



BRITISH COLUMBIA

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING

REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

2008 – 2009

CLOSING DATE

APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE VICTORIA ADDRESS BY 4:30p.m. JUNE 13, 2008

*****EARLY SPATSIZI DRAW - SEE PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS****

****DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL LIMITED ENTRY HUNTS IS JULY 2, 2008, SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS****

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN PURPLE

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
HONOURABLE BARRY PENNER, MINISTER

WHAT IS LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING?

Limited Entry Hunting, or LEH, is a system by which hunting opportunities are awarded to resident hunters based on a lottery, or random draw.

The purpose of LEH is to achieve wildlife management objectives without resorting to such measures as shortening seasons or completely closing areas. LEH seasons are introduced where it has become necessary to limit the number of hunters, limit the number of animals that may be taken, or limit the harvest to a certain class of animal.

The following nine species of game are available under LEH: Bison, Caribou, Elk, Grizzly Bear, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Sheep, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer, and White-tailed Deer.

Although 'general' open seasons may precede or coincide with LEH seasons for the same species in the same area, the class of animal available during the 'general' open season will often be different from the class of animal available during the LEH seasons.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A LEH HUNT?

Any resident of British Columbia who holds a Resident Hunter Number in good standing may apply. A resident is:

1) a person who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*, or

2) a person who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

Licensed junior hunters are permitted to accompany and hunt with an adult holder of a valid LEH authorization and a valid species licence. Any big game animal killed by the junior hunter is counted in the bag limit of the supervising adult.

WHO IS INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LEH HUNT?

A resident may not apply for a LEH authorization if the resident is ineligible to obtain a hunting licence. This could occur if the resident's hunting licence or hunter number has been suspended, cancelled, or the resident has unpaid fines under the *Wildlife Act* or *Firearms Act*. Further, persons with a Resident Hunter Number who have been living outside the province for some of the previous year, may be ineligible and should review their status according to the definition of BC Resident in the section "WHO CAN APPLY FOR A LEH HUNT?" These persons should ensure their status in the Hunter Number Database is current by contacting a Government Agent or Headquarters Office. Applications made by a person who is ineligible will not be entered in the draw and NO refund will be issued.

FIRST NATIONS APPLICANTS

The Ministry of Environment is responsible for balancing land and resource conservation and protection with the economic and social benefits of recreational activities and a sustainable environment. It maintains this balance while respecting the aboriginal rights and title of the First Nations in the province.

A First Nation's aboriginal rights may include the right to harvest wildlife for food, social and ceremonial purposes within that First Nation's traditional territory. These harvesting rights may be limited by government regulations regarding conservation and public health and safety. Government regulations apply to any harvesting of wildlife species for sale or barter, in whole or in part, unless there is a demonstrable aboriginal or treaty right to sale or barter.

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 B.C. are not required to obtain any type of hunting licence under the *Wildlife Act*.

Indians who are residents of B.C. and are exercising their aboriginal right to hunt for food, social and ceremonial purposes within their First Nation's traditional territory may be required to comply with conservation-based hunting

regulations. Prior to undertaking any hunting activity, First Nation individuals who are residents of B.C. should inquire with their appropriate First Nation officials or with the Regional Manager of the Environmental Stewardship Division with respect to any requirements that may apply to them. First Nations whose traditional harvest rights are affected by conservation or public safety regulations would have been consulted in accordance with provincial policy and Ministry guidelines.

Indians who are residents of B.C. and wish to hunt outside their traditional territory must do so in accordance with the Hunting Regulations. This includes submitting applications for a LEH authorization via the LEH draw. When completing their application card(s), 'INDIAN' should be entered in the space allotted for Resident Hunter Number. This is required as a means of identification to prevent computer rejection of an incomplete application card. Indian applicants must enter their complete mailing address including the postal code on the application card. Indians who are successful in the draw must comply with the requirements of Compulsory Reporting/Inspection or any other Hunting Regulations.

HOW ARE THE HUNTS ADVERTISED IN THIS SYNOPSIS?

Hunting opportunities advertised in this synopsis are arranged by species, by region, then by class of animal, and finally by Management Unit (M.U.) where the hunt takes place. Management Units may also be divided into zones for certain species. The "MAP SECTION" of this synopsis displays these zone boundaries. The term 'species' as used in this booklet refers to the type of game animal, such as Moose, Elk, Caribou, etc. For example 'Moose' means all Moose regardless of whether they are bulls, cows, or calves. This explanation is given for those applicants who have been under the wrong impression in thinking that if they were to apply for a bull Moose hunt and an antlerless Moose hunt on the same application, they would be applying for two different species.

Each hunt is given its own unique 4-digit HUNT CODE which is **highlighted** in purple in the left column of each page. In most cases, pages describing hunting opportunities are divided in half, so there will be two columns of hunt codes on each page. Make sure you are looking at the right hunt code for your hunt of choice. When you decide on the hunt you want to apply for, it will be that hunt code you enter on the application card. Do not use last year's LEH synopsis, because the hunt codes may be different.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Eligible residents of British Columbia who wish to apply for a LEH draw must fill out an official application card for each species they want to be entered for. Only official application cards are acceptable. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

Application cards may be obtained in person from any issuer of hunting licences. They may also be obtained, by mail, from any government office that issues resident hunting licences.

The fee for an application card is \$6.30, including taxes. This fee is not refundable.

You can enter only one application card per LEH species (i.e. one card for Elk, one card for Moose, etc) in one calendar year. See the "RULES AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATIONS" section of this synopsis for details and exceptions.

EXAMPLES OF HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

SINGLE APPLICATION

BRITISH COLUMBIA Wildlife Branch 585224
Non-Refundable
APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING AUTHORIZATION
WARNING: An incorrect entry may mean disqualification - double-check before mailing

B.C. RESIDENT HUNTER NUMBER: 6 4 9 6 0 9 BIRTHDATE: 1 9 5 2 0 7 1 2
YEAR MONTH DAY

AREA CODE: 6 0 4 8 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 8 1 4 9 6 4

BOTH YOUR NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED BELOW

LAST NAME: THORNTON FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL: JOHN P.
PO BOX, RR, SITE, COMPARTMENT, STATION, APARTMENT OR STREET: 2265 TAE KWON AVE.
TOWNCITY: MISSION PROVINCE: B C V POSTAL CODE: 5 P 1 N 1

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER SPECIES PERMITTED
IF THE APPLICANT HAS FINES UNDER THE WILDLIFE ACT OR FIREARMS ACT THAT WERE NOT PAID WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING AUTHORIZATION IS SUSPENDED. (WILDLIFE ACT S. 85)
REFER TO THE LEH SYNOPSIS FOR HUNT CODE NUMBERS. DO NOT USE M.U. NUMBERS

FIRST CHOICE: 2 0 2 2 SECOND CHOICE: 2 0 2 3
Must be for the SAME SPECIES as your first choice.

FOR GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTS ONLY
IF MY FIRST TWO CHOICES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, I WILL ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE HUNT FOR THIS SPECIES IN THE AREA OF MY "SECOND CHOICE".
PLEASE USE X YES NO

GROUP HUNT INFORMATION
(remove before mailing if not applying for group hunt)

ENTER APPLICATION CARD SERIAL NUMBER(S) OF OTHER GROUP MEMBER(S):
HERE: 1 2 3

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS IN GROUP: 2 A "Group" must consist of either TWO, THREE OR FOUR hunters.

ALL "Group Hunt" applications must be mailed (together) in the same envelope.

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY APPLICATION CARD THAT IS NOT COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET OR FOR THE NON-ARRIVAL OF AN APPLICATION AT ITS VICTORIA ADDRESS.

NAME CHANGE

If for any reason your name has changed since you last purchased hunting licences, please enter your previous name in brackets above your present name.

Name PRINTED IN CAPITAL LETTERS and started in the first space as required by the instructions.

Enter MAILING ADDRESS only!

The HUNT CODE NUMBERS to be entered in the FIRST CHOICE and SECOND CHOICE boxes are those numbers highlighted in this booklet and are positioned immediately before each AREA name.

Do not enter Management Unit numbers in these boxes.

Before an applicant checks (X) the YES box for a substitute Grizzly Bear hunt, he or she should be aware of the fact that this choice is made randomly by the computer and may result in allocating a Grizzly hunt in a location which will be unfamiliar to him or her.

Enter 'Group & Shared Hunt' Serial Number(s) here. IMPORTANT - DO NOT REMOVE THE 'GROUP HUNT' SECTION FROM THE APPLICATION CARDS & SUBMIT THEM SEPARATELY - THESE SECTIONS MUST REMAIN ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION CARDS OF ALL 'GROUP HUNT' & 'SHARED HUNT' ENTRIES.

This portion of the application card may be removed prior to mailing as this application is not for a 'Group Hunt'.

GROUP and SHARED APPLICATIONS (2 PERSONS)

BRITISH COLUMBIA Wildlife Branch 484864
Non-Refundable
APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING AUTHORIZATION
WARNING: An incorrect entry may mean disqualification - double-check before mailing

B.C. RESIDENT HUNTER NUMBER: 6 8 7 9 3 5 BIRTHDATE: 1 9 2 5 0 8 0 9
YEAR MONTH DAY

AREA CODE: 2 5 0 4 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 8 9 5 2 2 1

BOTH YOUR NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED BELOW

LAST NAME: KANG FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL: RUDY B.
PO BOX, RR, SITE, COMPARTMENT, STATION, APARTMENT OR STREET: 6840 MARINE WAY
TOWNCITY: SPARWOOD PROVINCE: B C V POSTAL CODE: 0 B 2 G 8

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER SPECIES PERMITTED
IF THE APPLICANT HAS FINES UNDER THE WILDLIFE ACT OR FIREARMS ACT THAT WERE NOT PAID WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING AUTHORIZATION IS SUSPENDED. (WILDLIFE ACT S. 85)
REFER TO THE LEH SYNOPSIS FOR HUNT CODE NUMBERS. DO NOT USE M.U. NUMBERS

FIRST CHOICE: 4 0 1 1 SECOND CHOICE: 4 1 8 9
Must be for the SAME SPECIES as your first choice.

FOR GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTS ONLY
IF MY FIRST TWO CHOICES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, I WILL ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE HUNT FOR THIS SPECIES IN THE AREA OF MY "SECOND CHOICE".
PLEASE USE X YES NO

GROUP HUNT INFORMATION
(remove before mailing if not applying for group hunt)

ENTER APPLICATION CARD SERIAL NUMBER(S) OF OTHER GROUP MEMBER(S):
HERE: 1 4 8 4 8 6 3 2

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS IN GROUP: 2 A "Group" must consist of either TWO, THREE OR FOUR hunters.

ALL "Group Hunt" applications must be mailed (together) in the same envelope.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION CARDS

Please use a pen or typewriter to make the entries on your application. All entries should be legible and printed in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Enter your correct Resident Hunter Number in the space provided. If you are a First Nations applicant, please see the "FIRST NATIONS APPLICANTS" section of this synopsis for instructions on how to fill out this portion of the application card.

Birthdate should be entered as YEAR/MONTH/DAY in the correct spaces, using only numbers, and not letters. For example, if you were born on March 24, 1976, you would enter this date as 1976 03 24.

Make sure when entering your phone number to include the correct area code.

When entering your name, please remember to print your last name before your first and middle names. For example, if your name is 'John Albert Smith', you would enter 'Smith John Albert' in the space provided.

When entering your address, be sure it is your **complete mailing address** and not merely the postal code or box number. DO NOT enter your home address unless you have home delivery of mail. If this section is filled out incorrectly, you may not receive notification of your draw results in the mail.

When you have decided which hunt you want to apply for, enter the hunt code for that hunt in the "FIRST CHOICE" box on the application card. This box MUST be completed. DO NOT enter M.U.s in this section.

Each application card presents an opportunity for you to make a second hunt choice for the same species. When you decide which hunt you want as your second choice, enter the hunt code for that hunt in the "SECOND CHOICE" box. Entering a second choice is optional.

DO NOT ENTER HUNT CODES ON THE SAME APPLICATION CARD FOR DIFFERENT SPECIES (e.g. 'Moose & Elk', 'Mule Deer & White-tailed Deer', etc). If two species are submitted on one application, the second choice will be disqualified.

Grizzly bear substitute hunts: Most LEH application cards will have a section offering substitute hunts for Grizzly Bears. However, some older application cards that do not display this option may still be in circulation. If you purchase an application that does not offer this option, and you wish to be eligible for a substitute hunt, please write 'I WILL ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE HUNT' in the area

immediately below the section where you entered your first and second choice hunt codes.

Please note, substitute hunts are issued only for Grizzly Bear hunts and are not offered in any other draws for any other species. Please see the "SUBSTITUTE HUNTS" section of this synopsis for further details.

GROUP HUNT & SHARED HUNT

APPLICANTS: Only complete the GROUP HUNT section of the application card if you are applying for a Group Hunt or a Shared Hunt. Please see the "GROUP HUNTS" and "LIMITED ENTRY SHARED HUNTS" sections of this synopsis for further details.

Each member of the group applying for a Group Hunt or a Shared Hunt must complete their own application card.

Enter the application card serial numbers of your group members in the boxes numbered 1, 2 and 3. DO NOT enter your hunter numbers here. The serial numbers are the red numbers in the top right-hand corner of the application cards.

The hunt code numbers entered in the FIRST CHOICE and SECOND CHOICE boxes must be exactly the same on each card in the group.

Applications that are not identical in these respects may result in their separation and entry as individual applications instead of a Group Hunt or Shared Hunt. All required information must be entered onto the application in order for it to be accepted as a 'group' entry.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATIONS

You can only enter one application card per LEH species (i.e. one card for Elk, one card for Moose, etc) in one calendar year. If you enter more than one card for the same species, the additional cards will be disqualified from the draw. This means a person is restricted to submitting no more than one card for each of the nine species of game available under LEH.

To clarify with an example: there are several classes of the species Moose, including bull, cow, and calf. It is incorrect to send one application card for a bull Moose hunt, another for a cow Moose hunt and yet another card for a calf Moose hunt. You may only submit one application card for a Moose hunt regardless of the class of Moose or the location of the hunt.

The only exceptions to this rule are the Special Mountain Sheep and Elk draws (see page 5 for more

details) the early Spatsizi Mountain Sheep draw (see page 12 for details) and the Grizzly Bear draws. For Grizzly Bears only, there are two LEH draw seasons: one held in the spring and one held in the fall of each year. A person who applies for a spring hunt and does not receive a LEH authorization is eligible to apply for a fall Grizzly Bear hunt in the same calendar year. However, if a person does receive a spring Grizzly Bear LEH authorization, that person is NOT eligible to apply for a fall Grizzly Bear hunt in the same calendar year, regardless of whether or not he or she harvested a Grizzly Bear in the spring.

DO NOT enter hunt codes for different species on the same application card. If this is done, your SECOND CHOICE hunt code will be disqualified.

Please do not use 'liquid whitener' to make any alterations on application cards as they do not completely dry to a hard surface and may cause an application card to adhere to another card. This could result in the altered application card being missed during processing.

If you make a mistake while filling out the application, draw a single line through the error and print the corrections above the incorrect entry.

An incorrect, incomplete, or illegible application may not be accepted for the draw.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For persons mailing only one application:

- DO NOT enclose your card in an envelope. The application has been designed as a post card for ease of handling in Victoria.
- Place sufficient postage on your card.
- Remove the 'GROUP HUNT' section of the card before mailing, making sure you tear off this section at the perforation line indicated by the arrows.

For persons mailing more than one application:

- You may send your applications enclosed in an envelope.
- DO NOT staple, pin or tape your cards together.
- DO NOT send money, licences, etc., with your cards.
- If you are not applying as part of a group, remove the 'GROUP HUNT' section of the card before mailing, making sure you tear off this section at the perforation line indicated by the arrows.
- Place sufficient postage on the envelope.
- Address the envelope to the same address that is printed on the back of the application cards.

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For persons applying for a 'GROUP HUNT' or a 'SHARED HUNT':

1. All the cards of the group, whether it is for Group or Shared Hunts, must be submitted together in the same envelope.
2. Write the words "GROUP" or "SHARED", depending on which hunt-type you are applying for, in the bottom left corner on the front of the envelope.
3. Group or Shared Hunt applications which are not enclosed together in the same envelope will be accepted as 'single hunt' applications.
4. DO NOT staple, pin or tape your cards together.
5. DO NOT send money, licences, etc., with your cards.
6. Place sufficient postage on the envelope.
7. Address the envelope with the same address that is printed on the back of the application cards.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN VICTORIA BY 4:30 pm JUNE 13, 2008.

Proof of postage, i.e. postmarks, cannot be taken into consideration for late arrivals.

Try to mail your applications as early as possible DO NOT leave them until the last minute.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

At the conclusion of the draw, all applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will be notified of their draw results by mail. This notification should be received by July 16, 2008. Results will also be posted on the Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch website

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/index.html>

Please do not telephone for draw results before this date unless you have applied for a hunt that starts in August.

After the completion of the draw, the computer prints the assigned LEH authorizations on special forms. These authorizations will contain the applicant's name, address, Hunter Number, and the Limited Entry Hunt assigned, with species, class and dates. Also printed on the authorizations are any special hunt conditions that must be followed. These authorizations are immediately mailed to the applicants. In some cases, special instructions or requests for information from the hunter, such as Harvest Card return envelopes, may be included with the authorization at the time of mailing.

Hunters who submit applications for more than one species: please note that your notification will include information about ALL of your applications and may contain BOTH authorizations to hunt as well as unsuccessful notices, depending upon your draw results. They will be on the same piece of paper.

Please be sure you read the entire document you receive in the mail to avoid discarding a valid authorization in error.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

This is a reminder that although you have been drawn for a LEH authorization, you are still required to possess and carry your valid B.C. resident hunting licence and the appropriate valid B.C. species licence(s) while hunting under authority of a LEH authorization (First Nations are exempted from holding B.C. hunting and species licences).

Each year, the Fish and Wildlife Branch sends questionnaires to a random sample of hunters requesting information about their hunting activities. The information provided by hunters who complete and return these questionnaires is vital to the management of hunting in B.C. All hunters who draw a LEH authorization to hunt Bison, Elk, Moose, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer will be sent questionnaires. These questionnaires may also ask hunters to provide information related to their hunting during regular open seasons. Hunters are urged to promptly complete and return any questionnaires they receive. Contact the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Victoria if you have any inquiries about the questionnaire.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

All Elk in Regions 2 and 8 and all Grizzly Bear, Mountain Sheep, Mountain Goat and Caribou harvested must undergo a Compulsory Inspection.

Compulsory Inspection may be implemented for Moose taken in Region 4. Please refer to the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Synopsis.

Compulsory Inspections for hunter harvest are provided in some regional offices and some are provided through independent, qualified inspectors throughout the province. For information on the location nearest you, please contact the Ministry of Environment regional office in your region (phone numbers on page 4). Portions of animals that are required for inspection are listed in the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, as well as other information which may apply to Limited Entry Hunts, including: No Shooting and No Hunting Areas, Special Closed Areas, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and drawings and detailed descriptions of antler and horn restrictions.

Anyone who kills a bull Elk or a bull Moose under the authority of a LEH authorization must, while returning from the hunt, keep the antlers of the animal available for inspection by an officer.

BAG LIMIT

A LEH authorization does not permit a person to exceed the regular hunting season bag limit of any species of game. Provincial and regional bag limits still apply, as shown in the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis.

Please note that any big game animal taken by a licensed junior hunter is counted in the bag limit of the accompanying adult holder of a LEH authorization.

HUNTING IN PARKS

If the hunt you are applying for takes place within a provincial park, certain park regulations may apply (specifically with regard to access). Please contact the Environmental Stewardship Division, Parks and Protected Areas Section (phone numbers on page 4) in the area which you wish to hunt.

EXPLANATION OF THE DRAW

The allocation of authorizations for each species is determined by the following procedures, all of which are carried out by a computer located in Victoria:

1. Each application is allotted a randomly selected unique number from a series ranging from 1 to 2,000,000,000.
2. Applications are then arranged in their numerical order according to the randomly allotted number.
3. The first application to be drawn is the one with the lowest number and an authorization is allotted to it according to the hunt code number in its FIRST CHOICE box.
4. Applications continue to be selected in this manner, i.e., the lowest numbers first, until either:
 - (a) all of the available authorizations have been allotted, or
 - (b) all the applications FIRST CHOICES have been checked and there still remain additional authorizations to be allotted.
5. If all the authorizations have not been allotted by checking all the FIRST CHOICES then the same procedure is repeated using the hunt codes in the SECOND CHOICE box.
6. In the case of Grizzly Bears only, after all the SECOND CHOICES have been checked and there are still authorizations to be allotted, the same procedure is repeated once again, this time selecting those applications for Grizzly Bear with checked (X) as 'YES' agreeing to accept a 'substitute' hunt. These hunts may not be for the M.U. applied for, but will be in the same region.

Over the years, many unsuccessful LEH applicants have suggested that the draw should be changed to increase the chances of those who were previously not drawn. In 1993, a new 'enhanced odds' system was introduced for Elk in Region 4, and in 1998 it was put into place for all species and regions, except for Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer.

All hunters drawn in 2007 for any species except Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer will have their odds reduced in 2008 if they apply for the same species again, regardless of region of hunt. Hunters should be aware that any LEH hunt they drew last year, except for Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer, will affect their odds in this 2008 LEH draw.

