

## REGION 1

Check website  
[www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) for in-season  
 changes prior to your hunt.



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/  
 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 at [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting) or contact the regional office for more information.

**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

#### Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

- I. Closure of Saltspring Island raven general open season.

#### 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 in B.C. 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: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife/bears/bear-smart](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife/bears/bear-smart)

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

Hunting regulations for Mule (black-tailed) deer and Fallow deer are very different. Please ensure that you are informed and able to distinguish between the two species when hunting.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 1****REGIONAL BAG LIMITS**

**Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is three, of which only two may be antlerless from Special Areas Only 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**★ **Year-round Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):**

- ★ 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 Area (See page 12):** 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, and 1-6. 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 metres of the intersection of Beaver Cove Road and Telegraph Cove Road in MU 1-11

▶ 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 A1 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 metres 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 metres on either side of the midline of Westcan Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 metres 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 metres 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 Special Hunting Area**

▶ Gulf Islands special hunting area comprised of Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6) and all islands within MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island).

▶ 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.

▶ Hunters must have \$100,000 or more in public liability and property damage insurance while hunting unless guided by a guide outfitter or assistant guide.

▶ All persons 18 years of age or older hunting on the Gulf Islands Special Hunting Area **are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Area Licence;** available at Service BC, FrontCounter BC, participating vendors or online at [www.gov.bc.ca/hunting](http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting).

▶ Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Area Licence.

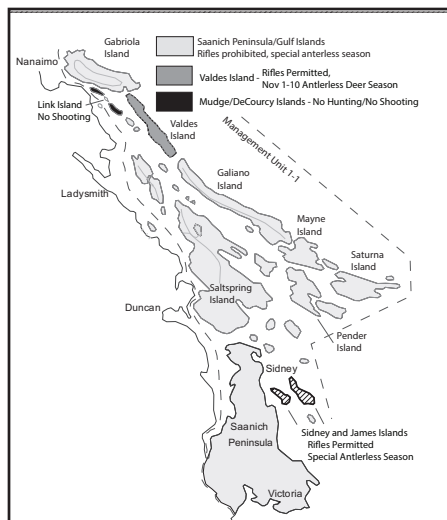
▶ No open season for upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

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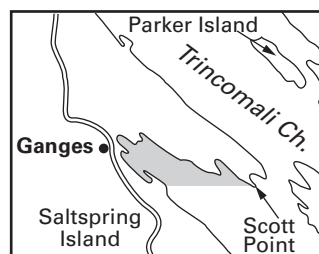
▶ Please refer to Site & Access Restrictions section on Page 11 for more information.

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 A1, A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, A35	Antlerless	★Aug 25 - Sept 9 (bow only) *Sept 10 - Dec 10	2
Youth Only**	I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1
Bow Only	▼★I-1 to I-15	Bucks	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2
Youth Bow Only**	★ I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5, I-6	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 the date is Oct 5 - Dec 10.      ** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18				
★ 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 to I-7	Either sex	No Closed Season	NBL
Species licence not 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	★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)
OPOSSUM, 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	I-1 to I-15		Aug 20 - Aug 31	
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.				
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)
TURKEY	I-1 to I-7	Any Turkey	No Closed Season	NBL
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	I-1 to I-15		Sept 15 – Sept 30	5 (15)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	I-1 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	I-3, I-8 to I-15		Oct 9, 2021 - Jan 21, 2022	10 (30)
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Sept 4, 2021 - Sept 12, 2021	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Oct 9, 2021 - Nov 21, 2021	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Dec 18, 2021 - Jan 9, 2022	
	I-1, I-2, ▲I-4 to I-7		Feb 10, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
	I-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Oct 9, 2021 - Oct 18, 2021 Dec 18, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021 Feb 19, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022	
▲ Season dates do not apply for the Ex-Dinsdale property in MU I-4; see specific Ex-Dinsdale property season dates and Map A11.				
+ There is no Sept 4 - Sept 12 season in Cowichan Bay, 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 GEESE	I-1 to I-15		Oct 2, 2021 - Oct 3, 2021	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.				

