

# REGION 1

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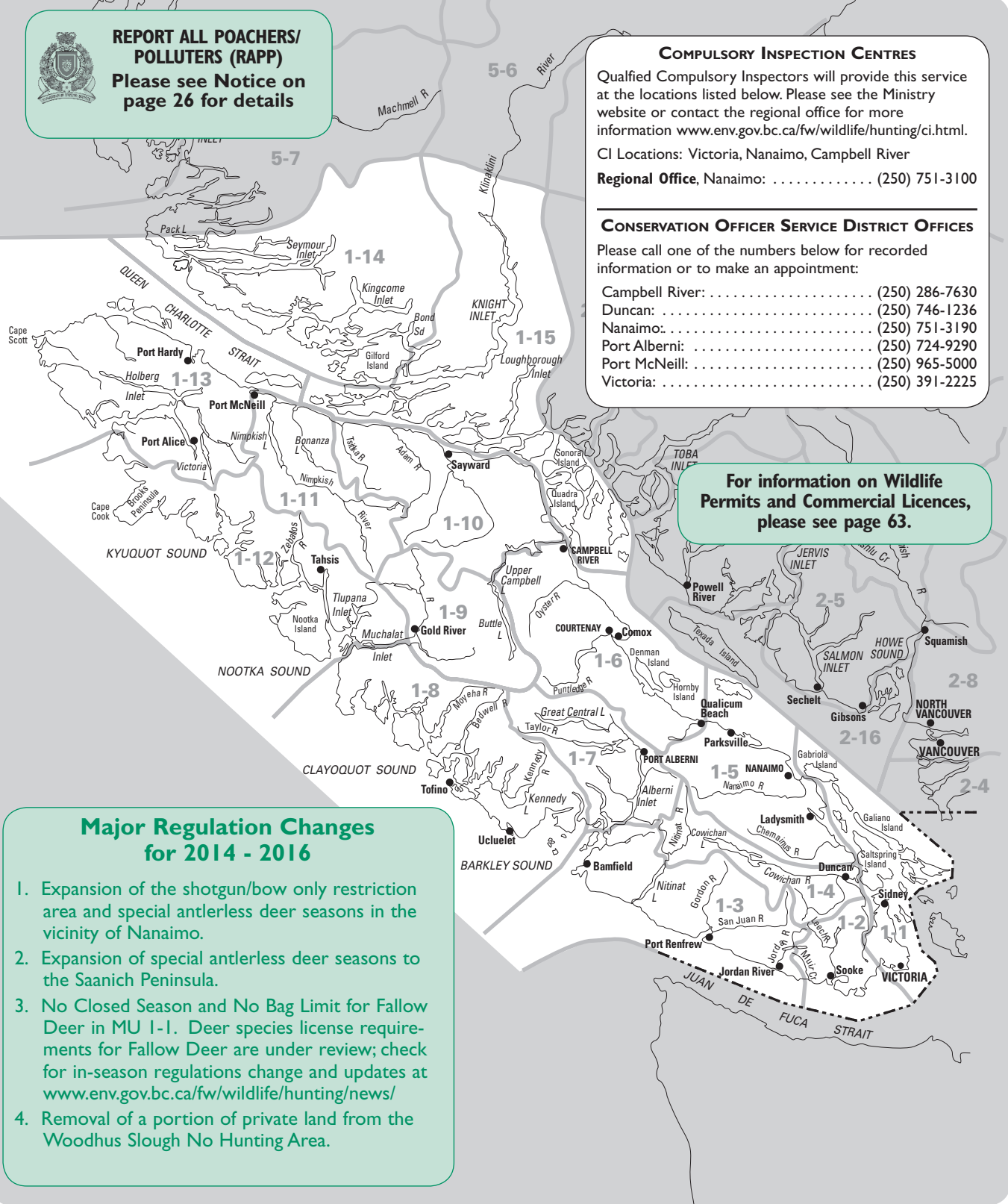
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 page 26 for details

**COMPULSORY INSPECTION CENTRES**  
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**For information on Wildlife Permits and Commercial Licences, please see page 63.**



**Major Regulation Changes for 2014 - 2016**

1. Expansion of the shotgun/bow only restriction area and special antlerless deer seasons in the vicinity of Nanaimo.
2. Expansion of special antlerless deer seasons to the Saanich Peninsula.
3. No Closed Season and No Bag Limit for Fallow Deer in MU 1-1. Deer species license requirements for Fallow Deer are under review; check for in-season regulations change and updates at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/news/)
4. Removal of a portion of private land from the Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area.

