GAME REGULATIONS, 1956-57

Section 1

The prohibitions declared by section 18 of the "Game Act" being chapter 135 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," as to the hunting, trapping, wounding and killing of game, are, subject to the provisions of sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of these regulations, to be removed to the extent and within the period and the limits and subject to the provisions hereinafter set out respectively, as follows:—

For the purpose of defining the open seasons for big game, game birds, and the trapping of fur-bearing animals, the Province shall be divided into two districts, to be known as the Western and Eastern Districts and also into game administration areas as set out herein.

"WESTERN DISTRICT" shall mean and include all that portion of the Province situate and lying to the west of the summit of the Selkirk, Monashee and Cariboo Electoral Districts, except that portion of the Skeena Electoral District covered by the watershed of the Lakelse River and Zymoetz (Copper) River and that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying to the west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains.

"EASTERN DISTRICT" shall mean and include all of the remainder of the Province.

Provided, for the purpose of the open seasons on migratory game birds, that portion of the Skeena River and its watershed situate and lying within the boundaries of the Skeena Electoral District east of a line drawn north and south from Greenville to the mouth of Kitsumkalum River be construed and be considered as lying within the Eastern District.

Further, for the purpose of these regulations the Western and Eastern Districts shall be divided into game management areas as follows:—

Western District

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 1" shall mean and include the Comox, Alberni, Esquimalt, Cowichan-Newcastle, Nanaimo and The Islands, Saanich, Oak Bay, and Victoria City Electoral Districts.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 2" shall mean and include the Deadman, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vancouver, Burrard, Dewdney, Burnaby, and New Westminster Electoral Districts and that portion of the Lillooet Electoral District situate and lying within the Western District.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 3" shall mean and include that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying south of the 52nd parallel of north latitude.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 4" shall mean and include that portion of the Western District situate and lying north of the 52nd parallel of north latitude, except all of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 5" shall mean and include all of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Eastern District

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 6" shall mean and include the Yale Electoral District (except that portion included in the Fort George District), the Nicola, Similkameen, Okanagan, Merritt, on the east side by Hi Lake No. 3 to Kamloops Lake, and that portion of the Kamloops Electoral District situate and lying south of the South Thompson River.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 7" shall mean and include the Similkameen Electoral District.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 8" shall mean and include the Okanagan and Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral Districts.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 9" shall mean and include the North Okanagan Electoral Districts.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 10" shall mean and include the Rossland-Trail, Nelson-Creston, and Kootenay-Slocan Electoral Districts.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 11" shall mean and include the Columbia-Cranbrook, and Fernie Electoral Districts.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 12" shall mean and include the Revelstoke Electoral District.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 13" shall mean and include that portion of the Kamloops Electoral District situate and lying to the north of the South Thompson River and to the east of the North Thompson River, Clearwater River, Green Mountain Area No. 17, and that portion of the Salmon Arm Electoral District situate and lying north of the South Thompson River and Shuswap Lake.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 14" shall mean and include that portion of the Lillooet and Cariboo Electoral Districts situate and lying west of the Fraser River, south of the south shore of the Fraser River, Quesnel Lake, and the east line of Quesnel River, Quesnel Lake, and the east arm thereof, that portion of the Yale Electoral District bounded on the south by Highway No. 8 between Spences Bridge and Merritt, and on the east by Highway No. 5 between Merritt and Kamloops; those portions of the Kamloops Electoral District situate and lying west of Highway No. 5 between Merritt and Kamloops, and west of the line between North Thompson and Clearwater Rivers (except North Thompson Area No. 17).

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 15" shall mean and include that portion of the Lillooet Electoral District situate and lying west of the Cascade Mountains.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 16" shall mean and include that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying to the west of the Fraser River and to the south of the Chilcotin River, Chilcotin River, Tatla Lake Creek, Tatla Lake, and the main highway between Tatla Lake and Bella Coola.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 17" shall mean and include that portion of the Kamloops Electoral District known as Wells Gray Provincial Park and including an area lying north of Grouse Creek) Creek in the Upper Clearwater Valley.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 18" shall mean and include that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying to the west of the Fraser River and to the north of the Chilcotin River, Chilanko River, Tatla Lake Creek, Tatla Lake, and main highway between Tatla Lake and Bella Coola, except Tweedsmuir Provincial Park.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 19" shall mean and include that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying to the east of the Fraser River and to the north of the south shore line of Quesnel River, Quesnel Lake, and the east arm thereof.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 20" shall mean and include those portions of the Peace River, Fort George, Omineca, Skeena, and Atlin Electoral Districts situate and lying within the Eastern District and south of the 60th parallel of north latitude, and that portion of the Cariboo Electoral District situate and lying within the boundaries of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park.