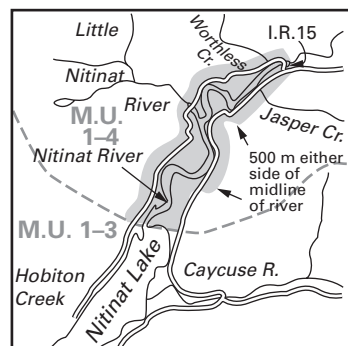
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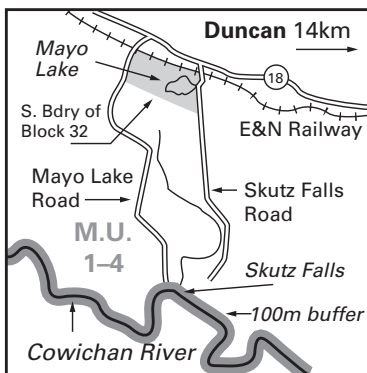
**Map A1** Saanich Peninsula/Gulf Islands  
Firearms/hunting restrictions and special antlerless season  
Sidney and James Islands.



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

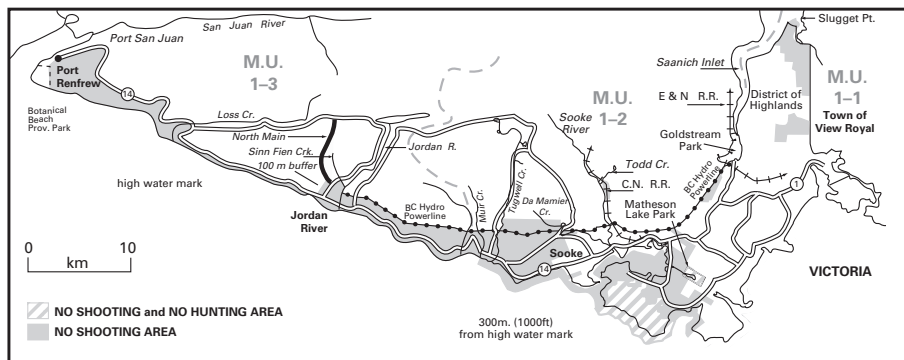


**Map A8** Nitinat River - No Shooting or  
Hunting Area (MU 1-4).

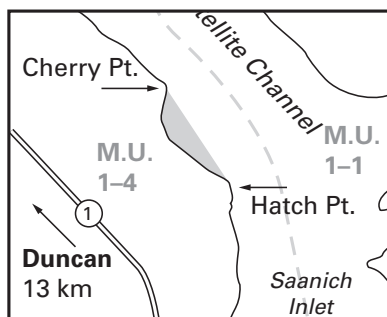


**Map A12** Mayo Lake - No Shooting Area  
(MU 1-4). Note: Cowichan River No  
Shooting Area within 100 metres of the river  
from Holt Creek Trail to the municipality of  
Lake Cowichan.

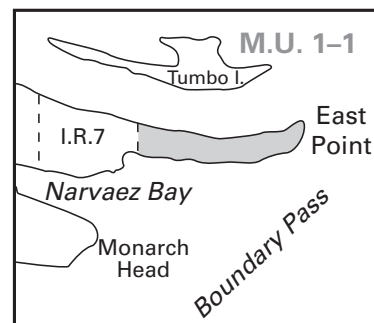
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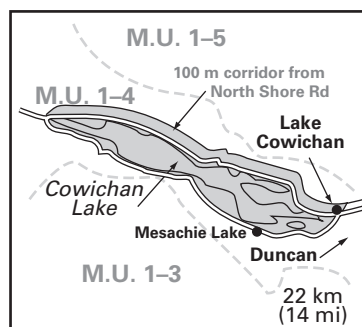
**Map A5** Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



