

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL**

Order in Council No. 159 , Approved and Ordered April 27, 2026

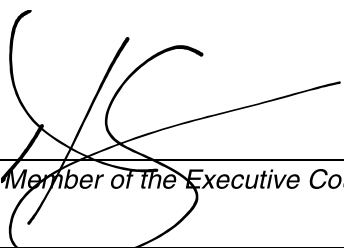
  
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Lieutenant Governor

**Executive Council Chambers, Victoria**

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective October 1, 2026,

- (a) the Designation and Exemption Regulation, B.C. Reg. 168/90, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 1,
- (b) the Hunting Regulation, B.C. Reg. 190/84, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 2,
- (c) the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 3,
- (d) the Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area Regulations, B.C. Reg. 164/73, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 4, and
- (e) the Wildlife Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 340/82, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 5.

  
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Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

  
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Presiding Member of the Executive Council

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Wildlife Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488, s. 108 (2) and (3);  
*Creston Valley Wildlife Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 84, s. 34 (2) (b) and (e)

Other: OIC 2034/73; OIC 1491/82; OIC 1109/84; OIC 758/90; OIC 994/2000

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## SCHEDULE 1

### ***1 The Designation and Exemption Regulation, B.C. Reg. 168/90, is amended by adding the following sections:***

#### **Exemption from section 27 (1) of the *Wildlife Act* for actions taken while boat not being propelled by motor**

- 5.1** A person who discharges a firearm or wounds or kills wildlife from a boat is exempt from section 27 (1) of the *Wildlife Act*, in relation to that action, if
- (a) the action is taken while the boat is not being propelled by the motor, and
  - (b) the action is taken for the purposes of
    - (i) hunting or trapping wildlife, or
    - (ii) retrieving wounded, injured or dead wildlife.

#### **Exemption from section 4 (1) of *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for hunting in boat**

- 18** (1) In this section and section 19:
- “boat” means a boat as defined in section 1 the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*;
- “firearm” means a firearm as defined in section 1 the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*;
- “loaded” has the same meaning as in section 4 of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*.
- (2) A person who carries a loaded firearm in or on a boat is exempt from section 4 (1) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*, in relation to that action, if
- (a) the person carries the loaded firearm
    - (i) in or on a boat that does not have a motor, or
    - (ii) in the case of a boat that has a motor, while the boat is not being propelled by the motor, and
  - (b) the action is taken for the purposes of
    - (i) hunting or trapping wildlife, or
    - (ii) retrieving wounded, injured or dead wildlife.

#### **Exemption from section 5 (1) of *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for hunting in boat**

- 19** A person who discharges a firearm in, on or from a boat is exempt from section 5 (1) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*, in relation to that action, if
- (a) the person discharges the firearm
    - (i) in, on or from a boat that does not have a motor, or
    - (ii) in the case of a boat that has a motor, while the boat is not being propelled by the motor, and
  - (b) the action is taken for the purposes of
    - (i) hunting or trapping wildlife, or
    - (ii) retrieving wounded, injured or dead wildlife.

## SCHEDULE 2

- 1** *Section 1 (1) of the Hunting Regulation, B.C. Reg. 190/84, is amended by repealing the definition of “power boat”.*
- 2** *Section 17 is amended*
  - (a) by repealing subsection (1) (n) and substituting the following:*
    - (n) migratory game birds from or by using a moving boat that is equipped with a motor or sail; , *and*
  - (b) by adding the following subsection:*
    - (1.2) For the purposes of subsection (1) (n), a boat is considered to be moving if it continues to move because of motion that was imparted by its motor or sail.
- 3** *Section 18 (1) (a) is repealed.*

## SCHEDULE 3

- 1** *Section 1 of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000, is amended by adding the following definition:*

**“firearm offence”** means any of the following:

  - (a) an offence under the *Firearm Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 145;
  - (b) an offence under section 65 (1) (a), (b), (c) or (d) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*; .
- 2** *Section 16 (2) (b) is repealed and the following substituted:*
  - (b) either the applicant or the non-resident or non-resident alien to whom the permit would apply
    - (i) has been convicted, within the 5-year period immediately preceding the application for a permit, of an offence referred to in section 84 (1) (a) of the Act, or
    - (ii) has been convicted, within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for a permit, of
      - (A) an offence referred to in section 84 (1) (b) of the Act, or
      - (B) a firearm offence, or .
- 3** *Section 17 (2) is amended*
  - (a) in paragraph (c) by striking out “or”, and*
  - (b) by repealing paragraph (d) and substituting the following:*
    - (d) has been convicted, within the 5-year period immediately preceding the application for a permit, of an offence referred to in section 84 (1) (a) of the Act, or

- (e) has been convicted, within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for a permit, of
  - (i) an offence referred to in section 84 (1) (b) of the Act, or
  - (ii) a firearm offence.

