

REGION 7A

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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.

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: Prince George, McBride, Vanderhoof

Ministry Regional Office, Prince George: . . . (250) 614-7400

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:

Mackenzie, Prince George and Vanderhoof

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

For persons hunting in MUs 7-29 (north of Nation River), 7-37 or 7-38 you will be within the traditional territory of the Tsay Keh Dene Nation. For persons hunting in MUs 7-39 to 7-41 you will be within either the traditional territory of the Kwadacha or Tsay Keh Dene Nation depending on your location. Before you hunt, please check at the appropriate Nation's office, by phone or email, to receive important information pertinent to their safety and environmental concerns.

If you will be hunting in the Tsay Keh Dene Nation's (TKD) territory, contact Evan MacKinnon – Manager of Lands, Resources, and Treaty Operations (LRTO) in Prince George at (250) 562-8882 (fishandwildlife@tkdb.ca), or visit <http://fishandwildlife.tsaykeh.com/register/> for an automated online check-in.

The 'Resident Hunter Check-In' link is also available at the bottom of the TKD website (www.tsaykeh.com). Please note that the personal information you provide is for statistical and safety purposes and will be held in confidence by the TKD LRTO department. TKD staff, in officially marked vehicles, will be monitoring Tsay Keh territory and may connect with your hunting party. For serious inquiries related to regulations and safety in TKD Territory contact Sina Abad - Director of LRTO for TKD Nation at (250) 640-3556 or (sina.abad@tkdb.ca).

If you will be hunting in the Kwadacha Nation's territory, contact Shawna Case, Lands and Resources Officer, in Kwadacha at (250) 471-2302 or kfnref@gmail.com or visit www.kwadacha.com for more information.

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

Regulation Changes for 2020-2022

- I. Adjusted boundaries for the mountain goat closures on Driftwood, Blanchet, and Mitchell Mountain Ranges (MUs 7-27 and 7-28).



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

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

► **Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer in Region 7A is one. The bag limit for white-tailed deer in Region 7A is two, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

► **Grouse:** The regional daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), ruffed is 10. The regional daily bag limit for ptarmigan is 10.

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 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, they are available online at www.snowmobile.gov.bc.ca.

► Vanderhoof Access Management Plan is available at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/land-use/land-use-plans-objectives/omineca-region/vanderhoof-lrmp/vanderhoof-amp

► There are a number of restrictions and prohibitions in this Region. See definitions of "motor vehicle", "ATV" and "snowmobile" in Definitions section.

► Information signs may be posted at the points of closure for road and vehicle restrictions. These signs are for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunters' 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 and regional maps).

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas (See page 12).**

▲ **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 for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of 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 hunters to or from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

▼ **Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Areas (See page 12):** The operation of snowmobiles 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 hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

MUs 7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-39

▼ from Mar. 31 to Nov. 30.

MU 7-3 and 7-17

▲ Morkill Forest Road during the periods April 15 to June 30 and August 15 to November 30.

MUs 7-7 to 7-15

- ◆ 4:30 am to 8:00am from Aug. 15 - 31
- ◆ 5:30 am to 9:00am from Sept. 1 - 30
- ◆ 6:30 am to 10:00am from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15

MU 7-18

▼ access road to Kakwa Recreation Area due north of Buchanan Creek (MU 7-18)

MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40

- ◆ the entire area of MUs 7-38, 7-39
- ★ Finlay area (MUs 7-38, 7-39, 7-40) above 1450 metre elevation. Authorized trappers exempt from restriction. Other commercial vehicles allowed, provided they stay on existing mining and logging roads. Closure does not apply on the road surface of the Omineca Mining Road through Lawyers Pass from Aiken Lake to the south shore of the Toodoggone River or on the road to Johanson Lake.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

► Hunters, while returning from hunting, are required to keep the antlers of a bull moose taken in the Omineca sub-region, and the species licence under which the moose was taken together and available for inspection by an officer of MoE.

► A few white moose have been noticed in MU 7-13. Hunters are requested not to shoot a white moose due to their uniqueness and viewing value to all people who enjoy wildlife.