**REGIONAL BAG LIMITS**

**Deer:** The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is three, of which only two may be antlerless 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**

- ★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas:** The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas:
- ★ 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 Areas:** The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited in the 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**

- ▶ 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 m 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 A2 to A6.

▶ **Nanose Bay No Shooting Area (MU1-5)** - 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 m 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 (604-940-4650) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 25 m on either side of the midline of Westcan Terminals Road east of Indian Reserve #9 and 25 m 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 m 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 Licence Hunting Area**

▶ **Hunters planning to hunt on Galiano, Pender, Saturna, Mayne, Denman and Hornby Islands, and other Gulf Islands within MU 1-1 should be aware that 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.**

▶ No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on

Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

▶ Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while hunting is required.

▶ All persons 18 years of age or older hunting on an island in MU 1-1 (except Vancouver Island) and/or Denman and Hornby Islands in MU 1-6, are required to purchase a Gulf Islands Special Licence, available at Service BCs offices. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence.

**BC PARKS**

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

▶ Hunting is prohibited in some BC Parks (Parks, Protected Areas, Recreation Areas, and Conservancies) and is permitted in others during an open season and within specific time periods. Hunting is prohibited in Ecological Reserves. Before hunting in a BC Park, hunters must verify that hunting in that area during that time is permitted. For more information on hunting regulations within BC Parks please phone your regional Ministry office or visit the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch website at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/).

**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 on the island. 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) 751-3100, or the 24 hour call center line at 1-877 952-7277. For more information on bear safety visit [www.bearaware.bc.ca/bears/safety.html](http://www.bearaware.bc.ca/bears/safety.html)

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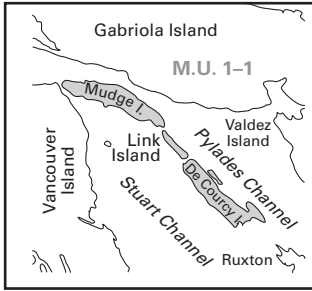
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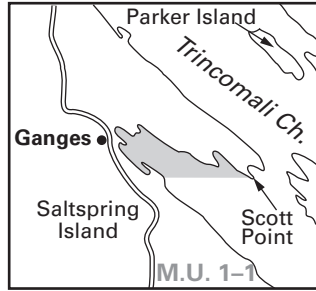
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## VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