Under this system, the degree to which previously successful applicants have their chances reduced is dependent on demand. If the number of people who apply for a hunt is more than twice the number of available authorizations, then previously successful applicants will have their chances reduced by 50% (The reduction will be 66% for all Moose hunts and for Roosevelt Elk hunts in Regions 1 and 2, see below). If the demand for a hunt is less than twice the number of available authorizations then previously successful applicants will still have their chances reduced, but the reduction will be somewhat less than 50%. If the demand for a hunt is so low that there are fewer applicants than available authorizations, then previously successful applicants will not have their chances reduced at all.

In the special case of all Moose hunts and Roosevelt Elk hunts in Regions 1 and 2, odds reduction will be handled a little differently. Applicants that are drawn for any Moose or for Roosevelt Elk in Regions 1 and 2 will have their odds reduced by 66% (rather than 50% as with other species) for the following three years. Therefore a hunter drawn for any Moose hunt or for an Roosevelt Elk hunt in Regions 1 or 2 in the 2008 draw would face odds reduced by 66% in the 2009, the 2010, and the 2011 draws.

SUBSTITUTE HUNTS

Occasionally, some Grizzly Bear hunts have so few applicants that there are hunting opportunities that have not been assigned after all first and second choice applications have been processed. Any such left over hunts will be assigned to applicants who mark the 'YES' box in the section of their application that asks if they are willing to accept a substitute hunt. This area of the application is situated just below where the FIRST CHOICE and SECOND CHOICE hunt codes are entered. All substitute hunts will be assigned in the region of the applicant's second choice. Please note that if you choose this option, you could be issued an authorization for a LEH Grizzly Bear hunt in a location that is far away from the vicinity of either your first or second choice.

GROUP HUNTS

A LEH draw system known as 'Group Hunts' is available to hunters who wish to apply with a group of hunting partners with the chance that every person in the group will be allotted a LEH authorization. Under this system, the application cards of the group members are combined and entered in the draw as 'one' application. If this 'one' application is drawn, each hunter in the group receives an authorization and each hunter may harvest an animal matching the description on the authorization. If any member of a group applying for any species except Mule (Black-tailed) Deer and White-tailed Deer was drawn for the same species the previous year, the entire group will have their odds reduced (see above).

Group Hunt applications are not accepted for Bison hunts or Elk hunts in Regions 1 and 2. In the case of Moose, group hunt applications have been replaced by Limited Entry Shared Hunt applications. Persons applying as a 'group' should only apply for those hunts that have sufficient authorizations to allow for each applicant in the group to receive an authorization. Group Hunt applicants should be aware that the 'tentative number of authorizations available' listed for each hunt may vary and could be reduced at the draw date to a number lower than the number of hunters applying as a group. When the numbers of available authorizations are fewer than the number of applicants for a group hunt, the group membership will be ignored and each member will be entered in

the draw as an individual. Changes to the number of available authorizations may be made to any LEH, but are most likely for Grizzly Bear hunts.

A Group Hunt may not be more than FOUR persons.

LIMITED ENTRY SHARED HUNTS

In 2001 a new type of Limited Entry Hunt was introduced for Moose in Region 3 called Limited Entry Shared Hunts, and in 2004 was implemented for all LEH Moose hunts province wide. The purpose of these hunts is to increase the number of hunters who are drawn in the LEH draw without having to increase the number of Moose that may be harvested.

Those wishing to apply for Limited Entry Shared Hunts may apply individually, (you don't have to be part of a Shared Hunt) or as shared groups of two, three, or four (Shared Hunt). If a group is drawn, a group of two will be allowed to take one Moose only, and a group of three or four will be allowed to take two Moose only. All members of the group must have a valid Moose species licence, and any group member may take a Moose until the group limit has been reached. No group member may take more than one Moose, and must cease hunting in the Limited Entry Shared Hunt when he or she has harvested a Moose. Members of a group participating in a Limited Entry Shared Hunt must be able to communicate with one another in order to avoid exceeding the group's limit. There are no restrictions on methods of communication.

All group members participating in the hunt must ensure that any kill is immediately recorded in the Harvest Details section of each shared group member's authorization, in conjunction with the immediate cancelling of the species licence of the hunter making the kill. Make sure you communicate this information to every person named on the authorization! It is your responsibility to ensure that your group does not exceed its limit! The total number of Moose a shared group may harvest will be listed at the top of each group member's authorization. DO NOT exceed your group's limit. The annual Moose bag limit for a hunter is one. Therefore, any group member who has already taken a Moose in any type of Moose hunting season during the same licence year may not participate in a Limited Entry Shared Hunt.

Those who apply for a Limited Entry Shared Hunt will have an advantage in the draw over a single applicant. The applications for each member of the group will enter the draw as single applications, but if any member of the group is drawn, then the entire group will be drawn. Therefore a group of four applicants has four chances to be drawn. This differs from the way group applications for other hunts are handled. For all Group Hunts other than the Limited Entry Shared Hunts, the applications enter the draw as a single application, and therefore a group has only one chance to be drawn.

The enhanced odds system, described in the "EXPLANATION OF THE DRAW" section, applies to all Moose hunts, so people who were previously drawn for Moose will have their chances reduced. **If any member of a group applying for a Shared Hunt has been drawn for a Moose in the previous three years, then the entire group will be treated as previously successful and their odds will be reduced.**

Important points to note:

If a member or members of a Shared Hunt group cannot participate, the others may still hunt. The member(s) that was not participating may decide to join in the hunt later, but they must first update the Harvest Details section of their Limited Entry Shared Hunt authorization before starting to hunt. If the other group members have already taken the group's quota, then the Limited Entry hunt is over, and they may not participate. However, if they wish, they may still hunt for Moose in any general open seasons that may be available.

With some Limited Entry Shared Moose hunts, there will be general open seasons for Moose at the same time and place. For example, there could be a general open season for Calf Moose or Spike/Fork Bulls at the same time and place as a Limited Entry Shared Hunt for Cow Moose. At the top of each Limited Entry Hunting authorization, the species and class of animal are listed.

Example : ONE ONLY MOOSE (this is the species)
BULL ONLY (this is the class of animal)

If a member of a Limited Entry Shared Moose Hunt group harvests a Moose that is available on a general open season, it does **not** count against the group limit. For example, if a Shared Moose Hunt group is entitled to take two Bull Moose from Oct. 1– Nov. 30, they are allowed to take *any 2 Bulls regardless of antler configuration* during that period. If there is a general open season for Spike/Fork Bulls in the same area from Oct. 1–Oct. 31, it does not count against the group limit and the other group members may still take two Bulls. However, if a group member shoots a Spike/Fork Bull from Nov. 1–Nov. 30, it does count against the group limit because there is no longer a general open season for Spike/Fork Bulls during that period.

If you wish to apply for one of these Limited Entry Shared Hunts, please follow the procedures described in the "COMPLETING THE APPLICATION CARDS" and "MAILING INSTRUCTIONS" sections of this synopsis.

Hunters should be aware access is limited in some areas and are advised to confirm access before applying.



Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices and Conservation Officer Service District Offices

(Please call one of the District Offices for recorded information or to make an appointment)

VANCOUVER ISLAND	LEH Headquarters: Victoria 4-2975 Jutland Rd., V8T 5J9	(250) 356-5142
	Regional Office Nanaimo 2080 Labieux Rd., V9T 6J9	(250) 751-3100
	Campbell River, CO Service	(250) 286-7630
	Duncan, CO Service	(250) 746-1236
	Port Alberni, CO Service	(250) 724-9290
	Port Hardy, CO Service	(250) 949-2800
	Victoria, CO Service	(250) 391-2225
LOWER MAINLAND	Regional Office Surrey 10470 - 152 St., V3R 0Y3	(604) 582-5200
	Chilliwack, CO Service	1-800-731-6373
	Powell River, CO Service	(604) 485-3612
	Sechelt, CO Service	1-800-731-6373
	Squamish, CO Service	1-800-731-6373
	Surrey, CO Service	1-800-731-6373
THOMPSON-NICOLA	Regional Office Kamloops 1259 Dalhousie Dr., V2C 5Z5	(250) 371-6200
	Clearwater, CO Service	(250) 674-3722
	Kamloops, CO Service	(250) 371-6281
	Lillooet, CO Service	(250) 256-4636
	Merritt, CO Service	(250) 378-8489
	Regional Office Nelson Suite 401 - 333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3	(250) 354-6333
KOOTENAY	Regional Office Cranbrook 205 Industrial Rd. G, V2G 7G5	(250) 489-8540
	Castlegar, CO Service	(250) 365-8611
	Cranbrook, CO Service	(250) 489-8537
	Creston, CO Service	(250) 428-3220
	Fernie, CO Service	(250) 423-7551
	Invermere, CO Service	(250) 342-4266
	Nelson, CO Service	(250) 354-6397
	Revelstoke, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
CARIBOO	Regional Office Williams Lake 400-640 Borland St., V2G 4T1	(250) 398-4530
	Bella Coola, CO Service	(250) 928-2421
	Quesnel, CO Service	(250) 992-4212
	100 Mile House, CO Service	(250) 395-5511
	Williams Lake, CO Service	(250) 398-4569
SKEENA	Regional Office Smithers Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Ave., V0J 2N0	(250) 847-7260
	Atlin, CO Service	(250) 651-7501
	Burns Lake, CO Service	(250) 692-7777
	Dease Lake, CO Service	(250) 771-3566
	Queen Charlotte City, CO Service	(250) 559-8431
	Smithers, CO Service	(250) 847-7266
	Terrace, CO Service	(250) 638-6530
OMINECA - PEACE	Regional Office Prince George 4051-18th Ave V2N 1B3	(250) 565-6135
	Mackenzie, CO Service	(250) 997-6555
	Prince George, CO Service	(250) 565-6140
	Vanderhoof, CO Service	(250) 567-6304
	Regional Office Fort St. John 400-10003 110 Ave., V1J 6M7	(250) 787-3411
	Chetwynd, CO Service	(250) 788-3611
	Dawson Creek, CO Service	(250) 784-2304
	Fort Nelson, CO Service	(250) 774-3547
Fort St. John, CO Service	(250) 787-3225	
OKANAGAN	Regional Office Penticton 102 Industrial Place, V2A 7C8	(250) 490-8200
	Grand Forks, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
	Kelowna, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
	Penticton, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
	Princeton, CO Service	1-877-356-2029
	Vernon, CO Service	1-877-356-2029

Roosevelt Elk and Mountain Sheep special limited entry hunts are available to resident hunters in 2009.

These special hunts are supported by the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia, the BC Wildlife Federation and the Guide Outfitters Association of BC.

While the special LEH allows the animal to be taken in excess of the regular bag limit, a second species licence may not be purchased until after the first species licence has been cancelled. If an animal is harvested during the special hunt, it will not be considered in the calculation of reduced odds for future LEH applications.

There is only one special resident LEH authorization for Roosevelt Elk and one for Mountain Sheep.

There are NO Group Hunt applications for this draw.

DEADLINE AND DRAW DATE

The applications deadline for Special Limited Entry Hunt opportunities is **Wednesday July 2, 2008**. The draw date for these hunts will be July 16, 2008. Please note, that although the deadline and draw dates are in 2008, the hunts do not take place until 2009.

TO APPLY

You may purchase and submit **as many Special LEH applications as you wish**. Applications are available from all regular LEH application vendors OR you may apply by completing the online LEH application and VISA/Mastercard Payment Authorization form, and faxing them together to 250-387-4339.

These forms may be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html#SpecialLEH>

The non refundable application fee for each special LEH application is \$15.75 (includes GST).

Ten dollars of application fee will be directed to a special account in the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) for projects specific to Sheep and Elk management.

ELIGIBILITY

Any resident who is eligible to hunt in BC (holds a Resident Hunter Number in good standing) may apply.

A resident who applies for the special LEH draw may also apply for any regular LEH draw.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Special LEH applications **MUST** be received in Victoria by 4:30 pm July 2, 2008. Proof of postage, i.e. postmarks, cannot be taken into consideration for late arrivals. The Fish and Wildlife Branch cannot accept responsibility for the non-arrival of an application to the Victoria address.

DRAW DATE IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008.

NOTIFICATION

The winners of the special LEH authorizations will be notified by mail. The winners will also be posted on the Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch website. <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html#SpecialLEH>. Unsuccessful applicants will **NOT** be notified.

Completion of Application Cards

Please use a pen or typewriter to make entries on your application card(s). **PRINT** your name **CLEARLY** in CAPITAL LETTERS and starting with your 'Last Name'.

Be sure to enter your correct BC Resident Hunter Number on each application card.

The Fish and Wildlife Branch cannot accept responsibility for any application card that is not completed according to the instructions on the card.

When entering your address, be sure it is your **COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS**, not merely the postal code or box number. Do not enter your home address unless you have home delivery of mail. An incomplete or incorrect mailing address may result in your draw notification being undeliverable.

Region 1 are subject to Compulsory Reporting. Further details can be found in the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis.

2009 Season for Roosevelt Elk (Subject to Change)

Region 1 Vancouver Island Sept. 1/09 - Dec. 15/09

Region 2 Lower Mainland Sept. 1/09 - Dec. 15/09

MOUNTAIN SHEEP

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to hunt either a bighorn or thornhorn Mountain Sheep during the dates listed below. If hunting a thornhorn ram sheep, the successful applicant may hunt 21 days prior to the opening date listed below for the region intended to hunt.

If a Mountain Sheep is harvested during the special hunt, it will not be considered in the limit of one sheep in three years in regions where that restriction applies. All other restrictions, including the location of open seasons, weapons restrictions, species, and sex listed in either this synopsis or the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis apply to this special hunt. The successful applicant need not follow horn curl regulations that apply in the area hunted as the special LEH Mountain Sheep permit will be for "any ram".

2009 Opening dates for Mountain Sheep (Subject to Change)

Region 3 Thompson	Sept. 10/09
Region 4 Kootenay	Sept. 10/09
Region 5 Cariboo	Sept. 1/09
Region 6 Skeena	Aug. 1/09
Region 7 Omineca/Peace	Aug. 1/09
Region 8 Okanagan	Aug. 25/09

2009 Closing dates for Mountain Sheep (Subject to Change)

In all Regions the closing dates are as follows:

Bighorn Mountain Sheep	Dec. 20/09
Thornhorn Mountain Sheep	Mar. 31/09

Reminder: Both Special LEH draw winners in 2008 will be eligible to hunt in the fall of 2009

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

The successful applicant for the special LEH must hold a valid resident hunting licence, the Elk or Mountain Sheep species licence and the special LEH authorization while hunting. Please note that, while the special LEH authorization allows the hunter to harvest 2 Elk or 2 Sheep in the licence year, the hunter **CANNOT** hold more than one uncanceled Elk or Sheep species licence at any one time.

ROOSEVELT ELK

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to hunt a bull Roosevelt Elk in either Region 1 (Vancouver Island) or Region 2 (Lower Mainland) during the dates listed below. Roosevelt Elk are only found in these two regions. Please note that some of the areas that may be hunted in Region 2 are private land. Permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to hunting. It is the hunter's responsibility to locate landowners willing to allow hunter access.

All other restrictions, including the location of open seasons, weapons restrictions, species, sex and class of animal restrictions listed in either this synopsis or the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis apply to this special hunt.

Any Roosevelt Elk harvested in Region 2 requires Compulsory Inspection. All Roosevelt Elk harvested in

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING - TERMINOLOGY

SPECIES In this booklet 'species' refers to the following game: Mountain Goat, Elk, Moose, Mountain Sheep, Caribou, Mule (Black-tailed) Deer, White-tailed Deer, Grizzly Bear and Bison.

AREA This term is used in conjunction with a place name to denote a specific land area within British Columbia. It can consist of a number of Management Units, a single Management Unit or a portion of a Management Unit, referred to as a Zone. Hunters should be aware access is limited in some areas and are advised to confirm access before applying.

MANAGEMENT UNITS A specific land area denoted by the initials 'M.U.' and a hyphenated number, i.e. M.U. 4-24, M.U. 3-14, etc. If the Management Unit has been subdivided into Zones, this will appear as M.U. 4-24 A, M.U. 4-24 B, etc.

SEASON DATES Refer to a period of time that hunting may take place. All dates are inclusive, e.g., September 1 to September 30 means that hunting may commence on September 1 and continue through and including September 30.

CLASS OF ANIMAL This term refers more specifically to the sex, age or antler/horn configuration of the animal for which an authorization is available.

TENTATIVE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS AVAILABLE The number which appears in the authorizations column is a tentative number only and may be adjusted prior to the draw resulting in a possible increase or decrease in the final number of available authorizations.

2007 FIRST CHOICE ODDS This is a list of odds on being drawn for the same hunt in the 2007 Limited Entry draw. These odds pertain to hunts that were indicated as 'First Choice' selections on the 2007 application cards. They are a measure of the number of people who applied for each authorization available in 2007.



REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS

The Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Environment, has established a partnership with the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre to operate a toll-free hotline that allows you to report known suspected poachers and polluters.

The RAPP program is simple, safe and effective. It is based on the principle that someone other than the criminal has information that can solve the crime.

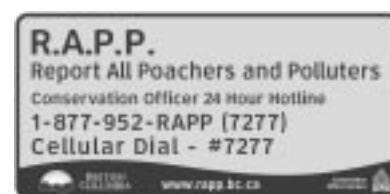
Available 24/7

Use This Number to Report:

Violations of Fisheries, Wildlife or Environmental Protection Laws (except salmon related violations which should be reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1-800-465-4336).

Wildlife/Human Conflicts where public safety is at risk.

Look for this sign along highways and forestry roads in British Columbia



What you can do:

1. Familiarize yourself with current regulations.
2. Record relevant details of suspicious activities, such as: time, date, location, descriptions of violators and/or vehicles. Photographs are useful.
3. Report any fish, wildlife or environmental offences as soon as possible to the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre.

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) operates in cooperation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation. The B.C.W.F. pays rewards up to \$2000 for information leading to the conviction of persons who have violated laws related to the protection of fish, wildlife, or the environment, or damaged the property of companies or individuals who provide access to hunters and anglers.

LIMITED ENTRY MOOSE SHARED HUNTS

All Moose hunts are open only to single applicants or shared groups of up to four applicants applying for a Limited Entry Shared Hunt. Shared Hunts are intended to allow more people to be drawn in the LEH draw without having to increase the number of animals that may be harvested.

THOMPSON REGION 3 (See LEH Map 3B for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Includes sub-section for Kamloops and a note: NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION.

* Hunters should be aware that Management Unit 3-46 is located primarily within Wells Gray Provincial Park. Access is limited, ATV use is prohibited, and additional restrictions may apply.

MOOSE SHARED HUNTS (CONTINUED)

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See LEH Maps 4B, 4I, 4K, 4L & 4P for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4087-4136 and includes notes about hunters and spike bull moose.

* Persons successful in drawing a LEH authorization for these bull Moose only hunts may hunt from September 1 to October 14 using ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY

** Persons successful in drawing a LEH authorization for these bull Moose only hunts may hunt from September 1 to September 19 using ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY

Note: Compulsory Inspection may be implemented for Moose in Region 4. Please refer to the 2008/2009 Hunting and Trapping Synopsis.

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See LEH Maps 5B, 5C, 5E & 5H for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 4137-4150 and includes a note: NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION.

MOOSE SHARED HUNTS (CONTINUED)

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See LEH Maps 5B, 5C, 5E & 5H for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt details for Cariboo Region 5, including zones B, C, D, A, B*, and B*.

* Also includes Zone C of M.U. 5-04.

Successful hunters must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail to the Victoria Fish and Wildlife Branch, using a Harvest Data Card, the following information:

- location of kill (including M.U.) • date of kill • number of days hunted • sex of animal taken.

MOOSE SHARED HUNTS (CONTINUED)

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Maps 6D, 6K, 6M & 6N for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt details for Skeena Region 6, including zones A, B, and A*.

NOTE LEH BULL ONLY IS ANY BULL REGARDLESS OF ANTLER CONFIGURATION

* Also includes portions of M.U.'s 6-03 and 6-11.

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Map 7D & 7J for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt details for Omineca/Peace Region 7, including zones A, B, C, D, and E.

MOOSE SHARED HUNTS (CONTINUED)

OMINECA/PEACE REGION 7 (See LEH Map 7D & 7J for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists various hunt codes (4298-4350) for Prince George area.

Those hunting on a 'Cow or Calf' Moose LEH authorization are requested to take the calf when encountering a cow and calf together. By doing so you help to maintain the stock of prime breeding female Moose, which are essential for the continuance of a healthy Moose population.

Successful hunters must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail to the Victoria Fish and Wildlife Branch, using a Harvest Data Card, the following information:

- location of kill (including M.U.) • date of kill • number of days hunted • sex of animal taken.

PEACE RIVER AGE-RESTRICTED HUNTS

The following hunts are open ONLY to hunters who are under the age of 19 and WHO POSSESS A VALID HUNTER NUMBER CARD. To qualify as under 19, an applicant's 19th birthday must fall on or after August 1, 2008. Hunters who are under the age of 19 at the time of their hunt must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who is 19 years of age or older and who holds a valid hunting licence.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt codes 4351-4353 for Peace River Y area.

OKANAGAN REGION 8

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt codes 4354-4359 for Okanagan area.

MOOSE SHARED HUNTS (CONTINUED)

OKANAGAN REGION 8

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt codes 4360-4383 for Okanagan area.

* Also includes M.U. 8-03.

Successful hunters must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail to the Victoria Fish and Wildlife Branch, using a Harvest Data Card, the following information:

- location of kill (including M.U.) • date of kill • number of days hunted • sex of animal taken.