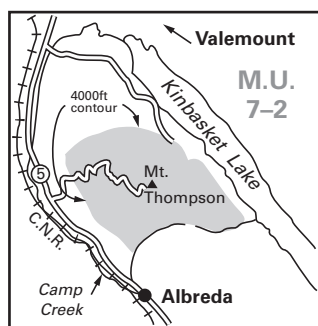
BC PARKS

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

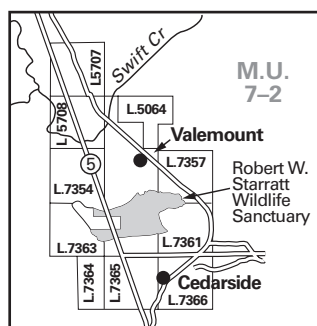
OMINECA GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	★4 Point Bucks	Oct 1 - Nov 15	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	7-2 to 7-11, 7-15 to 7-18, 7-23, 7-26 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Either Sex	Oct 1 - Oct 19	
	7-12 to 7-14, 7-24, 7-25	Antlerless	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Mule (black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	1
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	7-2 to 7-5, 7-7 to 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-15, 7-17	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 10 - Nov 5	1
	7-16, 7-23	+Calves	Oct 1 - Oct 25	
	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★Spike-fork Bulls	Aug 15 - Nov 5	
	7-2 to 7-15	★Spike-fork Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Moose. Note: for all bull moose taken in Region 7, the antlers must accompany the species licence. + Open only for calf moose. Lower jaw with incisor teeth must accompany species licence.				
ELK	7-37, 7-41	★6 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 31	1
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 9	
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-38 to 7-40	★6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
★ See Definitions section: Elk. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-18	Full Curl Bighorn Rams	Aug 15 - Sept 30	1
Compulsory Inspection required.				
THINHORN MOUNTAIN SHEEP	7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	Full Curl Thinhorn Rams	Aug 1 - Oct 15	1
Tatlatui Park in MU 7-39 closed to mountain sheep hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	7-3 to 7-5, 7-17, 7-18, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
For areas that are closed to Mountain goat hunting or are LEH only see Maps G1, G5 to G9, G18, G21, G23, G24. Mountain goat are sensitive to harvest. Hunters are requested to select male mountain goat when hunting. Compulsory Inspection required.				
CARIBOU	*▲7-37, 7-39 to 7-41	★5 Point Bulls	Aug 15 - Oct 15	1
* Part of MU 7-39 is LEH only, see Map G22 ▲ MU 7-38 was closed to Caribou hunting. Parts of MUs 7-39 and 7-40 are closed to Caribou hunting, see Map G25 ★ See Definitions section: Caribou. Compulsory Inspection required.				
BLACK BEAR	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Nov 15	2
	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Apr 1 - June 30	
WOLF	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - June 30	NBL
COUGAR	7-2 to 7-8, 7-16 to 7-18, 7-23		Sept 10 - Mar 31	2
	7-9 to 7-15, 7-24, 7-25		Sept 10 - Mar 31	1
Hunters are reminded that all cougars must be compulsory inspected. Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
COYOTE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Mar 31	NBL
WOLVERINE	7-3, 7-17, 7-18, 7-37 to 7-41		Oct 15 - Jan 15	1
LYNX	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Nov 1 - Feb 15	1
SNOWSHOE HARE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRREL	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		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.				
DUSKY (Blue) GROUSE	7-2 to 7-7, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27, 7-28, 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
SPRUCE and RUFFED GROUSE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Sept 1 - Nov 15	10 (30)
The daily aggregate bag limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 10; the aggregate possession limit for Dusky, Spruce and Ruffed grouse combined is 30.				
PTARMIGAN	7-2 to 7-6, 7-17, 7-18, 7-23, 7-27 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41		Aug 15 - Feb 28	10 (30)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 11, 2020 / Sept 14 - Nov 30, 2020		10 each (30 each)
DUCKS	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 11, 2020 / Sept 14 - Nov 30, 2020		8 (24)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequins are in effect - see page 17.				
GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 11, 2020 / Sept 14 - Nov 30, 2020		5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 11, 2020 / Sept 14 - Nov 30, 2020		5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	Sept 1 - Sept 11, 2020 / Sept 14 - Nov 30, 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	7-2 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41	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.				

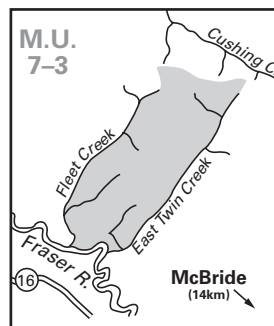
Migratory Game Bird Seasons for 2021/2022 are currently under review. Check <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis> for updates.



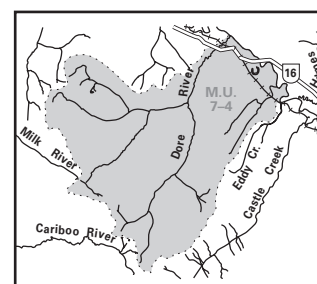
Map G1 Mount Thompson Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-2).



Map G2 Robert W. Starratt Wildlife Sanctuary No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area (MU 7-2).



