

REGION 5

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 changes prior to your hunt.



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

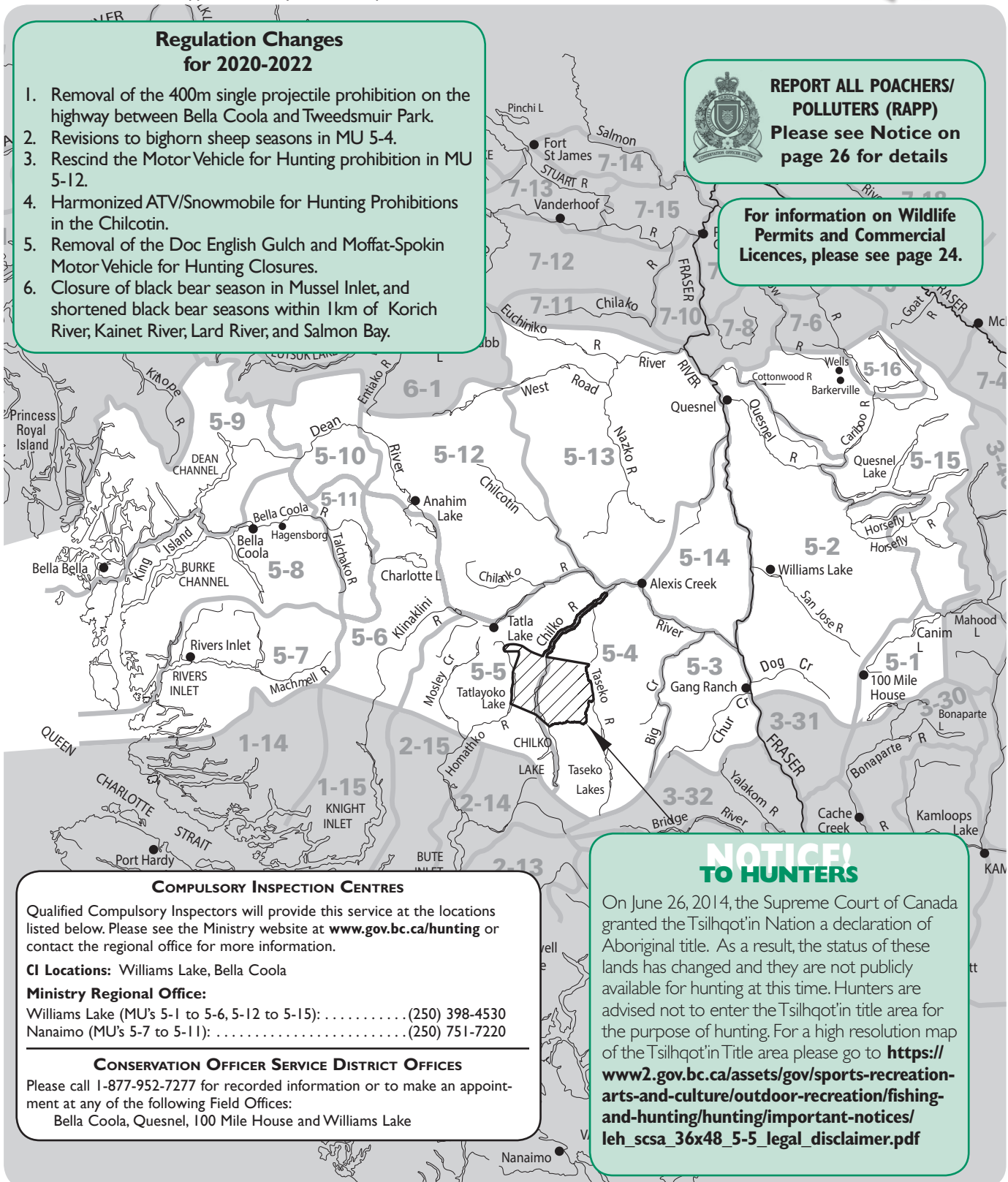
Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