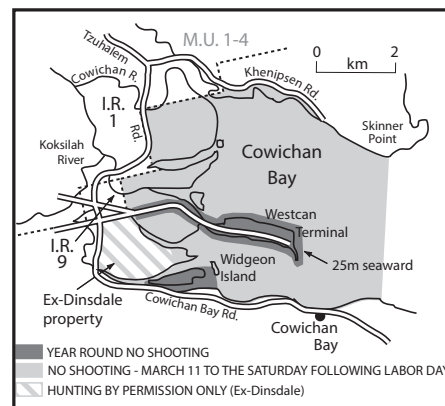
**Map A4** Cherry Point No Shooting Area  
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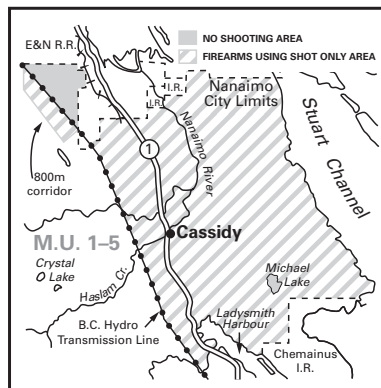
**Map A6** Saturna Island - No Shooting or  
Hunting Area (MU 1-1).



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

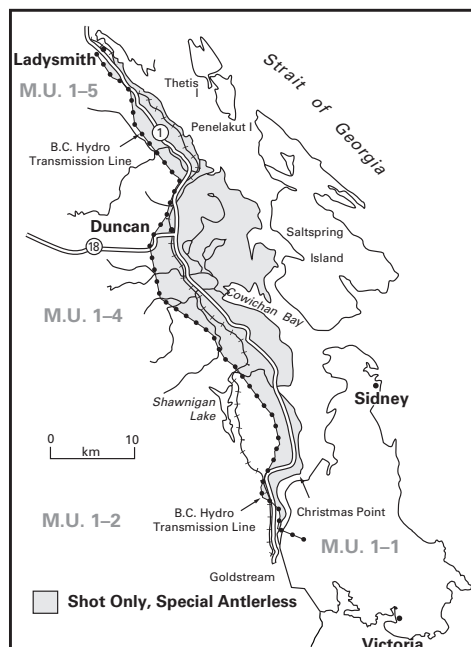


**Map A11** Cowichan Bay (MU 1-4) No Shooting  
Area, Seasonal No Shooting Area and Ex-Dinsdale  
Property.

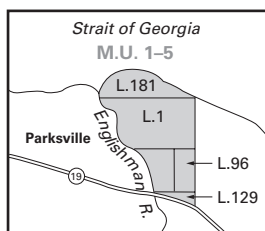


**Map A13** Nanaimo/Ladysmith - No Shooting  
Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using  
Shot Only Area (MU 1-5) and special antler-  
less mule deer season (east of the powerline).  
Michael Lake No Shooting Area on Michael  
Lake to the high water mark.



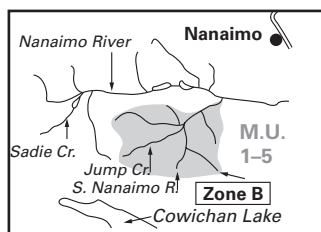
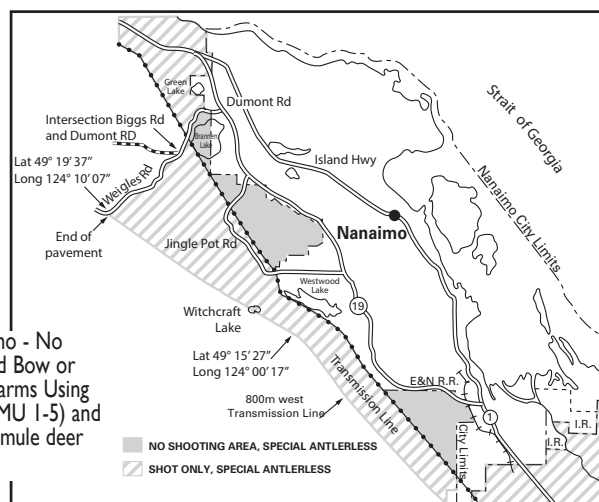


