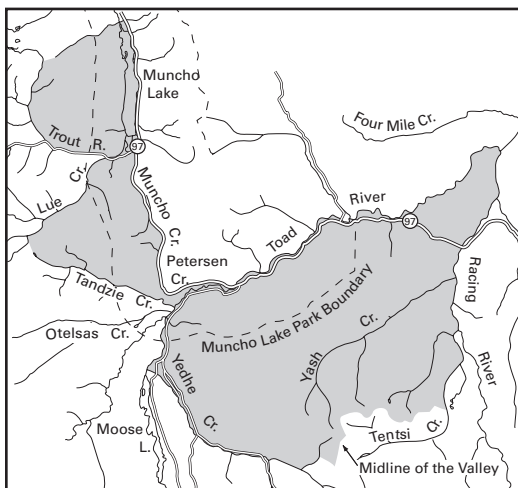
Map H17 Muncho Lake Park Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-51, 7-54).



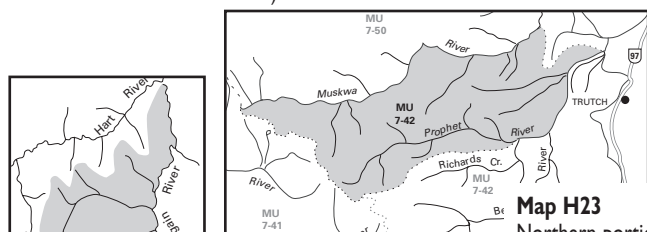
Map H18 Hoole Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-51).



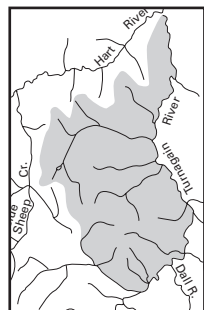
Map H19 Muskwa-Kechika Access Management Area (situated in MUs 7-36, 7-42, 7-43, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-54, 7-57) and Klingz Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 7-42). Maps showing boundaries and motor vehicle routes within the Muskwa-Kechika AMA can be viewed in the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations offices in Fort Nelson, or in Fort St John [(250) 787-3225], and ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/fortstjohn/muskwa/maps/index.html Larger scale maps can be purchased from McElhanney Associates in Fort St. John [(250) 787-0356]. South of district lot 1229 on the West Toad River corridor travel is restricted to within 10 metres of route and vehicles under 500 kg only.



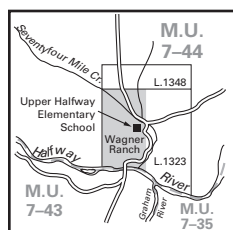
Map H20 Toad River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MUs 7-51, 7-54) Note: this closed area is an amalgamation of three former Mountain Goat Closed Areas Yash-Yedhe; Muncho Lake and Peterson Mtn).



Map H21 The "agricultural area" of the Peace Region. Elk, mule deer, and white-tailed deer Limited Entry Hunting and General Open Season area. This area includes all of MUs 7-32 to 7-34 and portions of MUs 7-20, 7-21, 7-35, 7-45, and 7-46.



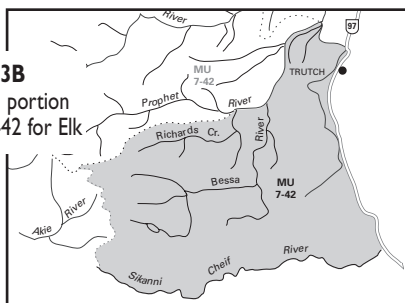
Map H22 Deeh Ridge Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-52).



Map H24 Upper Halfway No Shooting Area (situated in MU 7-44).

Map H23
Northern portion
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Map H23B
Southern portion
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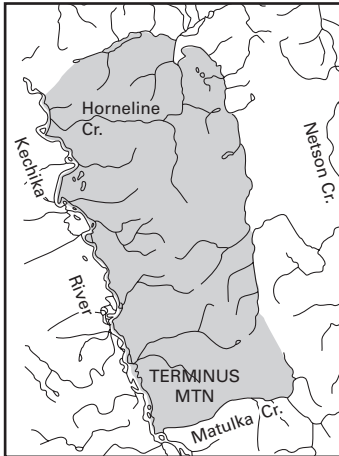
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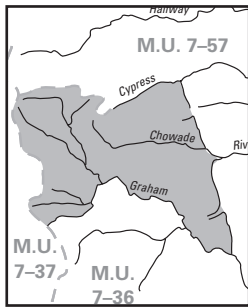
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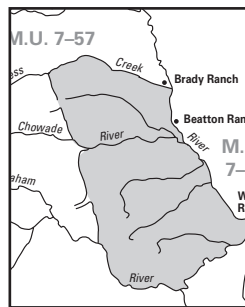
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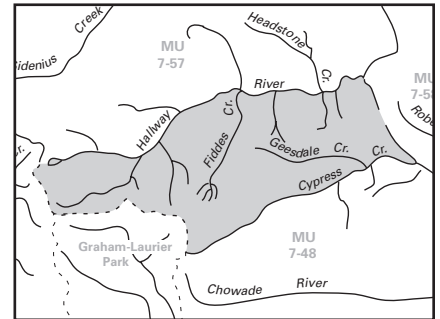
Map H25 Terminus Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-51).



