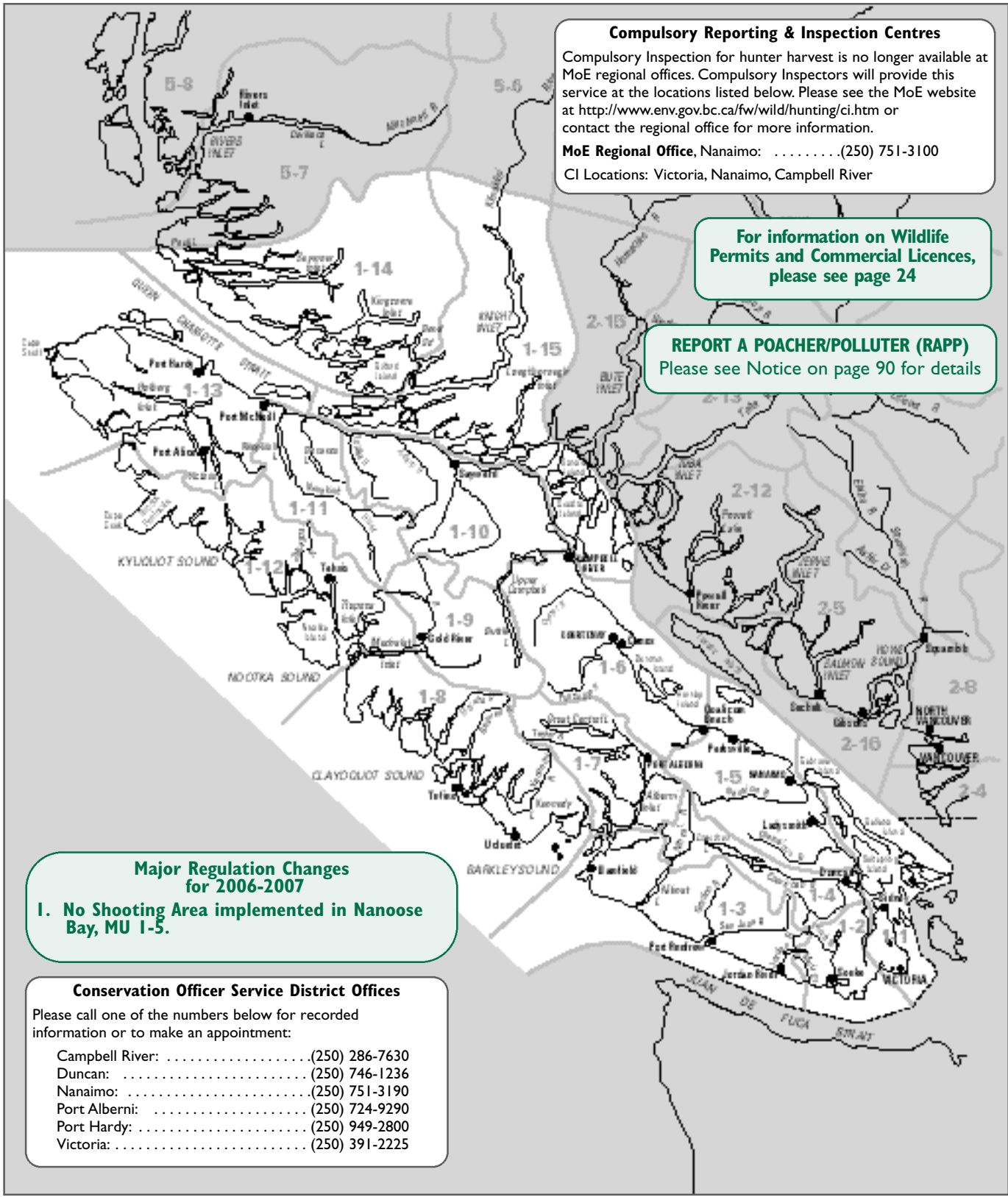




These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult the BC Recreational Atlas, 6th edition.