**Map A15** Ladysmith/Malahat - Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.

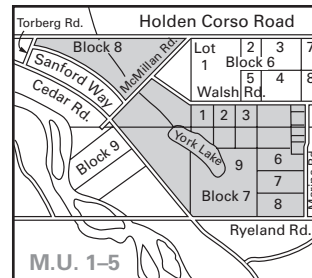


**Map A14** Englishman River - No Shooting Area (MU 1-5).

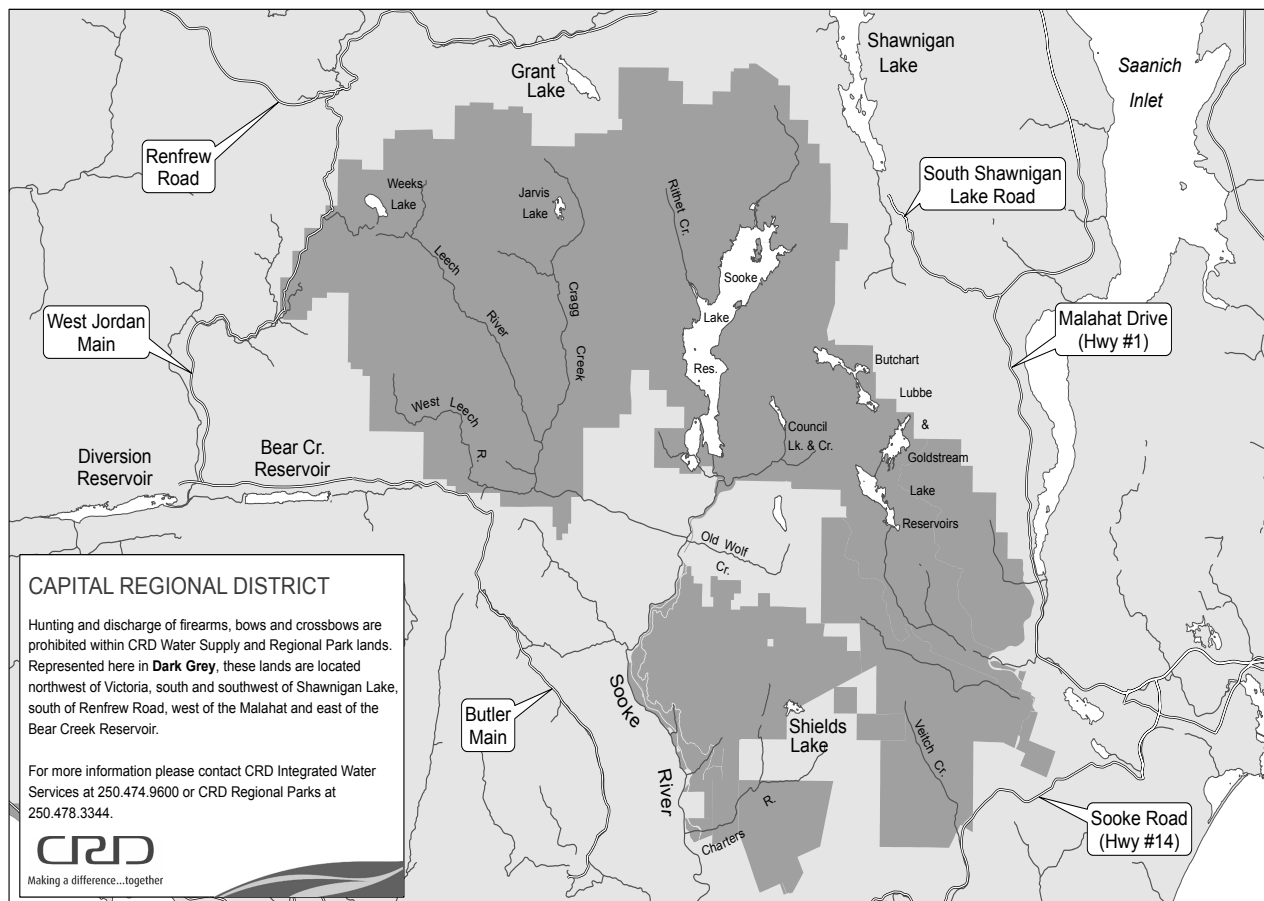
**Map A16** Nanaimo - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.