Map H26 Western portion of MU 7-43 for Elk and Mule Deer



Map H27 Eastern portion of MU 7-43 for Elk and Mule Deer




Map H28 Halfway River Caribou Closed Area (situated in MU 7-57).

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1. Shortening of the spike-fork bull moose season by two weeks.
2. Removal of moose hunting closures in Granby and Gladstone Parks.
3. Replacement of mule deer buck season with 4 point buck season
4. New bow only season for 6 point elk.
5. Extended spring black bear seasons
6. Youth only grouse hunting opportunity
7. Simplification of the Garnet Fire Motor Vehicle Closed Areas.



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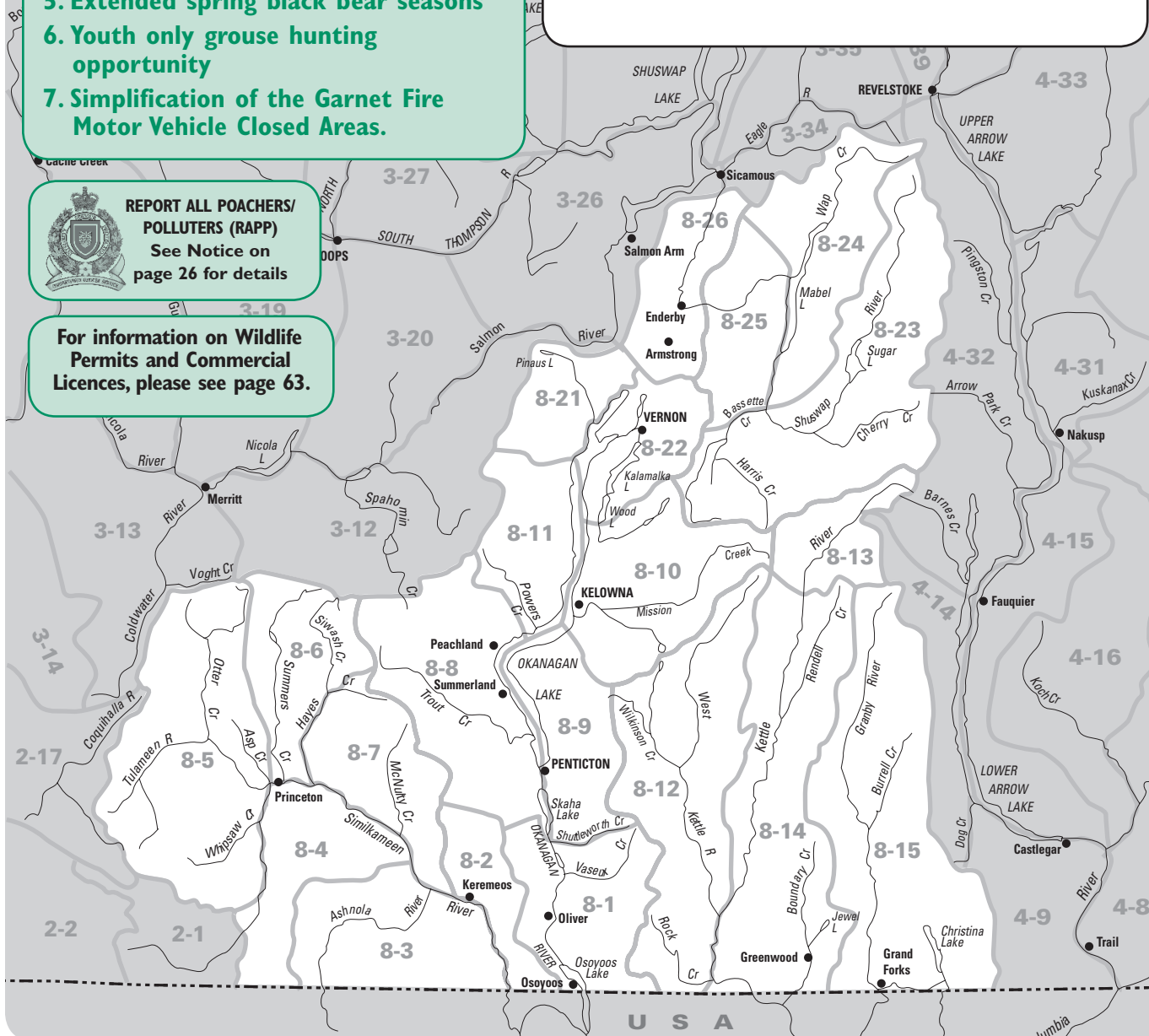
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BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The aggregate bag 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 LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Grouse:** The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue, (dusky) 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.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► 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.