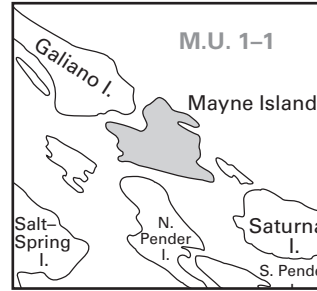
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT	
<b>MULE DEER (Black-tailed)</b>	▼1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2	
	+1-1, +1-2, +1-4, +1-5, +1-6, +1-15	Antlerless	*Sept 10 - Dec 10	2	
	▲1-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	1	
	1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-10	Antlerless	Sept 10 - Dec 10	1	
<b>Youth Only Season**</b>					
<b>Bow Only Season</b>	▼★1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2	
<b>Bow Only Season</b>	+1-1, +1-2, +1-4, +1-5, +1-6, +1-15	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	2	
<b>Youth Bow Only Season**</b>	★ 1-1, 1-2, 1-4, to 1-6, 1-10	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sept 9	1	
▼ A portion of MU 1-6 is restricted to two point or greater mule deer; keep antlers with species licence. See Map A29.					
* On Denman and Hornby Island season date is Oct 5 to Dec 10      ** Season restricted to hunters under the age of 18					
+ Season applies only to a portion of these MUs. 1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-15. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and map A35.					
▲ Restricted to Gulf Islands, excluding Saltspring Island and Gabriola Island.					
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 (except Gabriola Island), in Zone B of MU 1-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6).					
<b>FALLOW DEER</b>	1-1	Either sex	No Closed Season	NBL	
<i>Species licence requirements for fallow deer are under review please check the in season regulation change website for updates.</i>					
<b>MOUNTAIN GOAT</b>	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	1	
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 10 - Dec 10		
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - June 15	2	
<b>Bow Only Season</b>	★1-1 to 1-15		Aug 25 - Sept 9		
★ There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 (except Gabriola Island) or in zone B of MU 1-5 (see Map A17) or on Denman and Hornby Islands (MU 1-6).					
<b>WOLF</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31		
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - June 15	3	
<i>All wolf taken must be reported to a Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.</i>					
<b>COUGAR</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 10 - Mar 31		
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1 - June 15	2	
<i>Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.</i>					
<b>RACCOON</b>	1-1 to 1-15		No Closed Season	10	
<b>SNOWSHOE HARE</b>	1-14, 1-15		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)	
<b>OPPOSUM, SKUNK</b>	1-1 to 1-15		No Closed Season	NBL	
<i>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.</i>					
<b>GROUSE: SOOTY (Blue) &amp; RUFFED</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 1 - Dec 31		
	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 20 - Aug 31	5 each (15 each)	
<i>There is no bow only season on the Gulf Islands in MU 1-1 or in zone B of MU 1-5. See Map A17.</i>					
<b>PTARMIGAN</b>	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)	
<b>CALIFORNIA QUAIL</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)	
<i>No open season on mountain quail.</i>					
<b>PHEASANT</b>	1-1 to 1-9	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)	
<b>RAVEN</b>	★ 1-1		No Closed Season	5	
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.					
<b>BAND-TAILED PIGEONS</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 15 - Sept 30	5 (15)	
<b>COOTS, COMMON SNIFE</b>	1-1 to 1-15		2014 - 2015		
			2015 - 2016		
			Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	10 each (30 each)
<b>DUCKS</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	8 (24)
<i>Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye and 2 Harlequin are in effect - see page 17.</i>					
<b>GEESE: SNOW and ROSS'S</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	5 (15)
<b>GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	5 (15)
<b>GEESE: CANADA and CACKLING</b>	1-3, 1-8 to 1-15		Oct 11, 2014 - Jan 23, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Jan 22, 2016	10 (30)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4 to 1-7		Sept 6, 2014 - Sept 14, 2014	Sept 5, 2015 - Sept 13, 2015	10 (30)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4 to 1-7		Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 23, 2014	Oct 10, 2015 - Nov 22, 2015	10 (30)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4 to 1-7		Dec 20, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	Dec 19, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016	10 (30)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4 to 1-7		Feb 10, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Feb 11, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30)
▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU 1-4, see below					
	*1-4 (Cowichan Bay)		Oct 11, 2014 - Nov 23, 2014 Dec 20, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015 Feb 10, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Nov 22, 2015 Dec 19, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016 Feb 11, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30) 10 (30) 10 (30)
	*1-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Oct 11, 2014 - Oct 20, 2014 Dec 20, 2014 - Dec 31, 2014 Feb 21, 2015 - Mar 10, 2015	Oct 10, 2015 - Oct 19, 2015 Dec 19, 2015 - Dec 31, 2015 Feb 20, 2016 - Mar 10, 2016	10 (30) 10 (30) 10 (30)
* See Map A11.					
<b>WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS:</b> (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 18. See Waterfowler Heritage Days section.)					
<b>DUCKS and GEESE</b>	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 4, 2014 - Oct 5, 2014	Oct 3, 2015 - Oct 4, 2015	★
★ Daily bag and possession limits are same as general open seasons described above. See page 17 for more details.					



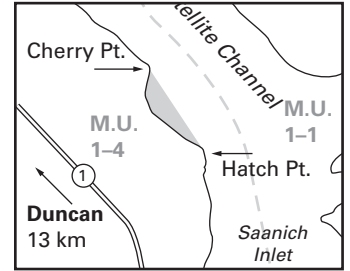
**Map A1** Mudge and DeCourcy Islands - No Shooting or Hunting Area and Link Island No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