1. Removal of the 400m single projectile prohibition on the highway between Bella Coola and Tweedsmuir Park.
2. Revisions to bighorn sheep seasons in MU 5-4.
3. Rescind the Motor Vehicle for Hunting prohibition in MU 5-12.
4. Harmonized ATV/Snowmobile for Hunting Prohibitions in the Chilcotin.
5. Removal of the Doc English Gulch and Moffat-Spokin Motor Vehicle for Hunting Closures.
6. Closure of black bear season in Mussel Inlet, and shortened black bear seasons within 1km of Korich River, Kainet River, Lard River, and Salmon Bay.



**REPORT ALL POACHERS/
POLLUTERS (RAPP)**
 Please see Notice on
 page 26 for details

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



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 or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: Williams Lake, Bella Coola

Ministry Regional Office:

Williams Lake (MU's 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15): (250) 398-4530
 Nanaimo (MU's 5-7 to 5-11): (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:

Bella Coola, Quesnel, 100 Mile House and Williams Lake

NOTICE! TO HUNTERS

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the Tsilhqot'in Nation a declaration of Aboriginal title. As a result, the status of these lands has changed and they are not publicly available for hunting at this time. Hunters are advised not to enter the Tsilhqot'in title area for the purpose of hunting. For a high resolution map of the Tsilhqot'in Title area please go to https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishing-and-hunting/important-notices/leh_scsa_36x48_5-5_legal_disclaimer.pdf

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is 2, but only one may be a buck. Antlerless mule (black-tailed) deer are under Limited Entry Hunting only. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 1.

► **Wolf:** The bag limit for wolf is 3, except in MU's 5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15 where there is no bag limit.

► **Bobcat:** The bag limit for bobcat is 1.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION & REPORTING

► In addition to those species requiring Compulsory Inspection or Compulsory Reporting provincially, all caribou taken in Region 5 must be Compulsory Inspected. All moose taken in MUs 5-3 to 5-6 and 5-10 to 5-14 must be Compulsory Inspected. See page 21 for requirements.

FIREARMS RESTRICTED AREAS

► **No Shooting Areas:** note the Highway No Shooting Areas outlined in the No Hunting or Shooting Areas section on page 13.

► **No Shooting Areas** The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the following areas:

- ☞ 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E1.

- ☞ Rose Lake No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E2.

- ☞ Gibraltar Mines No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E4.

- ☞ Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (Alkali Lake) (MU 5-2) - no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms - see Map E5.

- ☞ Williams Lake and Williams Lake River No Shooting Area (MU 5-2) - see Map E3.

- ☞ Nekite River Spawning Channel (MU 5-7) - Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 m of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans spawning channel.

- ☞ Snootli Creek Park (MU 5-8)

- ☞ Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9) - see Map E15.

- ☞ Stum Lake (MU 5-13) - Between Mar. 1 and Aug. 31, hunting, trapping and the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Stum (Pelican) Lake Park. The area includes all of Stum Lake below the high water mark and all of the islands.

- ☞ Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15) - see Map E23.

☞ **Quarter Mile Single Projectile (Firearm) Closed Areas** The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile within 400 metres (1/4 mile) on either side of the road allowance is prohibited in the following areas. Use of firearms using shot permitted:

- ☞ Robertson Road and any side roads (MU 5-2) from its intersection with Hwy 97 at DL 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersection with Hwy 97 at the village of McLeese

Lake.

- ☞ Tatlayoko Road (MU 5-5) - either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.

- ☞ Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (MU 5-5) - see Map E12.

- ☞ West Fraser Road (MU 5-13) - south from the City of Quesnel limits to the intersection of this road and Grouse Road (located just north west of Rudy Johnson Bridge), see Map E19.

- ☞ Tibbles Road - see Map E18.