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

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed

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 in these areas.

★ The operation of all motor vehicles, excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 8 above 1,700 metre elevation, except on existing roads and trails- See page 3 for definition of existing road or trail.

★ Crater Mountain Area (MU 8-3). See Map J21.

★ Placer Mountain to Border Lake area (MU 8-3, 8-4). See Map J21.

★ **Garnet Valley (MU 8-8). See Map J22.**

★ Osoyoos Oxbows except established roadways (MU 8-1). See Map J1.

★ Underdown Creek (MU 8-1). See Map J2.

▲ Lawless - Jacobson Lake FSR (MU 8-5) south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek.

★ Skaha Lake Eastside (MU 8-9) - in that portion 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.

▲ **Garnet Fire area (MU 8-9). See Map J9.**

★ Granby (MUs 8-14, 8-15). 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. Snowmobiles allowed Nov. 1 to May 31. See Map J12.

★ Galloping Hills (MU 8-15) from June 1 to October 31 except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map J12.

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. 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.

BC PARKS

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

► Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/.



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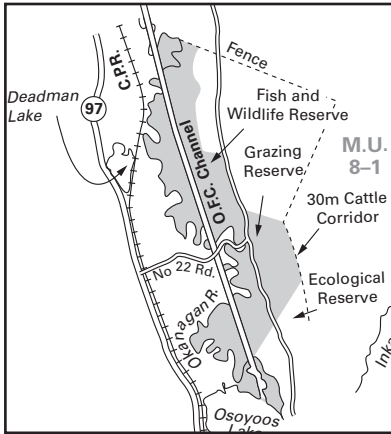
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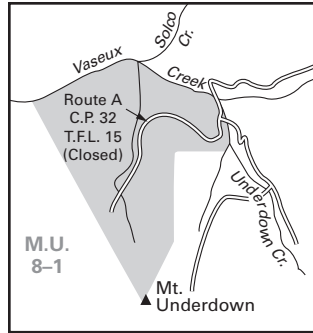


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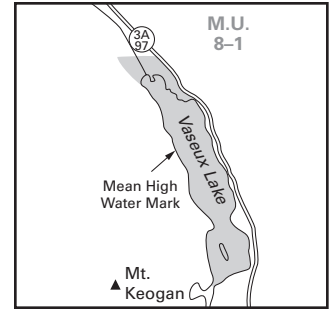
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	1
	8-12 to 8-15	★4point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	1
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
Youth 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
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	2 (1)
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
ELK	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	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 - June 30	*2
	▲ 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Aug 31	*2
* The bag limit for black bears is two per licence year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31). ▲ 8-1 to 8-26 is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners.				
WOLF	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 15 Sept 10 - Mar 31	3
COYOTE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
LYNX and BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28	1 (of each)
Compulsory reporting is required, see page 21 for details. Hunters are requested to avoid shooting lynx with collars.				
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1
Pursuit Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Mar 31	0
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: Cougar kitten. Hunters are requested to select a male cougar. Excessive harvest of female cougars may result in season closures. Persons participating in the Pursuit Only season must have a hunting licence, they may not carry a firearm, and it is an offence to kill a cougar during a Pursuit Only season.				
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED, and SPRUCE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
Youth Season*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	5 (15)
Bow Only Season	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Dec 10	5 (15)
For Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15.				
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
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 - May 15	1 ▼
	8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	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.				
MOURNING DOVE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPES	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE FRONTED	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 12 - Dec 25	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Nov 28	10 (30)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 20 - Jan 5	10 (30)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Feb 21 - Mar 10	10 (30)
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 7, 2014	Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 6, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



