

REGION 1

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 changes prior to your hunt.



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 POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES

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

CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Haida Gwaii
Ministry Regional Office, Nanaimo: (250) 751-7220

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Campbell River, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, Queen Charlotte City, and Victoria

Major Regulation Changes for 2016-2018

1. Removal of species licence requirements to hunt fallow deer.
2. Expansion of the No Shooting area around the Jordan River.

NOTICE! GRIZZLY BEARS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

There have been a number of Grizzly Bear sightings on northern Vancouver Island in recent years. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken and hunters are reminded that there is no open season for Grizzly Bears on the island. Please report any sightings of a Grizzly Bear on Vancouver Island (which would be brown in colour compared to the uniformly black colour of Black Bears on Vancouver Island) to the Nanaimo Regional office, (250) 751-7220, or the 24 hour call center line at 1-877-952-7277. For more information on bear safety visit: www.bearaware.bc.ca/bears/safety.html

**For information on Wildlife
 Permits and Commercial Licences,
 please see page 24.**

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

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

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

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

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

- ★ The Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area in MU 1-5 (see Map A19)
- ★ Willow Creek in MU 1-6 (see Map A20)
- ★ Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain (in order to protect the habitat for Vancouver Island Marmots)

★ **ATV and Snowmobile Closed**

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

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

▶ Antlerless deer hunters please review the regulations carefully. There is no open season for antlerless deer in areas where rifles are permitted in Region 1 except by way of LEH in a portion of MU 1-15 and for youth hunters in MU's 1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, and 1-10. Please refer to special seasons in special shotgun or bow only portions of MU's 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-15: see Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23 and Map A35.

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

▶ No hunting of black bears within 800 m

of the intersection of Beaver Cove Road and Telegraph Cove Road in MU 1-1

▶ Hunters are reminded that the Nanaimo River estuary is within city limits. A municipal bylaw restricts hunting to only a portion of the estuary and only during migratory bird seasons. Maps of the area open to hunting are available for viewing at the Ministry Regional Office in Nanaimo, or from the City of Nanaimo.

▶ The discharge of rifles is prohibited in MU 1-1 except on Valdes Island, Sidney Island and James Island (and except by permit elsewhere). Note: No Shooting or Hunting areas in MU 1-1, Maps A2 to A6.

▶ Nanoose Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-5) - From the mean high water mark at the southeast corner of the Qualicum National Wildlife Area east to the mean high water mark on the Department of Defence property line and the shore area between these points (400 m out onto the water from the mean high water mark).

▶ Qualicum National Wildlife Areas (MU 1-6) - Hunting, trapping, fishing or the possession of any firearm (*Canada Wildlife Act*) is prohibited in this area. For further details contact the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Delta (604-350-1950) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 m on either side of the midline of Westcan Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 m seaward from, and including the paved area of Westcan Terminals Port site (situated in MU 1-4). See Map A11.

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

Gulf Islands Licence Hunting Area

▶ **Hunters planning to hunt on Gulf Islands within MU 1-1 and 1-06 should be aware that the majority of these islands are comprised of private land**

and National Park. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt. There is no hunting within Gulf Islands National Park.

▶ No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

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

▶ All persons 18 years of age or older hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) and/or Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6, are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence, available at Service BC offices. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence.

