

COMPULSORY INSPECTION and REPORTING

Compulsory Inspections are a requirement for specific game species under the BC Hunting Regulations. These species are submitted for the purposes of data collection and enforcement. The Compulsory Inspection process includes taking measurements and/or parts of the animals for scientific analysis and provides wildlife managers with valuable information about the sex, age and condition of animals being harvested. Compulsory Inspections in concert with other data collection methods enable managers to set more specific hunting regulations. Without adequate information, the risk of over harvests would increase, thereby requiring managers to set more conservative harvest levels in order to protect animal populations.

Compulsory Inspections for hunter harvest are provided in some regional offices and some are provided through independent, qualified inspectors throughout the province.

All Compulsory Inspectors have completed a training course and have been appointed under the *Environment Management Act* by the Chief Conservation Officer.

The Compulsory Inspector locations are listed on the regional maps of each region. Appointments must be arranged by the hunter for all compulsory inspections. For Compulsory Inspection Centres, see Regional Sections' front page maps.

For more information, please contact the appropriate Ministry Regional Office or the Ministry website

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/ci.htm

Information required for Compulsory Reporting and Inspection include:

1. the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and Hunter Number;
2. the location where the animal was taken,
3. the date the animal was taken,
4. the sex of the animal taken, and
5. the licences under which the animal was taken.

See LEH synopsis for additional requirements.

COMPULSORY INSPECTION

Compulsory Inspectors will not complete the compulsory inspection unless ALL information and parts are submitted and able to be collected. Hunters are not in legal possession of the wildlife unless they comply with compulsory inspection requirements.

Except as noted, all compulsory inspected species must be submitted to a compulsory inspector for the purpose of taking measurements or parts of the animal required for management (ie, tooth) **within 30 days** of the kill (see note

regarding trapping exemption below).

The following species of game must be submitted to a regional compulsory inspection centre:

- **mountain goat** • **mountain sheep**
- **grizzly bear** • **cougar** • **caribou**
- **elk in Regions 2 and 8**
- **moose in MUs 6-19, 6-20, and 6-22 to 6-25, and the Nass Wildlife Area (NWA), see map F47 for NWA**
- **black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13**
- **lynx in Region 4**
- **Compulsory Inspection of all Moose Harvested in MUs 7-50 to 7-54 is being considered please refer to the online synopsis before you hunt.**

1. Grizzly bear, mountain goat and mountain sheep must be submitted to a compulsory inspector within 30 days or before December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
2. Persons who gain the written approval from a Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician or Official of MoE prior to hunting can submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt.
3. Persons who use the service of a licensed guide for the purpose of hunting a caribou, or an elk in Region 2 or 8, must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the hunt of the continuous season in which the animal was taken.
4. Persons who use the services of a licensed guide for the purpose of hunting a grizzly bear, mountain goat, or mountain sheep must submit such animals for inspection within 30 days after the last day of the continuous season in which the animal was taken, or by December 5 of the year of the kill, whichever occurs first.
5. Persons who take a cougar in Region 4 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 4 within 4 days of the kill.
6. Persons who take a cougar in Region 6 must submit the animal for inspection to a compulsory inspector in Region 6 within 4 days of the kill.
7. **Persons who take a black bear in MUs 6-12 and 6-13 must submit the animal for inspection within 10 days of the kill or before exporting from the province, whichever occurs first.**

PARTS REQUIRED

For mountain sheep (ie. Dall's, Stone's, California or Rocky Mountain):

- the portion of the skull including the nasal bones, the entire eye-socket, the horns and the associated connective bone structure, and
- the horns for insertion of a numbered aluminum plug by an officer.

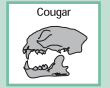


For mountain goat:

- the horns.

For grizzly bear, black bear, lynx and cougar:

- the skull and the hide bearing:
- for males, a testicle or part of the penis, or
- for females, a portion of the teats or mammary gland.



For caribou:

- the incisor (front) tooth, the antlers, and for a caribou without at least one main beam measuring over 60 cm (24 inches) in length, the hide with evidence of sex attached.

For elk:

- an incisor (front) tooth, and
- for males, the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull, or
- for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

For moose:

- an incisor tooth, and
- for males, the antlers attached to a portion of the upper skull, or
- for females, the upper portion of the skull or a portion of the teats or mammary gland.

COMPULSORY REPORTING

A person who takes or kills the following species in any Management Unit:

- **lynx in Regions 3, 5, 7, 8** • **wolverine**
- **bobcat** • **wolf in Regions 1, 2, 4, 8**
- **elk Region 1**

must, within 30 days after the date of the kill, report in person or by mail:

1. their name, address, telephone number and Hunter Number;
2. the location where the animal was killed,
3. the date the animal was killed, and
4. the sex of the animal taken.

The Harvest Data card can be used to submit this data. The card is available at any licence issuer, Service BC, Ministry office or by downloading the form from the ministry website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw. Compulsory Reports may be submitted to any Ministry office. We are not collecting tooth samples at this time by mail.

Note: A person authorized to trap is exempt from the requirements noted above with respect to furbearing animals taken by trapping. See page 92.

DO NOT SEND TEETH IN THE MAIL
Compulsory Reporting Data Envelopes
can be mailed to
FW&HM Branch,
PO Box 9374 STN PROV GOVT,
Victoria, BC V8W 9M4