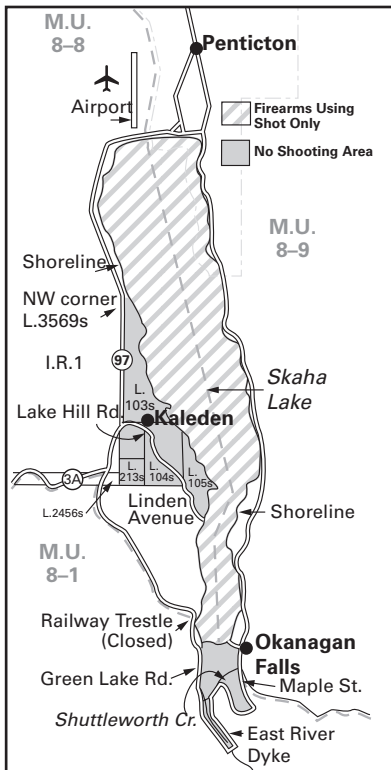
Map J1 Osoyoos Oxbows Motor Vehicle Closed Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 8-1). The operation of vehicles is restricted to established roadways shown as open lines. No shooting or hunting from Mar 1 - Sept 30, in the restricted area, including the roadways.



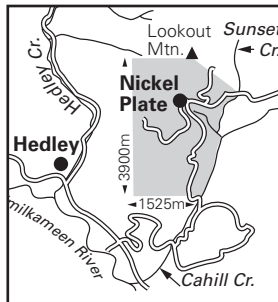
Map J2 Underdown Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 8-1).



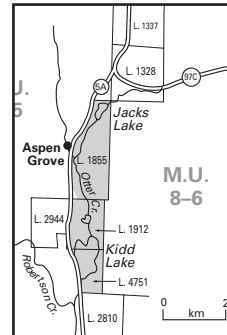
Map J3 Vaseux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary (situated in MU 8-1). No hunting allowed.



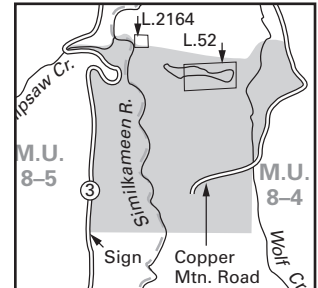
Map J4 Kaleden, and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 8-1, 8-8, 8-9).



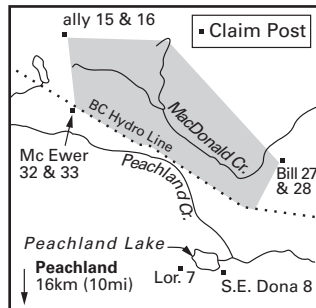
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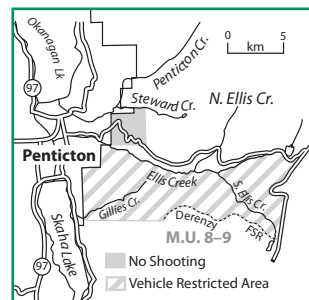
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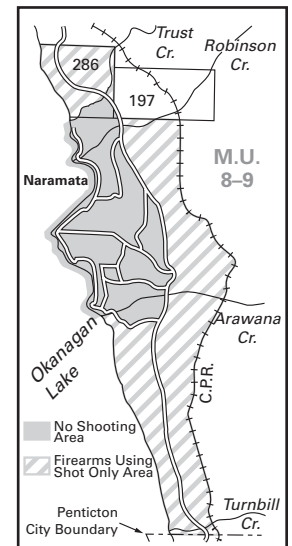
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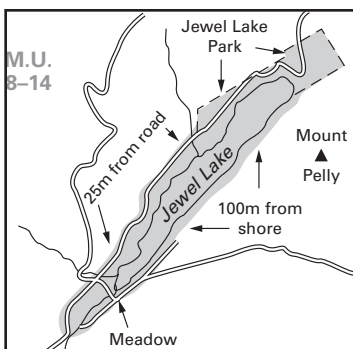
Map J8 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (situated in MU 8-8).



Map J9 Garnet Fire (South Ellis) Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Area including the entire Derenzy FSR and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (situated in MU 8-9).



Map J10 Naramata No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 8-9).



Map J11 Jewel Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 8-14).

