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HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE FORESTS AND THE GAME

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE GAME DEPARTMENT.

DON'T destroy fences or property of the FAIRBANK and always ask for permission to shoot over his property.
DON'T shoot unless you are sure and are sure of what you are shooting at. It may be a doe, a cow, or a MAN.
DON'T go hunting unless you are acquainted with the route to be taken.
DON'T shoot harmless wild life. Practice on crows, magpies, and that ilk.
DON'T enter a boat or car with a loaded firearm.
DON'T discharge firearms from an automobile or other vehicle. It is dangerous and against the law.
LEAVE A CLEAN CAMP and a clean record. You may want to come back.
BE A SPORTSMAN—respect the rights of others. Report violations of the "Game Act."
 "Organized district" under the "Game Act" means all that portion of the Province south of the 53rd parallel of latitude.
 "Unorganized district" means any part of the Province north of the 53rd parallel of latitude.
LOADED FIREARMS—ANY FIREARM HAVING LIVE AMMUNITION in the magazine or breach is considered as being loaded under the "Game Act."

NOTICE TO PROSPECTORS.

A prospector as defined under the "Game Act" is as follows:
 "Prospector" means a person who is the holder of a free miner's certificate under the "Mineral Act" or the "Placer-mining Act" and who while he is actually engaged prospecting in placer-mining or prospecting.
 Any bona-fide prospector who is the holder of any licence to carry firearms under section 34 of the "Game Act" may during the open or close season in any unorganized district as defined above hunt and kill and retain in his possession any game for his own use when in actual need of the same for food.
 Any bona-fide prospector in an organized district as defined above may hunt and kill and retain in his possession any game during the open season when in actual need of the same for food, and in an organized district during the close season hunt and kill and retain in his possession any animals of the male sex over one year of age, after having obtained a permit therefor.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT BIG-GAME HUNTERS.

Hunters who wish to ship their trophies from the Province must comply with the provisions of the "Game Act" and the Dominion Customs Regulations in that regard. The following is a summary of the Customs and Game Regulations which are being furnished for the convenience of non-resident big-game hunters:—

"CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

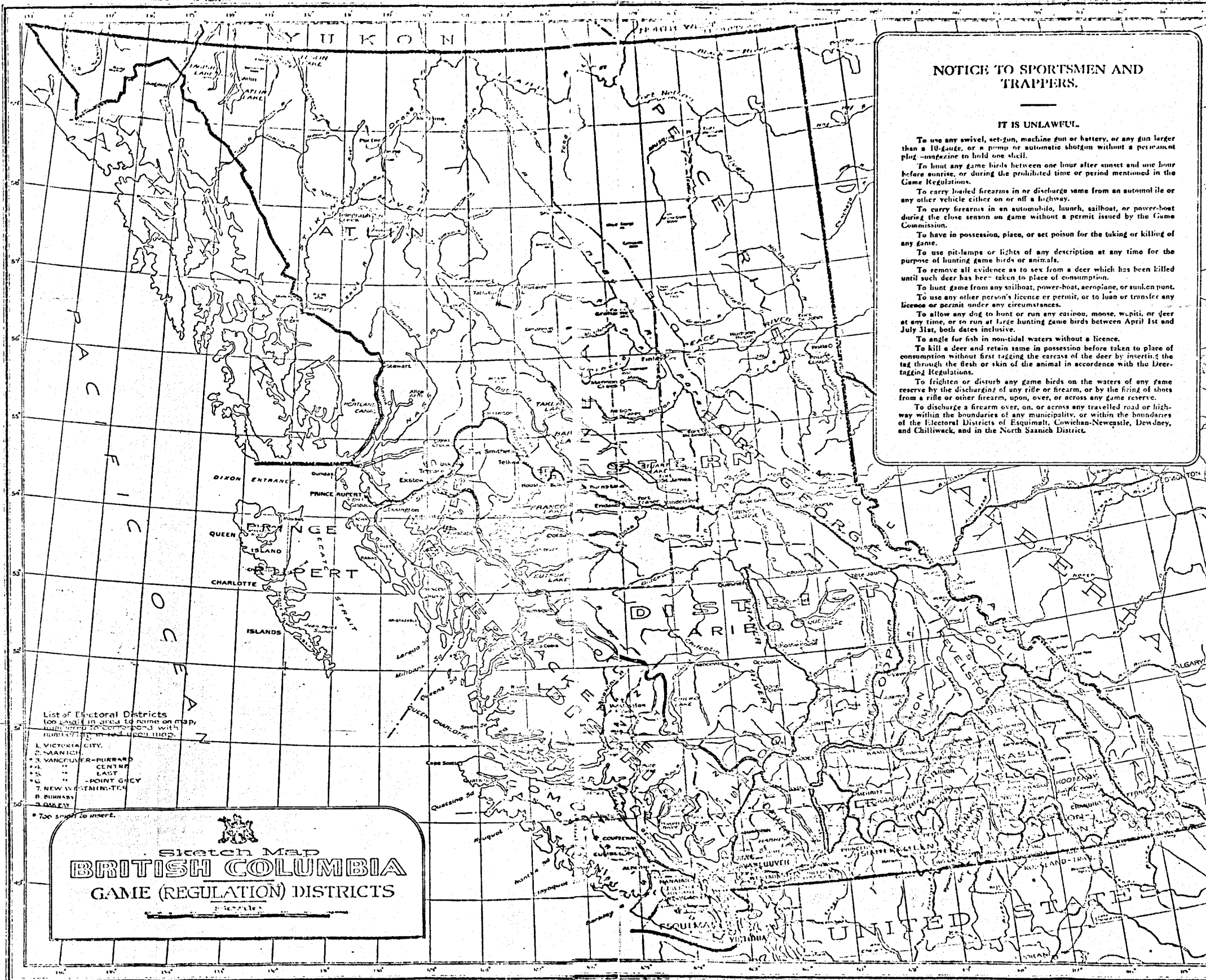
"Declaration Form in connection with the Export of Moose and Deer (copy of which form can be secured from any Express Agent) must be duly completed. With this declaration the hunter must personally appear before a Canadian Collector of Customs, and only when approved by him and form returned to the Express Company will shipment be permitted to leave Canada.
 "Customs invoices and Export Entry Forms must also be tendered with the shipment.
 "Note.—Should there not be a Customs Officer at point of shipment, consign trophies to yourself at nearest Customs export point, and deliver to the Depot Agent of the Express Company with request to reforward shipment to destination.

"BRITISH COLUMBIA 'GAME ACT'.

"Any non-resident hunter, in order to export trophies secured, must obtain a permit for this purpose from any Game Warden, Provincial Constable, or Government Agent. This permit will be issued upon payment of the fees due on trophies being exported as set forth in subsection (f) of section 24 of the "Game Act."
 "Non-residents of the Province hunting big game must be accompanied by a British Columbia licensed guide, or a resident under special permit from the Game Commission."

NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN.

All sportsmen are asked to co-operate by obtaining their firearms licences early in order to assist in eliminating the usual last-minute rush.
 After careful consideration it has been decided to ask the co-operation of all hunters to adopt a uniform distress signal as follows: "Any hunter in the field, in case of accident, distress, or otherwise, should, as a signal, fire three shots, allowing a space of five seconds between each shot, and should any one hear this signal he should reply by firing one shot. Distress signal to be given, if possible, until replied to. If, after a signal has been replied to, the party in need of assistance should repeat his first signal, but if not in need of assistance it will not be necessary to repeat signal."



NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN AND TRAPPERS.

IT IS UNLAWFUL.