THIS IS THE END OF THE SHARED HUNTING SECTION

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Due to concerns over the large percentage of female goats harvested in some areas of the province, the Fish and Wildlife Branch is continuing to encourage hunters to harvest male Mountain Goats only. Copies of a video titled "Is it a Billy or is it a Nanny" are available for loan at regional wildlife offices to help hunters learn to select male Mountain Goats. Copies are also available through the BC Wildlife Federation. Hunters are encouraged to borrow and view this video before their Mountain Goat hunt. Further restrictions, which could be implemented in 2009, may be avoided if hunters harvest male Mountain Goats only. For more details see our website at http://www.env.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/archive.html.

Successful hunters are required to submit the horns of any Mountain Goat taken for compulsory inspection within 30 days after the date of the kill OR before December 5 of the year of the kill whichever occurs first. Please contact a Regional Environmental Stewardship Office (page 4) for a list of qualified inspectors.

LOWER MAINLAND REGION 2 (See LEH Map 2B for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt code 5001 for Mt. Meager area.

Kids, and adults in the company of kids, may not be taken. Kids are defined as being those animals with a horn length of 3 inches or less.

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat. Harvest of any female goats from this population unit will likely result in its closure.

THOMPSON REGION 3 (See LEH Maps 3A, 3C & 3E for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunt codes 5002-5026 for Kamloops area.

* Also includes a portion of M.U. 3-36

** Also includes a portion of M.U.'s 3-37 and 3-42.

*** Also includes a portion of M.U. 3-41.

Mountain Goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select a male Mountain Goat.

MULE (black-tailed) DEER (CONTINUED)

THOMPSON REGION 3

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 7012-7025 in Kamloops area.

Hunters should note that the bag limit for Mule (Black-tailed) Deer in Region 3 is two, only one of which may be a buck. Therefore, one must be antlerless, available only under LEH.

CARIBOO REGION 5 (See LEH Map 5H for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 7026-7051 in Cariboo area.

In addition to harvesting an antlerless Mule (Black-tailed) Deer, a buck can be harvested, in accordance with antler configuration, during the same time period as long as the regional bag limit (2) has not been exceeded.

CARIBOO AGE-RESTRICTED HUNT

The following hunt is open ONLY to hunters who are under the age of 19. To qualify as under 19, an applicant's 19th birthday must fall on or after August 1, 2008. Hunters who are under the age of 19 at the time of their hunt must be accompanied and closely supervised while hunting by a person who is 19 years of age or older and who holds a valid hunting licence.

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 7052-7057 in Cariboo Y area.

SKEENA REGION 6 (See LEH Map 6O for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 7058-7067 in Skeena area.

* Restricted to PRIVATE LAND ONLY within Zone A of M.U. 6-04. Also includes any CROWN LAND only within 400 meters of private land within Zone A of M.U. 6-04. Permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to the hunt. It is the hunter's responsibility to locate land owners willing to allow hunter access. This can be a long and challenging process with no guarantee of success. Applying for a LEH in this area does not guarantee that there will be deer present during selected season.

** Also includes M.U. 6-06

MULE (black-tailed) DEER (CONTINUED)

OKANAGAN REGION 8 (See LEH Map 8D for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 7068-7088 in Okanagan area.

* Okanagan Falls - hunting is restricted to 1000 Ha of PRIVATE LAND ONLY, east of Okanagan Falls, adjacent to either side of portions of McLean Creek Road. Written permission from the landowner must be obtained prior to the hunt.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

KOOTENAY REGION 4 (See LEH Maps 4F for zone boundaries)

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 8001-8030 in Kootenay area.

Those authorized to hunt for antlerless White-tailed Deer in the Kootenay Region are requested to take a fawn rather than a doe if possible. This will help to maintain a stock of prime breeding female deer necessary for the continuance of a healthy deer population.

OKANAGAN REGION 8

Table with columns: Hunt Code, Area, M.U., Zone, Season Date, Class of Animal, Tentative Number of Authorizations Available, 2007 First Choice Odds. Lists hunts 8031-8042 in Okanagan area.

THE WILD SHEEP SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
HORN CURL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia has partnered with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment to develop an education program for hunters relating to horn curl restrictions that apply to the harvest of wild sheep in the province.

The Society and the Ministry have become increasingly concerned about the number of illegal sheep kills occurring in British Columbia, in some cases resulting from a Lack of Diligence. In some cases illegal kills may result in increasing hunting restrictions (such as Limited Entry seasons in place of general open seasons) or the complete closure of a season.

In an attempt to limit the number of illegal sheep harvested in British Columbia, the Wild Sheep Society has created a horn curl education program, with the support of the Ministry of Environment.

The Society's horn curl education program is divided into two sections: an education component, and a test component.

Both the Society and the Ministry highly recommend that all sheep hunters review the horn curl education program and participate in the horn curl test. Even for experienced sheep hunters this will provide a helpful review.

Please review the Education Page for the Horn Curl Education Program and take the Horn Curl Test at www.wildsheepsociety.org



Photo: Lino Grifone

Grizzly Bear

Front claw: 5 - 10 cm long

Front track

Dished face profile, Short rounded ears, shoulder hump

Long claws

Black Bear

Front claw: 4 cm long

Front track

Straight face profile, Tall pointed ears, No shoulder hump

Short claws

**Colour and Size can be misleading.
Look for a combination of characteristics.**

- **Colour** varies from blond to black.
- **Distinctive shoulder** hump.
- **Rump** is lower than shoulder hump.
- Face **profile** appears dished-in between eyes and snout.
- **Ears** are short and rounded.
- **Front claws** are 5-10 cm (2-4 inches) long, slightly curved. Claw marks are usually visible in tracks.

- **Colour** varies from blond to black, including white and blue
- No **Distinctive shoulder** hump.
- **Rump** is higher than front shoulders.
- Face **profile** is straight.
- **Ears** are tall and pointed.
- **Front claws** are less than 4 cm (2 inches) long and curved. Claw marks are not usually visible in tracks.

For more information on hunting and trapping regulations, call a MOE Regional Office, Fish and Wildlife Branch HQ Victoria, or the Conservation Officer Service using the numbers listed on page 4 of this synopsis. Enquiry BC can provide toll free access to provincial government telephone numbers. Simply call Enquiry BC and request a transfer to the number you wish to call:

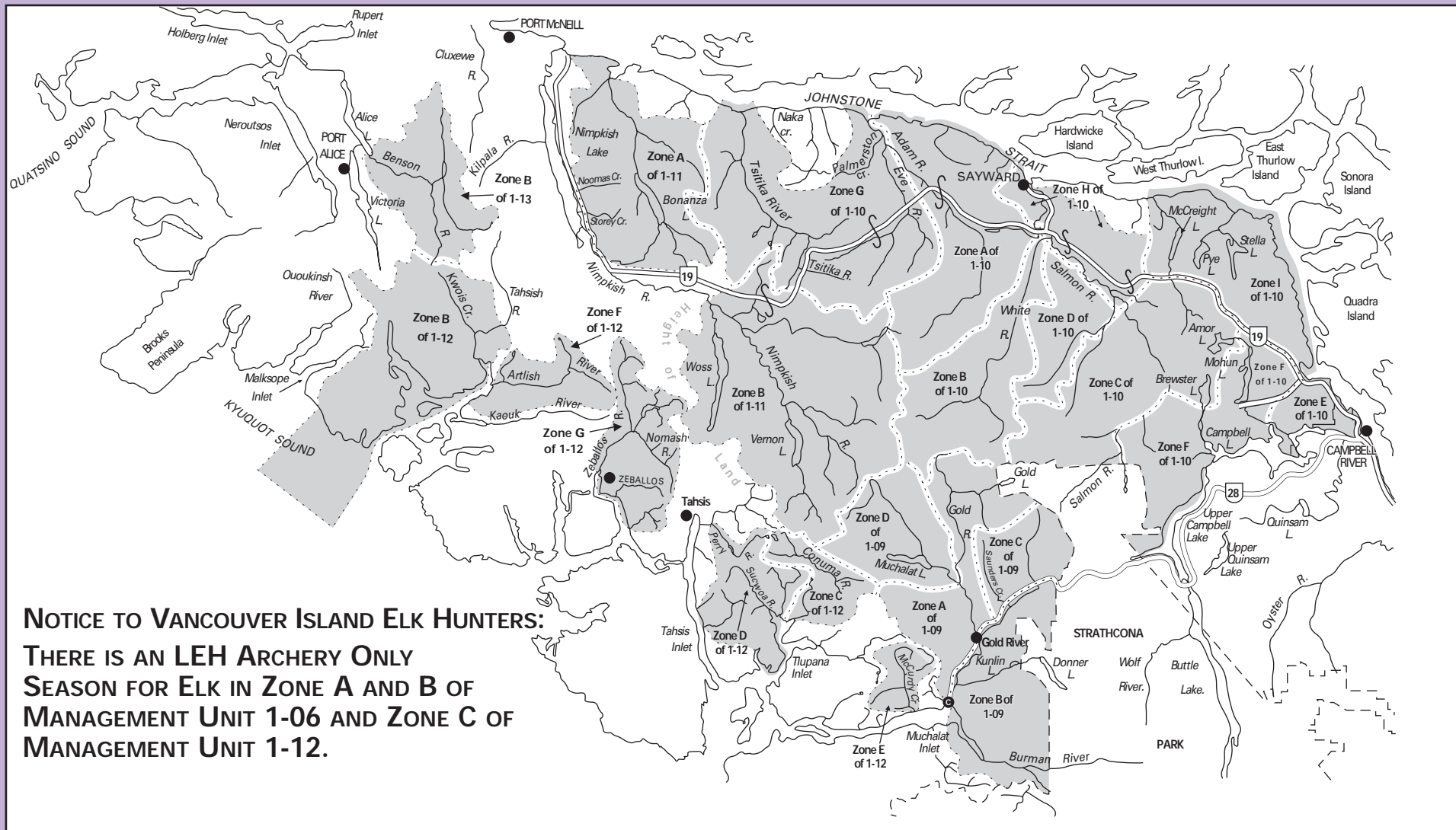
- **Enquiry BC**
 from Vancouver604-660-2421
 from Victoria387-6121
 elsewhere in BC1-800-663-7867
- **Report all Poachers and Polluters (see page 5)**1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

MAP SECTION - RETAIN FOR USE DURING HUNTING

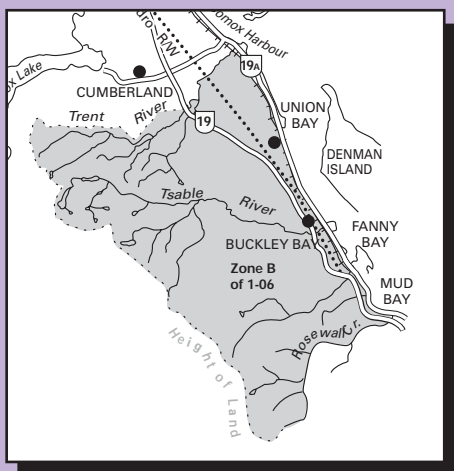
Region 1

HUNTERS SHOULD BE AWARE ACCESS IS LIMITED IN SOME AREAS AND ARE ADVISED TO CONFIRM ACCESS PRIOR TO APPLYING. IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING AN AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIMITED ENTRY HUNT, PLEASE REVIEW THE APPROPRIATE LEH ZONE MAP (PAGES 17 -28) TO BE SURE OF THE AREA IN WHICH YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO HUNT. FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THE MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES, CONSULT THE 2008/2009 HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS, THE BC RECREATIONAL ATLAS, 6TH EDITION, OR CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE REGIONAL OFFICE (PAGE 4) IN THE AREA YOU ARE HUNTING.

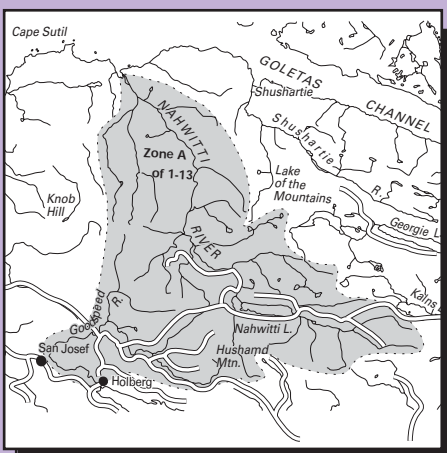
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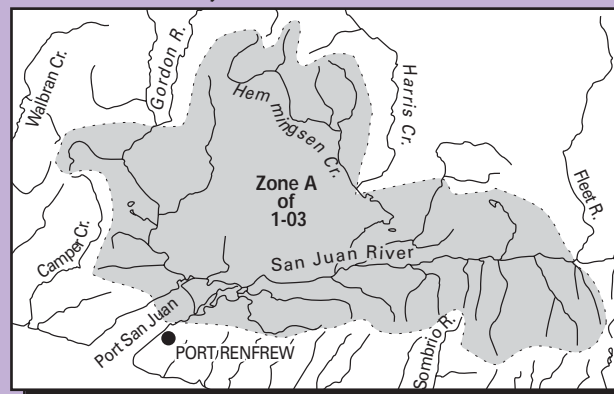
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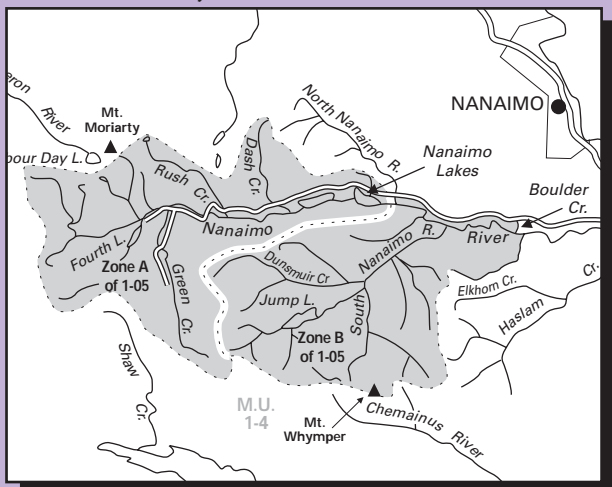
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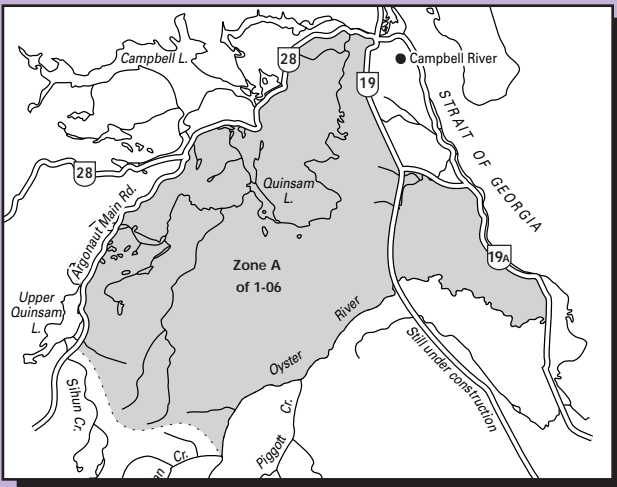
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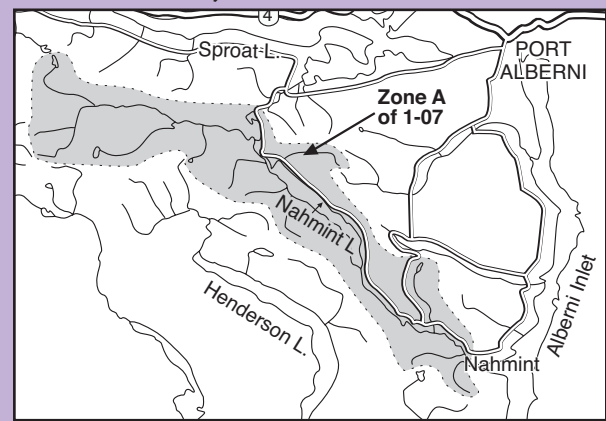
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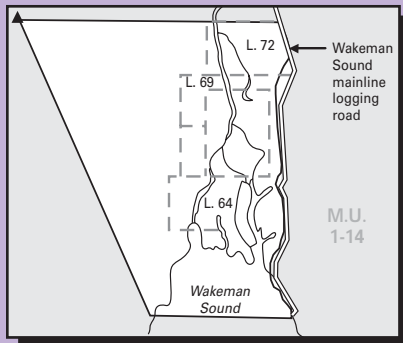
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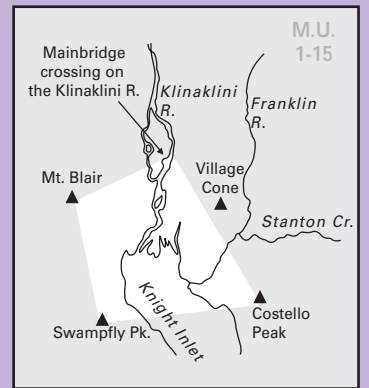
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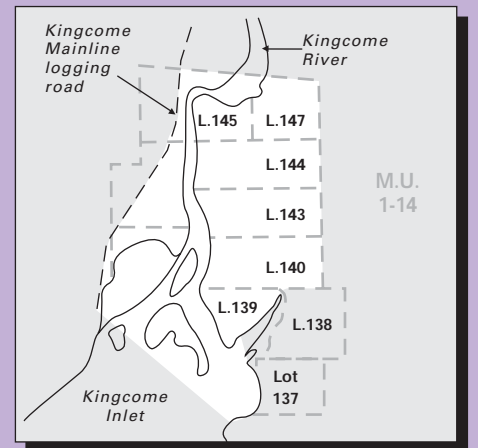
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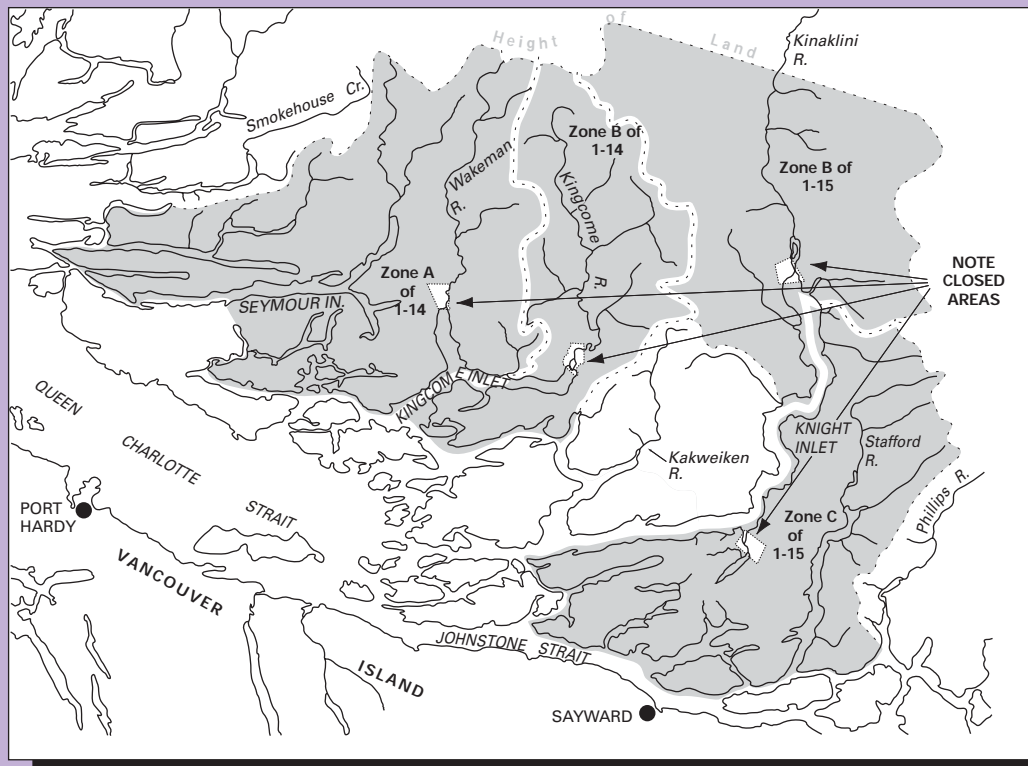
KNIGHT INLET GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA



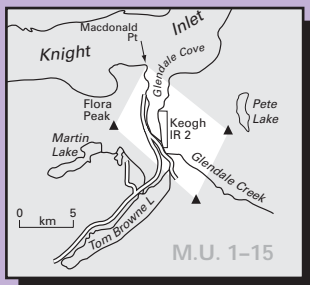
KINGCOME INLET GRIZZLY BEAR CLOSED AREA



MAP 1H) KNIGHT/KINGCOME - GRIZZLY BEAR

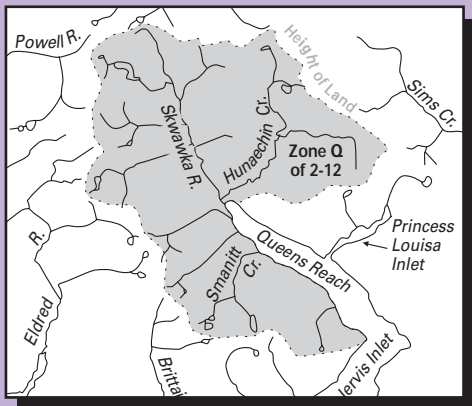


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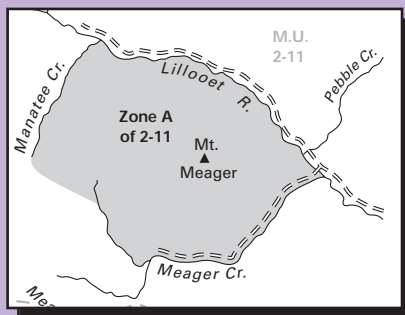