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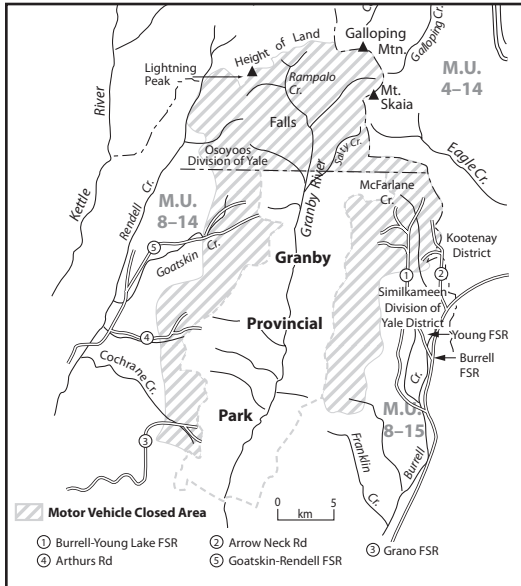
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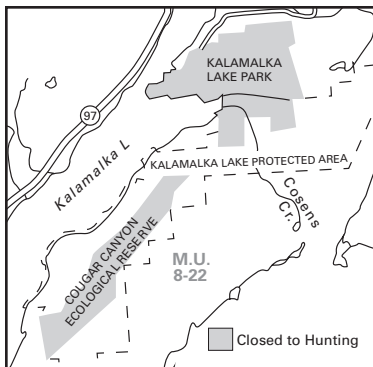
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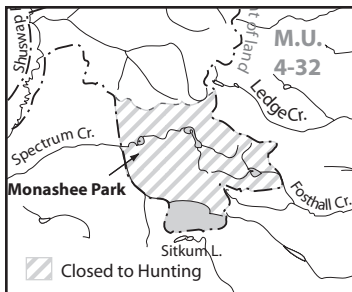
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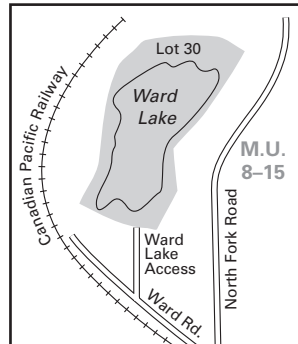
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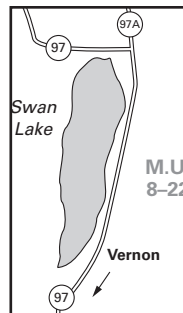
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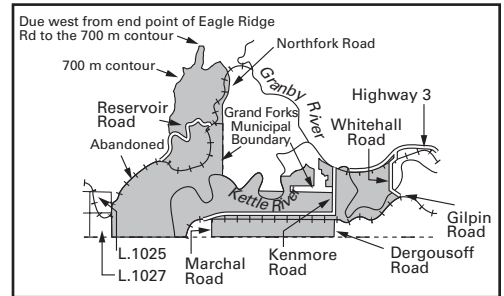
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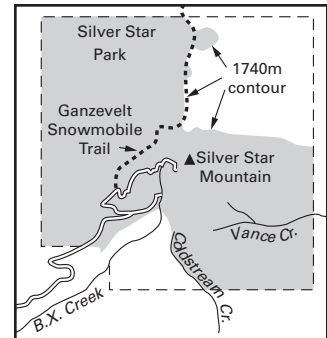
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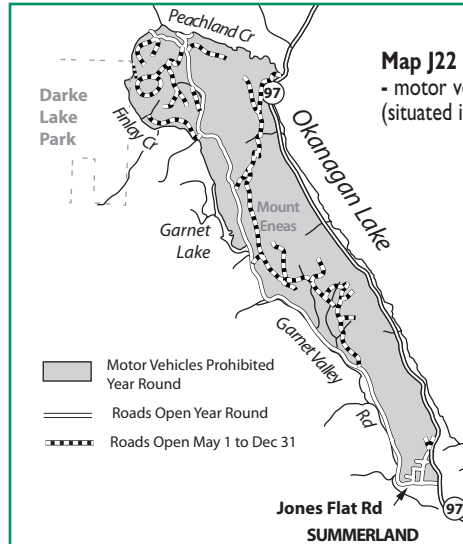
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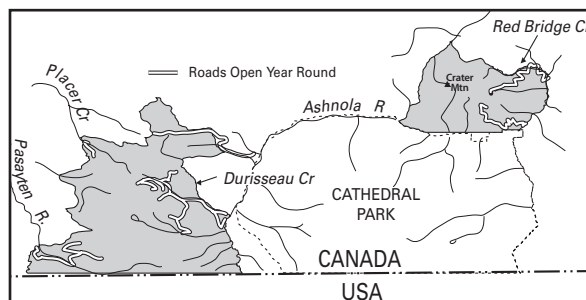
Map J14 Grand Forks Closed Area (situated in MU 8-15). Discharge of rifles prohibited.