- ☞ West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-13. See Map E19.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREAS

► Approximately one million hectares of Crown Land has been closed to snowmobile use to support Mountain Caribou recovery in the Thompson, Kootenay, Cariboo, and Omineca regions. Snowmobile closure maps with boundaries, legal access trails, prohibited dates, and identified riding areas are no longer published in the synopsis, they will be available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Information signs are posted at the points of closure for most road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters. It is the hunter's responsibility to recognize 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 MUs (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, pages 11-12):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** 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.

✕ **ATVs and Snowmobile Closed Areas (See page 12):** year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

■ **ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles and **electric bicycles**) for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport firearms or equipment and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting, or to transport a hunter to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MU 5-2

- Access to Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the *Mines and Trespass Acts*.
- ★ Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

MU 5-3

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to **Nov 30**.
- ▲ Gaspard-West Churn Forest Service (3200) Road - restricted south of the junction of this road and Stobart Creek (bridge).
- ▲ Gaspard-Churn Creek Forest Service (2800) Road (including any side roads) - restricted south of Kilometre 35 of this Road.
- ★ Churn Creek Protected Area - Motor Vehicle Closed Area except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E8.
- ✕ Gaspard-Churn Creek except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to May 1 - see Map E7.
- ★ Red Mountain & French Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area above the 1920 metre elevation.

MU 5-4

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to **Nov 30**.
- ▲ Groundhog FSR and any side roads, southerly from the 15.5 km point.
- ▲ Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and any side roads, westerly from the intersection of Rocky Lake-5800 FSR and Groundhog Creek.
- ▲ Battlement Ridge Mining Road - entire road, Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 only.
- Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See Map E9.

MU 5-5

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to **Nov 30**.
- ▲ Valleau Creek - see Map E11.
- ★ Potato Mountain - Snowmobiles allowed Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, except in Ts'il'os Park. See Map E10.

MU 5-6

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept 1 to **Nov 30**.

MU 5-8

- ▲ Nusatsum-Noeick Forest Service Road and any side roads - southerly and westerly from Kilometre 15 to South Bentinck Arm.

MU 5-12

- ▲ Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from 66.5 km.

- ▲ Beef Trail Road.
- ★ Corkscrew Road - Except for industrial forestry purposes.
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to **Nov. 30**.

MU 5-13

- MU 5-13 (entire management unit) from Sept. 1 to **Nov. 30**.

MU 5-12 and 5-13

- ★ Itcha Ilgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E25 (does not apply to a person who uses or operates a motor vehicle, except a snowmobile, for a commercial purpose other than hunting).

MU 5-14

- 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from Sept. 1 to **Nov. 30**.
- ★ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E20. Commercial vehicles allowed for purposes other than hunting.

MU 5-15

- ★ Eureka Peak - Motor Vehicle Closed Area applies to the operation of all vehicles for any purpose - see Map E21. Snowmobiles are allowed in portions of the Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure from Dec. 1 to Apr. 30 - see www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/snowmobile-closures/.
- ▲ Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
- ▲ Crooked Lake Forest Service Road (South side of Crooked Lake) and

any side roads from its point of commencement to its termination.

BC PARKS

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

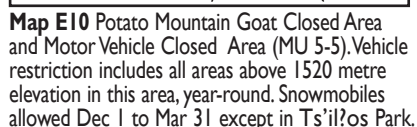
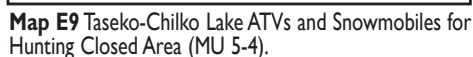
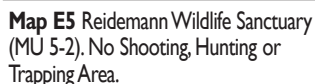
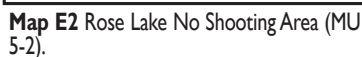
NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

► There is no open season for black bears in those portions of MU 5-9 being Mussel Inlet Special Management Area.