Compulsory Reporting & Inspection Centres
 Compulsory Inspection for hunter harvest is no longer available at MoE regional offices. Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at the locations listed below. Please see the MoE website at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wild/hunting/ci.htm> or contact the regional office for more information.
MoE Regional Office, Nanaimo:(250) 751-3100
 CI Locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River

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

REPORT A POACHER/POLLUTER (RAPP)
 Please see Notice on page 90 for details

Major Regulation Changes for 2006-2007
I. No Shooting Area implemented in Nanoose Bay, MU 1-5.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
 Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Campbell River:(250) 286-7630
Duncan:(250) 746-1236
Nanaimo:(250) 751-3190
Port Alberni:(250) 724-9290
Port Hardy:(250) 949-2800
Victoria:(250) 391-2225

REGIONAL BAG LIMITS

Deer: The bag limit for mule (black-tailed) deer is two, of which one may be antlerless from MU 1-1 or special seasons. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A22, A23, and A35.

Grouse: The daily bag limit for blue and ruffed grouse is 5 each. See pages 16 & 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

❖ **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.

▶ 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 MoE 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.

▶ No hunting or shooting of upland game birds (grouse, pheasant, quail) on Denman Island (situated in MU 1-6).

▶ **Nanose Bay No Shooting Area (MUI-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 (Phone: 604-940-4710) Pacific Wildlife Research Centre.

▶ The Vancouver Island Marmot is protected and must not be disturbed in its natural habitat. In order to protect the habitat for the Vancouver Island Marmots, motor vehicles are prohibited in Block 1392 of MU 1-5 on Green Mountain.

▶ 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 A10.

▶ Gulf Islands Special Licence Hunting Area: All persons 19 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 Government Agents offices. Persons under the age of 19 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 19 who holds a Gulf Island Special Licence. Evidence of \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage insurance valid while hunting is required.

▶ The Gulf Islands are largely comprised of private lands. **Hunters are reminded that they must obtain consent from owners before hunting on private land.**

▶ Hunters planning to hunt on Galiano, Denman and Hornby Islands should be aware that the majority of these islands are comprised of private lots - large blocks of industrial forest lands no longer exist. Prior to hunting on private land, hunters must obtain permission from the owner of the property they intend to hunt.

PROVINCIAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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

▶ In keeping with Section 29 of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations, the following Parks and Recreation Areas are only open to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows during a lawful game hunting season:

- Bligh Island Marine Park** ... (MU 1-12)
- Bodega Ridge Park** (MU 1-1)
- Brooks Peninsula Park** (MU 1-12)

Cape Scott Park (waterfowl only)*

the area east of Dakota Creek is open to all hunting (MU 1-13)

Carmanah Walbran Park (MU 1-3)

Catala Island Marine Park (MU 1-12)

Claud Elliott Lake Park (MU 1-10)

Clayoquot Arm Park (MU 1-8)

Clayoquot Plateau Park (MU 1-8)

Dawley Passage Park (MU 1-8)

Epper Passage Park (MU 1-8)

Flores Island Park (MU 1-8)

Gibson Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only) (MU 1-8)

God's Pocket Marine Park (MU 1-13)

Gold Muchalat Park (MU 1-9)

Hesquiat Lake Park (MU 1-8)

Hesquiat Peninsula Park (MU 1-8)

Lower Nimpkish Park (MU 1-11)

Main Lake Park (MU 1-15)

Marble River Park (MU 1-13)

Nimpkish Lake Park (MU 1-11)

Nuchatlitz Park (MU 1-12)

Octopus Islands Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only) (MU 1-15)

Quatsino Park (MU 1-13)

Sandy Island Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only) (MU 1-6)

Schoen Lake Park (MUs 1-10, 1-11)

Sooke Mountain Park (MU 1-2)