BC PARKS

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

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

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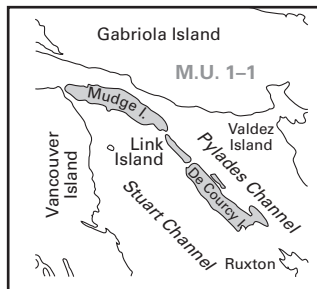
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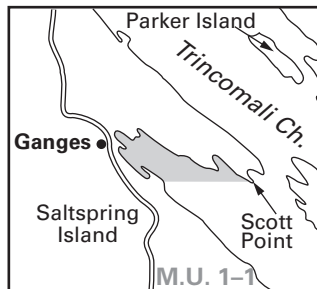
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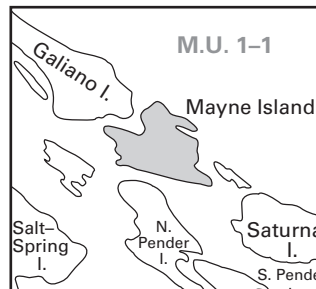
VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS				
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼I-1 to I-15	Bucks	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Special Areas only - see maps	+I-1, +I-2, +I-4, +I-5, +I-6, +I-15	Antlerless	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Gulf Islands only	▲ I-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1
Youth Only Season**	I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6, I-10	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only Season	▼★I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Bow Only Season	+I-1, +I-2, +I-4, +I-5, +I-6, +I-15	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Youth Bow Only Season**	★ I-1, I-2, I-4, to I-6, I-10	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	1
▼ A portion of MU I-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.				
* On Denman and Hornby Island season date is Oct 5 to Dec 10 ** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18				
+ Season applies only to a portion of these MUs. I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6, I-15. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and map A35.				
▲ Restricted to Gulf Islands, excluding Saltspring Island and Gabriola Island.				
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 (except Gabriola Island), in Zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
FALLOW DEER	I-1	Either sex	No Closed Season	NBL
Species licence no longer required for fallow deer.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	I-14, I-15		Sept 10 – Nov 30	1
Compulsory Inspection Required.				
BLACK BEAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 – Dec 10	2
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
Bow Only Season	★I-1 to I-15		Aug 25 - Sept 9	
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1(except Gabriola Island) or in zone B of MU I-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU I-6).				
WOLF	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	3
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
All wolf taken in Region 1 must be Compulsory Reported.				
COUGAR	I-1 to I-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	I-1 to I-15		Apr 1 - June 15	
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. All cougar taken in Region 1 must be Compulsory Inspected.				
RACCOON	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	10
SNOWSHOE HARE	I-14, I-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
OPPOSUM, SKUNK	I-1 to I-15		No Closed Season	NBL
A person who kills an opossum is requested to submit the carcass to an officer of the Wildlife Program at a regional or district office and provide the following information: location of the kill, date of kill and sex of animal.				
GROUSE: SOOTY (Blue) & RUFFED	I-1 to I-15		Sept 1 - Dec 31	5 each (15 each)
Bow Only Season	I-1 to I-15		Aug 20 - Aug 31	
There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU I-1 or in zone B of MU I-5. See Map A17.				
PTARMIGAN	I-14, I-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	I-1 to I-15		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
No open season on mountain quail.				
PHEASANT	I-1 to I-9	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
RAVEN	★ I-1		No Closed Season	5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	I-1 to I-15		Sept 15 – Sept 30	5 (15)
		2016-2017	2017-2018	
COOTS,COMMON SNIPE	I-1 to I-15	Oct 8, 2016 - Jan 20, 2017	Oct 7, 2017 - Jan 19, 2018	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15	Oct 8, 2016 - Jan 20, 2017	Oct 7, 2017 - Jan 19, 2018	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESSE: SNOW and ROSS'S	I-1 to I-15	Oct 8, 2016 - Jan 20, 2017	Oct 7, 2017 - Jan 19, 2018	5 (15)
GEESSE: WHITE-FRONTED	I-1 to I-15	Oct 8, 2016 - Jan 20, 2017	Oct 7, 2017 - Jan 19, 2018	5 (15)
GEESSE: CANADA and CACKLING	I-3, I-8 to I-15	Oct 8, 2016 - Jan 20, 2017	Oct 7, 2017 - Jan 19, 2018	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7	Sept 3, 2016 - Sept 11, 2016	Sept 2, 2017 - Sept 10, 2017	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7	Oct 8, 2016 - Nov 20, 2016	Oct 7, 2017 - Nov 19, 2017	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7	Dec 17, 2016 - Jan 8, 2017	Dec 16, 2017 - Jan 17, 2018	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7	Feb 10, 2017 - Mar 10, 2017	Feb 10, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018	10 (30)
▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU I-4, see below				
	*I-4 (Cowichan Bay)	Oct 8, 2016 - Nov 20, 2016	Oct 7, 2017 - Nov 19, 2017	10 (30)
		Dec 17, 2016 - Jan 8, 2017	Dec 16, 2017 - Jan 7, 2018	10 (30)
		Feb 10, 2017 - Mar 10, 2017	Feb 10, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018	10 (30)
	*I-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)	Oct 8, 2016 - Oct 17, 2016	Oct 7, 2017 - Oct 16, 2017	10 (30)
		Dec 17, 2016 - Dec 31, 2016	Dec 16, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017	10 (30)
		Feb 18, 2017 - Mar 10, 2017	Feb 17, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018	10 (30)
* See Map A11.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)				
DUCKS and GEESSE	I-1 to I-15	Oct 1, 2016 - Oct 2, 2016	Sept 30, 2017 - Oct 1, 2017	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				