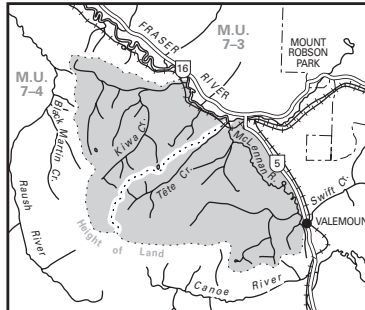
Map G5 East Twin Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-3).



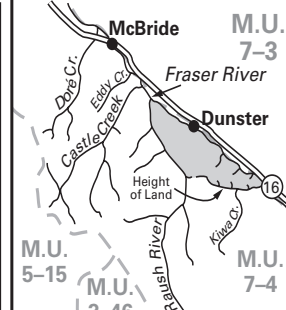
Map G6 Dore River Mountain Goat closed area (MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



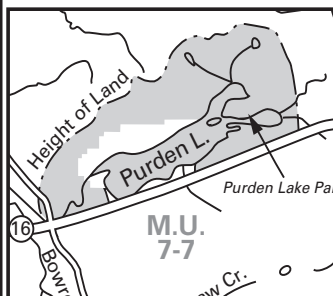
Map G7 Holmes River and Castle Creek Mtn Goat closed areas (MUs 7-3 and 7-4). Hunting of Mtn. Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders



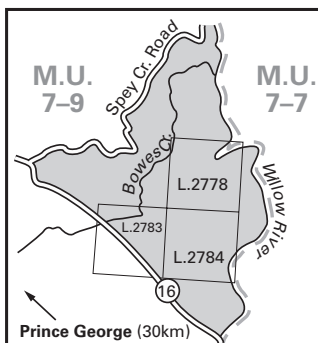
Map G8 Kiwa Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-4). Hunting of Mountain Goat is prohibited except for LEH permit holders.



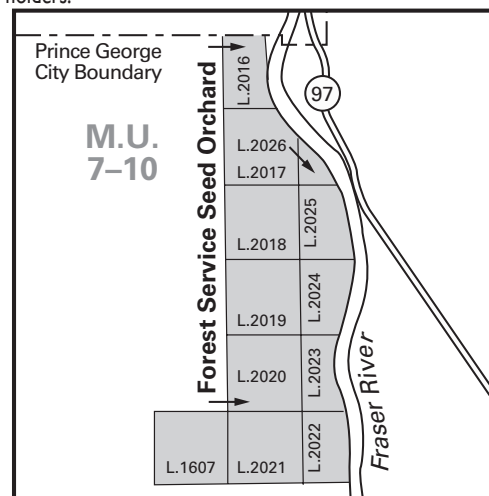
Map G9 Dunster Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-4).



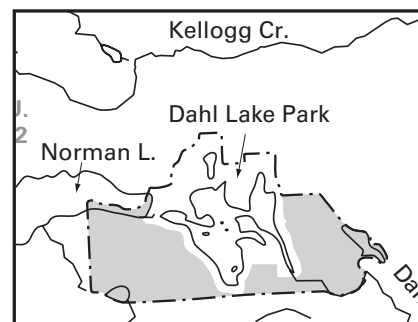
Map G10 Purden Lake Park addition (MU 7-7). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.



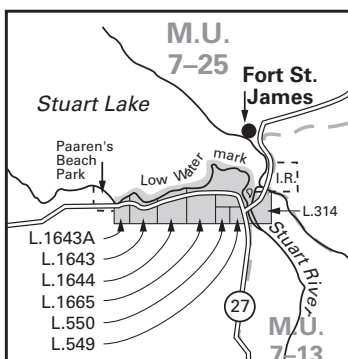
Map G11 Tabor Mountain No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-9).



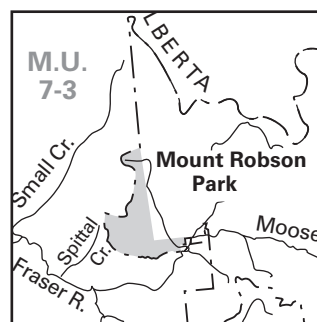
Map G12 Red Rock Seed Orchard No Shooting Area (MU 7-10).



Map G13 Dahl Lake Park addition (MU 7-12). Shaded area is open to hunting and the discharge of firearms, bows, crossbows only during a lawful game hunting season.

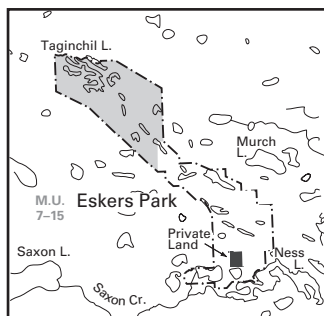


Map G14 Paaren's Beach No Shooting Area (MUs 7-13 and 7-25).