Map J16 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (situated in MUs 8-22, 8-25, 8-26). Contact Ministry offices in Vernon or Penticton for details.



Map J22 Garnet Valley - motor vehicle closed area (situated in MU 8-8)



Map J21 Placer Mountain and Crater Mountain motor vehicle closed areas (situated in MU 8-3, 8-4). Closed year round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as white are open year round.

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2014 - 2013

1. **Liberalized black bear harvest by trappers and lynx trapping seasons in portions of the Skeena Region.**
2. **Under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards the Belisle Super X 110 has been certified for weasel and muskrat, the Ouell certified-for muskrat, and the Woodstream Oneia Victor Conibear for otter.**

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 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. 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 FW&HM Branch website at: www.env.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.

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.

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.



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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 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.

In order to comply with the Agreement, BC has made numerous regulatory changes and will make further regulatory changes to ensure that only certified traps will be legal 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 following purposes:

1. for wildlife management purposes, including wildlife conflict control;
2. to obtain furs, skins or meat;
3. for conservation purposes.

Since the 2007/2008 trapping season, a person using killing traps for beaver, fisher, marten, raccoon and muskrat and restraining traps for lynx has been required, by law, to use only species-specific traps included in BC's trapping regulations which have been certified under the Agreement. See page 94 for the list of traps. As additional traps are tested and certified for these species they will be added to this list of legal traps – traps for these species are not legal until they have been added to BC's regulations.

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.

A sufficient number of kill traps for lynx, weasel and river otter have now been tested and certified for the Provinces and Territories to begin requiring the use of only certified traps for these species. **For the 2015/16 trapping season, BC, along with all other Canadian Provinces and Territories intends to require, by law, that only traps certified under the AIHTS be used to kill trap lynx and weasel. Requirements that only certified traps be used to kill trap river otter are expected starting with the 2016/17 trapping season.** Please consult the Ministry's website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/trapping/ or the Fur Institute of Canada website at www.fur.ca for a list of killing traps currently certified for lynx, weasel and river otter. Notice is being given now of these intended regulation changes to allow trappers sufficient time to acquire certified traps for these species.

Since 1999, the Province of British Columbia has been moving towards meeting its obligations under the Agreement. The implementation of the Agreement allows trappers to continue to market their furs internationally, and will ensure 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 website at www.fur.ca or contact the Ministry at 250-387-9771.

Removal of Edible Portions and Hide

► It is an offence 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 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.



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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, Service BC's office, or on the Ministry website: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/trapping 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 FW&HM Branch at 250-387-9771.

Bait for traplines

Trappers may keep the carcass of a Beaver, Coyote, Ermine, Fox, Marmot (except Vancouver Island Marmots), Mink, Mole, Muskrat, Prairie dog, River Otter, Squirrel (ground, flying, Douglas, red), or wildlife described in Schedules B or C (see the "What is Wildlife?" section for current schedules) trapped out of season if:

- (a) the wildlife carcass is to be used only by the trapper, and
 - (i) as bait for traps set under the authority of the trapper's licence or licence exemption, and
- (b) at the time of possession and transport, the trapper has, on his or her person,
 - (i) his or her current trapping licence or proof of licence exemption, and
 - (ii) a permit issued under section 2 (c)(iii) of the Permit Regulation, BC Reg. 253/2000, permitting him or her to trap that wildlife during the closed season.

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 Ministry 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 Ministry 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 FrontCounter BC (see page 63).

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 Ministry 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 licensed 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. Please see the notice on page 91.

► 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 an 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 FW&HM Branch requires that certain species be reported or submitted to a Ministry 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 MUs 1-14 and 1-15, and in regions 2, 4, and 8; and
- **wolf** in regions 1, 2, 4.

► Compulsory reporting forms are available at any Ministry regional office and www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/trapping.html. 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 Ministry 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 Service BC offices, FrontCounter BC offices, or electronically from **www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca** (See Wildlife Permits & Commercial Licences article, page 63.)

► 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)
One Year Licence \$40.00
Five Year Licence \$200.00
2. For a duplicate licence to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his/her licence has been lost or destroyed
. \$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.

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 licensed 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 any FrontCounter BC location (see Page 63).