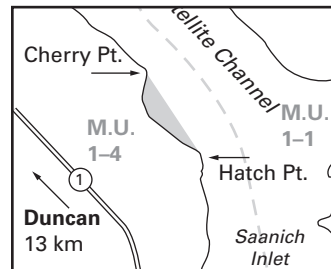
Map A1 Mudge and DeCourcy Islands - No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



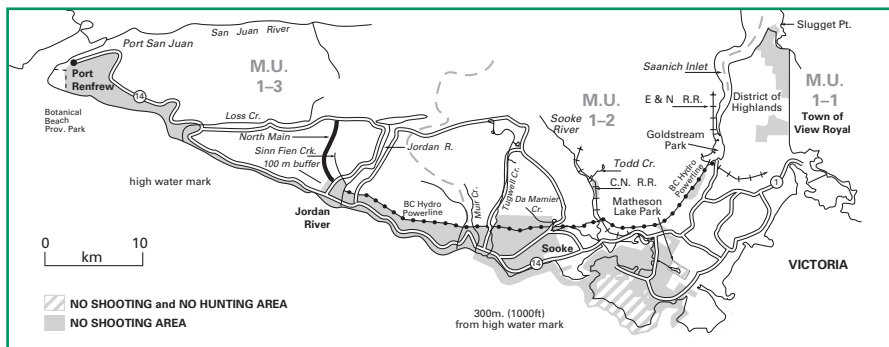
Map A2 Ganges - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



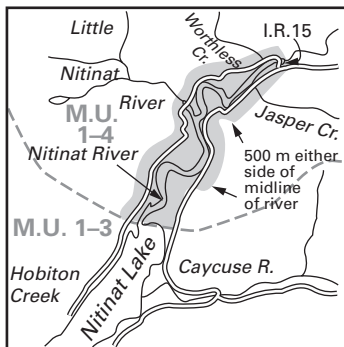
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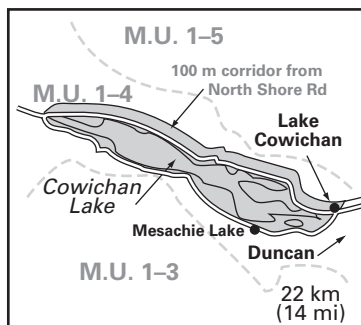
Map A4 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



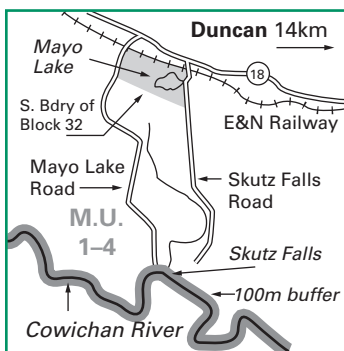
Map A5 Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



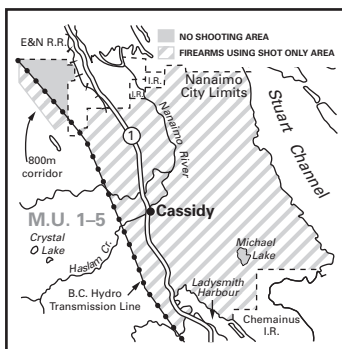
Map A8 Nitinat River - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



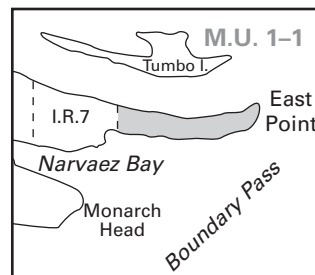
Map A9 Cowichan Lake - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



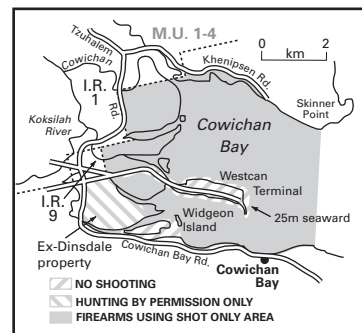
Map A12 Mayo Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4). Note: Cowichan River No Shooting Area within 100m of the river from Holt Creek Trail to the municipality of Lake Cowichan.