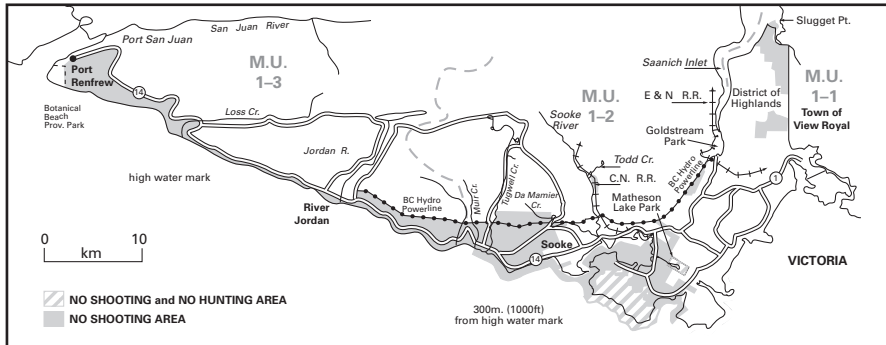
**Map A2** Ganges - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



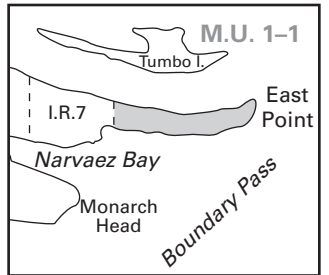
**Map A3** Mayne Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



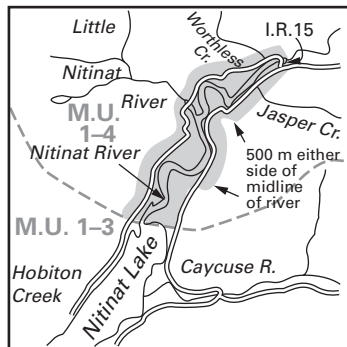
**Map A4** Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



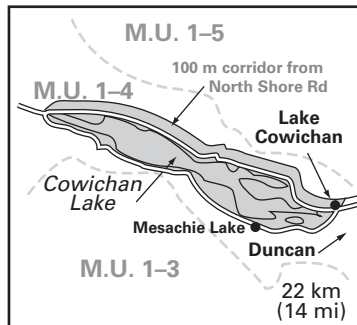
**Map A5** Sooke/Metchosin - No Shooting Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MUs 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3).



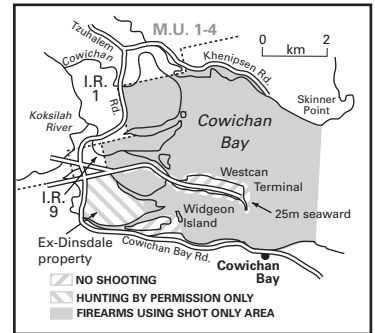
**Map A6** Saturna Island - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-1).



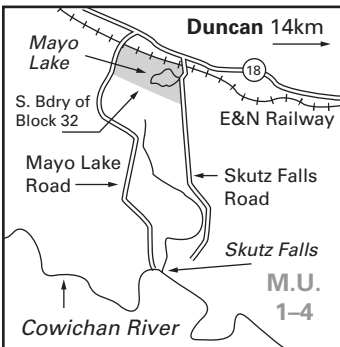
**Map A8** Nitinat River - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



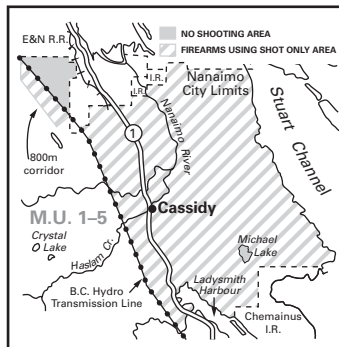
**Map A9** Cowichan Lake - No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



**Map A11** Cowichan Bay Area (situated in MU 1-4) Seasonal No Shooting Area & Firearms Using Shot Only Area, Sept 15 to Mar 11. Hunting by Permission Only Area (Ex-Dinsdale property) is closed to Hunting except for Canada Geese. See General Open Seasons Table.