► 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.

2014 SCHEDULE OF ROYALTIES

► Royalty per pelt or skin:

Beaver	\$.64	Muskrat	\$0.19
Black Bear	\$3.50	Otter	\$2.07
Bobcat	\$7.55	Raccoon	\$.23
Coyote	\$1.08	Skunk	\$.23
Fisher	\$2.04	Squirrel	\$.04
Fox	\$1.05	Weasel	\$.11
Lynx	\$3.35	Wolf	\$3.46
Marten	\$1.93	Wolverine	\$7.31
Mink	\$0.54		

Visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/trapping/ for 2013 fur royalties.

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 FW&HM 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 the Ministry, the BC Trappers Association (BCTA) delivers TEP.

► TEP courses are 3 days in length.

► The cost of the TEP course is \$390.00.

► 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: BC Trappers Association
PO Box 1063, Prince George, BC V2L 4V2
Phone: 250-962-5452, fax: 250-962-5462.

LEAST WEASEL INFORMATION WANTED

Least weasels are the smallest Carnivore in the world and also the one we know the "least" about. To get a better picture of where the species occurs in BC, wildlife biologists are interested in getting information from trappers about this species. You can tell least weasels apart from other weasels by their tails – usually <2" long with a few or no black hairs on the tip (much less than ermines or long-tailed weasels). If you have caught or seen least weasels in the past 10 years, please call the Weasel Hotline at 1-888-223-4376 or email weasels@artemiswildlife.com and pass along this important information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FISHERS

► Fishers are blue-listed in BC, but trapping seasons are open in areas of the province that can support a harvest. All fishers 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 92). 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 $\leq 2\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter

Population Enhancement

► Establish food sites for fishers by hanging carcasses in trees to reduce competition by other land predators.

► Finish marten trapping early in the season to reduce incidental capture of adult female fishers. incidental capture of adult female fisher.

KILLING TRAPS

(This list will be updated as additional traps are certified check www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw)

SPECIES	CERTIFIED TRAPS	
BEAVER <i>Underwater or on land</i>	B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper B.M.I. 330 Body Gripper Bélisle Classic 330 Bélisle Super X 280 Bélisle Super X 330 Bridger 330 Duke 330 LDL C280 LDL C280 Magnum LDL C330 LDL C330 Magnum	Rudy 280 Rudy 330 Sauvageau 1000-11F Sauvageau 2001-8 Sauvageau 2001-11 Sauvageau 2001-12 Species-Specific 330 Dislocator Half Magnum Species-Specific 440 Dislocator Half Magnum Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
FISHER	Bélisle Super X 120 Bélisle Super X 160 Bélisle Super X 220 Koro #2 LDL C160 Magnum LDL C220 Magnum	Rudy 120 Magnum Rudy 160 Plus Rudy 220 Plus Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau 2001-6 Sauvageau 2001-7 Sauvageau 2001-8
MARTEN	B.M.I. 126 Magnum Body Gripper Bélisle Super X 120 Bélisle Super X 160 Koro #1 LDL B120 Magnum Northwoods 155	Rudy 120 Magnum Rudy 160 Plus Sauvageau C120 Magnum Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau 2001-6
RACCOON	B.M.I. 160 Body Gripper B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper B.M.I. 280 Magnum Body Gripper Bélisle Classic 220 Bélisle Super X 160 Bélisle Super X 220 Bélisle Super X 280 Bridger 160 Bridger 220 Duke 160 Duke 220 LDL C160 LDL C220	LDL C220 Magnum LDL C280 Magnum Northwoods 155 Rudy 160 Rudy 160 Plus Rudy 220 Rudy 220 Plus Sauvageau 2001-6 Sauvageau 2001-7 Sauvageau 2001-8 Species-Specific 220 Dislocator Half Magnum Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 160 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 Koro #2
MUSKRAT <i>On land only</i>	B.M.I. 120 B.M.I. 120 Magnum B.M.I. 126 Magnum Bélisle Super X 120 Bridger 120 Duke 120 Koro Muskrat Trap LDL B120 Magnum Ouell 4-11-180	Rudy 110 Rudy 120 Rudy 120 Magnum Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend" Sauvageau C120 Magnum Triple M Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120
MUSKRAT <i>Underwater only</i>	Any jaw type trap (body gripping or leghold) set as a submersion set that exerts clamping force on a muskrat and that maintains a muskrat underwater.	