Map A13 Nanaimo/Ladysmith - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season (east of the powerline). Michael Lake No Shooting Area on Michael Lake to the high water mark.



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

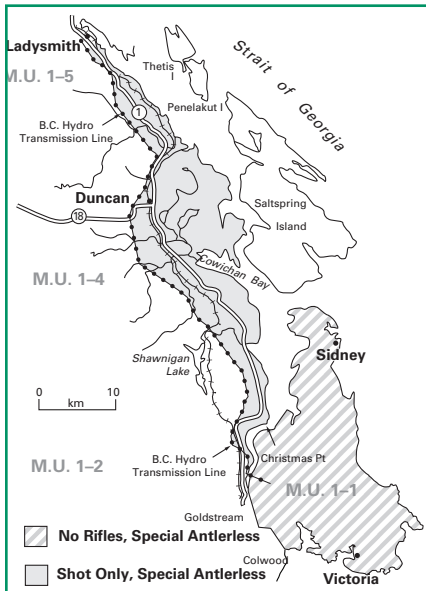


Map A11 Cowichan Bay Area (situated in MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Firearms Using Shot Only Area, Sept 15 to Mar 11. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See General Open Seasons Table.

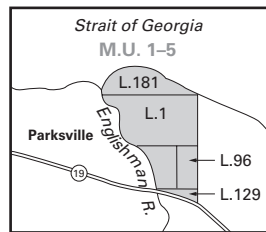


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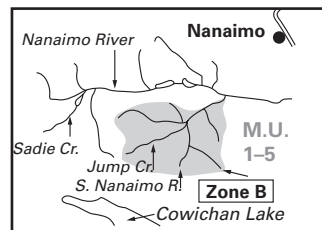
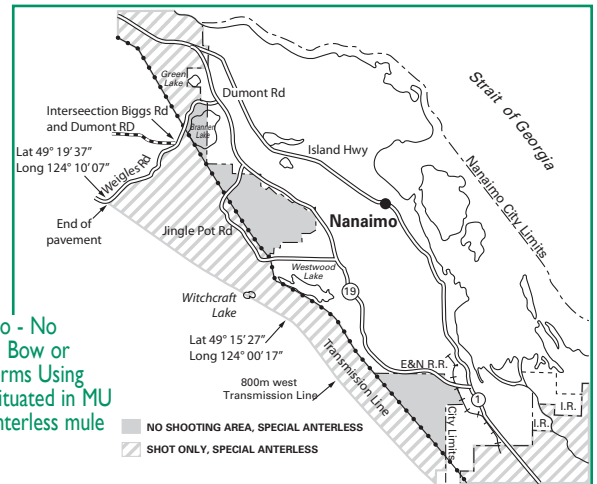


Map A15 Ladysmith/Malahat - Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.

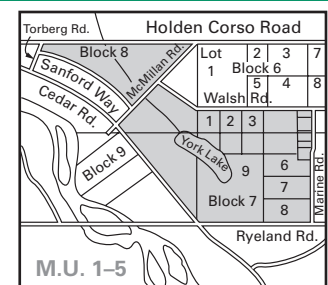


Map A14 Englishman River - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-5).