**Map A12** Mayo Lake - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



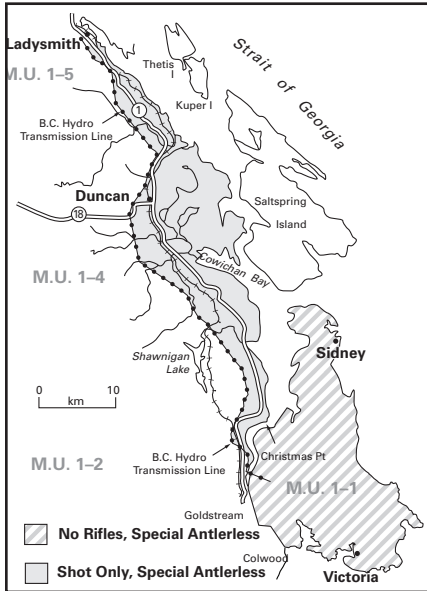
**Map A13** Nanaimo/Ladysmith - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season (east of the powerline). Michael Lake No Shooting Area on Michael Lake to the high water mark.



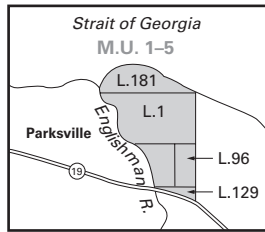
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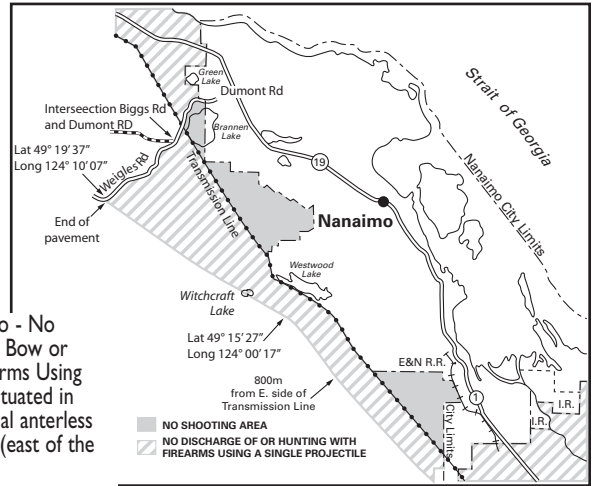




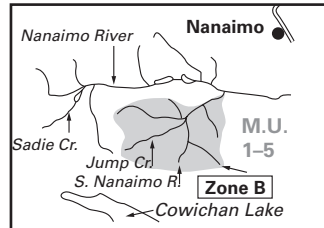
**Map A15** Ladysmith/Malahat - Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.



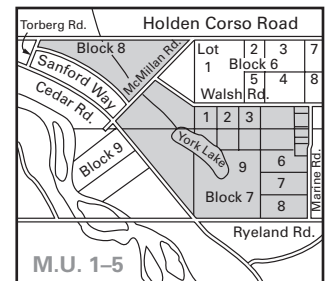
**Map A14** Englishman River - No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-5).