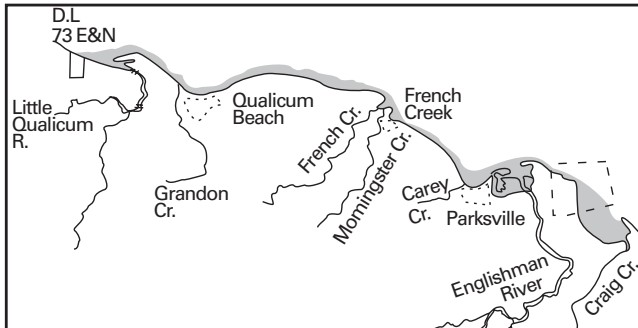
**Map A17** Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles, **electric bicycles**, and ATV's (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (MU 1-5) in the watershed of the S. Nanaimo River.



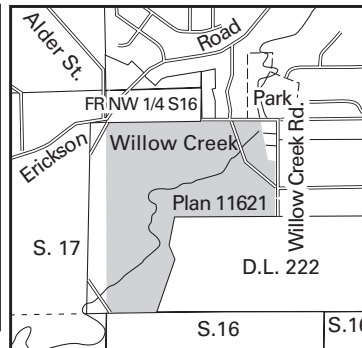
**Map A18** York Lake - No Shooting Area (MU 1-5).



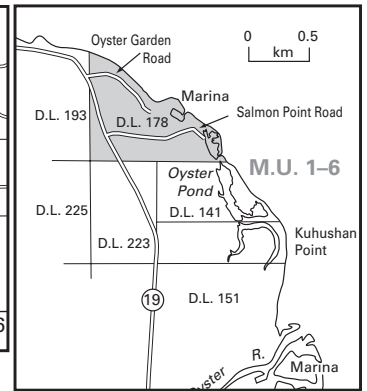
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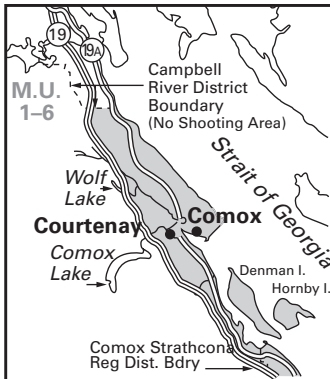
**Map A19** Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (MU 1-5) Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



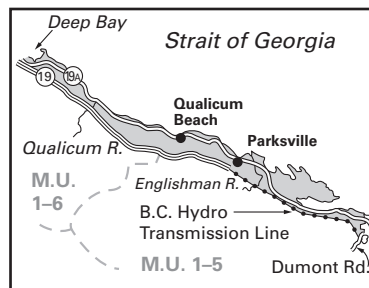
**Map A20** Willow Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 1-6).



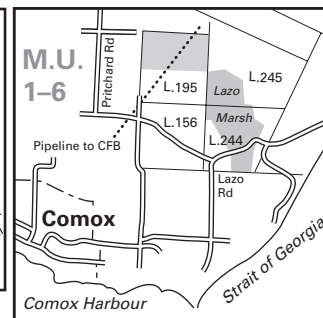
**Map A21** Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



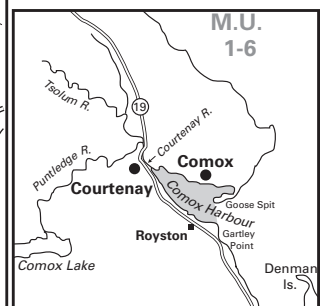
**Map A22** Courtenay/Campbell River - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season. Gulf Island Special Licence is required on Denman and Hornby Islands - see page 28.



