# **REGION 8 - OKANAGAN**



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### Fish and Wildlife Regional Office:

102 Industrial Place Penticton BC V2A 7C8 (250) 490-8200

#### **Conservation Officer Service**

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

Grand Forks, Penticton, Kelowna, and Vernon

### **Compulsory Inspection (CI) Centres**

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at locations listed below. See the Ministry website at <a href="https://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting">www.gov.bc.ca/hunting</a> or contact the regional office for more information.

#### **CI Locations:**

- · Penticton
- Kelowna
- Merritt
- · Salmon Arm

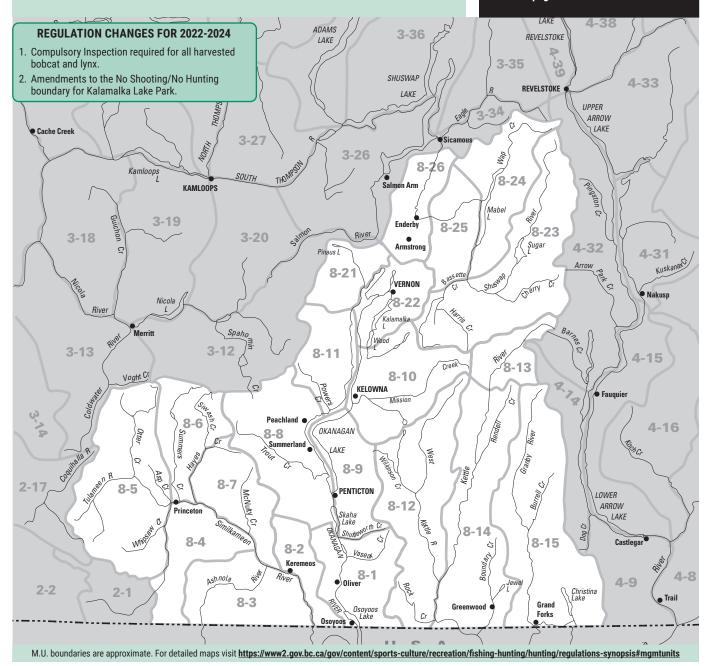
### **STAY UP TO DATE**

Check website <u>www.gov.bc.ca/hunting</u> for inseason changes prior to your 2022-2024 hunt.

## **RAPP**

Report All Poachers and Polluters Conservation Officer 24 hour hotline 1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

Refer to page 2 for more information



## **REGIONAL BAG LIMITS**

- » DEER: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. Two deer may be antlerless but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. The bag limit for mule deer is 1. Antlerless mule deer are available only through LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.
- » GROUSE: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.
- » TURKEY: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2. Only one turkey may be taken during each open season.

## **ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS**

- » Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.
- » Symbol Key: Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional areas (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, page 9):
- **★ Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10)
- ▲ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 10):The operation of all motor vehicles, including electric bicycles, for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.
- ★ The operation of all motor vehicles (including electric bicycles), excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in Region 8 above 1,700 m elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 10 for definition of existing road or trail.
- ★ Oliver Mountain Area (MU 8-1). See Map J3.
- ★ Crater Mountain Area (MU 8-3). See Map J22.
- ★ Placer Mountain to Border Lake area (MU 8-3, 8-4). See Map J22.

- ★ Garnet Valley (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping. See Map J8.
- ★ Osoyoos Oxbows except established roadways (MU 8-1). See Map J1.
- ★ Underdown Creek (MU 8-1). See Map J2.
- ▲ Lawless Jacobson Lake (Tulameen) FSR (MU 8-5) south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek. See Map J5.
- ★ Skaha Lake Eastside (MU 8-9) in that portion east of Skaha Lake described as Lot A and Lot B of Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 27801, SDYD, and Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 1189, SDYD.
- ▲ Garnet Fire area (MU 8-9). See Map J10.
- ★ Granby (MUs 8-14, 8-15). The area is closed 600 m north of the 5 km mark of Burrell-Young Lake FSR, 300 m north of the 2 km mark on Arrow Neck FSR, east of the 22 km mark of Grano FSR, east of the 8 km mark on Arthurs Rd, and 500 m east of the 10 km mark on the Goatskin-Rendall FSR. Snowmobiles allowed Nov 1 May 31. See Map J16.
- ★ Galloping Hills (MU 8-15) from Jun 1 Oct 31 except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map J16.
- ★ Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain (MU 8-23, 8-24). The operation of vehicles is restricted to permitted forest service roads from May 1 Nov 30. Snowmobiles allowed. See Map J23.

## MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITIONS IN RESPONSE TO 2021 WILDFIRES

★ Approximately 560,000 hectares within the Thompson-Okanagan region have been closed year-round to all motor vehicles to mitigate habitat concerns from the wildfires of 2021. Some roads and activities are exempted from the closure. These closures are subject to in-season changes. See maps and updates at <a href="mailto:gov.bc.ca/">gov.bc.ca/</a> motorvehicleprohibitions.