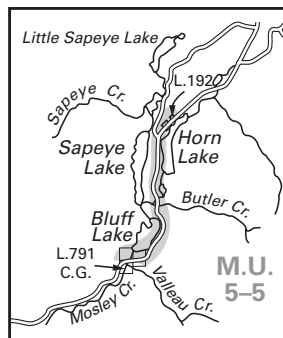
CARIBOO GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	1	
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 21 - Nov 30		
	5-7 to 5-9	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-1 to 5-15	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31		
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-3, 5-7 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-14	Bucks		Sept 1 - Sept 9
	Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-13 and 5-14	Bucks		Dec 1 - Dec 10
	Bow Only	5-8, 5-11▲	Bucks		Dec 1 - Dec 24
★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. ▲ A portion of 5-11 only. See Map E17.					
WHITE-TAILED DEER	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1	
Youth Only*	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9		
Bow Only	5-1, 5-2, 5-13, 5-14	Bucks	Dec 1 - Dec 10		
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.					
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	5-2	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1	
Compulsory Inspection required.					
MOUNTAIN GOAT	*5-5 to 5-9, 5-11, 5-15		Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	
* See Maps E10, E14, E22. See LEH. Mountain goat populations are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BLACK BEAR	5-1 to 5-10*, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 30	2	
	5-1 to 5-10*, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - June 30		
	5-11		Sept 10 - Nov 30		
	5-11		Apr 1 - May 31		
* Parts of 5-9: Mussell Inlet Special Management Area is closed to black bear hunting. Open season for black bear within 1km of Korich River, Kainet River, Lard River and Salmon Bay is Apr 1 to Apr 30 and Oct 16 to Nov 30.					
WOLF	5-7 to 5-9		Apr 1 - June 15	3	
	5-7 to 5-9		Aug 1 - Mar 31		
	5-10, 5-11		Sept 1 - Mar 31		
	5-1 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season		
COYOTE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL	
LYNX	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Nov 15 - Feb 15	1	
Compulsory Reporting required.					
COUGAR	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Apr 30	2	
	5-11		Nov 15 - Mar 31		
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.					
BOBCAT	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1	
Compulsory Reporting required.					
SNOWSHOE HARE	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)	
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		No Closed Season	NBL	
The open season for Columbian Ground Squirrel is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.					
GROUSE: SOOTY/DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED & SPRUCE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	10 (30)	
For Sooty/Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 10; the aggregate possession limit is 30.					
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	5-2 to 5-6, 5-12 to 5-14		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (10)	
See closed areas in MUs 5-3 and 5-14, Maps E7 and E24.					
PTARMIGAN	5-3 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-12, 5-15		Sept 1 - Nov 1	5 (15)	
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	5-3		Sept 10 - Nov 20	5 (15)	
RAVEN	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Mar 1 - Mar 31	5	
	5-1 to 5-9, 5-12 to 5-15		Apr 1 - May 31		
Hunting of raven is limited to private land only.					
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2020 - Dec 25, 2020	10 each (30 each)	
DUCKS	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2020 - Dec 25, 2020	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,	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2020 - Dec 25, 2020	5 (15)	
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2020 - Dec 25, 2020		
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 15, 2020 - Dec 25, 2020	10 (30)	
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)					
DUCKS and GEESE	5-1 to 5-15		Sept 12, 2020 - Sept 13, 2020	★	
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.					

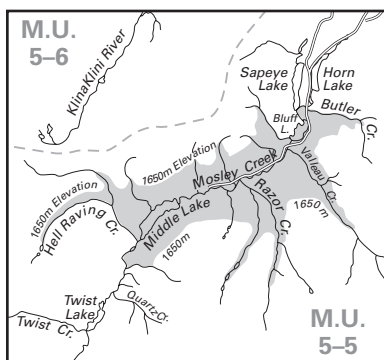
Migratory Game Bird Seasons for 2021/2022 are currently under review. Check <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis> for updates.



