

## **NOTICE TO MOOSE HUNTERS HUNTING IN THE DEASE LAKE/STIKINE RIVER AREAS IN THE FALL OF 2010**

Hunters may encounter one or more Game Check Stations that are being jointly manned by staff from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the Tahltan Nation. The objective is to improve the accuracy of harvest data from several local areas within Management Units 6-19 and 6-20. Game Check Stations are currently planned for the junction of Highway 37 and the Ealue Lake Road and at the Stikine River boat launch on Highway 37. All hunters are required to stop at Game Check Stations and will be asked to present hunting licenses, LEH and tag information. Data will be collected regarding all harvested wildlife. This information will remain confidential.

This joint initiative is part of a collaborative wildlife management approach with the Tahltan Nation which has seen a number of new regulations implemented for the fall of 2010. These include:

- A shorter General Open Season for bull moose in MUs 6-17 to 6-29 from Aug. 20 to Oct. 31
- A shorter General Open Season for bull moose from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 in the Klappan Management Area
- Compulsory Inspection of all moose harvested in MUs 6-19, 6-20 and 6-22 to 6-25
- Removal of moose “rut” closures along 6 side roads/trails
- The addition of two moose “rut” closures along Highway 37 from Meziadin Junction to Dease Lake and along Highway 51 (from Dease Lake to Telegraph Creek).

In addition, MOE conducted a moose survey in several local areas in March 2010 to better quantify bull, cow and calf ratios.

The regulation changes are summarized on page 64 of the 2010 to 2012 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/>

Compulsory Inspection Inspectors are available in Atlin, Dease Lake, Tatogga, Smithers and Terrace in Region 6. Further information on the times that inspectors are available and contact information can be obtained at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/ci.html#Region6>

Please also be advised that the Tahltan Central Council issued a notice about hunting in their traditional territory on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 that contained errors in General Open Season dates and the MUs where compulsory inspection of moose is required that are corrected above.