- To use any snivel, set-gun, machine gun or battery, or any gun larger than a 10 gauge, or a pump or automatic shotgun without a permanent plug—magazine to hold one shell.
- To hunt any game birds between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, or during the prohibited time or period mentioned in the Game Regulations.
- To carry loaded firearms in or discharge same from an automobile or any other vehicle either on or off a highway.
- To carry firearms in an automobile, launch, sailboat, or power-boat during the close season on game without a permit issued by the Game Commission.
- To have in possession, place, or set poison for the taking or killing of any game.
- To use pit-lamps or lights of any description at any time for the purpose of hunting game birds or animals.
- To remove all evidence as to sex from a deer which has been killed until such deer has been taken to place of consumption.
- To hunt game from any sailboat, power-boat, aeroplane, or sunken punt.
- To use any other person's licence or permit, or to loan or transfer any licence or permit under any circumstances.
- To allow any dog to hunt or run at large hunting game birds between April 1st and July 31st, both dates inclusive.
- To angle for fish in non-tidal waters without a licence.
- To kill a deer and retain same in possession before taken to place of consumption without first tagging the carcass of the deer by inserting the tag through the flesh or skin of the animal in accordance with the Deer-tagging Regulations.
- To frighten or disturb any game birds on the waters of any game reserve by the discharging of any rifle or firearm, or by the firing of shots from a rifle or other firearm, upon, over, or across any game reserve.
- To discharge a firearm over, on, or across any travelled road or highway within the boundaries of any municipality, or within the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of Esquimalt, Cowichan-Newcastle, Dewdney, and Chilliwack, and in the North Saanich District.

Under amendments to the "Game Law Regulations" a system was put into effect commencing with the season 1943, whereby any person purchasing deer tags will be given credit in the following season for any unused tags, provided he produces his old licence and the unused tags at the time he seeks his application for a new licence, the number of the unused tags then being entered on the new licence.
 Hunters are requested by the Game Commission to refrain from killing female bear when it is known they are accompanied by cubs. Do not shoot, take, or molest bear cubs.
 From now on, if at all possible, fishermen obtaining resident anglers' licences will be supplied with copy of the British Columbia Special Fishery Regulations showing open seasons, etc.

LICENCE-HOLDERS HUNTING IN A MUNICIPALITY ARE ADVISED TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH ANY BY-LAWS COVERING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS THAT MAY BE IN EFFECT THEREIN.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO TRAPPERS.

- The Game Department is extremely anxious to impress upon all trappers the necessity of preserving their fur-bearing animals, especially Beaver. Trappers should refrain from trapping these animals unless they have a sufficient number on their trap-line to warrant trapping.
 The Game Department will give trappers who try to conserve their Beaver, as well as other fur-bearing animals, all the assistance in its power to protect their lines from poachers, but on the other hand, will cancel the lines of those trappers who willfully overtrap.
 Registered trappers are particularly requested to adhere to the following:—
- (1) Do not overtrap, conserve the fur-bearing animals on your trap-line.
 - (2) Plainly mark your trap-line and refrain from trespassing on any other trapper's line or private land.
 - (3) Please make your application for renewal of your registered line and your return of catch covering the past season's operations after the expiration of your Special Firearms Licence, or at least before October 31st, as failure to renew or submit your return of catch may place your application for registration in line for cancellation.
 - (4) Report every violation of the "Game Act" or Regulations immediately to the nearest Game Warden or Provincial Constable.
 - (5) Suggestions for improvement of the Trapping Laws will gladly be received at all times and given careful consideration by the Game Department.
 - (6) Remember that the use of poison or pit-lamp in taking fur is prohibited.
 - (7) Sale or transfer of registered trap-lines is prohibited except under certain conditions, and only on permission of the Game Commission.
 - (8) White men and Indians are urgently requested to co-operate in conserving fur-bearing animals.
 - (9) PREVENT FOREST FIRES—Report any forest fire immediately to the nearest Game Warden, Game Warden, or Provincial Constable.
 - (10) Under 1931 amendments to the "Land Act" it is provided that where any land described in any application for pre-emption record comprises an area situated within the limits of a trap-line registered under the "Game Act," the Minister of Lands may direct that the pre-emption record shall be granted subject to the continued exercise by the registered holder of the trap-line of all his rights thereto or thereunder, including the exclusive rights of trapping over that area, for a period not exceeding two years from the date of the pre-emption record, in which case the Minister of Lands shall cause a notation to be made on the certificate of pre-emption record for entry in the Land Office register and notice thereof to be given to the pre-emptor.
 - (11) For full information in regard to the Game Laws and Regulations, write to the Game Commission, 540 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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PREVENT HUNTING ACCIDENTS. WEAR SOME DISTINGUISHING CLOTHING. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT "BURNT ORANGE" BE THE COLOUR ADOPTED.