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

## Major Regulation Changes for 2014-2016 <br> 1. Removal of antler restrictions for coastal mule deer seasons.



## 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 I.


## 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. 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 I3.
- No Shooting Areas The discharge of
firearms is prohibited in the following areas:
- 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (MU 5-2)- see Map El.
- 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 EI9.
- Stum Lake (MU 5-I 3) - Between Mar. I 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 E26.
(4) 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:
(4) Robertson Road and any side roads (MU 5-2) from its intersection with Hwy 97 at D.L. 61 (Cariboo Land District) north to its intersection with Hwy 97 at the village of McLeese Lake.
(4. Tatlayoko Road (MU 5-5) - either side of the mid-line south from Eagle Lake Road to its end.
(4) Horn-Bluff Lakes Road (MU 5-5) - see Map El3.
(2)Hwy 20 - Between Bella Coola and the westerly boundary of Tweedsmuir Park (MU 5-8) - see Map EI7.
(8) West Fraser Road (MU 5-I 3)- 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 E2 I.
(4) Tibbles Road - see Map El 8 .
(8) West Fraser Road (MU 5-14) - see description under MU 5-I3. See Map E2I.


## 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 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, but 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 I I- I 2):


## $\star$ Motor Vehicle Closed Areas

The operation of all motor vehicles is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

## $\Delta$ Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed

Areas: The operation of all motor vehicles 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 wildife is prohibited in these areas.

## x ATVs and Snowmobile Closed Areas

The operation of snowmobiles and ATVs (including motorcycles) is prohibited year round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

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## MU 5-2

- Access to Mount Polley mine site is prohibited under the Mines and Trespass Acts.
- Moffat Lake-Spokin FSR (Project \#796805) and any side roads.
* Knife Creek Vehicle Restricted Area - see Map E6.

MU 5-3
■ From 4:00 a.m. to $10: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
© 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 vehicles prohibited except on designated roads. Access for commercial purposes other than hunting is allowed. Snowmobiles allowed Dec. I to May I see Map E7.
x Gaspard-Churn Creek except for commercial activities other than hunting; and snowmobiles allowed Dec. I to May I see Map E8.
$\star$ Red Mountain \& French Mountain motor vehicles prohibited above the 1920 m elevation.

MU 5-4
■ From 4:00 a.m. to $10: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.

- 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. I to Oct. 3 I only.
- Taseko-Chilko ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Area. See Map E9.


## MU 5-5

- From 4:00 a.m. to $10: 00$ a.m.
© Valleau Creek - see Map EI2.
* Potato Mountain - Snowmobiles allowed Dec. I to Mar. 31 , except in Ts'il?os Park. See Map Ell.


## MU 5-6

■ From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## MU 5-8

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

## MU 5-I2

- Upper Dean River Main Haul Road northerly from 66.5 km .
- BeefTrail Road.
$\star$ Corkscrew Road - Except for industrial forestry purposes.
- MU 5-12 (entire management unit) from Sept. I to Dec. 5.


## MU 5-13

- MU 5-I3 (entire management unit) from Sept. I to Dec. 5.


## MU 5-12 and 5-13

* Itcha llgachuz - trails open as indicated on Map E28. Commercial vehicles are exempt.


## MU 5-14

■ From 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
$\star$ Junction - Roads open as shown on Map E20. Commercial vehicles allowed.
( Doc English - access is restricted to designated roads; portions of this area are private land and for safety reasons, hunters are requested not to hunt in these areas - see Map E22.

## MU 5-I5

Ł Eureka Peak - this restriction applies to the operation of all motor vehicles for any purpose. Snowmobiles allowed Dec I to Apr 30. - see Map E23

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- Spanish No-Name Lake Forest Service Road - northerly and easterly from the No-Name Lake Forest Service Recreational Site.
A 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 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 $B C$ 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/.



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Map EI 100 Mile House No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).