Strathcona Park - McBride Creek addition only (see Map A39) ... (MU 1-7)

Strathcona Park - Megin Creek addition only (see Map A41) ... (MU 1-8)

Sulphur Passage Park (MU 1-8)

Sydney Inlet Park (MU 1-8)

Tahsish-Kwois Park (MU 1-12)

Thurston Bay Marine Park (waterfowl only)* (shotguns only) (MU 1-15)

Tranquil Creek Park (MU 1-8)

Vargas Island Park (MU 1-8)

White Ridge Park (MU 1-9)

Woss Lake Park (MU 1-11)

* Waterfowl includes ducks, coots, common snipe, snow geese, Ross's geese and Canada geese.

▶ Parks and recreation areas not listed in this section are closed to hunting and closed to the discharge of firearms, bows and crossbows.

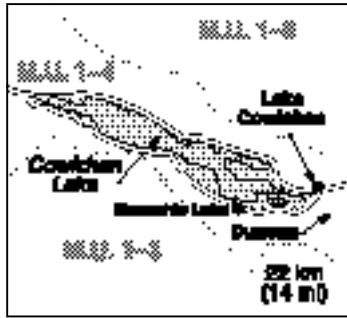
NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Hunters who are found to be under the influence of a drug or alcohol while hunting or while in possession of a firearm may be subject to a 24 hr hunting prohibition. Please hunt responsibly:

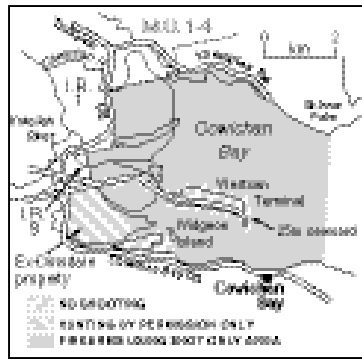
DON'T DRINK AND HUNT!

VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERAL OPEN SEASONS

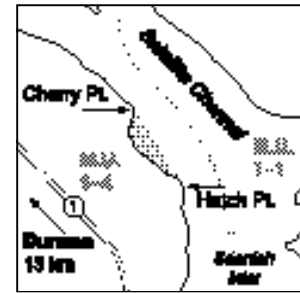
SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNITS	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	▼1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	*Sept 9 - Dec 10	.2
	+1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-15	Antlerless	*Sept 9 - Dec 10	.2(1)
	▲1-1	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 10	.1
Bow Only Season	▼★1-1 to 1-15	Bucks	Aug 26 - Sept 8	.2
	+1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-15	Antlerless	Aug 26 - Sept 8	.2(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 dates are Oct 7 to Dec 10				
+ Season applies only to a portion of these MUs. Bag limit as described on p. 28. See Maps A13, A15, A16, A23, A35 and map A22.				
▲ Excludes 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).				
MOUNTAIN GOAT	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	.1
BLACK BEAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 9 - Dec 10	.2
	1-1 to 1-15		Apr 1/2007 - June 15/2007	.2
Bow Only Season	★1-1 to 1-15		Aug 26 - Sept 8	.2
★ 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).				
WOLF	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 9 - March 31/2007	.3
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1/2007 - June 15/2007	.3
All wolf taken in MUs 1-1 to 1-13 must be reported to a MoE office in Region 1 within 30 days of the date of kill.				
COUGAR	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 9 - March 31/2007	.2
	1-1 to 1-15		April 1, 2007 - June 15/2007	.2
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: cougar kitten.				
RACCOON	1-1 to 1-15		No Closed Season	.10
SNOWSHOE HARE	1-14, 1-15		Aug 1 - April 30/2007	.10 (daily)
OPOSSUM, SKUNK	1-1 to 1-15		No Closed Season	.NBL
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.				
BLUE and RUFFED GROUSE	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 2 - Dec 31	.5 of each (15 of each)
Bow Only Season	1-1 to 1-15		Aug 26 - Sept 1	.5 of each (15 of each)
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.				
PTARMIGAN	1-14, 1-15		Sept 10 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	1-1 to 1-5		Oct 1 - Nov 30	.5 (15)
No open season on mountain quail.				
PHEASANT	1-1 to 1-9	Cocks	Oct 1 - Nov 30	.2 (6)
RAVEN	★1-1		No Closed Season	.5
★ Private lands on Saltspring Island only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners before hunting on private land.				
BAND-TAILED PIGEONS	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 15 - Sept 30	.5 (10)
COOTS, COMMON SNIPE	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 7 - Jan 19/2007	.10 (20)
DUCKS	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 7 - Jan 19/2007	.8 (16)
Restricted daily bag limits of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneye & 2 Harlequin are in effect - see pages 16 & 17				
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	1-1 to 1-15		Oct 7 - Jan 19/2007	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17				
CANADA GEESE	1-3, 1-7 to 1-15		Oct 7 - Jan 19/2007	.5 (10)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Sept 15 - Oct 22	.5 (10)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Dec 15 - Jan 25/2007	.5 (10)
	1-1, 1-2, ▲1-4, 1-5, 1-6		Feb 14/2007 - Mar 10/2007	.5 (10)
▲ For Cowichan Bay and Ex-Dinsdale property seasons in MU 1-4, see below.				
	▲1-4 (Cowichan Bay)		Oct 7 - Oct 22	.5 (10)
			Dec 15 - Jan 25/2007	.5 (10)
			Feb 14/2007 - Mar 10/2007	.5 (10)
	▲1-4 (Ex-Dinsdale property)		Sept 25 - Oct 6	.5 (10)
			Jan 10/2007 - Jan 25/2007	.5 (10)
			Feb 15/2007 - Mar 10/2007	.5 (10)
▲ See Map A10. The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5.				
WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS: (Waterfowler Heritage Days are restricted to hunters under the age of 19. See Waterfowler Heritage Days Section.)				
DUCKS	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 30 - Oct 1	.8 (16)
SNOW GEESE, ROSS'S GEESE	1-1 to 1-15		Sept 30 - Oct 1	.5 (10)
CANADA GEESE	1-3, 1-7 to 1-15		Sept 30 - Oct 1	.5 (10)
CANADA GEESE	1-1, 1-2, 1-4 to 1-6		Sept 9 - Sept 10	.5 (10)
The aggregate daily bag limit for all geese is 5 - see pages 16 & 17.				



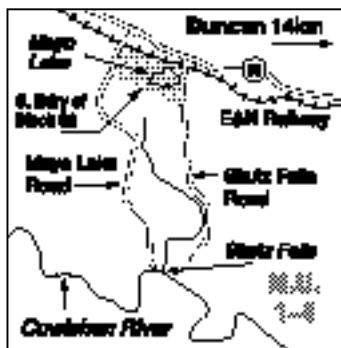
Map A9 Cowichan Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



Map A10 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 A11 Cherry Point No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



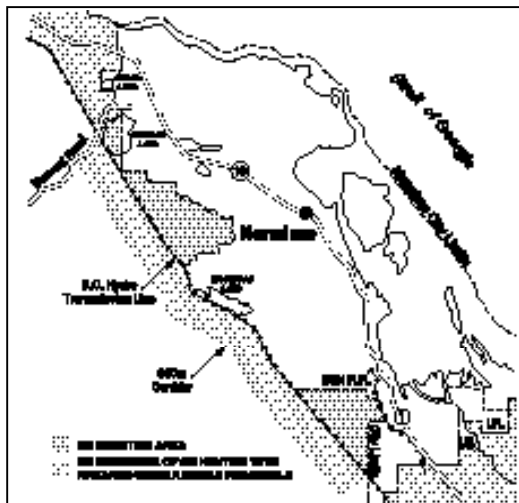
Map A12 Mayo Lake No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-4).