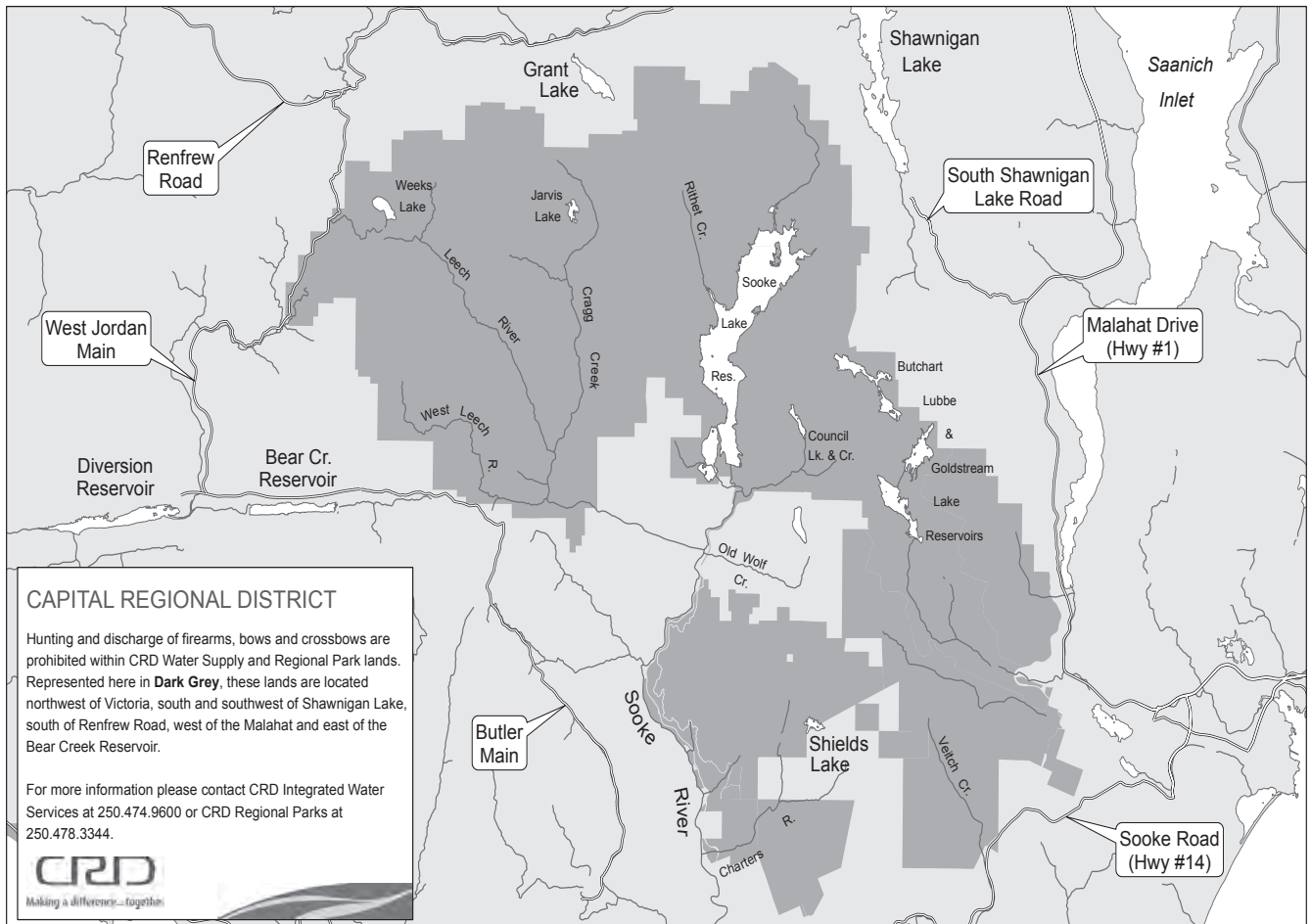
**Map A16** Nanaimo - No Shooting Area and Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season (east of the powerline).

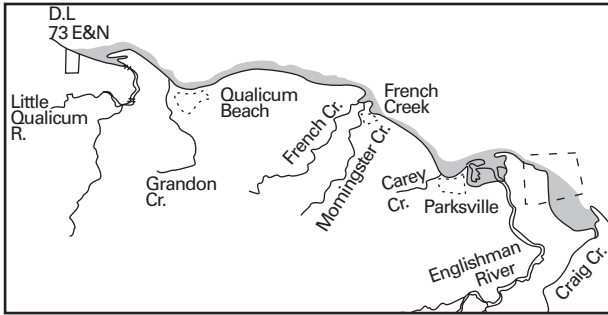


**Map A17** Nanaimo River Camp Closed Area during bow only season for grouse, mule (black-tailed) deer and black bear. Use of snowmobiles and ATV's (including all motorcycles) prohibited from Sept 1 to Dec 31 (situated in MU 1-5) in the watershed of the S. Nanaimo River.

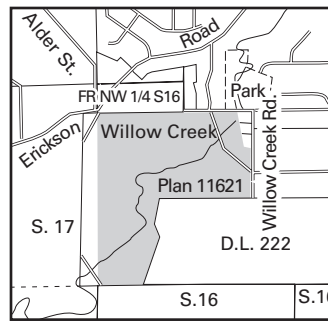


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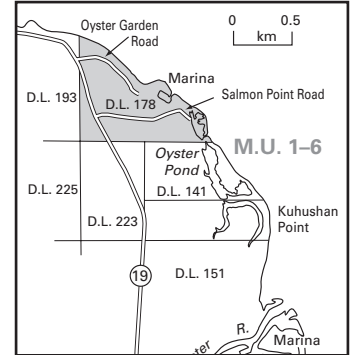