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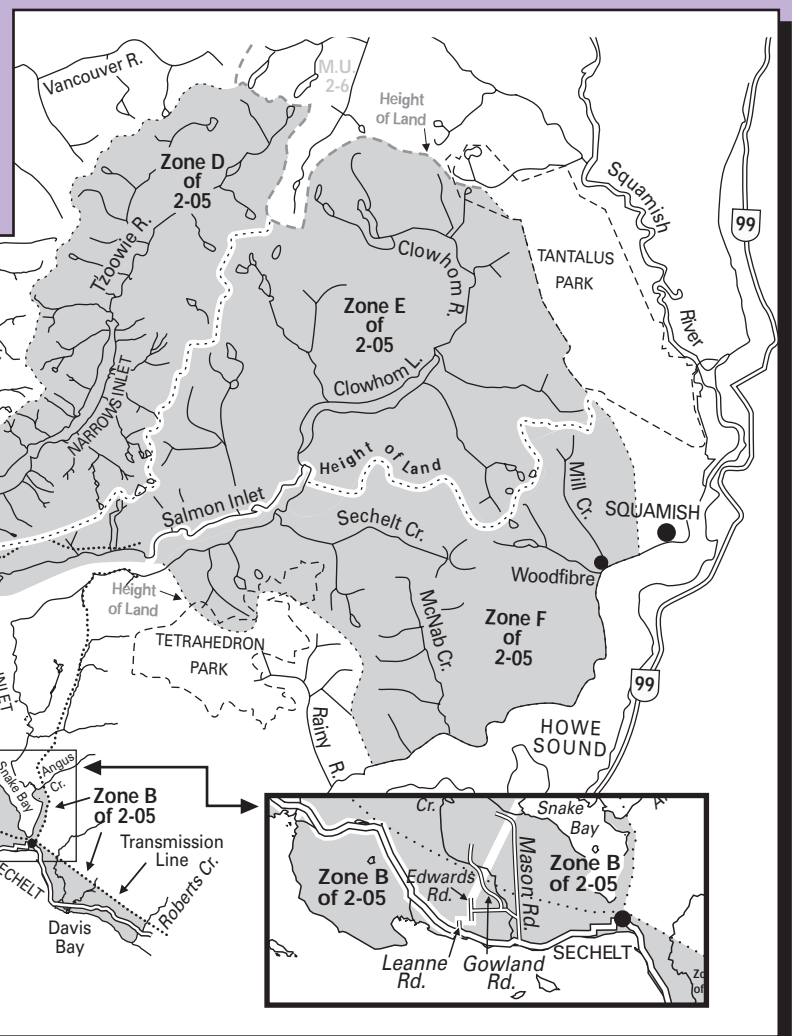
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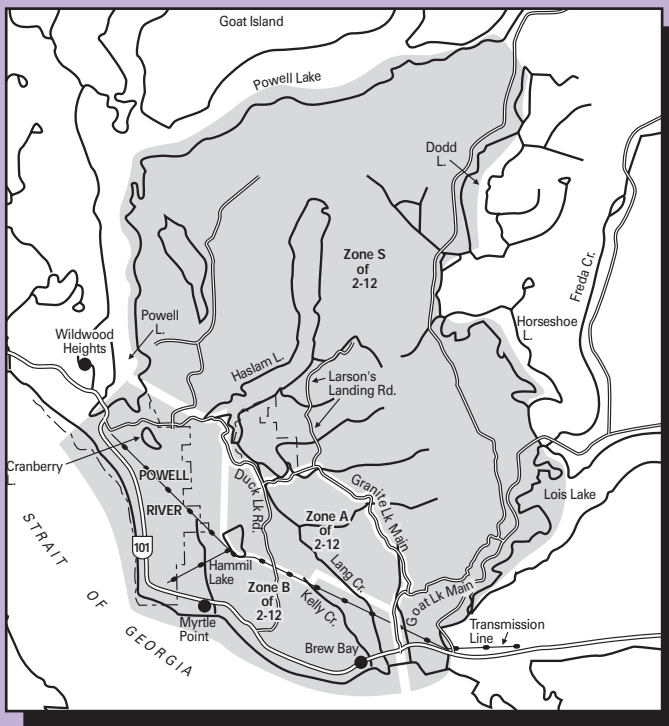
MAP 2B) MT. MEAGER - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 2D) SECHLT/NARROW/TZONIE/McNAB/CLOWHOM RIVER - ELK



MAP 2C) POWELL RIVER - ELK



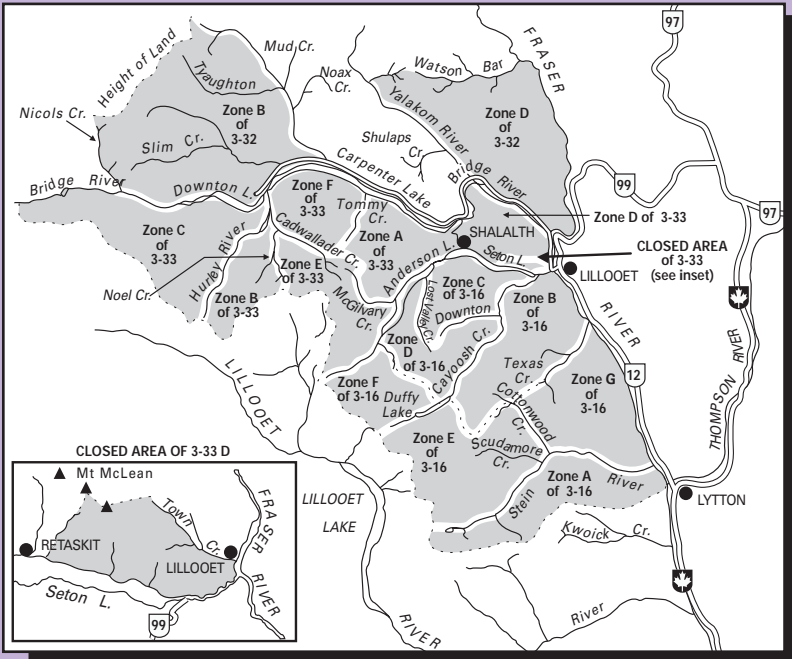
MANAGEMENT UNIT 2-12 HAS MANY FIREARM RESTRICTED AREAS. PLEASE REFER TO THE 2008/2009 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS FOR MAPS OF THESE AREAS.

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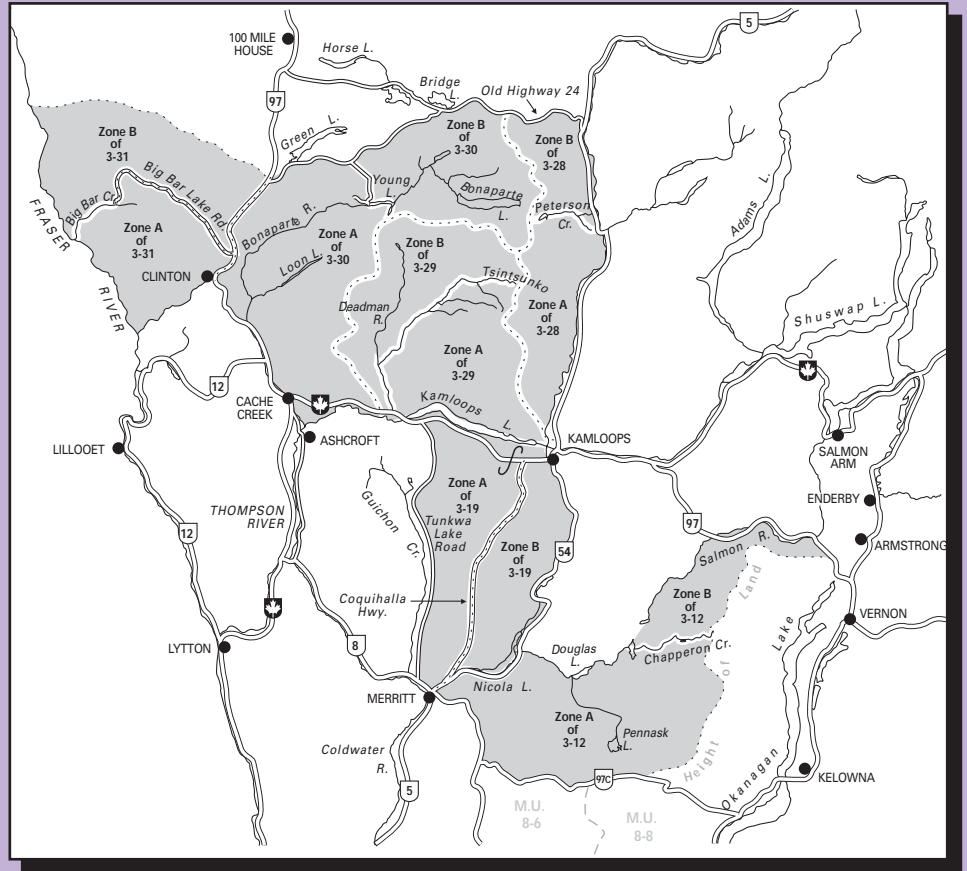
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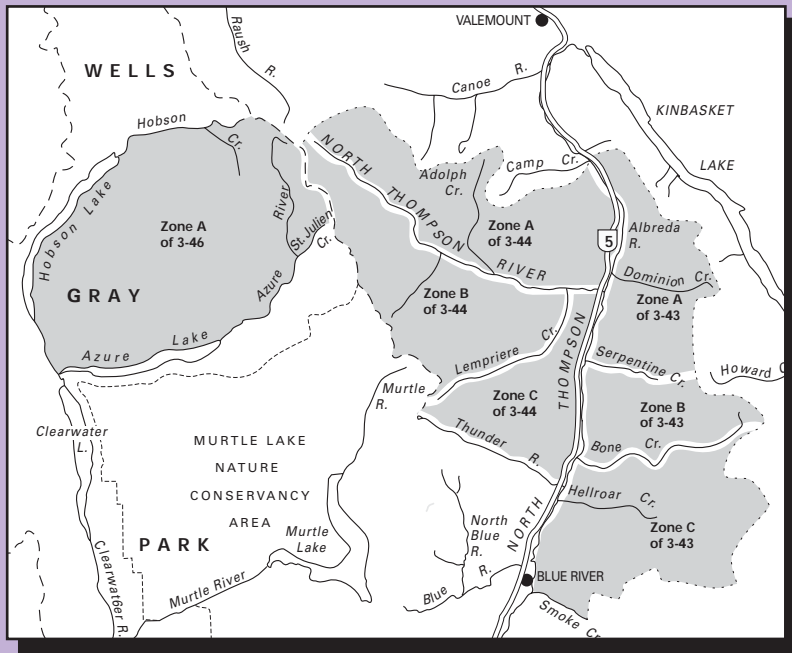
MAP 3A) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



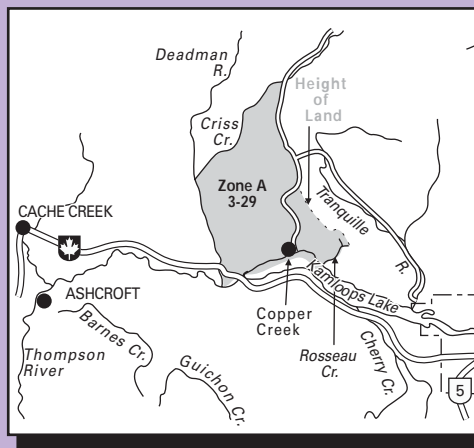
MAP 3B) KAMLOOPS - MOOSE



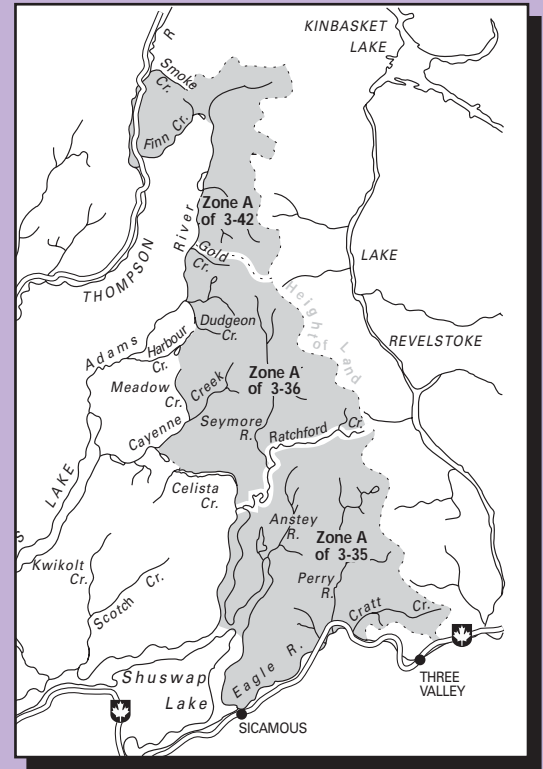
MAP 3C) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



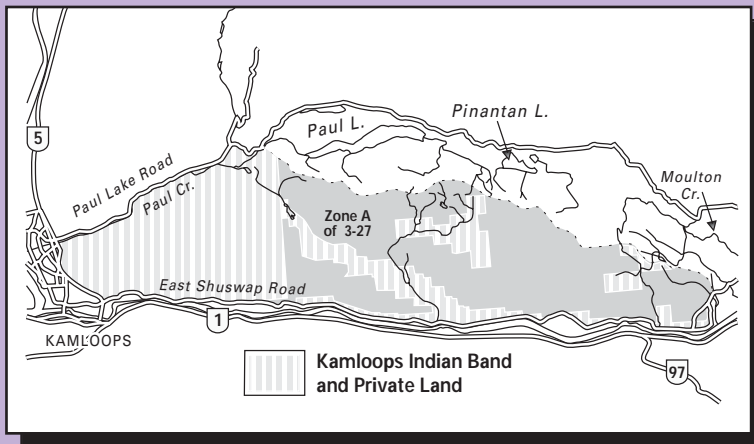
MAP 3D) KAMLOOPS LAKE - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



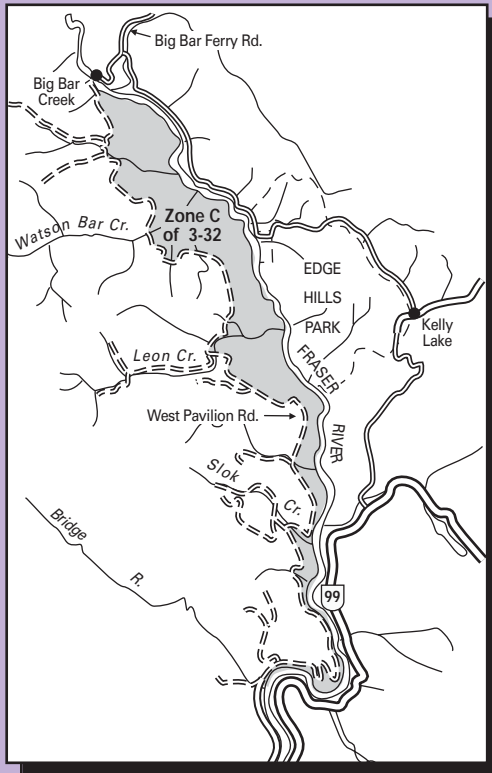
MAP 3E) KAMLOOPS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 3G) SOUTH THOMPSON - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 3F) FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



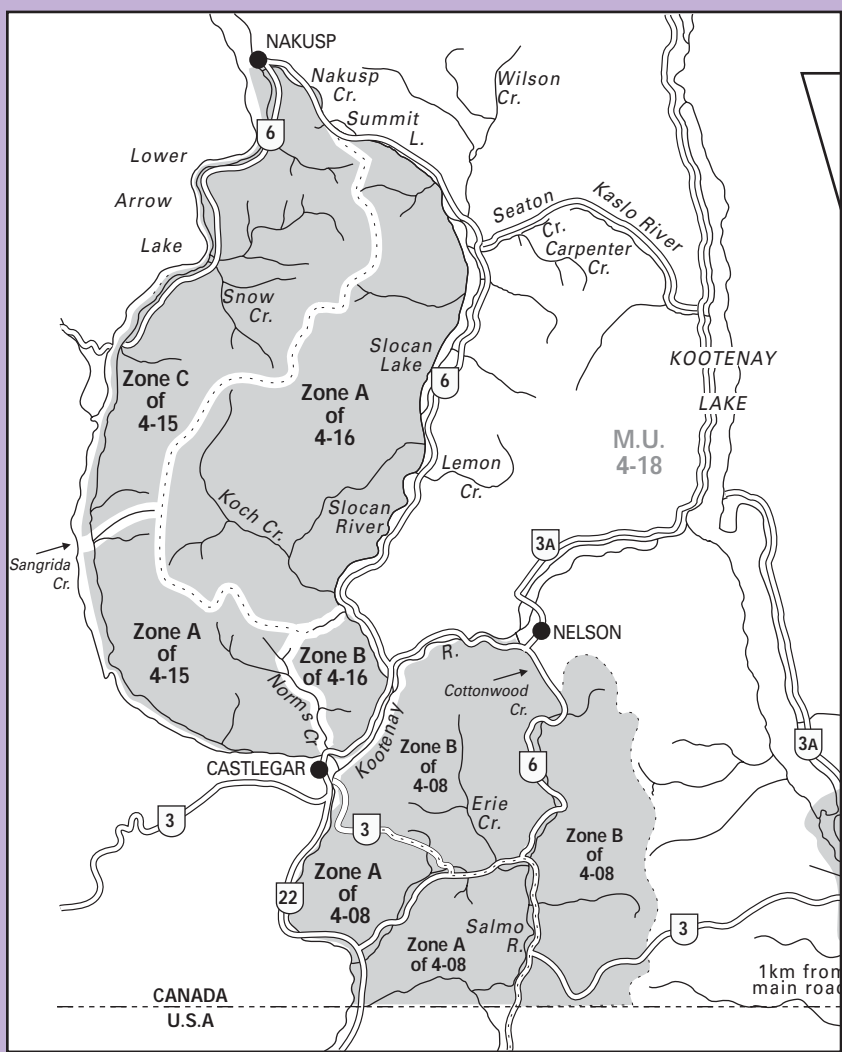
MAP 3H) FRASER RIVER - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



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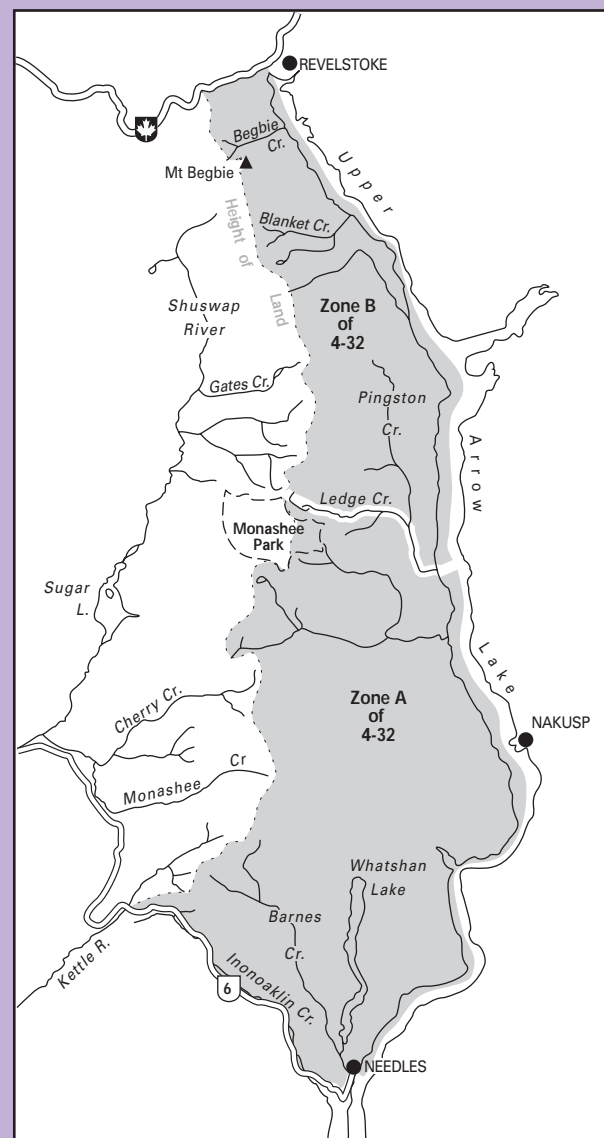
Region 4