Map A13 Nanaimo-Ladysmith No Shooting Area and Hunting and 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.



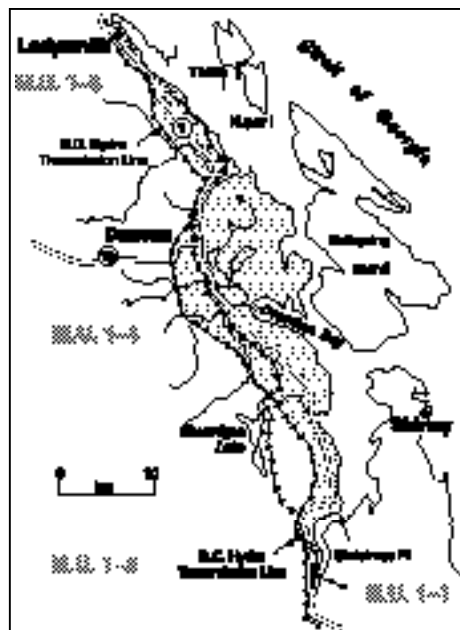
Map A14 Englishman River No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-5).



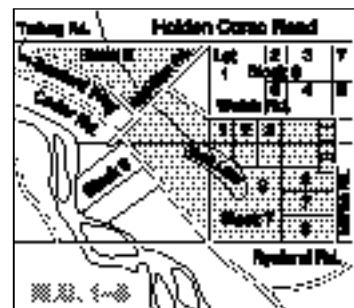
Map A15 Nanaimo - No Shooting Area and Hunting and Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season (east of the powerline).



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.



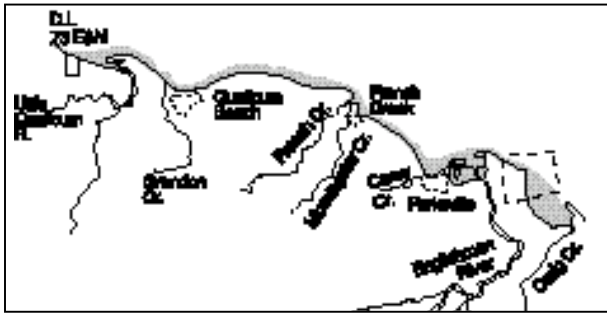
Map A16 Ladysmith - Malahat Hunting and Discharge of Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-2, 1-4 & 1-5) and special antlerless mule deer season.



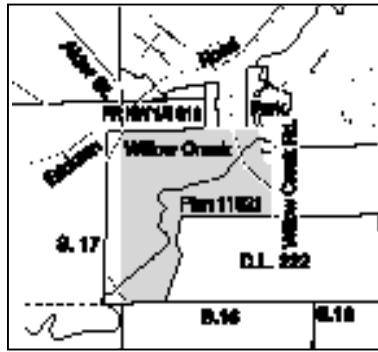
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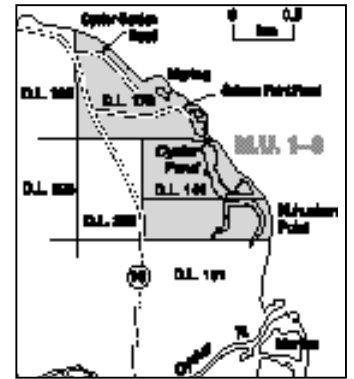
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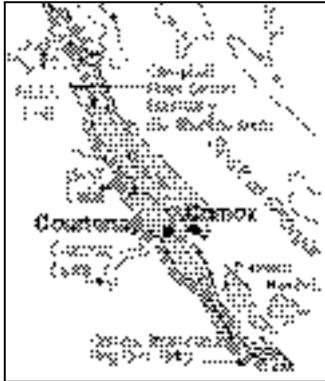
Map A19 Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (situated in MU 1-5) Motor Vehicle Closed Area.