- Nk'Mip: in portions of MU 8-1.
- Thomas Creek: in portions of MUs 8-1 and 8-9.
- · Garrison Lake: in portions of MUs 8-4 and 8-5.
- · July Mountain: in portions of MU 8-5.
- White Rock Lake: in portions of MUs 8-11 and 8-21.
- Bunting Road: in portions of MU 8-24.
- Two Mile Road: in portions of MU 8-26.

# COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

» In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all moose, lynx, and bobcat taken in Region 8 must be Compulsory Inspected within 30 days of the date of kill. See page 17 for requirements.

## **NOTICE TO HUNTERS**

- » White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail, badger and other species are protected under the authority of the Wildlife Act (hunting is prohibited). Hunters are reminded that there are no hunting seasons for white-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cotton-tail, or badgers.
- » No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 10. Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Hwy 97C are No Shooting and No Hunting Closures.
- » Hunting is prohibited within the Vaseux Migratory Bird Sanctuary and National Wildlife Areas. For more information visit <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-sanctuaries/locations/vaseux-lake.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-sanctuaries/locations/vaseux-lake.html</a>.

### Wildlife Research in the Okanagan

There are a number of ongoing wildlife research projects in the Okanagan Region at this time focused on mule deer, cougar, and bighorn sheep management. These projects are being conducted in partnership with the Syilx Okanagan Nation, research institutions including the University of British Columbia Okanagan, University of Idaho, local clubs and stakeholders such as the BC Wildlife Federation and Wild Sheep Society of BC, as well as numerous volunteers.

The Southern Interior Mule Deer Project, which has study areas in the West Okanagan, Boundary and Thompson Region, has been ongoing since 2018 and aims to identify the drivers behind declining mule deer populations and assess those drivers relative to harvest regulations, predation, land use changes such as forestry and natural disturbances such as wildfire. As part of this work there are collared mule deer and remote cameras installed across the study areas. Visit <a href="https://bcwf.bc.ca/initiatives/mule-deer-project/">https://bcwf.bc.ca/initiatives/mule-deer-project/</a> for project updates.

The Southern BC Cougar Project, which has overlapping study areas in the West Okanagan and Boundary, as well as a Kootenay study area, began in 2019 and aims to examine population vital rates such as survival and reproduction, movement and habitat use and diet and kill rates of the primary predator for mule deer. As part of this work, kill sites of collared cougars are investigated to determine where, when and what they are killing. Visit <a href="https://bccougarproject.weebly.com/">https://bccougarproject.weebly.com/</a> for project updates.

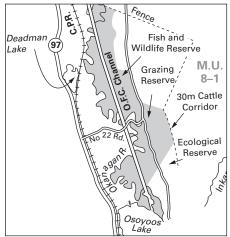
Three disease outbreaks among local bighorn sheep populations, Psoroptes, Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae, and blue tongue, are being monitored through collared animals and the BC Mountain Goat and Wild Sheep Natal App. Conservationists and hunters are encouraged to participate by recording observations of sheep they observe in the field. Sick and dead sheep should be reported to the RAPP line. For more information visit <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/wildlife-health/wild-sheep-health/bc-goat-sheep-natal-app">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/wildlife-health/wild-sheep-health/bc-goat-sheep-natal-app</a>.

As part of these research projects, there are many mule deer, cougars and bighorn sheep that have been fitted with GPS radio collars throughout the Okanagan. Harvesting these animals is not illegal if taken lawfully. Part of the research aims to look at survival rates and mortality causes, including hunter harvest. If you harvest a collared animal please report it to the RAPP line to confirm whether the animal is safe to eat due to the possible presence of wildlife immobilization drugs in the meat and return the collar to the Conservation Officer Service or any Ministry office.

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SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 67 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
,	8-12 to 8-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	
outh Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Restricted to hunters under the age	e of 18. ★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) De	er. The antlers must accompany th	e species licence.	
VHITE-TAILED DEER	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 6' and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 1
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
outh Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
outh Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	
Restricted to hunters under the age	e of 18.			article on p. 1
MOOSE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
See Definitions section: Moose. A	ntlers must accompany the species licence. Compulsory	Inspection required.		1
LK	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
See Definitions section: Elk. The a	intlers must accompany the species licence.			
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 30	
	▲8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Aug 31	2
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	
MU's 8-1 to 8-15 and 8-21 to 8-26	is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain pe	rmission from landowners.		
WOLF	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 15	3
СОУОТЕ	0.1 +0.0.15 0.01 +0.0.06		Sept 10 - Mar 31	NBL
YNX & BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - June 30 Nov 15 - Feb 28	1 (of each)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		NOV 15 - Feb 28	i (oi eacii)
COUGAR	rat accompanied by one or more lynx or bobcat. Comput 8-1 to 8-15. 8-21 to 8-26	sory inspection requirea.	Nov 15 - Mar 31	4
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	n or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section:	Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspec		MDI
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL 10 (4-th)
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED, & SPRUCE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
outh Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Dec 10	
	e, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate poss	ession limit is 15. * Restricted to h		
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY (Hungarian) PARTRIDGE			Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT (Cocks)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)
TURKEY	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	▼1
	8-10, 8-12, 8-14, 8-15, 8-22, 8-26	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	
	8-1, 8-9	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Nov 30	

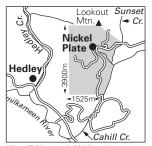
BRANT, COMMON SNIPÉ, COOT, DUCKS, EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE, GEESE, AND MOURNING DOVE



Map J1 Osoyoos Oxbows Motor Vehicle Closed Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-1). The operation of vehicles is restricted to established roadways shown as open lines. No shooting or hunting from Mar 1 - Sept 30, in the restricted area, including the roadways.