MAP 4A) KOOTENAY - BULL ELK

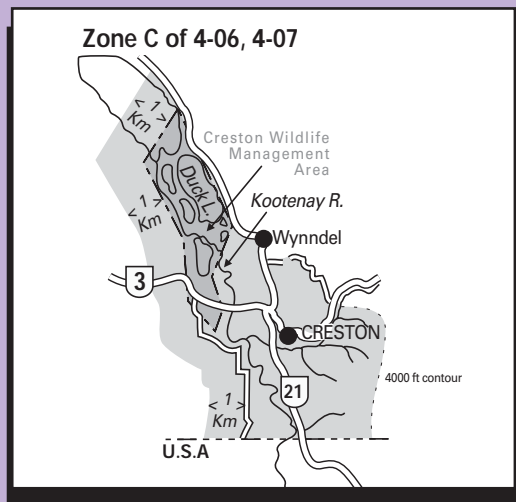


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MAP 4B) KOOTENAY - MOOSE

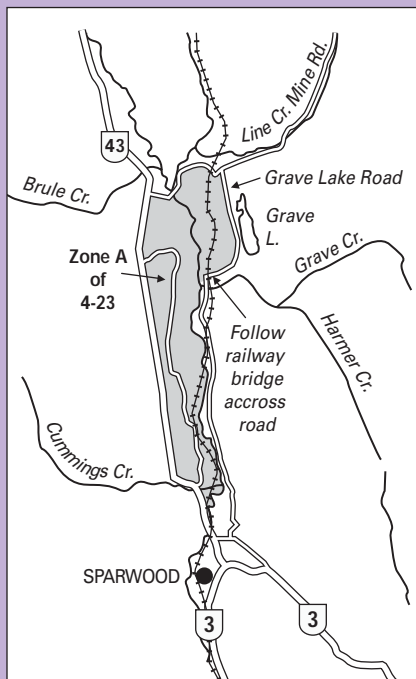


MAP 4c) KOOTENAY - COW OR CALF ELK



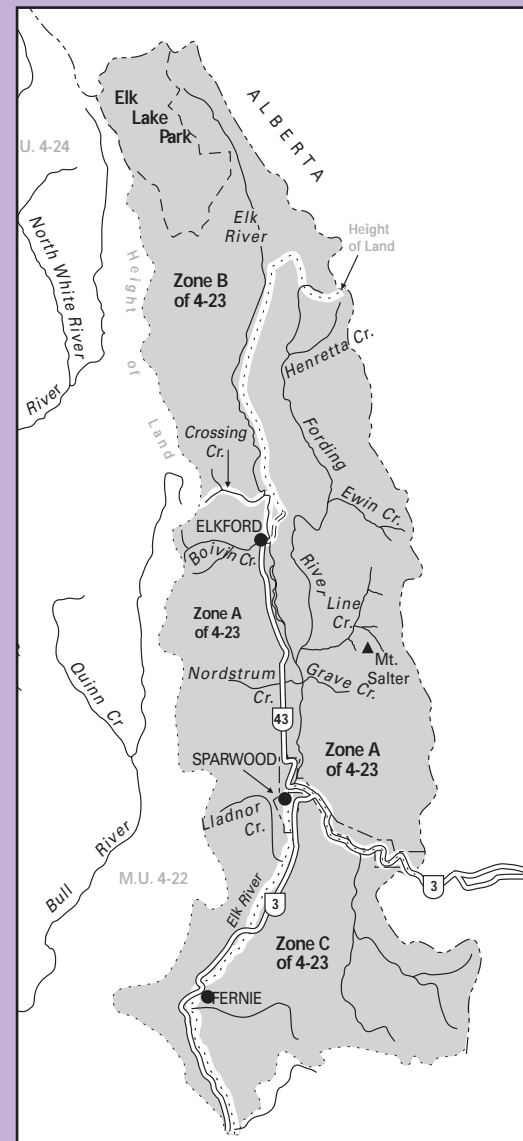
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MAP 4D) ELK

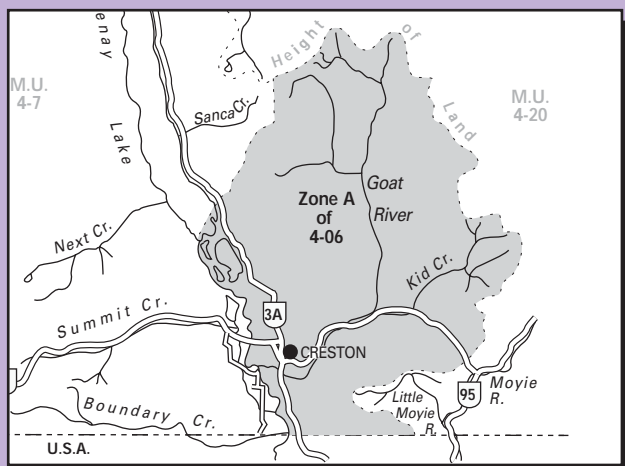


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MAP 4E) KOOTENAY - GRIZZLY BEAR



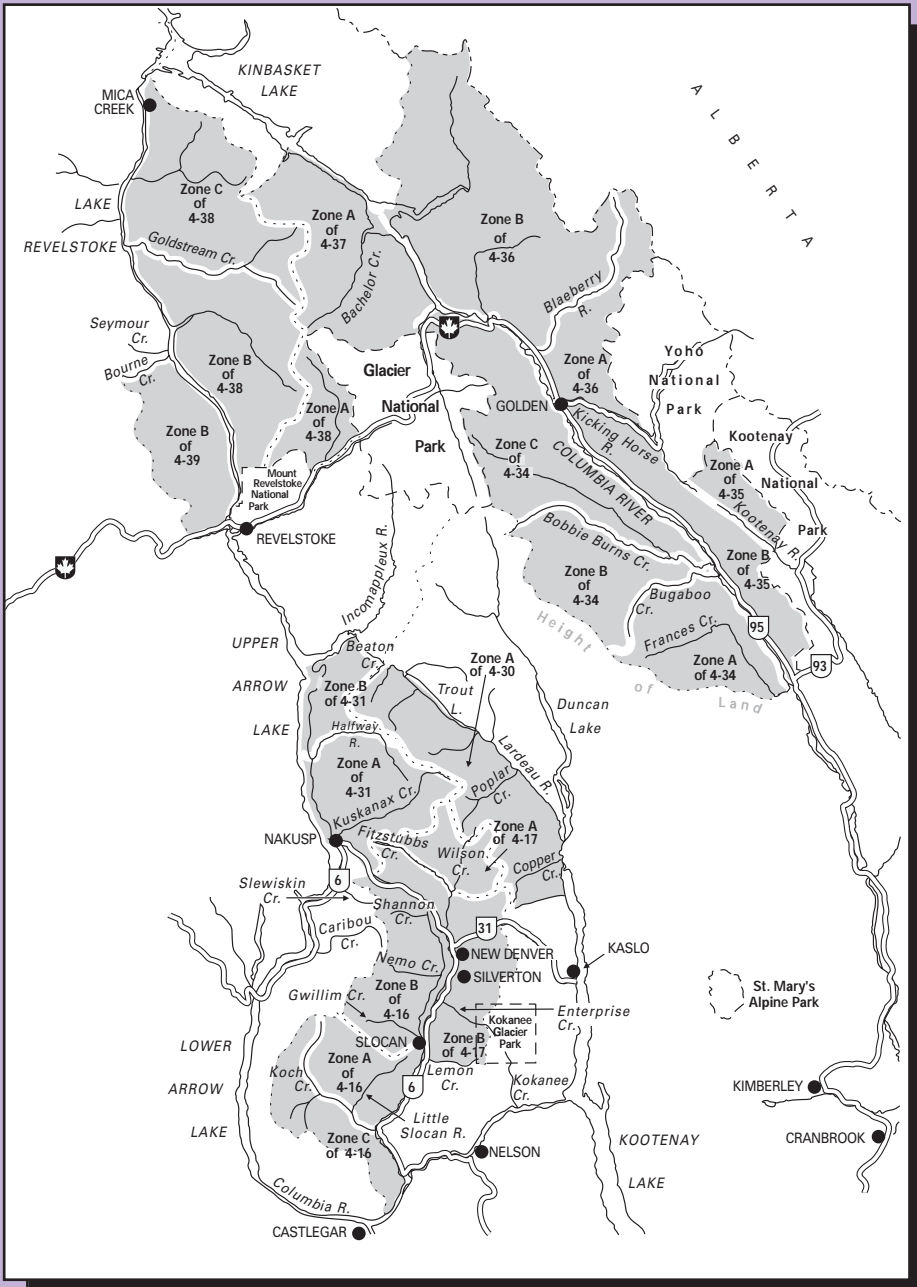
MAP 4F) KOOTENAY - WHITE-TAILED DEER



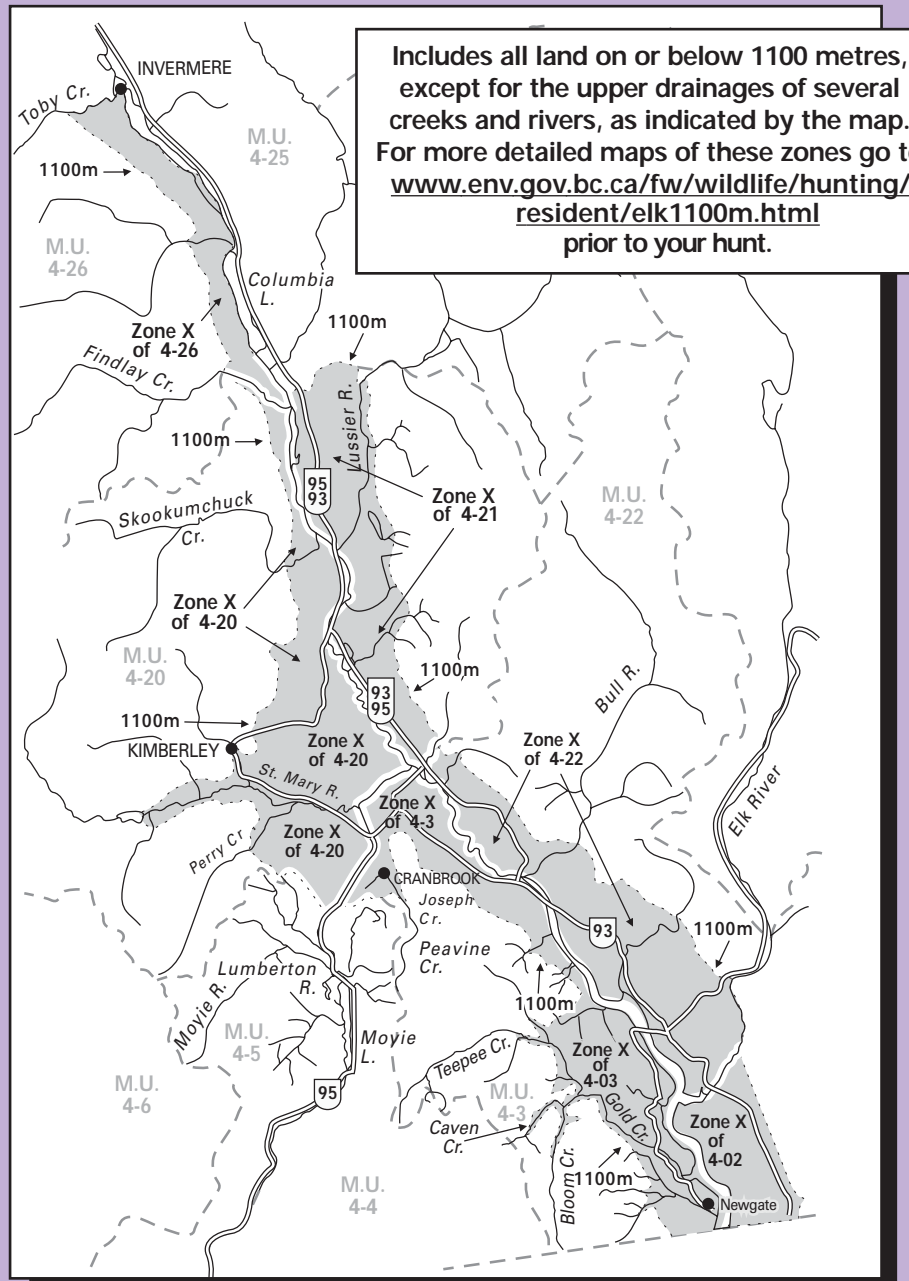
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Region 4

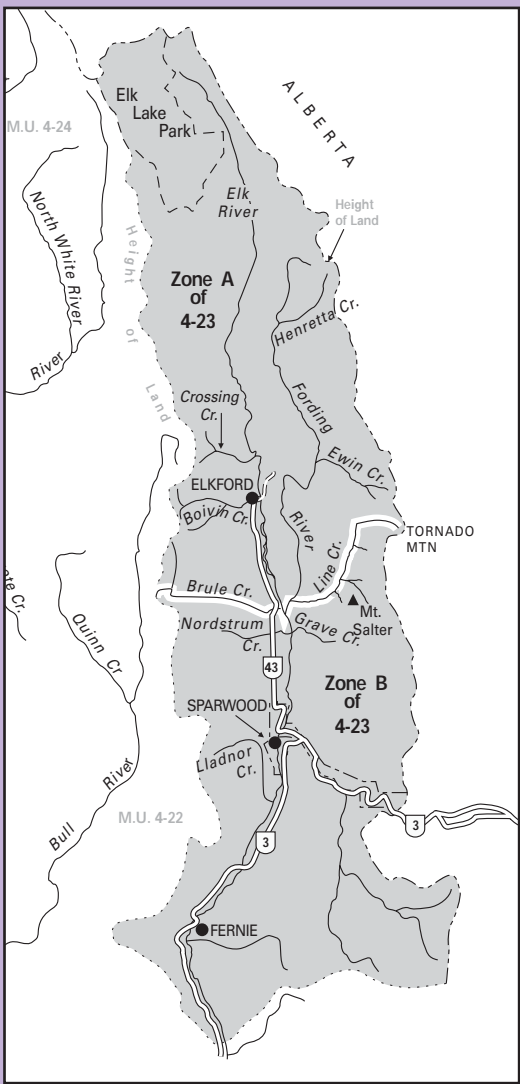
MAP 4G) MOUNTAIN GOAT



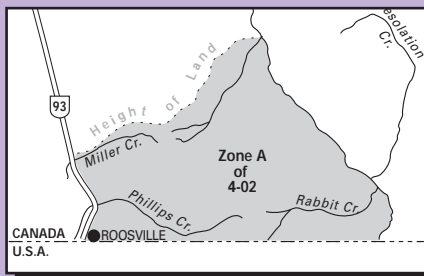
MAP 4H) KOOTENAY - ELK



MAP 4I) KOOTENAY - MOOSE



MAP 4J) PHILLIPS CREEK - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

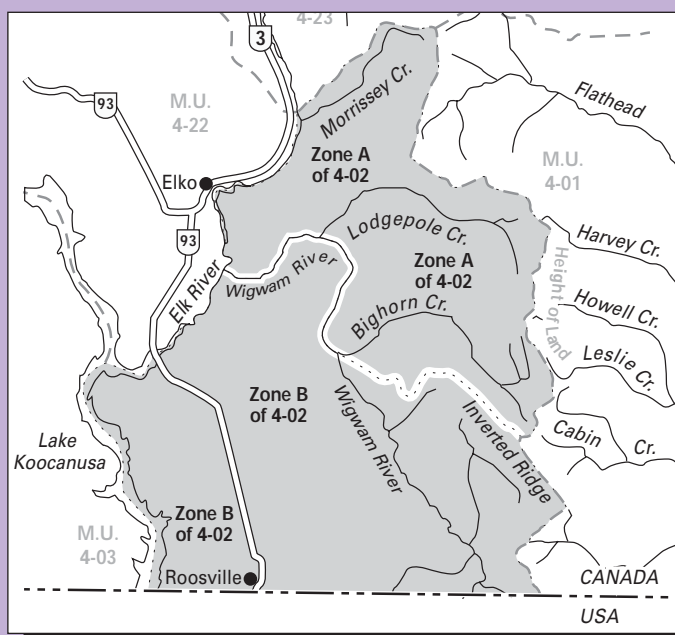


PRIVATE LAND HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT 4-02

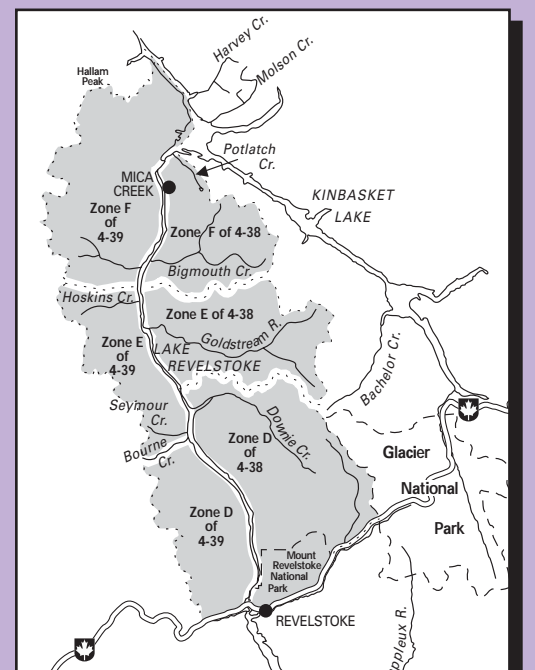
In 2008 the East Kootenay Landowner Enfranchisement Pilot project will be in its third year of operation. This trial project is intended to create or maintain public hunting opportunities on private land in the Grasmere Area which falls within a portion of Wildlife Management Unit 4-02. Hunter access in this relatively small area of private land is coordinated through an advance scheduling system and through a local contact who arranges hunter/landowner meetings and provides hunters with information on where, and where not to hunt.

If you are successful in drawing an authorization for antlerless elk in M.U. 4-02, you will receive a letter inviting your participation. Subject to availability (first come, first served), the project's site coordinator will reserve you a time slot for one of the Grasmere private land "hunt areas". In 2006 and 2007 the project ran smoothly and high hunter success rates were reported.

MAP 4K) MOOSE



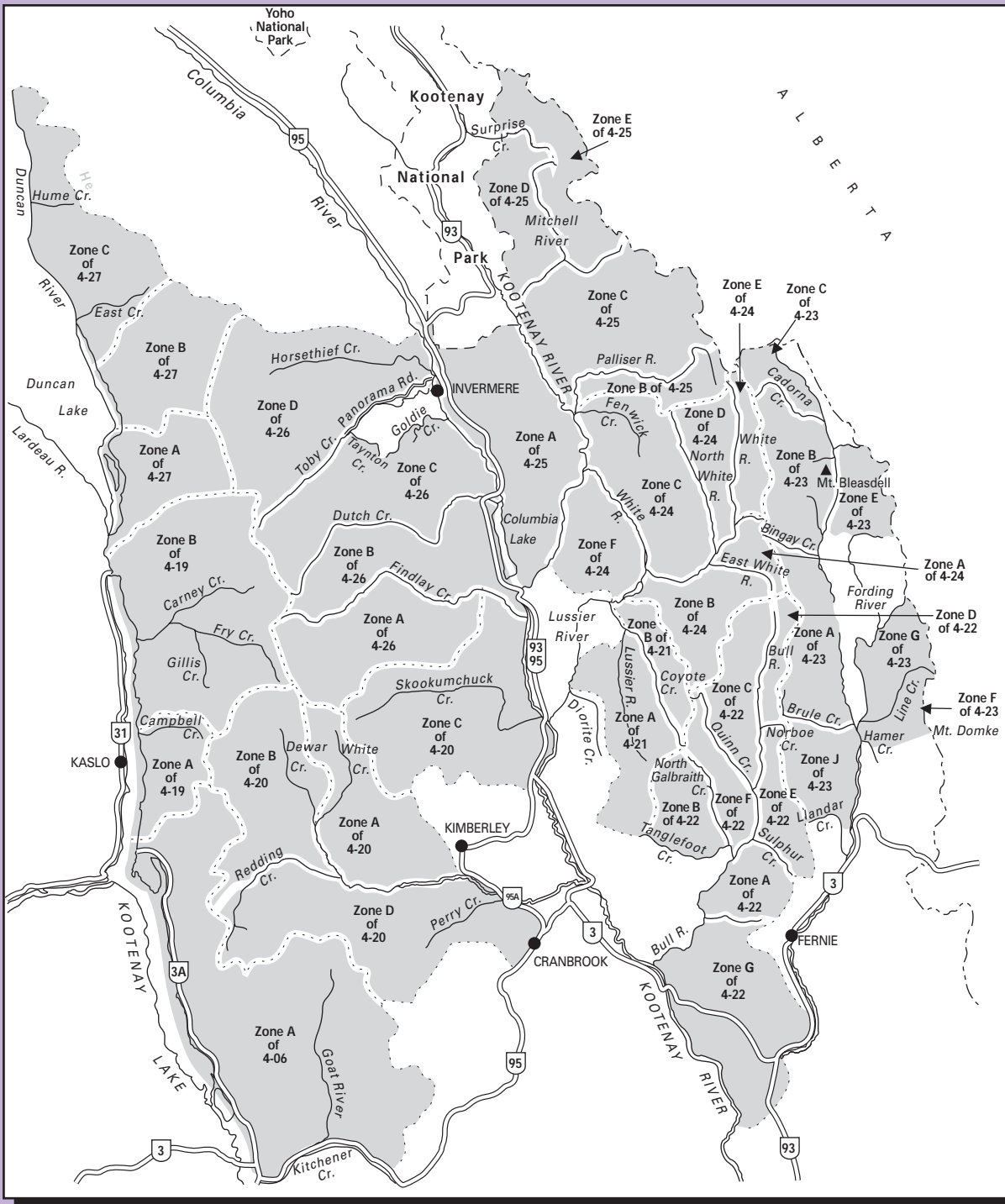
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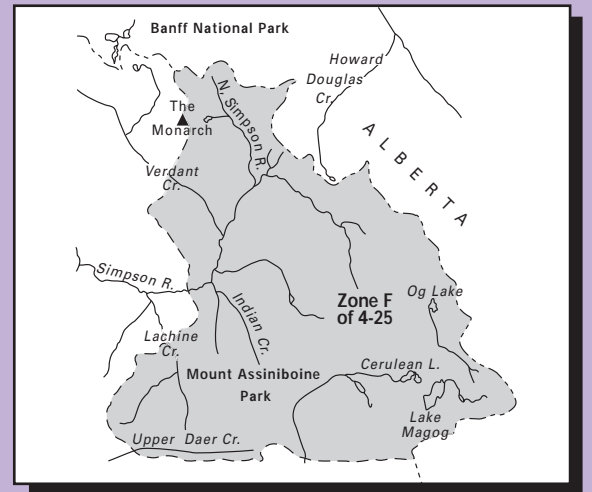
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Region 4