Map E2 Rose Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).


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


Map E7 Churn Creek Protected Area (situated in MU 5-3). Motor vehicles prohibited except on designated roads.


Map E4 Gibraltar Mines No shooting Area (situated in MU 5-2).


Map E6 Knife Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-2). Road shown as dashed line is open.


Map E5 Reidemann Wildlife Sanctuary (situated in MU 5-2). No Shooting, Hunting or Trapping Area.


Map E8 Gaspard - Churn Creek ATV and Snowmobile Closed Area and sharp-tailed grouse closed area (situated in MU 5-3).


Map E9 Taseko-Chilko Lake ATVs and Snowmobiles for Hunting Closed Area (situated in MU 5-4).


Map EIO Open area for Bighorn Sheep hunting in MU 5-4.The remainder of MU 5-4 is closed to Bighorn Sheep hunting.


Map EII Potato Mountain Goat Closed Area and Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5). Vehicle restriction includes all areas above 1520 $m$ elevation in this area, year round. Snowmobiles allowed Dec I to Mar 3lexcept in Ts'il?os Park.


Map EI2 Valleau Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).


Map EI3 Horn-Bluff Lakes Quarter Mile Single Projectile Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5)


Map EI4 Bluff-Middle Lake Moose Closed Area (situated in MU 5-5).


Map EI5 Perkins Peak - Kappen Mtn Mountain Goat Closed Area. JobinMcClinchy \& Cherry Creek Mtn. Goat LEH Areas (situated in MUs 5-5, 5-6).


Map El9 Ocean Falls No Shooting Area (situated in MU 5-9).


Map E25 Goose Range and Eureka-Deception Mountain Goat Closed Areas (situated in MU 5-15). See LEH Synopsis for area open to LEH.


Map E26 Wells No Shooting Area(situated in MU 5-I5).


Map E27 Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area (situated in MU 5-I4).


## WILDLIFE PERMTS \& COMMERCIAL LICENCES

Since 2004, the Ministry's Permit and
Authorizations Service Bureau was the central bureau to process fish, wildlife, and park use permits. The Permit and Authorizations Service Bureau will no longer be providing this service. Effective April I, 2014, FrontCounter BC wil; begin processing fish, wildlife, and park use permit appliations through their 29 regional offices.
As FrontCounter BC staff already assist clients and process a number of natural resource applications, the addition of fish, wildlife, and park use permits fits with the scope of FrontCounter BC services and further enhances services.
The Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resurce Operations is committed to integrating natural resource sector services and improving citizen's access to government services. Part of that improvement is to streamline permitting processing, decrease turnaround times, and eliminate red tape. Moving the fish, wildlife, and park use permitting to the 29 FrontCounter BC
office provides an effecient I window approach that will hellp prevent permit backlogs in the future.
Hunting licences continue to be available through retailers.
FrontCounter BC office locations and contact information can be found on the FrontCounter BC website at www.FrontCounterBC.gov.bc.ca by clidking on the 'where' button.
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Map E28 Itcha llgachuz Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 5-12 \& 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.


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## NOTICE TO BEAR HUNTERS

In order to ensure the sustainability of bear hunting, bear hunters are requested to:
I. Be patient. Don't shoot the moment you see a bear!
2. Observe carefully and select an adult, male bear, especially a male grizzly 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 (grizzly bear or black bear) less than two years old or any bear in its company (e.g., the sow). Take the time to ensure that cubs are not nearby.

## 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

4. Be aware there is no open season on white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of the black bear.
5. Contact the nearest Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office immediately for important information if you shoot an ear-tagged or radio collared bear. See Ear Tags and Collars section, page 14.

## All grizzly bear hunting is under Limited Entry Hunting (LEH). See LEH Synopsis for more information and an article on how to identify black bears and grizzly bears.

## Large/Adult Male Bears

- Stocky legs
- Massive body with belly that hangs closer 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