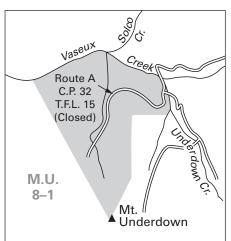
Map J4 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 8-4 and 8-5).



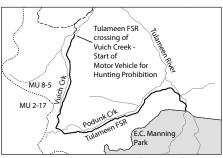
Map J7 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (MU 8-7).



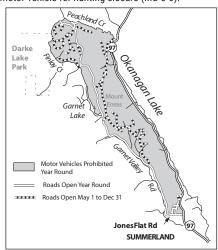
Map J10 Garnet Fire (South Ellis) Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Area including the entire Derenzy FSR and Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (MU 8-9). The Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area is almost entirely private land and it is unlawful to hunt private land without consent of the appropriate landowner.



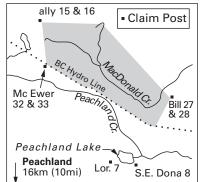
Map J2 Underdown Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-1).



Map J5 Lawless - Jacobson Lake (Tulameen) FSR motor vehicle for hunting closure (MU 8-5).



Map J8 Garnet Valley - Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping.



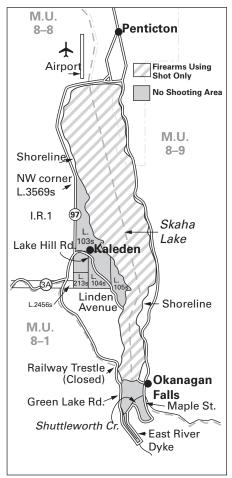
Map J11 Brenda Mines No Shooting Area (MU 8-8).



Map J3 Oliver Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-1).

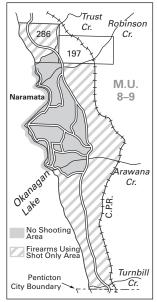


Map J6 Willow Heights No Shooting Area (MU 8-6).

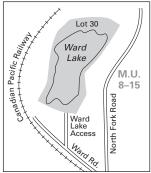


Map J12 Kaleden, and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 8-1, 8-8 and 8-9).

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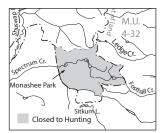
Map J13 Naramata No Shooting Area and Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 8-9).



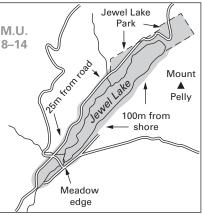
Map J17 Ward Lake No Hunting, Shooting or Trapping Area (MU 8-15).



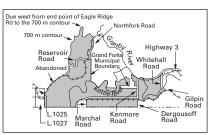
Map J20 Kalamalka Lake Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-22).



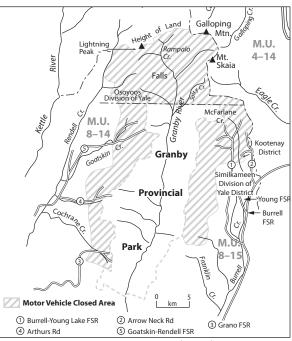
Map J21 Monashee Park Addition (MU 8-23) No Hunting Area.



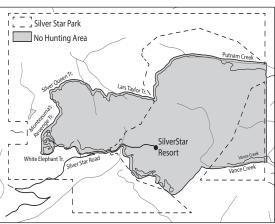
Map J14 Jewel Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-14).



Map J15 Grand Forks Closed Area (MU 8-15). Discharge of rifles prohibited.



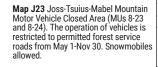
Map J16 Galloping Hills Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-15) and Granby Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-14 and 8-15).

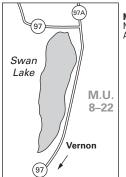


Map J18 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (MUs 8-22, 8-25, and 8-26). Contact Ministry offices in Vernon or Penticton for details.

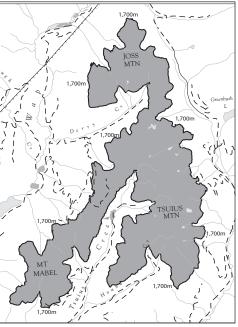


Map J22 Placer Mountain and Crater Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-3 and 8-4). Closed year-round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as white are open year-round.





Map J19 Swan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-22).



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