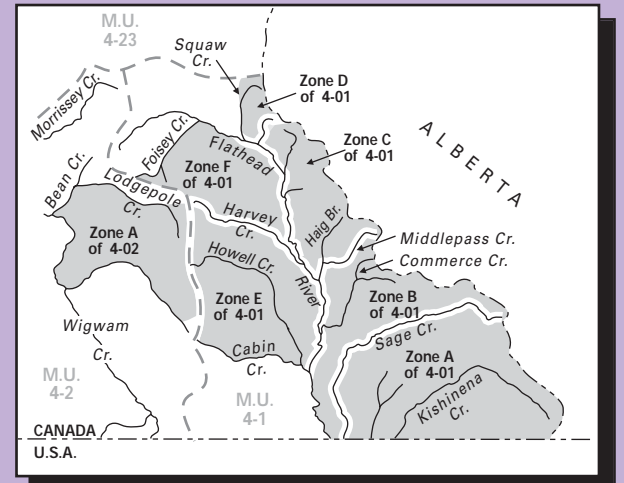
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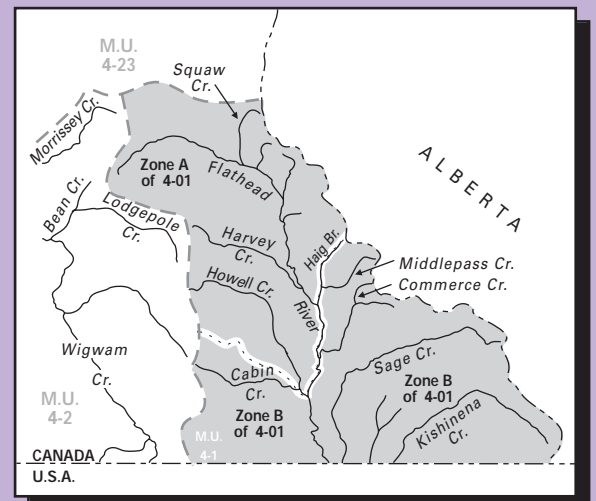
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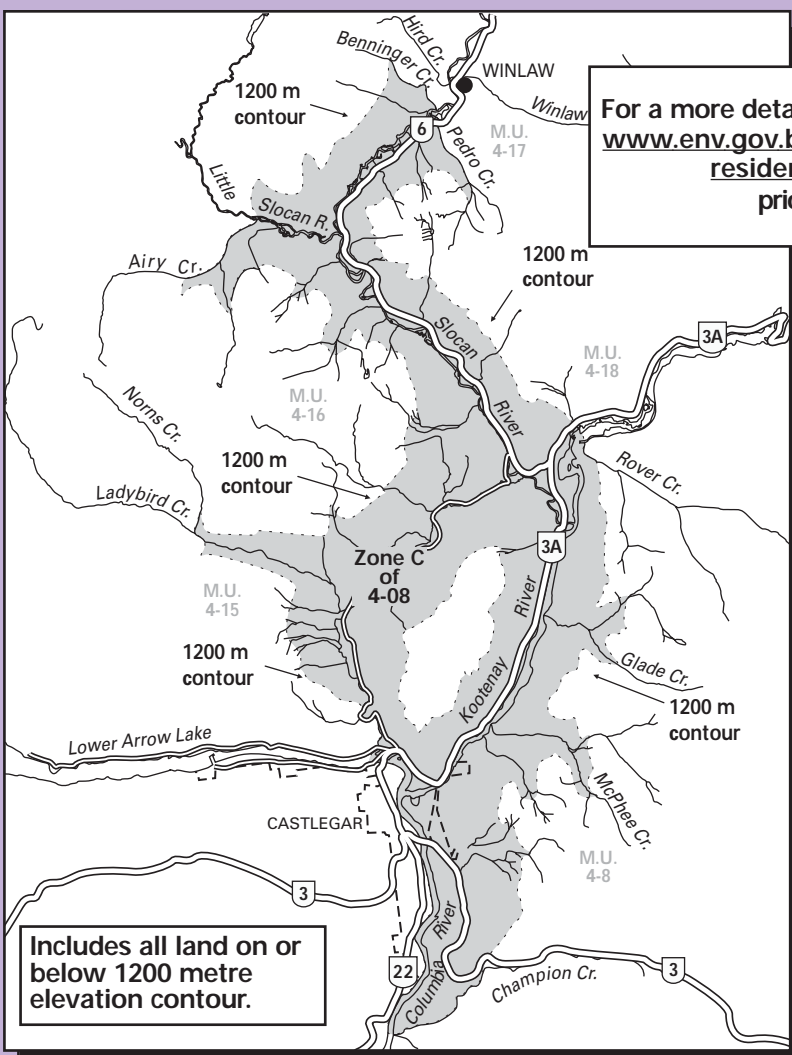
MAP 4O) KOOTENAY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



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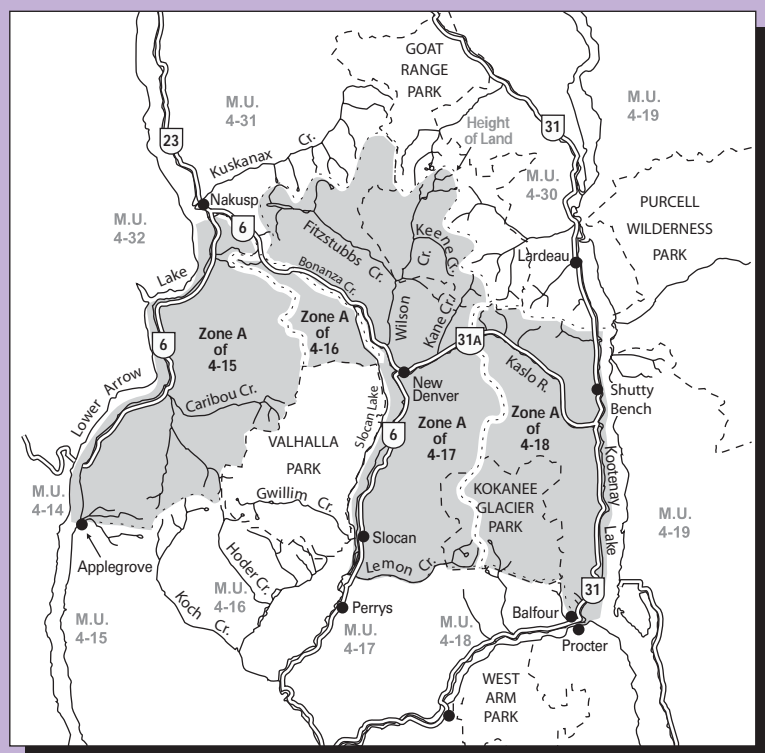


MAP 4Q) KOOTENAY - COW OR CALF ELK



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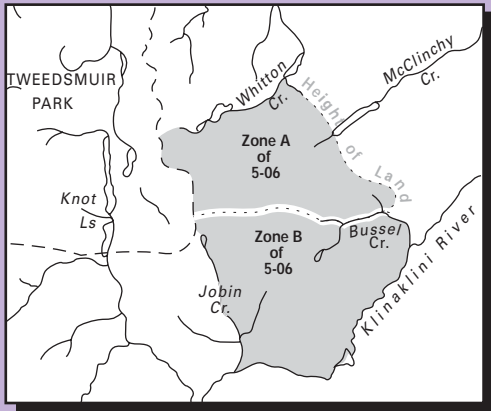
MAP 4R) KOOTENAY - GRIZZLY BEAR



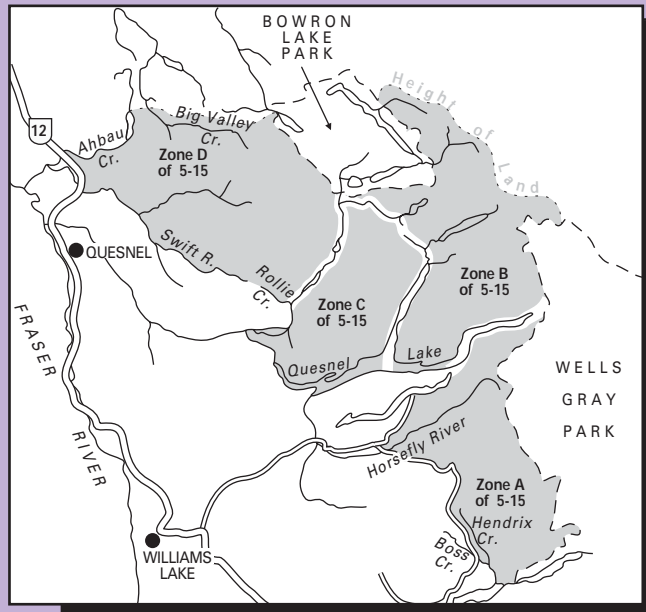
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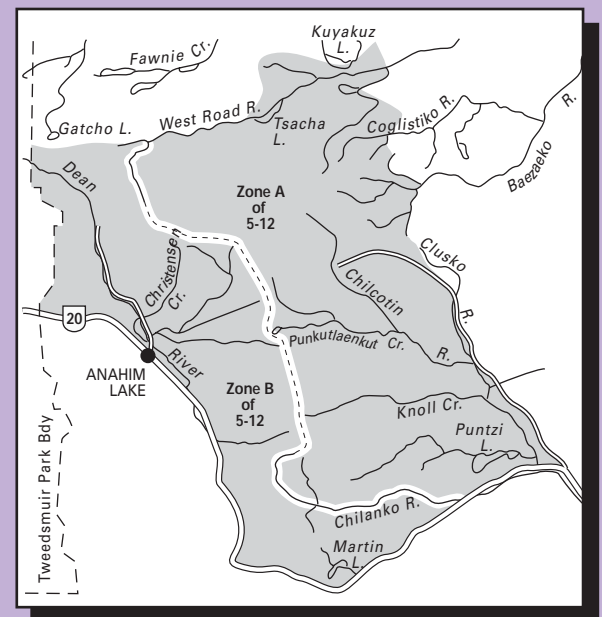
MAP 5A) JOBIN-McCLINCHY - MOUNTAIN GOAT



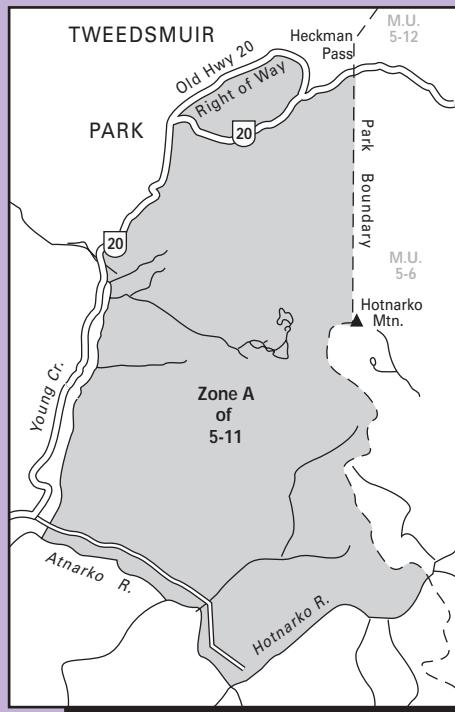
MAP 5B) QUESNEL - MOOSE & GRIZZLY BEAR



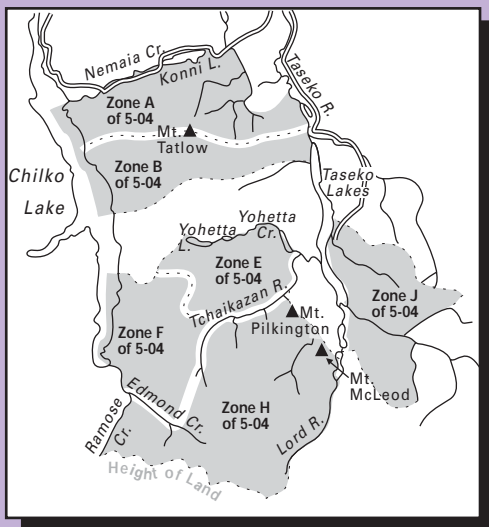
MAP 5C) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE



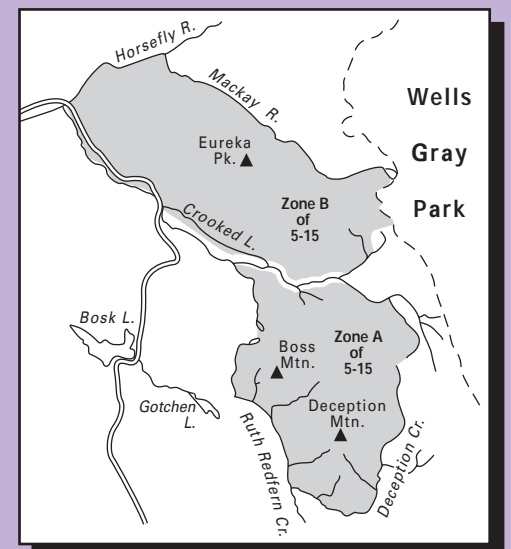
MAP 5E) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE



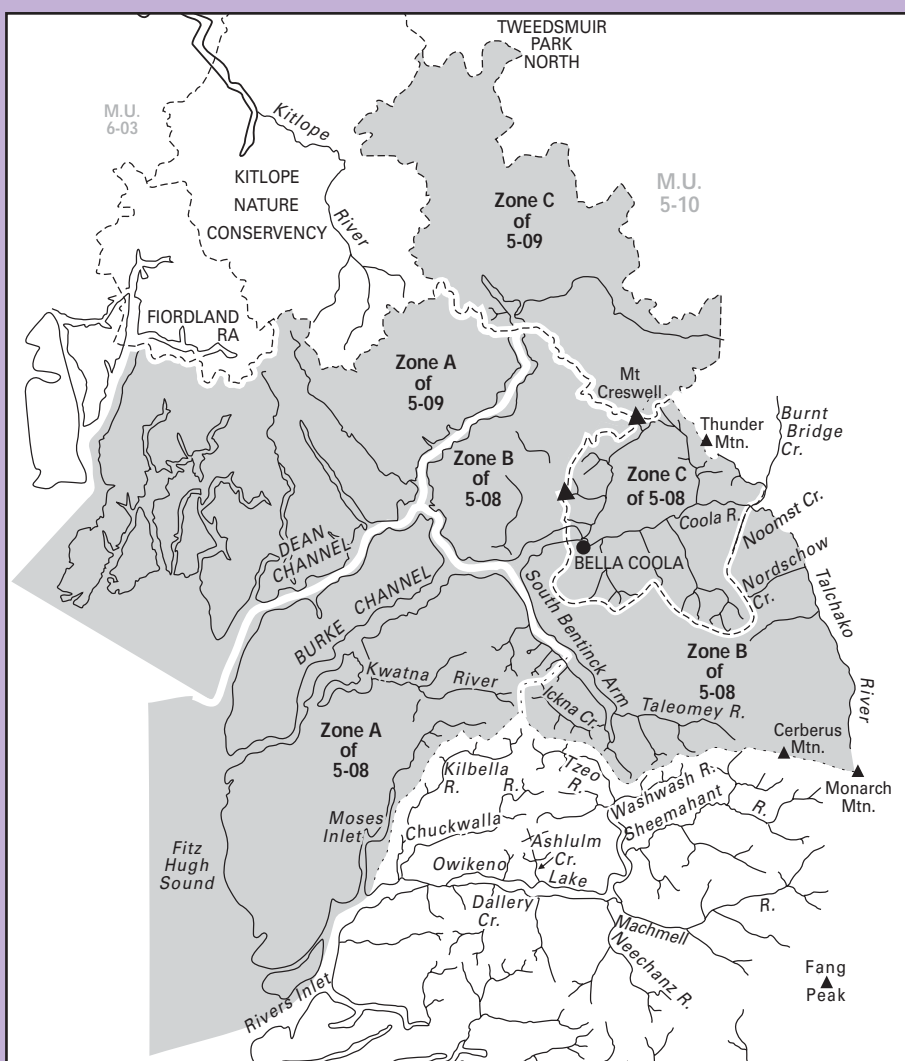
MAP 5D) YOHETTA - MOUNTAIN GOAT



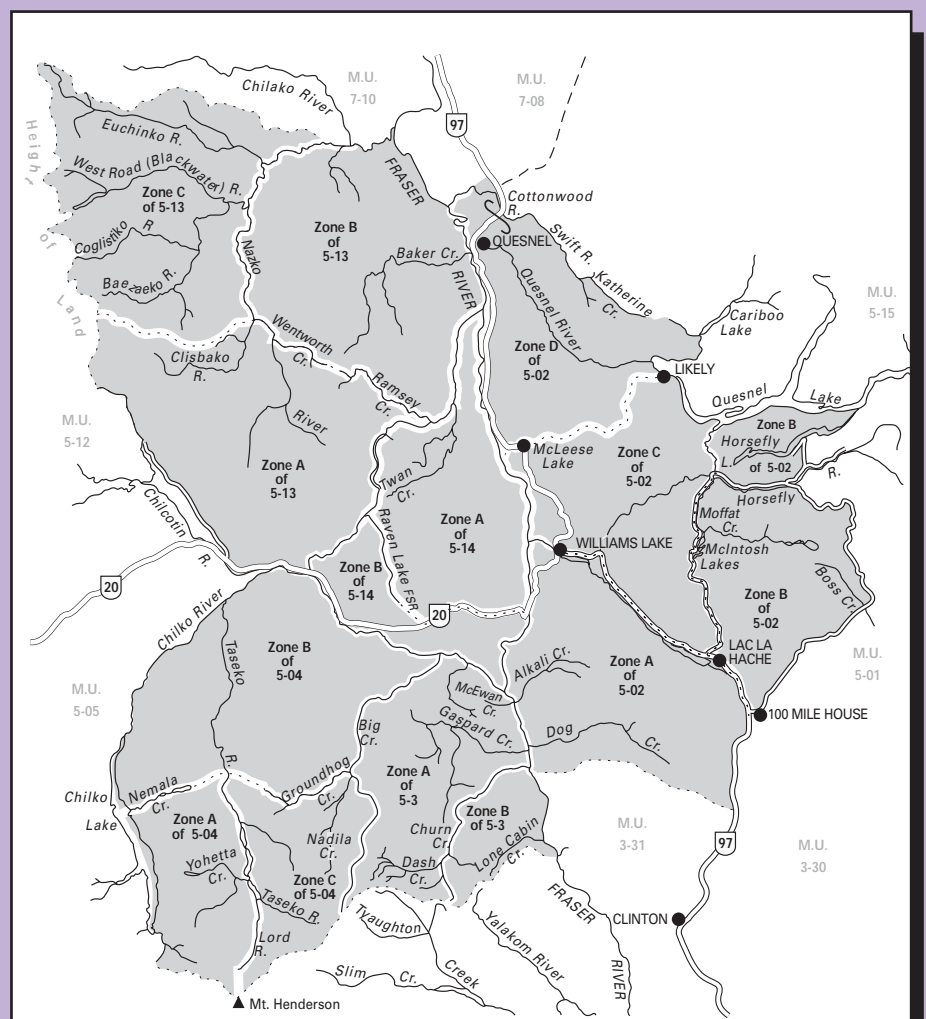
MAP 5F) EUREKA/BOSS-DECEPTION MT. MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 5G) COASTAL - GRIZZLY



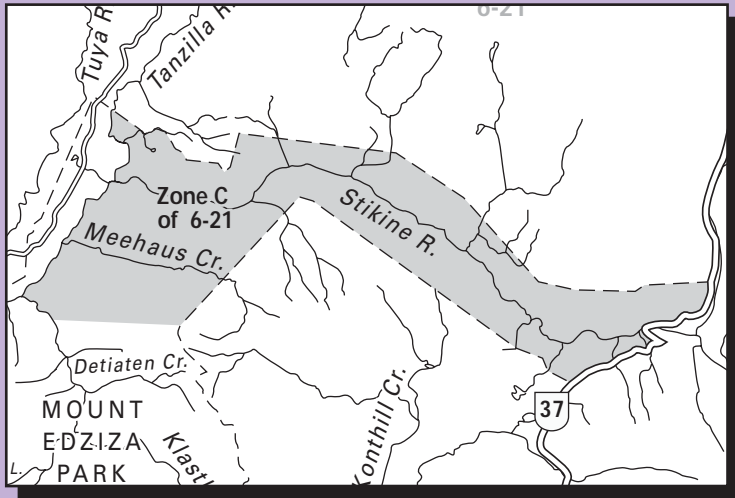
MAP 5H) CARIBOO - BULL MOOSE AND ANTLERLESS MULE DEER