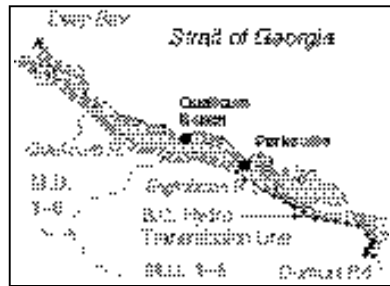
Map A20 Willow Creek Motor Vehicle Closed Area (situated in MU 1-6).



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



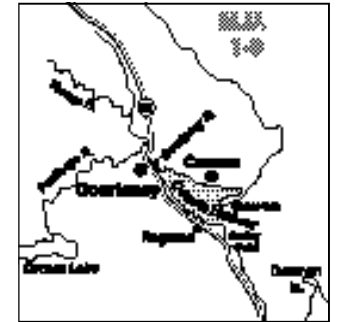
Map A22 Courtenay - Campbell River Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season. Gulf Island Special Licence is required on Denman and Hornby Islands - see p. 28.



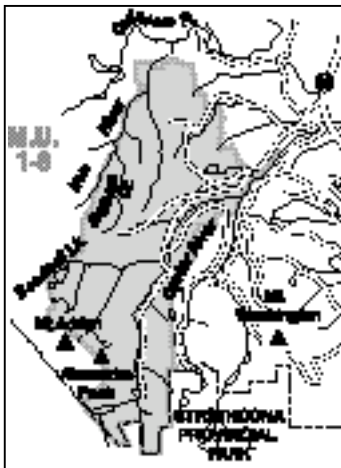
Map A23 Qualicum - Parksville Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MUs 1-5, 1-6) and special antlerless mule deer season.



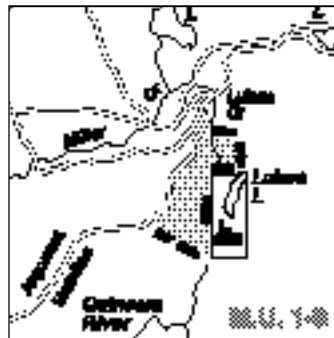
Map A24 Lazo Marsh No Shooting or Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



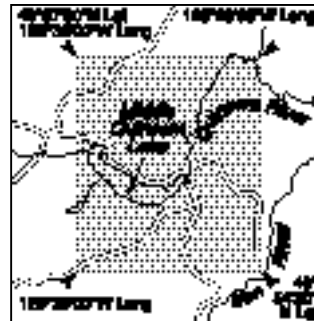
Map A25 Comox Harbour No Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



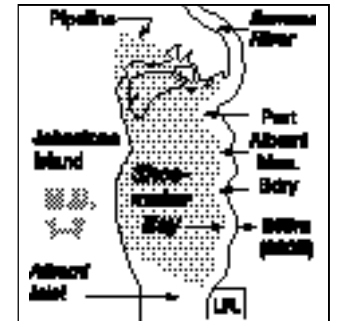
Map A29 Iron River/Oyster River Special 2 Point or better Mule Deer Hunting Area (situated in MU 1-6).



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



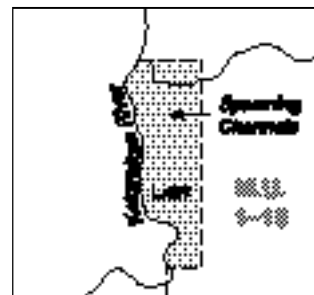
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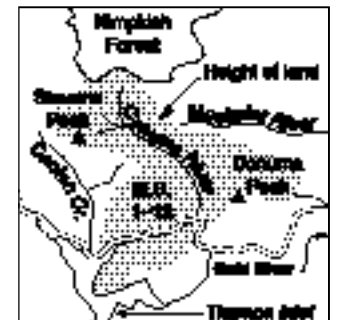
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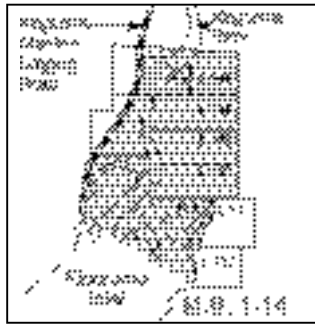
Map A30 Ucluelet Inlet No Hunting or Shooting Area (situated in MU 1-8).