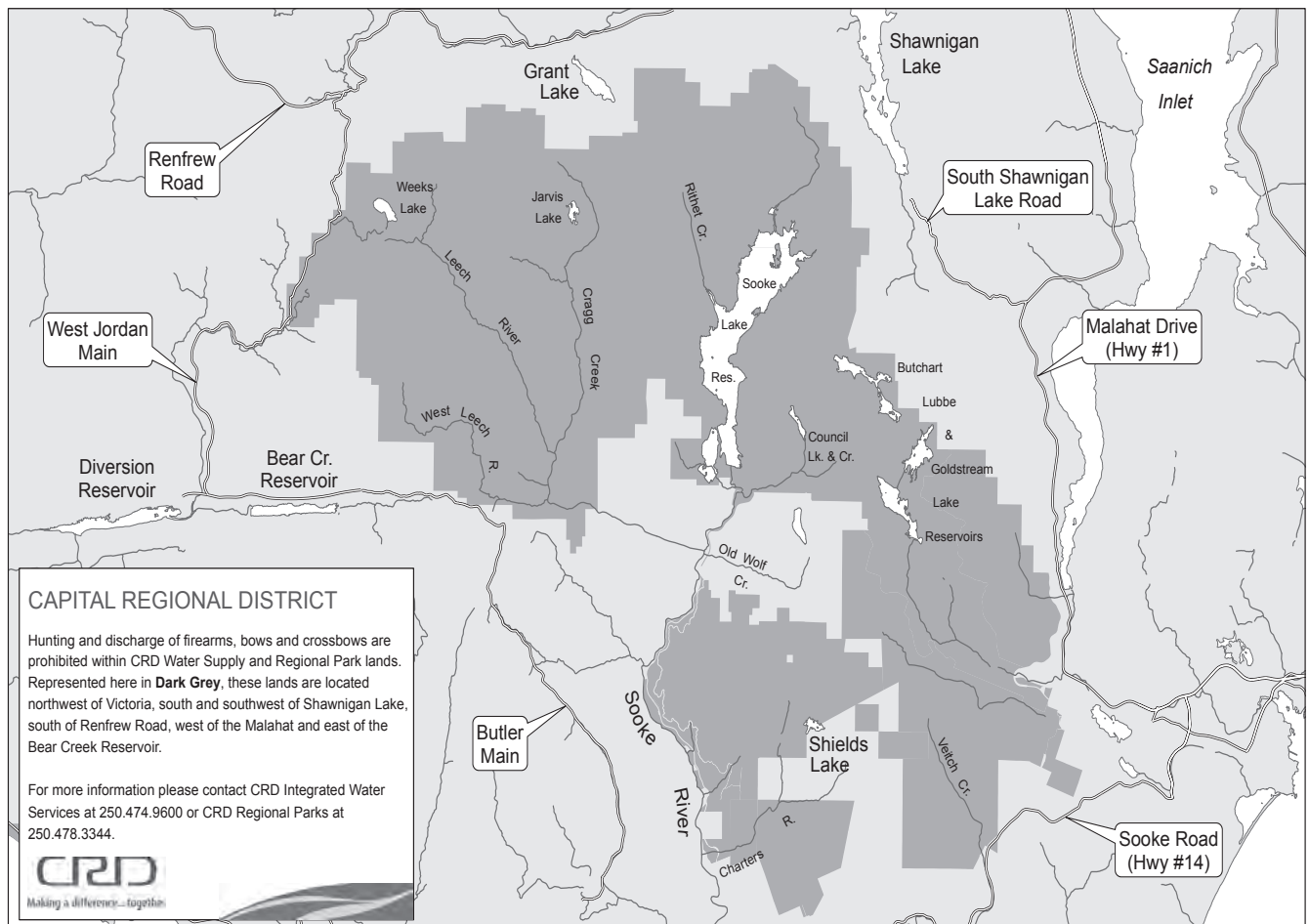
Map A16 Nanaimo - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.

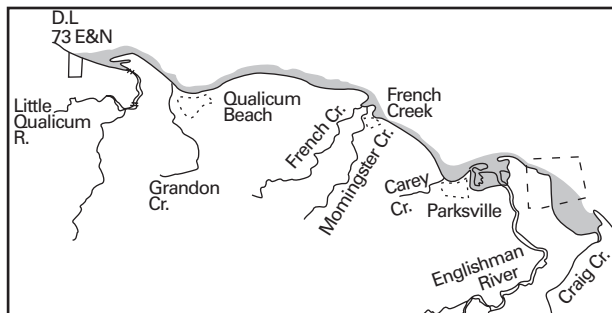


Map A17 Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATV's (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (situated in MU 1-5) in the watershed of the S. Nanaimo River.

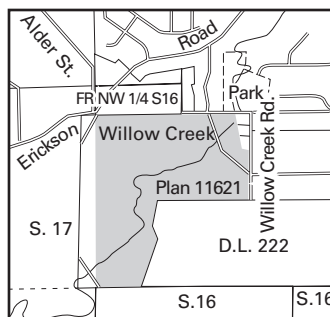


Map A18 York Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-5).