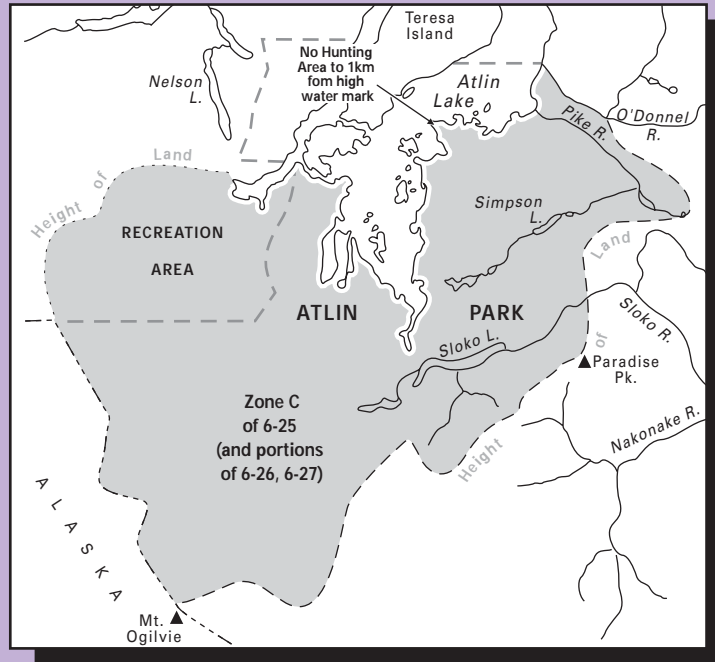
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Region 6

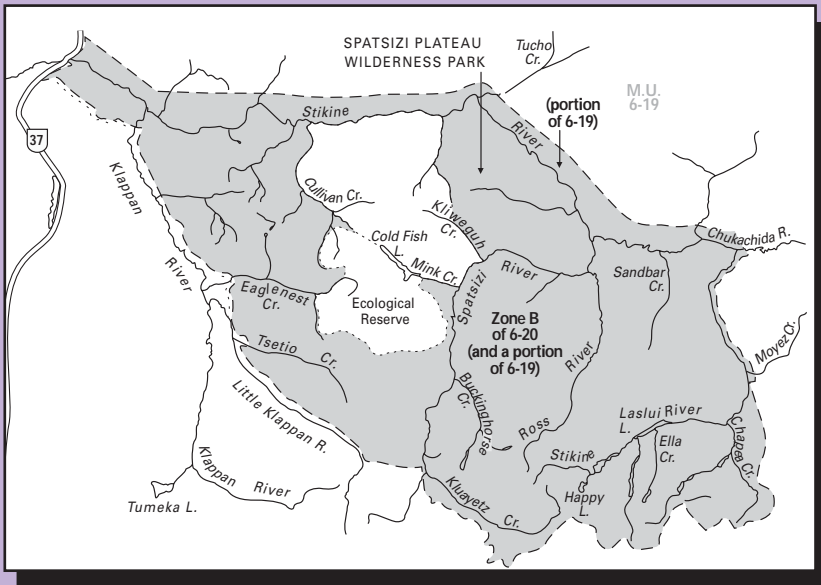
MAP 6A) STIKINE - MOUNTAIN GOAT



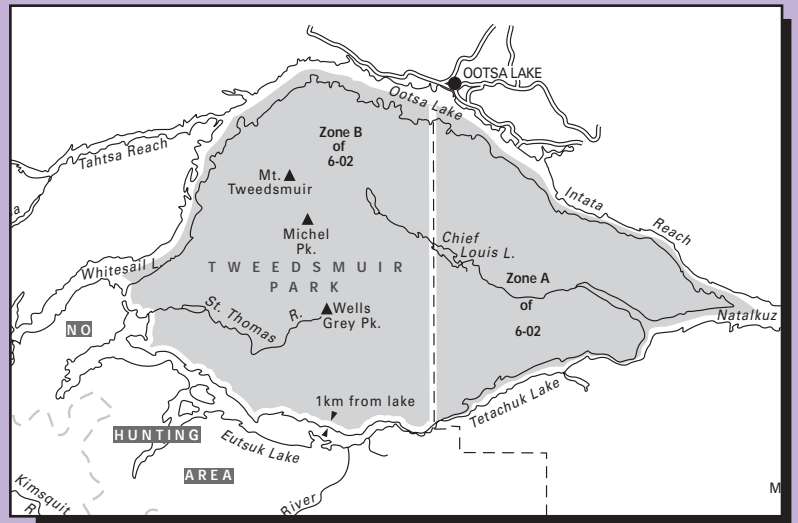
MAP 6B) ATLIN - MOUNTAIN GOAT



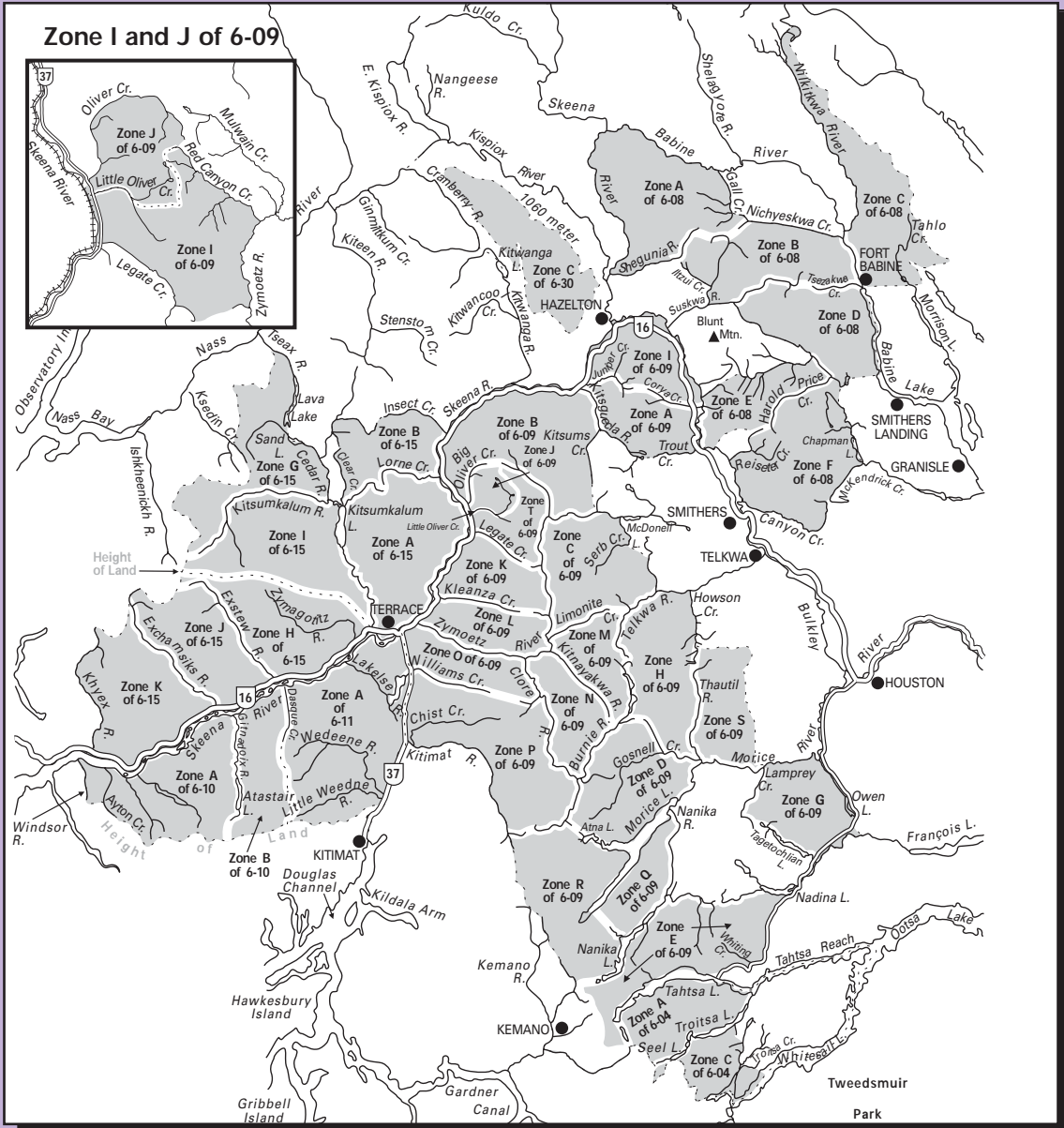
MAP 6C) SPATSIZI - MOUNTAIN GOAT



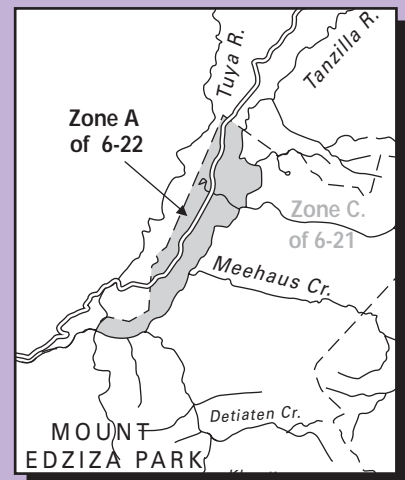
MAP 6D) SMITHERS - MOOSE AND TWEEDSMUIR - MOUNTAIN GOAT



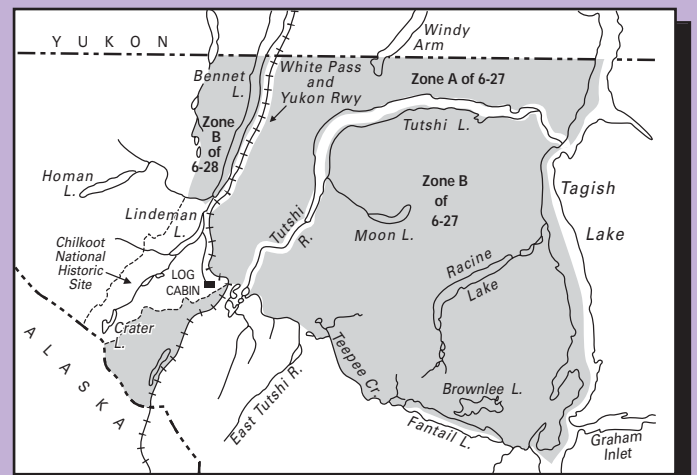
MAP 6E) SKEENA AND BABINE MOUNTAIN - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 6F) STIKINE - MOUNTAIN GOAT



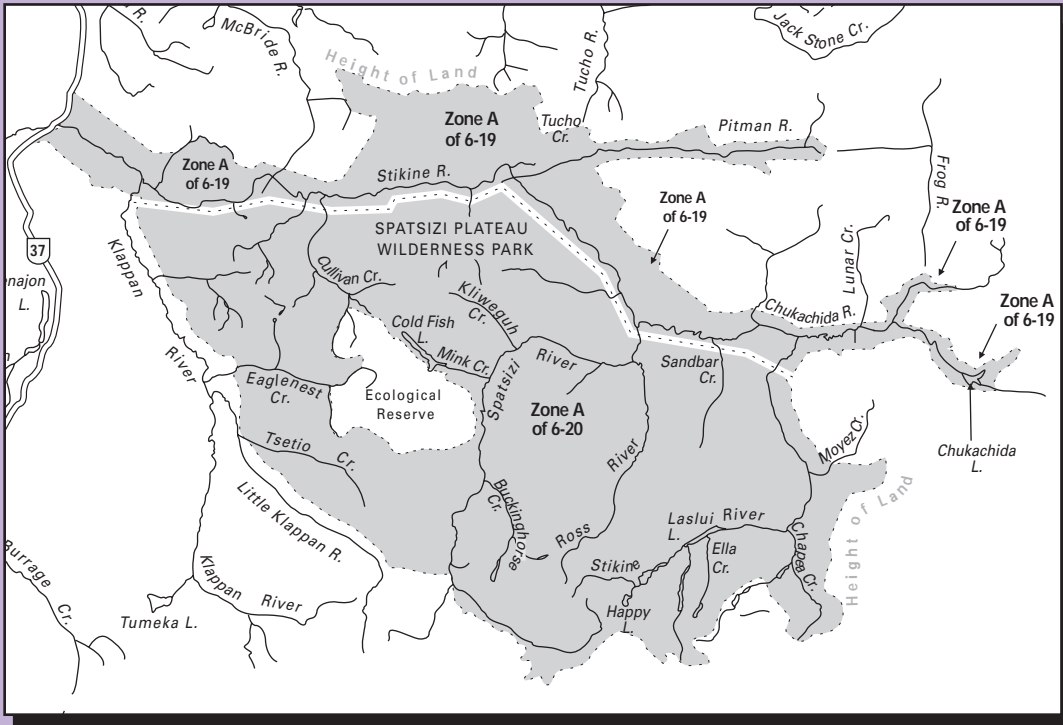
MAP 6G) TAGISH HIGHLANDS - MOUNTAIN GOAT



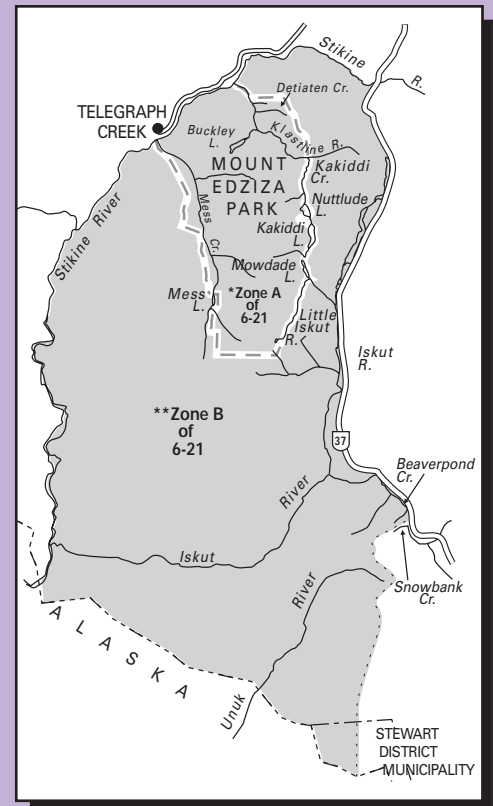
MAP SECTION - RETAIN FOR USE DURING HUNTING

Region 6

MAP 6H) SPATSIZI -STIKINE- MOUNTAIN SHEEP

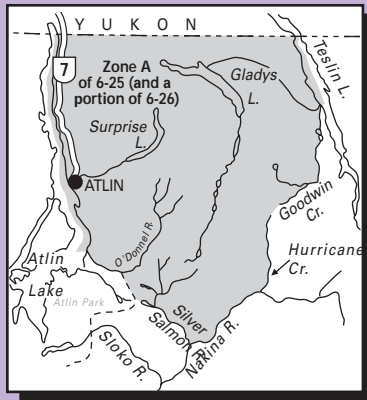


MAP 6I) EDZIZA - MOUNTAIN GOAT, MOUNTAIN SHEEP, CARIBOU & GRIZZLY BEAR

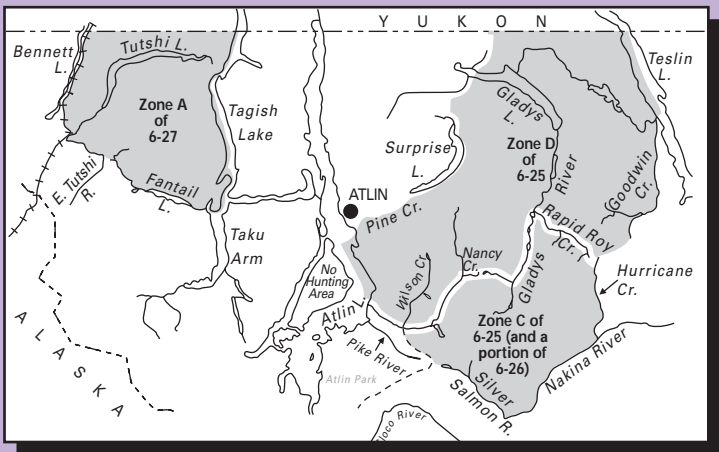


* LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING FOR GRIZZLY BEAR, MOUNTAIN GOAT CARIBOU AND MOUNTAIN SHEEP.
 ** LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING FOR GRIZZLY BEAR ONLY.

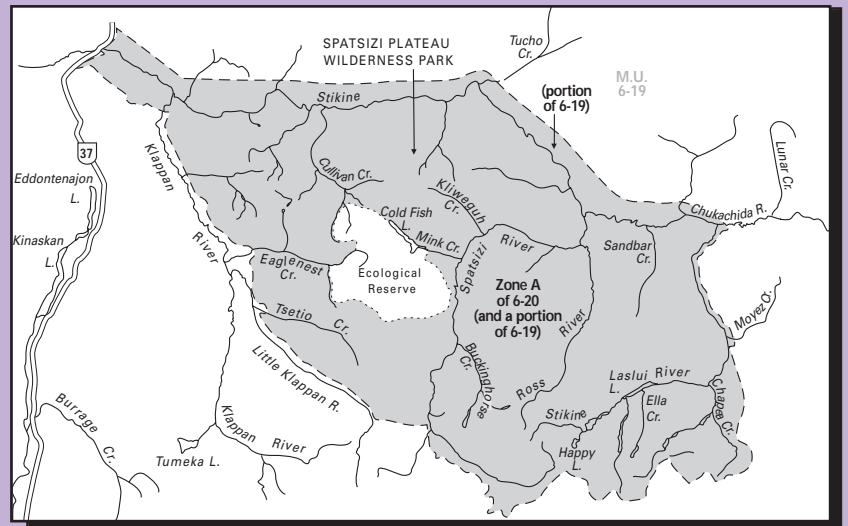
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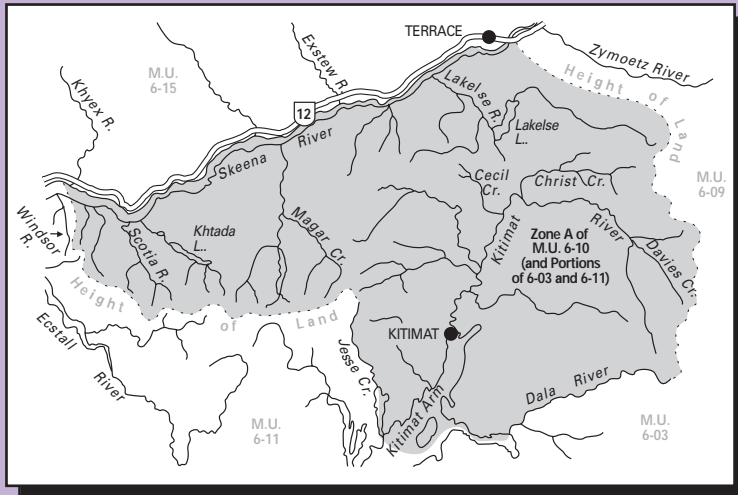
MAP 6J) ATLIN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



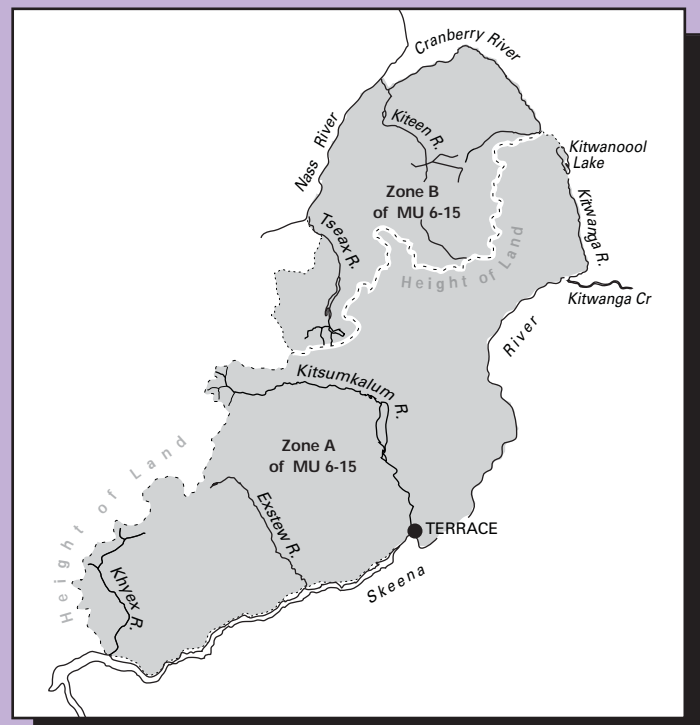
MAP 6M) SPATSIZI - CARIBOU AND MOOSE



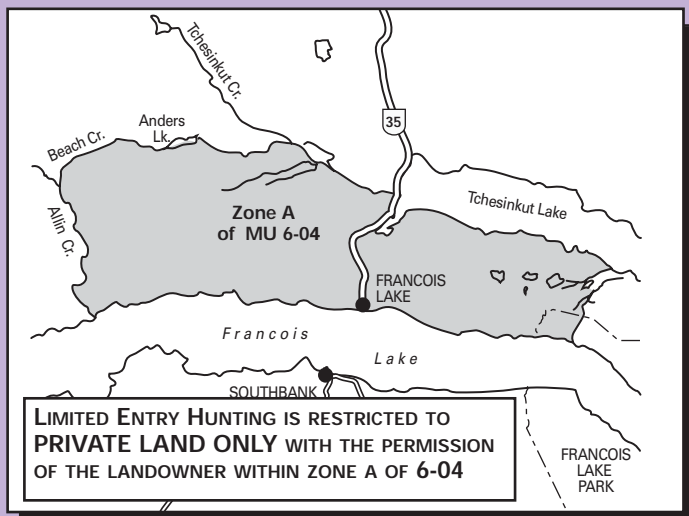
MAP 6K) SMITHERS - BULL MOOSE



MAP 6N) SMITHERS - MOOSE



MAP 6O) FRANCOIS LAKE - MULE DEER

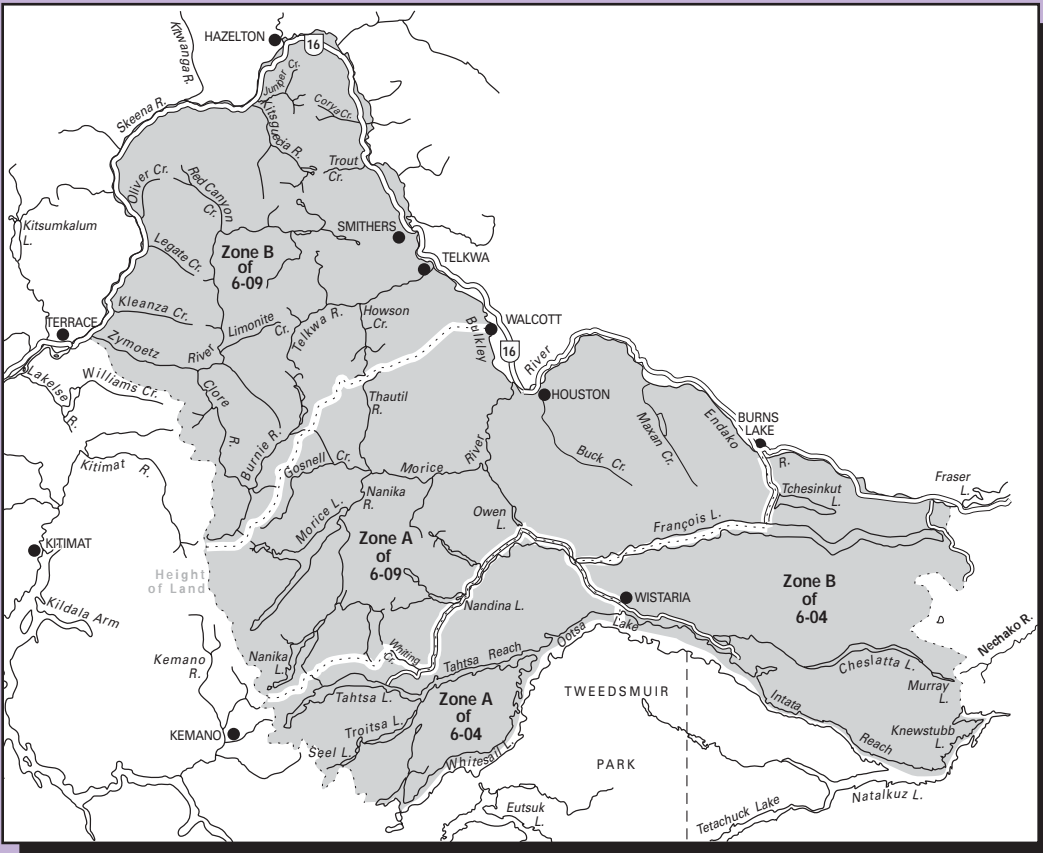


LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING IS RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE LAND ONLY WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER WITHIN ZONE A OF 6-04