"GAME MANAGEMENT AREA No. 21" shall mean and include all that part of the Peace River District situate and lying to the north of the 56th parallel of north latitude.

Provided that henceforth in these regulations the term "game management area" shall be designated as "G.M.A."

All dates mentioned in these regulations are inclusive and apply, unless otherwise noted, to the calendar year 1956. There is no open season on any game other than in the open districts and during the period mentioned in these regulations.

The open seasons declared by these regulations shall cease to be in effect in any area covered by a closure order issued by the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests and shall continue to be ineffective during the period covered by such forest-closure order.

All times mentioned in these regulations refer to Pacific Standard time unless otherwise specifically mentioned.

The electoral districts mentioned in these regulations cover such districts as constituted at the time of the passing of these regulations.

The Migratory Game Bird Seasons in these regulations are subject to confirmation by Federal Order in Council.

OPEN SEASONS, WESTERN DISTRICT

Big Game

BEAR

GRIZZLY BEAR, September 1st, 1956, to June 30th, 1957, and on BLACK or BROWN BEAR there shall be no close season.

DEER

BUCKS ONLY, over one year of age, throughout the Western District, except G.M.A. No. 5, September 15th, 1956, to November 2nd.

ANTLERLESS includes DOES and all animals under one year of age), G.M.A. Nos. 1 to 3, inclusive, November 24th to December 1st.

In G.M.A. No. 5, there shall be no close season on either sex of any age.

MOOSE

BULLS ONLY, over one year of age, in G.M.A. Nos. 3 and 4, September 15th to December 2nd.

ANTLERLESS (includes COWS and all animals under one year of age), in G.M.A. No. 3, November 1st to December 2nd.

MOUNTAIN-GOAT

OVER ONE YEAR OF AGE, throughout the Western District (except G.M.A. No. 14), September 1st to December 2nd.

WAPITI (ELK)

BULLS ONLY, over one year of age, in G.M.A. No. 5, September 15th to November 14th.

In G.M.A. No. 4, October 15th to October 21st.

In G.M.A. No. 3, November 15th to December 2nd.

ANTLERLESS includes COWS and all animals under one year of age), in G.M.A. No. 3, November 15th to December 2nd.

Fur-bearing Animals

BEAVER, MUSKRATS, and OTTER (except Seawater), in that portion of the Lower Fraser District lying north and west of the Fraser River, north and west of a line from Langley through the municipalities of Surrey, Delta, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Vancouver, Point Grey, Burnaby, Richmond, Delta, Lulu Island, and including the waterbed of the Upper Fraser River, and including Lulu Island, in the Fraser River, Richmond District, in the Lower Fraser Valley

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(This synopsis is for quick reference to dates only and does not constitute the complete official regulations.)

OPEN SEASONS

("G.M.A." means game management area as set out in regulations.)