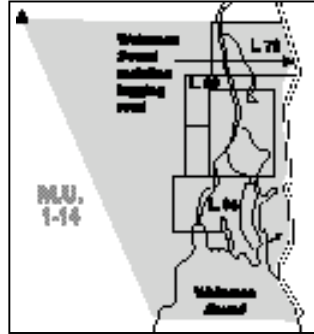
Map A31 Kakweiken River Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).



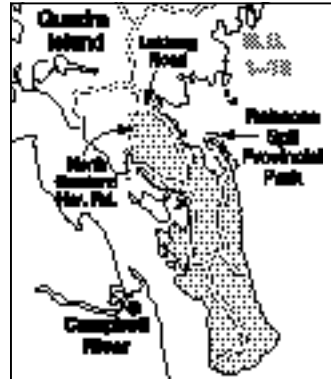
Map A32 Conuma River Bow Only Area (situated in MU 1-12). Open for Bow Only Hunting of all big game with open seasons in MU 1-12.



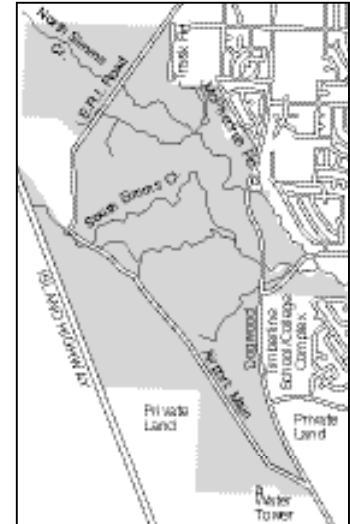
Map A33 Kingcome Inlet Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-14).



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



Map A35 Quadra Island Hunting and 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).



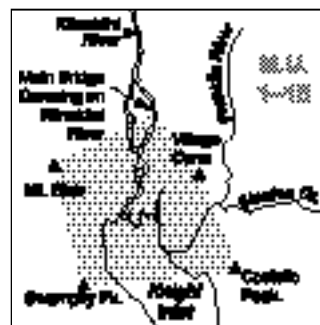
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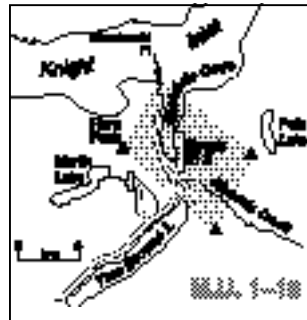
Map A38 Stamp Lagoon Firearms Using Shot Only Area (situated in MU 1-7).



Map A39 Strathcona Park McBride Creek and Meglin 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 Glendale Cove Grizzly Bear and Black Bear Closed Area (situated in MU 1-15).

Muzzleloaders Challenge

For an additional challenge in hunting, or to experience a little nostalgia for the good old days of Jim Bridger or Davey Crockett, try hunting with a muzzle loader! Although hundreds of people shoot these guns in competition each year, the high skill requirement has led to limited hunting use. The most popular calibers are .50 and .54. Most people load with a cloth patched round (lead) ball.

Muzzle loaders are accurate beyond 100 yards; however, bullet speed drops rapidly. For coastal hunting conditions, a 50 or 60 yard shot maximum is recommended. The relatively slow travel of a muzzle loader bullet results in little shocked or bruised tissue surrounding the wound channel. Shot placement is crucial to a quick and humane kill.

For a place to practice and get advice, check out your local provincial fish and game club for a black powder division.

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