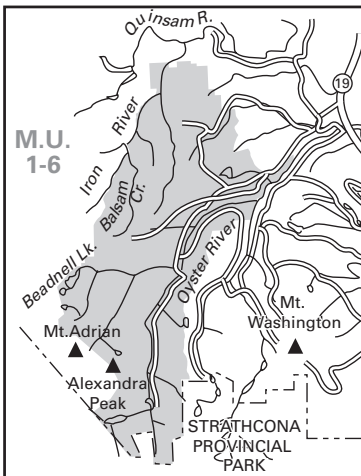
**Map A23** Qualicum/Parksville - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 1-5, 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season.



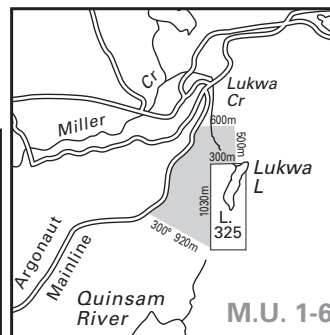
**Map A24** Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



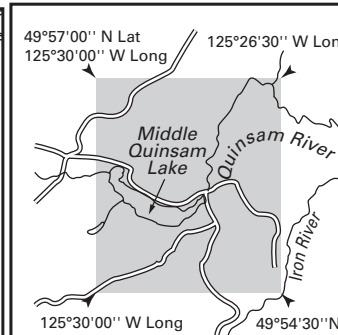
**Map A25** Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



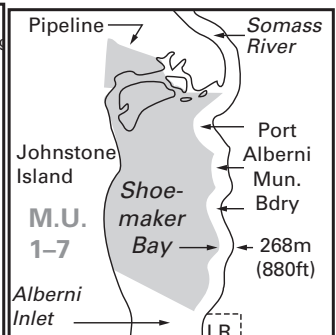
**Map A29** Iron River/Oyster River Special 2 Point or better (and Youth Only antlerless) Mule Deer Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



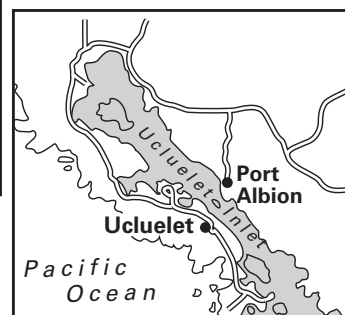
**Map A26** Lukwa Lake No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



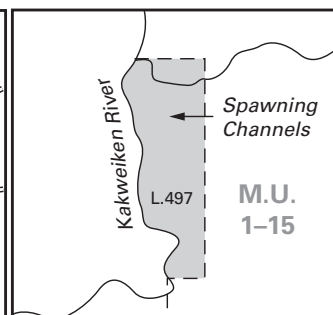
**Map A27** Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



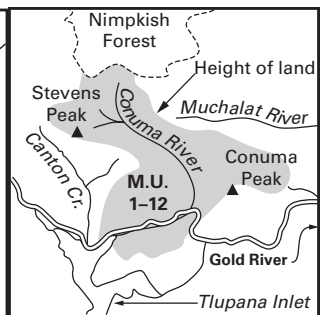
**Map A28** Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-7).



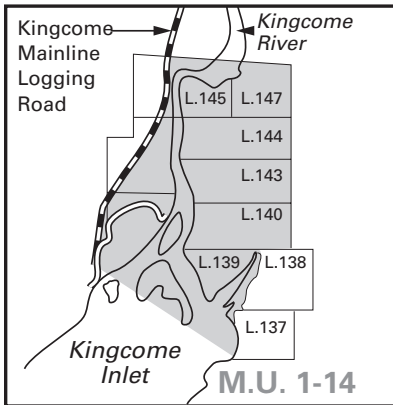
**Map A30** Ucluelet Inlet No Hunting or Shooting Area (MU 1-8).