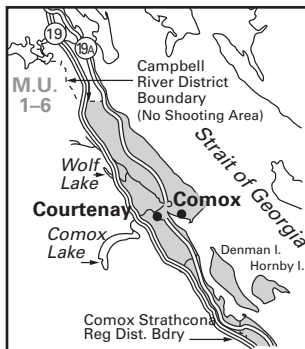
**Map A19** Parksview-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (situated in MU 1-5) Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



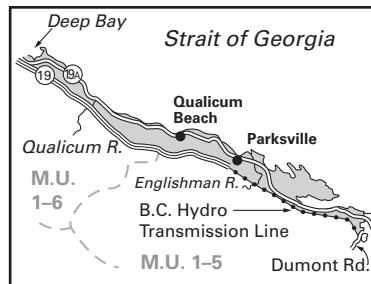
**Map A20** Willow Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 1-6).



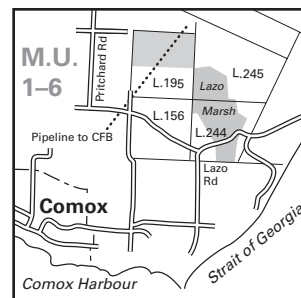
**Map A21** Woodhus Slough No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



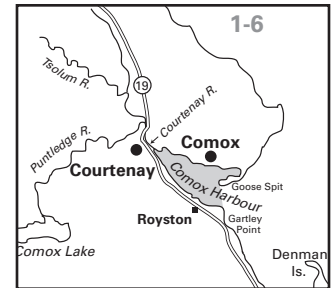
**Map A22** Courtenay/Campbell River - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season. Gulf Island Special Licence is required on Denman and Hornby Islands - see page 28.



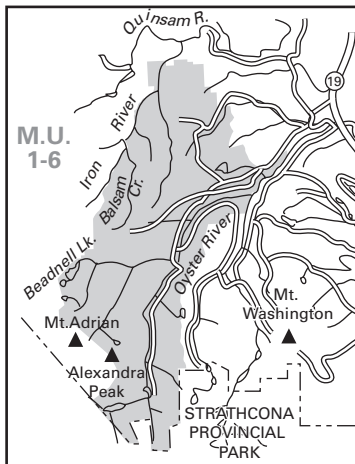
**Map A23** Qualicum/Parksville - Bow or Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-5, 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season.



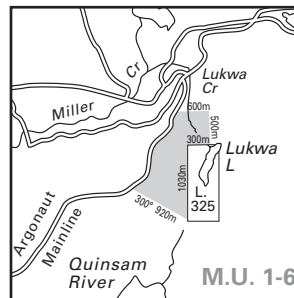
**Map A24** Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



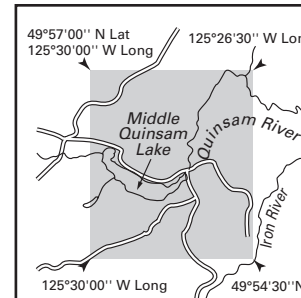
**Map A25** Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



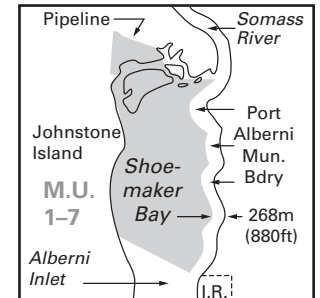
**Map A29** Iron River/Oyster River Special 2 Point or better Mule Deer Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



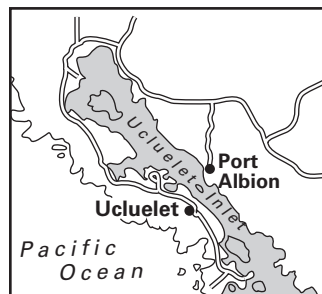
**Map A26** Lukwa Lake No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



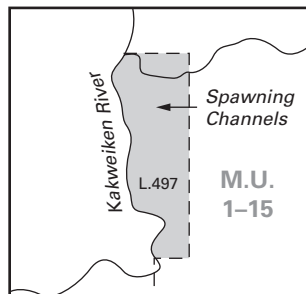
**Map A27** Quinsam Coal Mine Site No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



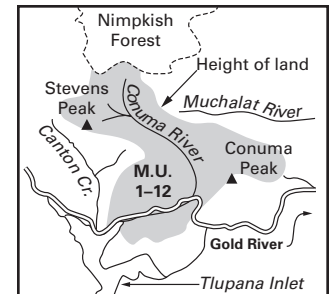
**Map A28** Shoemaker Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-7).