SEE MAP	G.M.A. 1	G.M.A. 2	G.M.A. 3	G.M.A. 4	G.M.A. 5	G.M.A. 6	G.M.A. 7	G.M.A. 8	G.M.A. 9	G.M.A. 10	G.M.A. 11	G.M.A. 12	G.M.A. 13	G.M.A. 14	G.M.A. 15	G.M.A. 16	G.M.A. 17	G.M.A. 18	G.M.A. 19	G.M.A. 20	G.M.A. 21
Big Game																					
Bear (Black-brown)	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season	No close season
Bear (Grizzly)	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Sept. 1–June 30	Aug. 15–June 30
Caribou (Bulls only)											Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2							See Regulations	See Regulations
Caribou (Antlerless)	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	No close season	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2								
Deer (Bucks only)	Nov. 24–Dec. 2	Nov. 24–Dec. 2	Nov. 24–Dec. 2		Sept. 15–Nov. 11	Nov. 24–Dec. 2	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations								
Deer (Antlerless)	Oct. 6–Oct. 21					Nov. 28–Dec. 2	See Regulations	See Regulations													
Elk or Wapiti (Bulls only)			Nov. 17–Dec. 2			Nov. 17–Dec. 2															
Elk or Wapiti (Antlerless)			Sept. 15–Dec. 2	Sept. 15–Dec. 2																	
Moose (Bulls only)			Nov. 24–Dec. 2											Oct. 1–Dec. 15	Oct. 1–Dec. 15	Oct. 1–Dec. 15	Oct. 1–Dec. 15	Oct. 1–Dec. 15	Oct. 1–Dec. 15		
Moose (Antlerless)																					
Mountain-sheep (Rams only)		Sept. 1–Dec. 2	Sept. 1–Dec. 2	Sept. 1–Dec. 2		See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations
Mountain-goat						Sept. 1–Dec. 2	Sept. 28–Sept. 30														
Game Birds																					
Black Brant	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28																
Ducks and Coots	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations
Geese (other than Snow)	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations
Geese (Snow)	Oct. 13–Jan. 16	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28	Dec. 8–Feb. 28																
Pigeons (Band-tailed)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations
Wilson's Snipe	Oct. 13–Nov. 25	Oct. 13–Nov. 25	Oct. 13–Nov. 25	Oct. 13–Nov. 25	Oct. 13–Nov. 25	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations	See Regulations
Grouse (Blue)	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31
Grouse (Franklin's)	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31	Sept. 15–Oct. 31
Grouse (Ruffed)	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Sept. 15–Oct. 31															
Grouse (Sharp-tailed)					Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18											
Pheasants (Cock only)	See Regulations	See Regulations																			
Pheasants (Hen)	See Regulations																				
Ptarmigan	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Sept. 1–Oct. 31								
Partridge (Hungarian)						Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18	Oct. 13–Nov. 18								
Partridge (Chukar)								Oct. 1–Nov. 18	Oct. 1–Nov. 18												
Quail (California)	See Regulations																				

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Prevent Hunting Accidents — Always be careful in handling firearms and be sure of what you are shooting at.
BOUNDARY - WESTERN & EASTERN DISTRICT
QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND
DIXON ENTRANCE
HECATE STRAIT
PRINCE RUPERT
PRINCE GEORGE
VANCOUVER
VICTORIA
KAMLOOPS
KELOWNA
NELSON
CRANBROOK
PRINCE GEORGE
DAWSON CREEK
FORT NELSON
FORT ST. JOHN
TERRACE
SMITHERS
QUESNEL
WILLIAMS LAKE
BARKERVILLE
Bella Coola
Port Hardy
Port Alberni
Nanaimo
Chilliwack
Penticton
Vernon
Revelstoke
Golden
Cranbrook
Fernie
Trail
Grand Forks
Princeton
Merritt
Lillooet
Ashcroft
Cache Creek
Clinton
Williams Lake
Quesnel
Barkerville
Burns Lake
Smithers
Terrace
Queen Charlotte
Masset
Sandspit
Tofino
Ucluelet
Port Alberni
Courtenay
Campbell River
Powell River
Sechelt
Squamish
Pemberton
Lillooet
Ashcroft
Kamloops
Salmon Arm
Revelstoke
Golden
Invermere
Cranbrook
Kimberley
Fernie
Nelson
Castlegar
Grand Forks
Penticton
Oliver
Osoyoos
Princeton
Hedley
Merritt
Kelowna
Vernon
Enderby
Salmon Arm
Chilliwack
Mission
Abbotsford
Langley
Surrey
Vancouver
Victoria
Sidney
Duncan
Lake Cowichan
Port Alberni
Tofino
Ucluelet
Port Hardy
Alert Bay
Port McNeill
Port Alice
Zeballos
Gold River
Tahsis
Bella Coola
Anahim Lake
Quesnel
Wells
Barkerville
Burns Lake
Fraser Lake
Vanderhoof
Prince George
Mackenzie
Chetwynd
Dawson Creek
Fort St. John
Fort Nelson
Atlin
Dease Lake
Telegraph Creek
Stewart
Prince Rupert
Masset
Sandspit
Queen Charlotte
Terrace
Kitimat
Smithers
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