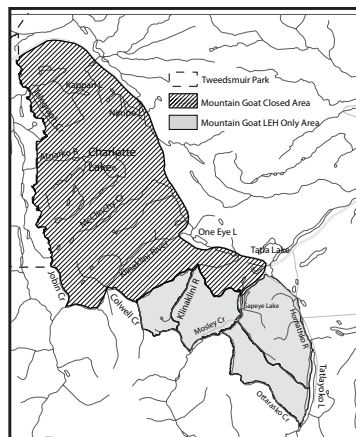
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 5



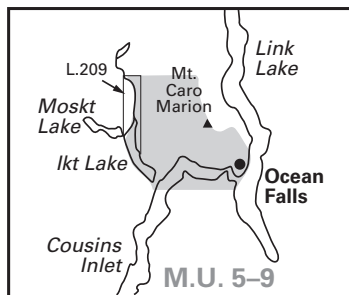
Map E12 Horn-Bluff Lakes Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MU 5-5).



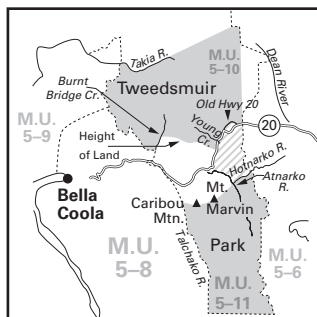
Map E13 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (MU 5-5).



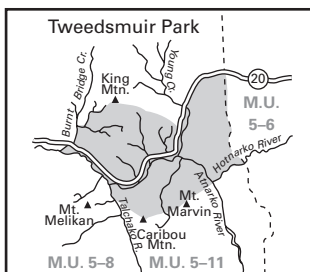
Map E14 Kappen Mtn/Jobin McInchy Mountain Goat Closed Areas. Ottarasko Mtn, Nuit Mtn, Perkins Peak & Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (MUs 5-5 and 5-6).



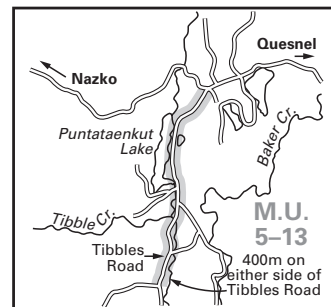
Map E15 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (MU 5-9).



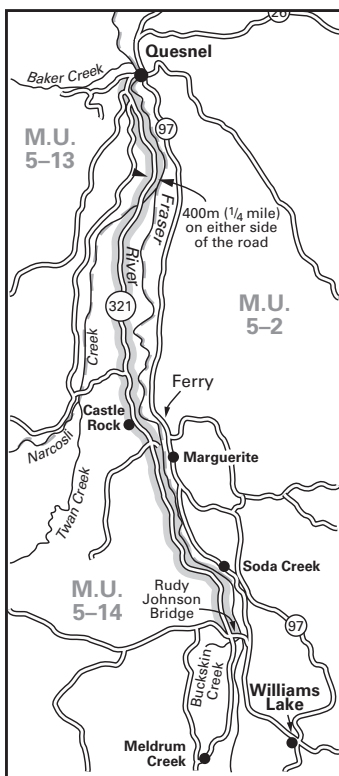
Map E16 Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas (MUs 5-10, 5-11, 6-1 and 6-2). Hatched areas shows LEH Bull Moose hunting area. See Map F1 on page 67 for more details.



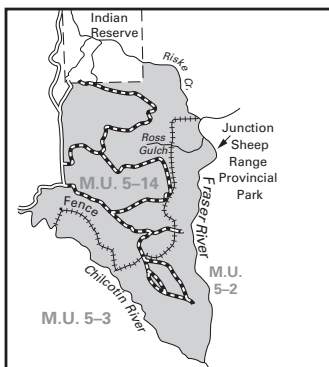
Map E17 Tweedsmuir Park Bow Only Area. The bow and arrow only season for mule (black-tailed) deer bucks is Dec 1- Dec 24 (MU 5-11). See Map E17 for Tweedsmuir Park No Hunting Areas.



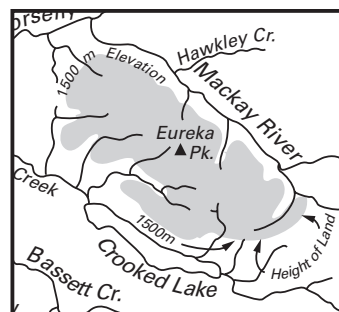
Map E18 Tibbles Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MU 5-13).