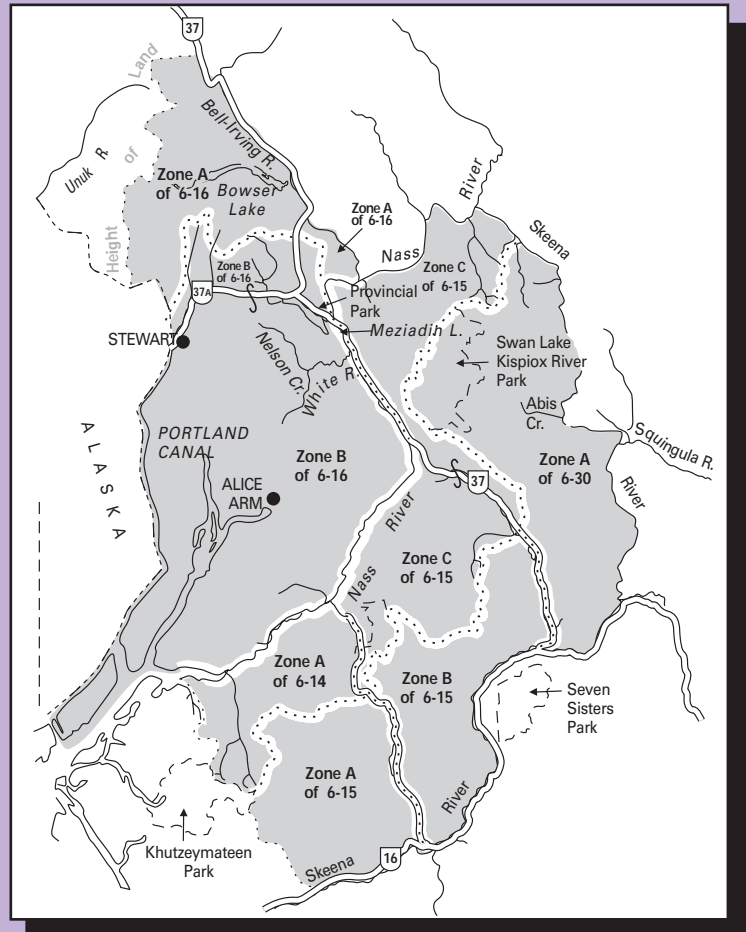
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Region 6

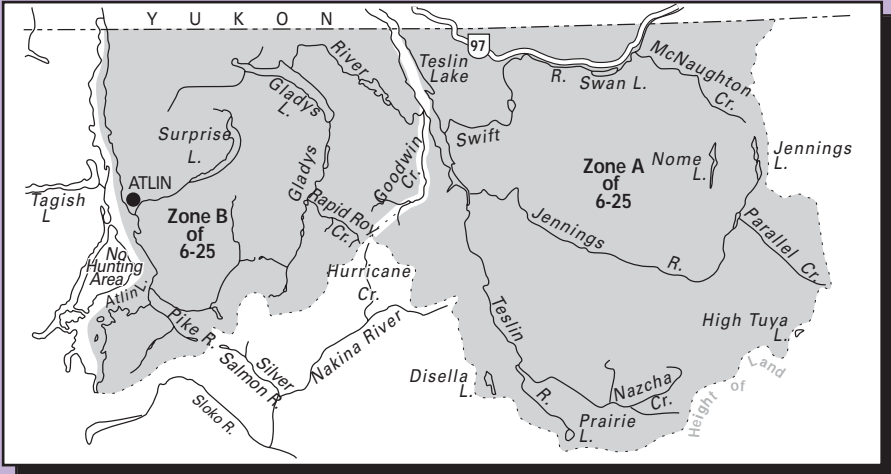
MAP 6P) BULKLEY - TAHTSA GRIZZLY BEAR



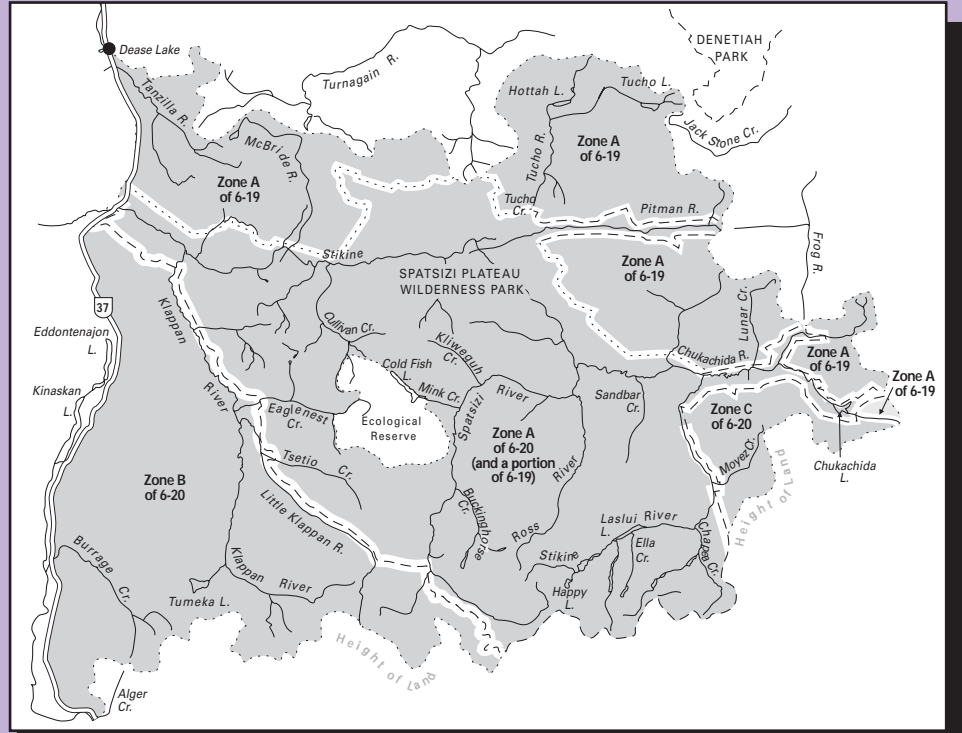
MAP 6Q) MEZIADIN - GRIZZLY BEAR



MAP 6R) TESLIN - GRIZZLY BEAR

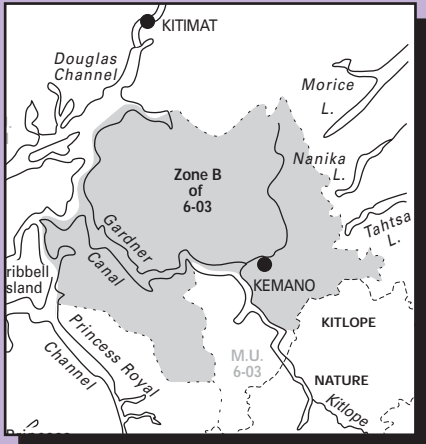


MAP 6S) SPATSIZI - GRIZZLY BEAR



SPATSIZI WILDERNESS PARK: THERE IS NO ROAD ACCESS TO SPATSIZI PARK. BEFORE APPLYING FOR HUNTS IN THIS AREA PLEASE INVESTIGATE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COSTS INVOLVED.

MAP 6T) SKEENA - GRIZZLY BEAR



MAP 6U) BABINE RIVER GRIZZLY CLOSED AREA

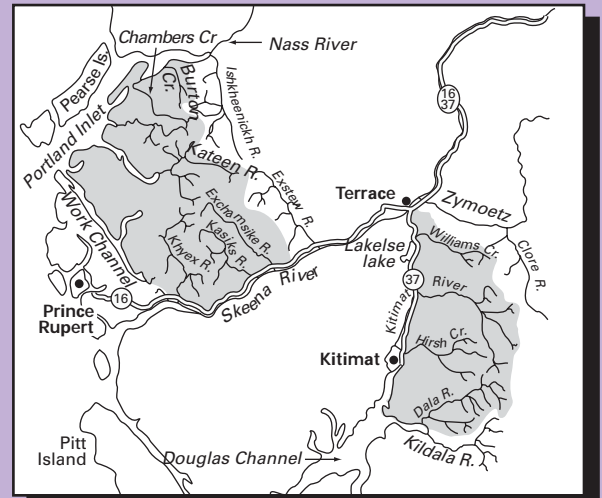


BABINE RIVER GRIZZLY CLOSED AREA IS CLOSED SEPT. 1-NOV. 15

MAP 6V) KITLOPE GRIZZLY CLOSED AREA



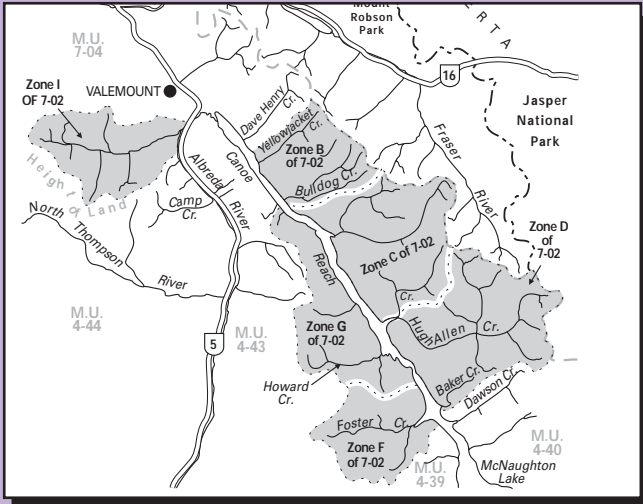
MAP 6W) TRANSITION & COASTAL GRIZZLY CLOSED AREA



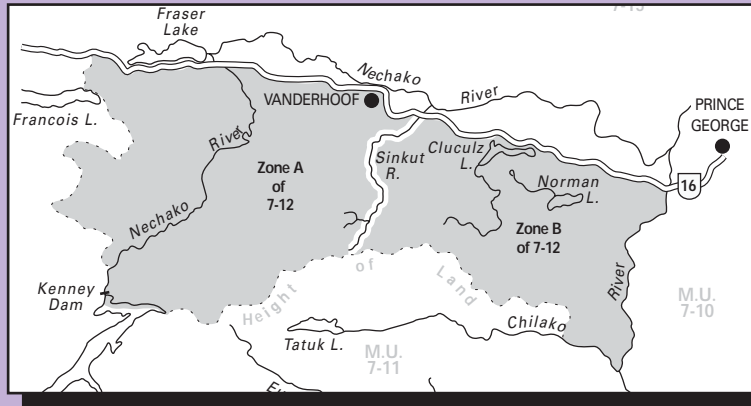
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Region 7

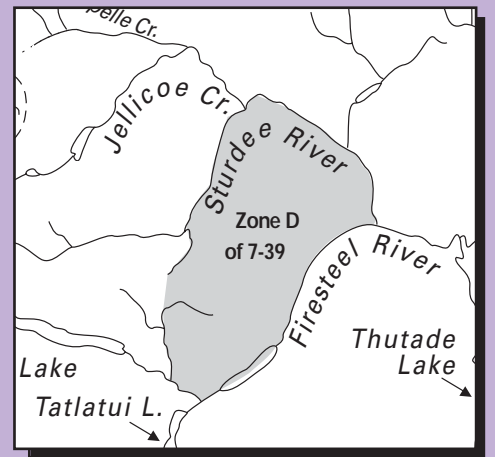
MAP 7i) KINBASKET - MOUNTAIN GOAT



MAP 7j) PRINCE GEORGE - MOOSE

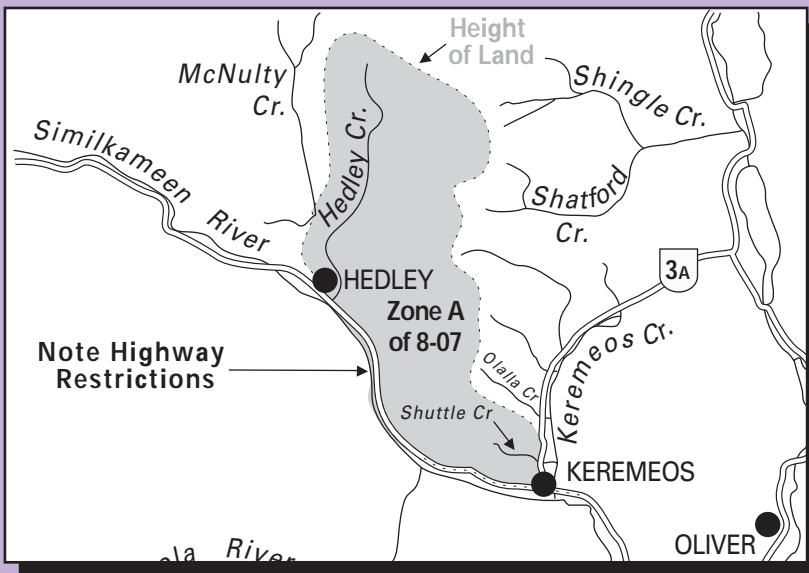


MAP 7k) EDOZADELLE - CARIBOU



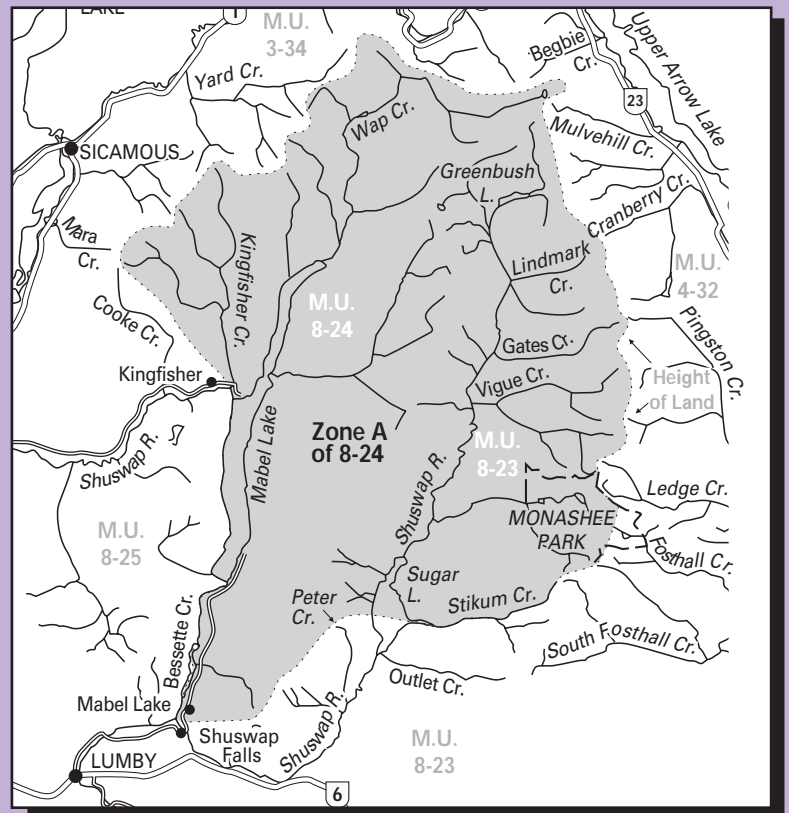
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MAP 8A) SIMILKAMEEN - MOUNTAIN GOAT

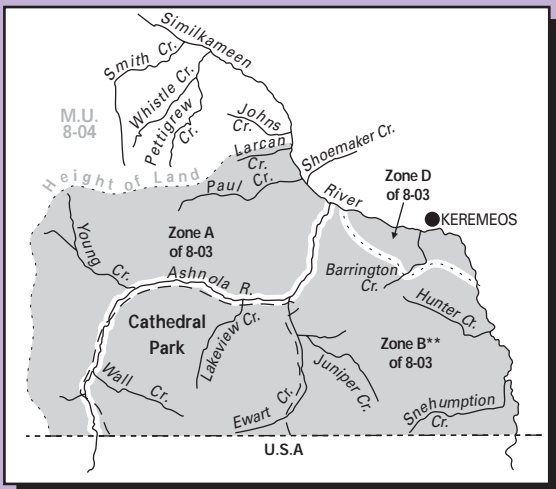


NOTICE TO SIMILKAMEEN MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTERS:
 No person shall hunt mountain goat within 0.4 km of the northern boundary of Highway No. 3 between Hedley and Keremeos.
 Indian reserves are private land. Permission must be obtained from the local Indian business office in order to hunt across Reserve lands.

MAP 8B) GRANBY - GRIZZLY BEAR

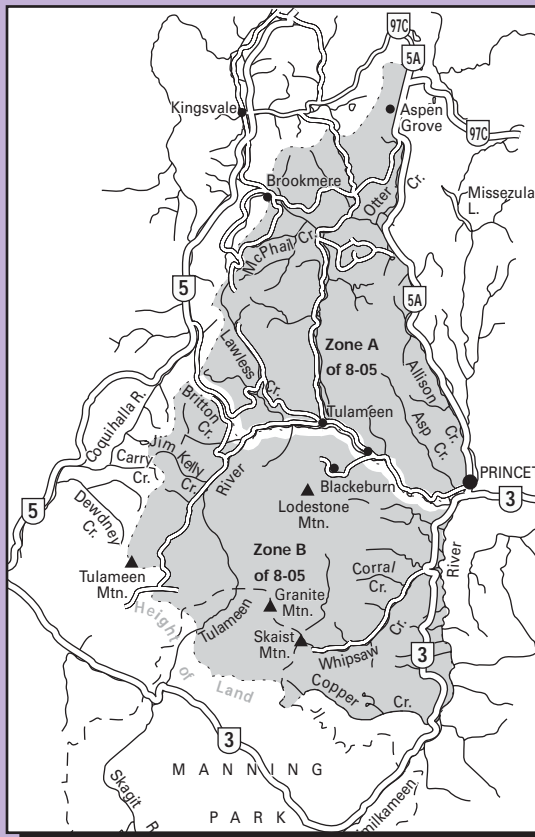


MAP 8C) ASHNOLA - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

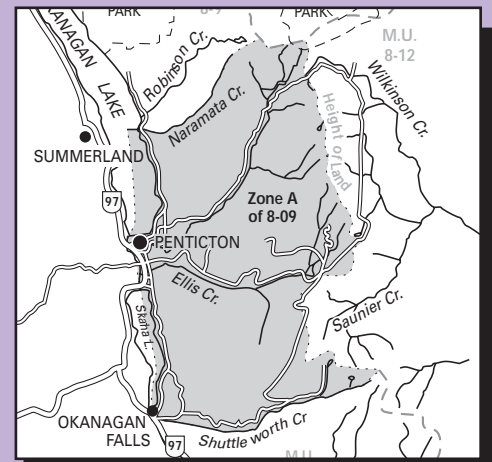


NOTICE TO ASHNOLA MOUNTAIN SHEEP HUNTERS:
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MAP 8D) OKANAGAN - MULE (BLACK-TAILED) DEER



MAP 8E) OKANAGAN - MOUNTAIN SHEEP



MAP 8F) GRANBY - MOUNTAIN SHEEP