LEGHOLD RESTRAINING TRAPS

(This list will be updated as additional traps are certified check www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw)

SPECIES	CERTIFIED TRAPS
LYNX	Bélisle Footsnare #6 Bélisle Sélectif Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 equipped with a minimum of 8 mm thick, non-offset steel jaws, 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate

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 ⁵	X		X	
Black Bear*							X ^{3,4}	
Bobcat	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Coyote	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Fisher	X			X ⁵	X		X	
Fox	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Lynx	X	X ⁶		X	X	X	X	
Marten	X			X ⁵	X		X	
Mink	X		X	X	X		X	
Muskrat	X		X ²	X ⁵	X		X	
Otter	X		X	X	X		X	
Raccoon	X			X ⁵	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 #1 1/2
- ³ It is an offence to shoot/kill 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, page 16, for firearm and archery requirements for black bear; the Bears section page 8, and the Important Notice for Bear Hunters page 63.
- ⁵ Only killing traps certified under the AIHTS may be used see list on page 94.
- ⁶ Only leghold restraining traps certified under the AIHTS may be used see page 94.

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 the It's Unlawful section (page 14) and the Hunting Methods and Restrictions sections (pages 16 to 18).

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2012 - 2014 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 Region 1Oct 1 - Apr 30 Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Oct 15 - Apr 30 Regions 6, 7Oct 1 - May 31		MUSKRAT Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8Oct 15 - Apr 30 Region 2Nov 15 - Feb 15 Regions 6, 7Oct 1 - May 31	
BLACK BEAR Region 5 (except MUs 5-2, 5-15) and MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14Oct 15 - May 15 Region 3, 4, Region 7B, 8 and MUs 5-2, 5-15Oct 1 - May 31 Region 6 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14), 7ASept 15 - May 31 <i>Quota = 2 black bear in one year</i> <i>See the "Bears" and "It's Unlawful" section for general regulations concerning bear parts.</i>		RACCOON Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7, 8Oct 1 - Mar 31 MUs 6-12, 6-13Jan 1 - Dec 31	
BOBCAT Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Nov 15 - Feb 15		RIVER OTTER Region 1Nov 15 - Mar 31 MUs 2-2 to 2-5, 2-12 to 2-16Nov 15 - Feb 28 MUs 2-6 to 2-11, 2-17 to 2-19 and Regions 3, 4, 5Oct 15 - Apr 30 Regions 6, 7Oct 1 - May 31 Region 8Nov 1 - Apr 15	
COYOTE Region 2Sept 10 - Jun 15 Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and MUs 1-14, 1-15Oct 15 - Mar 31 ✦ 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. ★ 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.		SKUNK MUs 1-14, 1-15 and Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8Oct 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 7-58Nov 1 - Feb 15 <i>See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting requirements, page 92</i>		SQUIRREL Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Nov 1 - Mar 15 Regions 6, 7Nov 1 - Mar 30	
FOX Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and MUs 1-14, 1-15Oct 15 - Feb 28 Region 5Oct 15 - Mar 31		WEASEL Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Nov 1 - Feb 15 Regions 6 (except MUs 6-12, 6-13), 7Nov 1 - Feb 28 ✦ There is no open season on long-tailed weasel in MUs 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-18 & 2-19	
LYNX Regions 3, 4, 5, 7B, 8Nov 15 - Feb 15 Regions 6, 7ANov 1 - Feb 15		WOLVERINE Regions 3, 4, 5Nov 1 - Jan 31 Region 6, 7 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14)Nov 1 - Feb 28 MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14Nov 1 - Feb 15	
MARTEN Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8Nov 1 - Feb 15 Regions 6, 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 2-16Sept 10 - Jun 15 MUs 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-33, 3-34 to 3-44Oct 15 - Mar 31 Regions 4* ✦, 5 ✦, 6, 8Oct 15 - Mar 31 Region 7 ✦Oct 15 - May 31 * There is no closed season on wolf in the East Kootenay Trench below 1100 m elevation. ✦ 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. ★ 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. ◆ There is no closed season for wolf in MUs 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14, restricted to private land only and use of modified leg hold traps only from Apr 1 to Oct 14	
MINK Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 (except MUs 7-49 to 7-54)Nov 1 - Feb 15 Region 2 and MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14Nov 15 - Feb 15 Region 6 (except MUs 6-3, 6-11, 6-14)Nov 1 - Feb 28 MUs 7-49 to 7-54Oct 15 - Feb 15			

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. You are reminded that it is illegal to hunt a bear by placing bait or using a dead animal or part of it as bait.

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 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 1-250-962-5452 to obtain a copy of the manual.