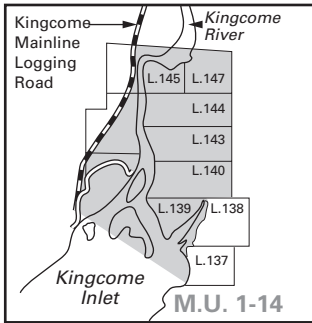
**Map A30** Ucluelet Inlet No Hunting or Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-8).



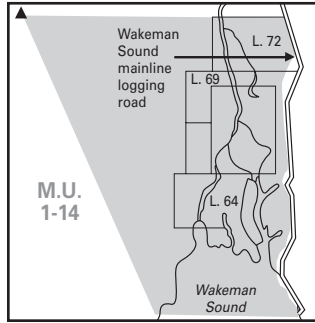
**Map A31** Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



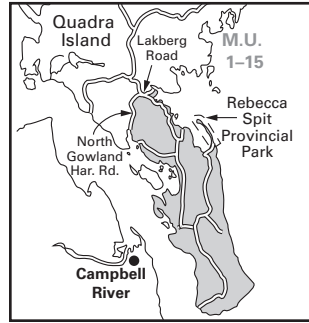
**Map A32** Conuma Watershed Bow Only Area (situated in MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



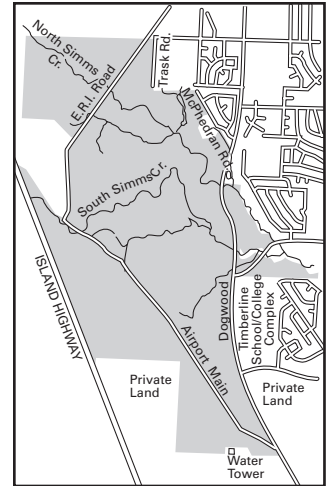
**Map A33** Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



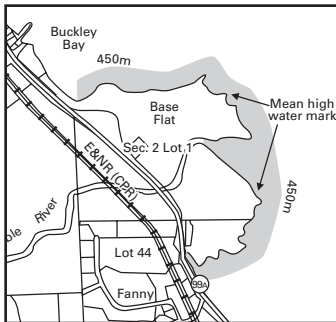
**Map A34** Wakeman Sound Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



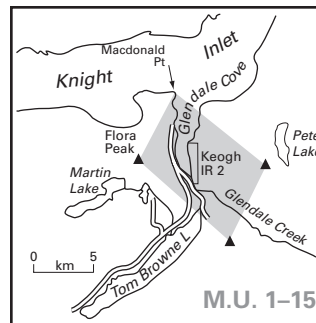
**Map A35** Quadra Island Bow or Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-15) and special antlerless mule deer season.



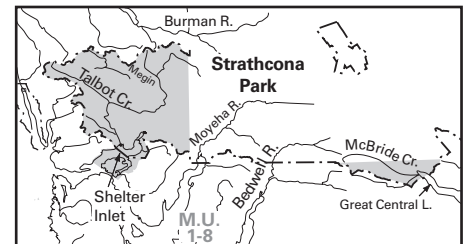
**Map A36** Beaver Lodge Trust Lands No Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



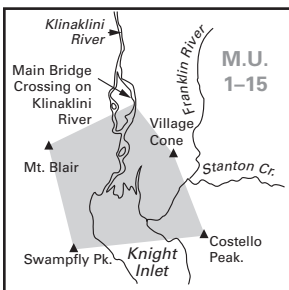
**Map A37** Buckley Bay No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



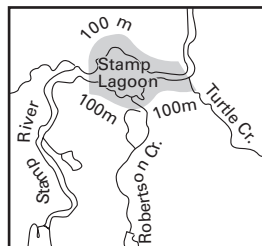
**Map A38** Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



**Map A39** Strathcona Park McBride Creek and Megin Creek additions (situated in MUs 1-7, 1-8).



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



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

## 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 gamebirds (grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge, pheasants and turkey), migratory upland gamebirds (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 - matrixshot, 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 (604-940-4700) for more details.



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