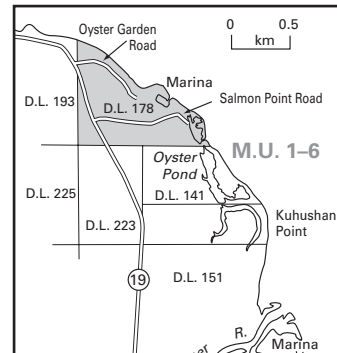




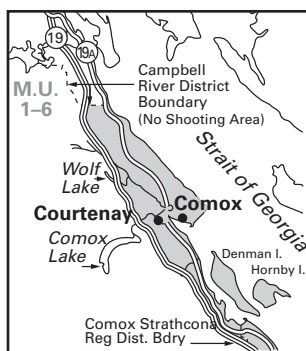
Map A19 Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (situated in MU 1-5) Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



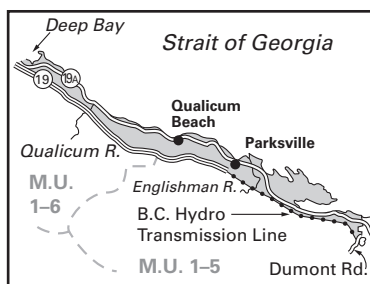
Map A20 Willow Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 1-6).



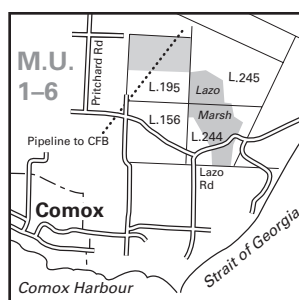
Map A21 Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



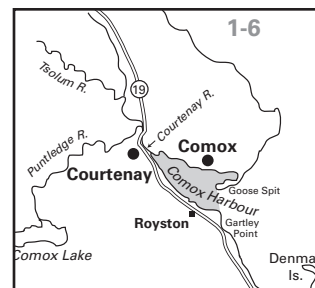
Map A22 Courtenay/Campbell River - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season. Gulf Island Special Licence is required on Denman and Hornby Islands - see page 28.



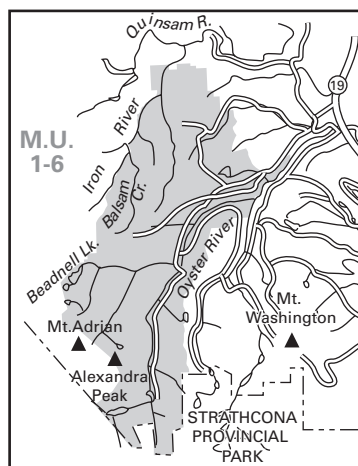
Map A23 Qualicum/Parksville - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-5, 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season.



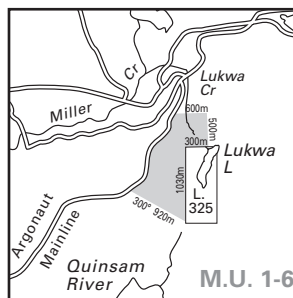
Map A24 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



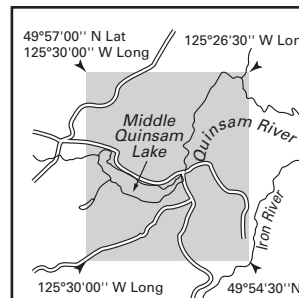
Map A25 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



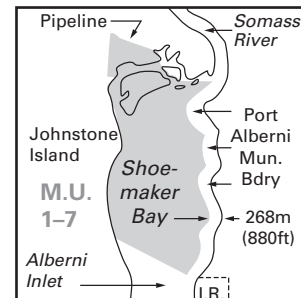
Map A29 Iron River/Oyster River Special 2 Point or better (and Youth Only antlerless) Mule Deer Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



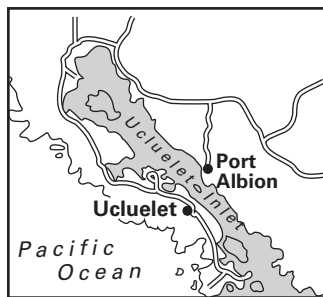
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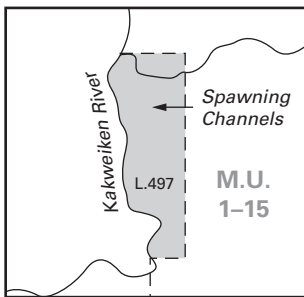
Map A27 Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



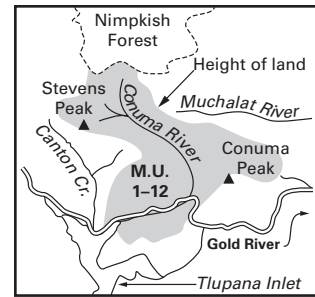
Map A28 Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-7).