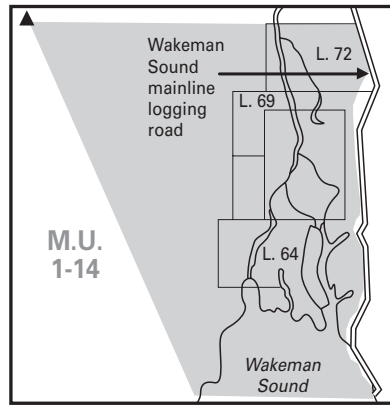
**Map A31** Kakweiken River Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).



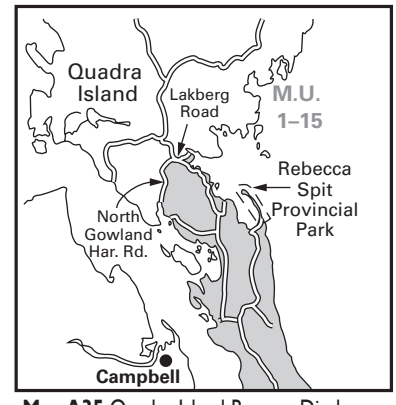
**Map A32** Conuma Watershed Bow Only Area (MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



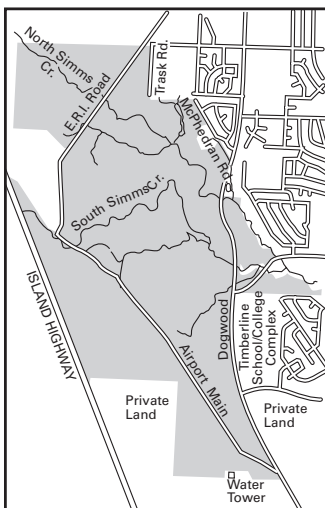
**Map A33** Kingcome Inlet Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-14).



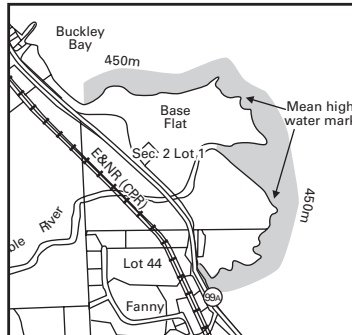
**Map A34** Wakeman Sound Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-14).



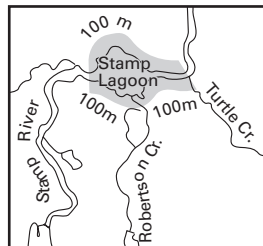
**Map A35** Quadra Island Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MU 1-15) and special antlerless mule deer season.



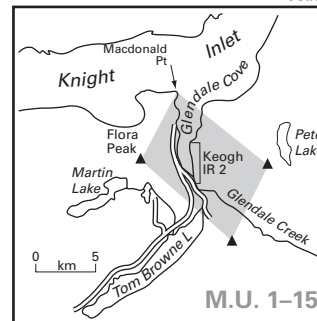
**Map A36** Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (MU 1-6).



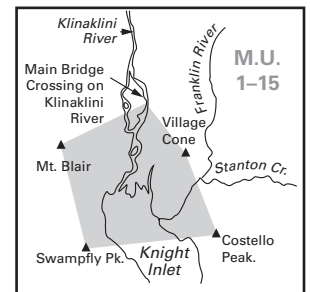
**Map A37** Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (MU 1-6).



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



**Map A38** Glendale Cove Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).



**Map A40** Knight Inlet Black Bear Closed Area (MU 1-15).

## 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 game birds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland game birds (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 - matrix shot, 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.