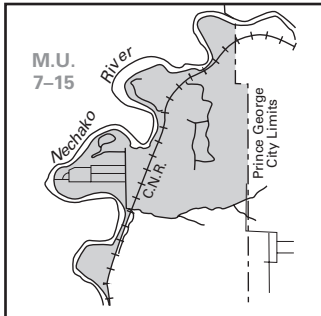


Map G15 Mount Robson addition (MU 7-3). Shaded area open to hunting.

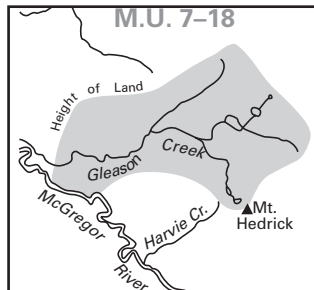
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGION 7A



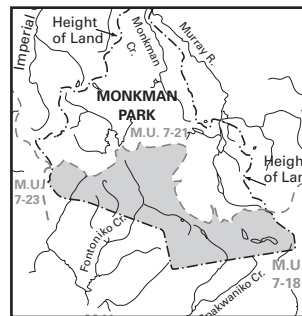
Map G16 Eskers Park addition (MU 7-15). Shaded area open to hunting.



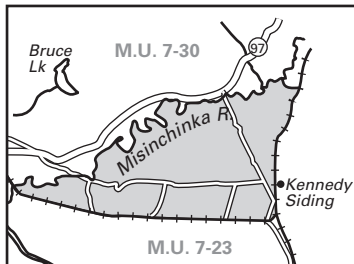
Map G17 No Shooting Area (MU 7-15).



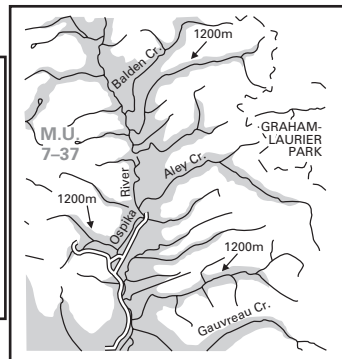
Map G18 Gleason Creek Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-18).



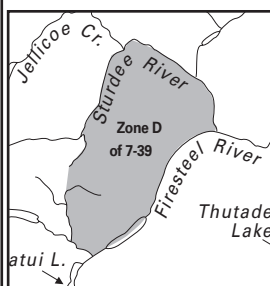
Map G19 Monkman Lake Park area open to hunting (MU 7-18).



Map G20 Kennedy Siding No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 7-23). Hunting and discharge of firearms is prohibited from Sept 1 to Mar 31.



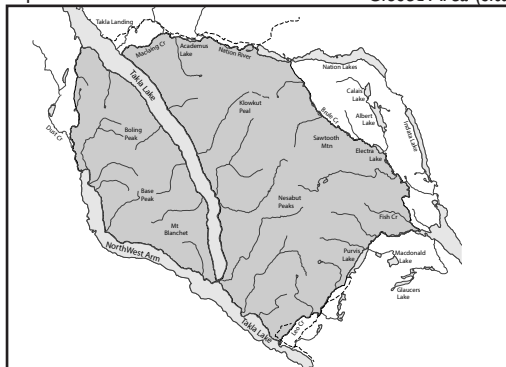
Map G21 Ospika River Mountain Goat Closed Area (situated in MU 7-37).



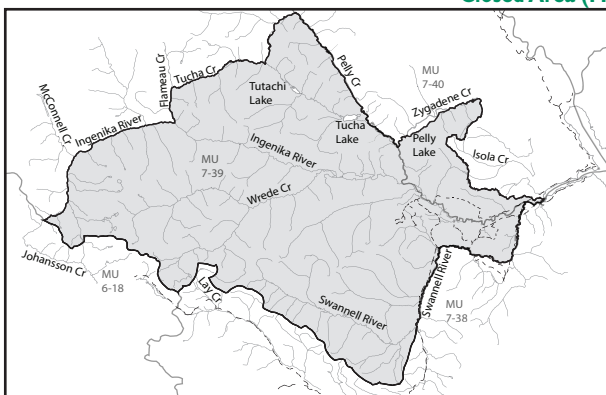
Map G22 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in Zone D of MU 7-39 except for LEH permit holders.



Map G24 Driftwood Mountain Goat Closed Area (MU 7-27).



Map G23 Mitchell & Blanchet Mountain Goat Closed Areas (MUs 7-27 and 7-28).



Map G25 Hunting of caribou is prohibited in parts of MUs 7-39 and 7-40.

HANDLING GAME MEAT SAFELY

These general safety measures are recommended when handling game meat:

- ✓ Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.
- ✓ Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing or handling any dead animal.
- ✓ Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone if you can avoid it, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord.
- ✓ Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- ✓ Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.