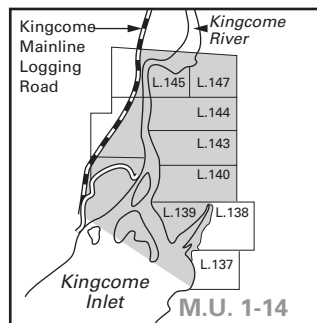
Map A30 Ucluelet Inlet No Hunting or Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-8).



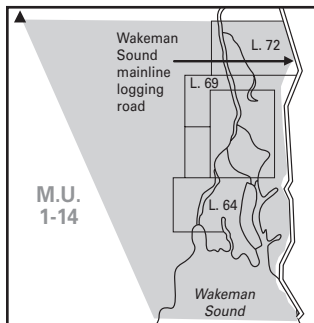
Map A31 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



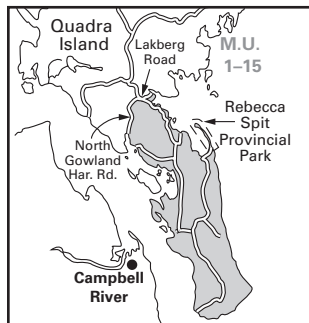
Map A32 Conuma Watershed Bow Only Area (situated in MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



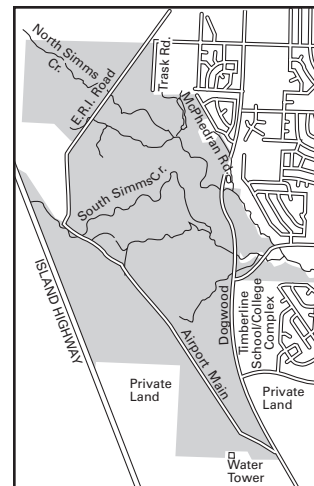
Map A33 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



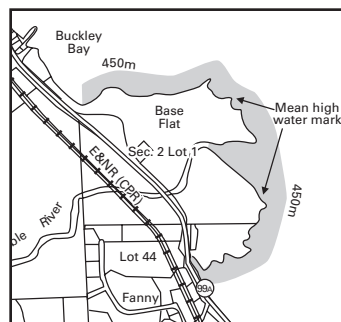
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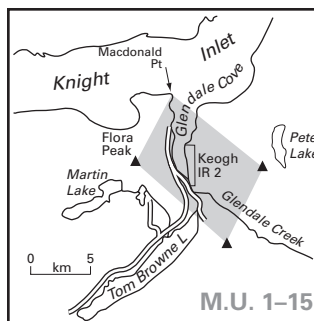
Map A35 Quadra Island Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-15) and special antlerless mule deer season.



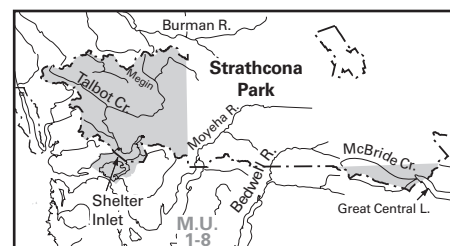
Map A36 Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



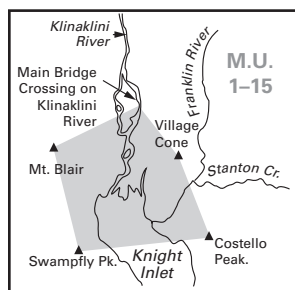
Map A37 Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



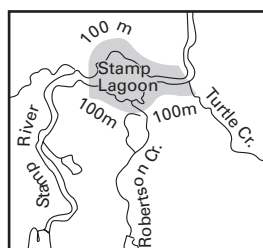
Map A38 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



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



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



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

NOTICE! SHOT BAN

The use of toxic (lead) shot for hunting waterfowl has been prohibited in British Columbia since 1995 and in Canada since 1997. The ban applies to all ducks, geese, coots and snipe. It does not apply to upland gamebirds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland gamebirds (pigeons, doves), ravens (where seasons exist), or target shooting, although a local restriction may be implemented if there is a conflict with an important wetland.

Federal regulations currently identify steel shot, bismuth shot, tungsten-iron shot, tungsten-bronze-iron shot, tin shot, tungsten - matrixshot, and tungsten-polymer shot as the only non-toxic shot permitted for use on waterfowl, coot and snipe. Hunters are advised to contact the CWS Canadian Wildlife Service in Delta (604-350-1950) for more details.



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