#### **SCHEDULE 4**

- 1** *Section 1 of the Summit Creek Campground and Recreation Area Regulations, B.C. Reg. 164/73, is amended by repealing the definition of “firearm” and substituting the following:*

“firearm” means any gun using, as a propellant, compressed air, explosives or gas; .

#### **SCHEDULE 5**

- 1** *Section 7.01 of the Wildlife Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 340/82, is repealed and the following substituted:*

##### **Definitions**

**7.01** In this Division:

“conviction” includes the granting of an absolute or conditional discharge;

“wildlife or firearm offence” means an offence under any of the following:

- (a) the Act;
- (b) the *Firearm Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 145;
- (c) section 65 (1) (a), (b), (c) or (d) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*.

- 2** *Section 7.02 is amended*

*(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

- (1) For the purpose of section 24 (8) (e) of the Act, a person is convicted of a second or subsequent offence if, within 2 years after a conviction for a wildlife or firearm offence, the person is convicted of an offence under the Act, other than an offence referred to in section 24 (8) (a), (b) or (c) of the Act. , *and*

*(b) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:*

- (3) For the purpose of section 24 (10) (c) of the Act, a person is convicted of a second or subsequent offence if, within 2 years after a conviction for a wildlife or firearm offence, the person is convicted of an offence under the Act, other than an offence referred to in section 24 (10) (a) or (b) of the Act.

- 3** *Section 7.04 is amended*

*(a) in subsection (4) (a) by striking out “an offence under the Firearm Act, under the Act, or under regulations made under the Act, not relating to” and substituting “a wildlife or firearm offence that does not relate to”,*

- (b) *in subsection (4) (b) by striking out* “an offence under the *Firearm Act*, under the Act, or under regulations made under the Act.” *and substituting* “a wildlife or firearm offence.”,
- (c) *in subsection (5) (a) by striking out* “an offence under the Act, or under regulations made under the Act, relating to” *and substituting* “an offence under the Act that relates to”,
- (d) *in subsection (5) (b) by striking out* “an offence under the *Firearm Act*, under the Act, or under regulations made under the Act.” *and substituting* “a wildlife or firearm offence.”,
- (e) *by repealing subsection (6) and substituting the following:*
  - (6) Despite subsections (1) to (5),
    - (a) a person is ineligible to obtain a hunting licence for 3 years if
      - (i) the person is convicted of an offence listed in Column 1 of the Table in this section, and
      - (ii) the person has within 2 years prior to the conviction been convicted of a wildlife or firearm offence that does not relate to angling or an angling licence, and
    - (b) a person is ineligible to obtain an angling licence for 3 years if
      - (i) the person is convicted of an offence listed in Column 2 of the Table in this section, and
      - (ii) the person has within 2 years prior to the conviction been convicted of an offence under the Act that relates to angling or an angling licence. ,
  - (f) *in subsection (7) by striking out* “been convicted under the *Firearm Act*, under the Act, or under regulations made under the Act, not relating to” *and substituting* “been convicted of a wildlife or firearm offence that does not relate to”, *and*
  - (g) *in the Table by repealing item 1.*

**4      The following section is added:**

**Section 85 (1) (a) (ii) of Act – prescribed offences  
under *Firearm Violence Prevention Act***

**20.021** For the purposes of section 85 (1) (a) (ii) of the Act, the following offences are prescribed:

- (a) the offence under section 65 (1) (a) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for contravening section 3 of that Act;
- (b) the offence under section 65 (1) (b) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for contravening section 4 (1) of that Act;
- (c) the offence under section 65 (1) (c) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for contravening section 5 (1) of that Act;
- (d) the offence under section 65 (1) (d) of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* for contravening section 6 (2) of that Act.