Map E19 West Fraser Road Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (MUs 5-13 and 5-14).



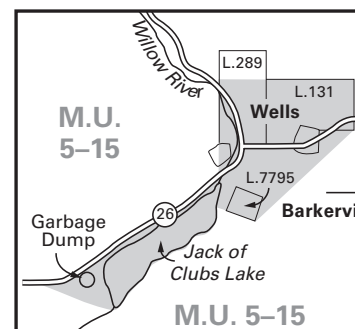
Map E20 Junction Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-14), except commercial vehicles allowed. Road shown as dashed lines are open Apr 1 to Nov 30.



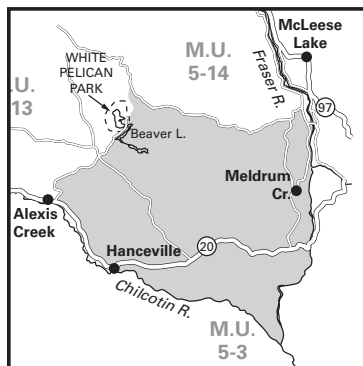
Map E21 Eureka Peak Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 5-15). Check the LEH synopsis for areas open to Limited Entry Hunting. Snowmobiles are allowed in portions of the Eureka Peak motor vehicle closure from Dec 1 to Apr 30. To view areas where snowmobiles are allowed go to www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/snowmobile-closures/.



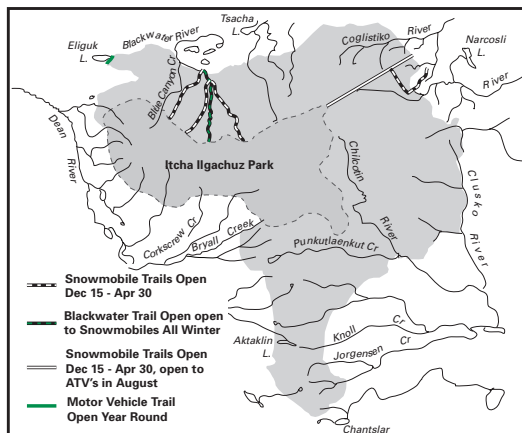
Map E22 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (MU 5-15). See LEH synopsis for area open to LEH.



Map E23 Wells No Shooting Area (MU 5-15).



Map E24 Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (MU 5-14).



Map E25 Itcha Ilgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 5-12 and 5-13). Closed year-round to the operation of motor vehicles except: ATV trail to the north-eastern edge of Itcha Ilgachuz Park open in August; snowmobile trails open from Dec 15-Apr 30 except the Blackwater Trail which is open to snowmobiles as soon as passable; motor vehicle track on the north western edge open all year. Commercial vehicles are exempt for purposes other than hunting.

NOTICE TO BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

In order to ensure the sustainability of bear hunting, bear hunters are requested to:

1. Be patient. Don't shoot the moment you see a bear!
2. Observe carefully and select an adult, male bear. Bears can look deceptively large. Adult males have larger home ranges and will tend to be encountered less frequently than females and younger males.
3. Be aware that there is no open season on any bear less than two years old or any bear in its company (i.e., the sow). Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.
4. Be aware there is no open season on grizzly bear or white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.

Small/Young Bears

- Appear to be "all legs".
- Frequently look over shoulder or turn around.
- More streamlined, pointed head.
- Ears look larger and closer together.
- Neck appears longer and thinner.
- Ears-to-nose lines form a skinny triangle



5. Contact the nearest Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio-collared bear. See Ear Tags and Collars section, page 14.

Large/Adult Male Bears

- Stocky legs
- Massive body with belly that hangs closer to the ground
- Slower, more deliberate movements
- Large, rounded head (like a basketball)
- Ears look smaller
- Thicker neck
- Ear-to-nose lines form an equilateral triangle

