

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF**  
**FORESTS**

*Wildlife Act*

Ministerial Order No. M31

I, Bruce Ralston, K.C., Minister of Forests, order that

- (a) the Hunting Licensing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 8/99, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 1,
- (b) the Hunting Regulation, B.C. Reg. 190/84, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 2,
- (c) the Limited Entry Hunting Regulation, B.C. 134/93, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 3, and
- (d) the Wildlife Act Commercial Activities Regulation, B.C. Reg. 338/82, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 4.

January 30, 2023

*Date*



*Minister of Forests*

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*(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, ss. 16, 108 and 109

Other: *OIC 35/99; OIC 1109/84; OIC 415/93; OIC 1489/82*

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## APPENDIX 1

- 1 *Section 14.4 (c) of the Hunting Licensing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 8/99, is repealed.*
- 2 *Section 21 is amended by adding “, other than migratory game birds,” after “Any wildlife”.*
- 3 *Section 23.1 is repealed.*

## APPENDIX 2

- 1 *Section 12 of the Hunting Regulation, B.C. Reg. 190/84, is amended*
  - (a) in paragraph (a) (vi) and (vii) by striking out “or”,*
  - (b) in paragraph (a) by adding the following subparagraphs:*
    - (viii) 10 coots in one day, or
    - (ix) 10 common snipe in one day, or ,
  - (c) in paragraph (b) (vii) by striking out “or”, and*
  - (d) in paragraph (b) by adding the following subparagraphs:*
    - (ix) 30 coots, or
    - (x) 30 common snipe.
- 2 *Section 15 is amended*
  - (a) in subsection (6) by adding “other than a migratory game bird” after “a game bird”, and*
  - (b) by adding the following subsection:*
    - (6.1) For the purpose of section 36 of the Act, a person who possesses the carcass of a migratory game bird must leave one wing and its plumage, or the head and its plumage, attached to the carcass.
- 3 *Section 17 (1) is amended*
  - (a) by repealing paragraph (e) (i) and substituting the following:*
    - (i) smaller than 20 gauge, or ,
  - (b) by repealing paragraph (g) and substituting the following:*
    - (g) small game, game birds, other than migratory game birds, lynx, bobcat, wolverine, mule (black-tailed) deer, white-tailed deer or fallow deer with a crossbow, other than a compound crossbow, having a draw weight of less than 55 kg, ,
  - (c) in paragraph (h) by striking out “or wolverine with a crossbow (except a compound crossbow)” and substituting “or wolverine, with a crossbow, other than a compound crossbow,”*

- (d) in paragraph (h) (i) by striking out “pull” and substituting “draw weight”,*
- (e) in paragraph (i) by striking out “pull of less than 45 kg at full draw” and substituting “draw weight of less than 45 kg”,*
- (f) in paragraph (k) by striking out “pull of less than 18 kg within the archer’s draw length” and substituting “draw weight of less than 18 kg”,*
- (g) by repealing paragraph (o) and substituting the following:*
  - (o) migratory game birds with*
    - (i) a weapon other than a shotgun or a bow,*
    - (ii) a shotgun loaded with a single projectile,*
    - (iii) a shotgun larger than 10 gauge,*
    - (iv) more than one shotgun unless each shotgun in excess of one is*
      - (A) unloaded, and*
      - (B) disassembled or kept in a closed case,*
    - (v) a longbow*
      - (A) having a draw weight of less than 18 kg, or*
      - (B) using an arrow with a broadhead less than 22 mm at its widest point or less than 2 sharp blades, or*
    - (vi) a crossbow*
      - (A) having a draw weight of less than 45 kg, or*
      - (B) using a bolt with a broadhead less than 22 mm at its widest point or less than 2 sharp blades, ,*
- (h) in paragraph (r) (ii) by striking out “pull greater than 22.6 kg within the archer’s draw length” and substituting “draw weight greater than 22.6 kg”, and*
- (i) in paragraph (u) by striking out “other than bison, caribou, elk, grizzly bear, moose, mountain sheep or mountain goat” and substituting “, other than bison, caribou, elk, grizzly bear, moose, mountain sheep or mountain goat.”*

**4 Part 1 of Schedule 1 is amended**

- (a) in items 18, 19 and 20 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting “The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after January 19”,*
- (b) in item 21 by adding “; ROSS’S GEESE” after “SNOW GEESE” in the column entitled “Species” and by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting “The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after January 19”,*
- (c) by repealing item 22,*
- (d) in item 22.1 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting “The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after January 19”,*

**(e) in item 23 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:**

The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after November 17

The first Monday after November 18 to the last Friday before the third Saturday in December

The third Saturday in December to the first Sunday after January 5

The first Monday after January 6 to the first Sunday after January 19 , *and*

**(f) in item 24 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:**

The first Saturday in September to the first Tuesday after the second Saturday in September

The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after November 17

The third Saturday in December to the first Sunday after January 5

In a year that is not a leap year, February 10 to March 10

In a leap year, February 11 to March 10 .

**5 Section 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 is repealed.**

**6 Part 1 of Schedule 2 is amended**

**(a) in items 24, 26 and 28 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting “The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after January 19”,**

**(b) in item 31 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:**

The first Saturday in September to the first Tuesday after the second Saturday in September

The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after November 17

The third Saturday in December to the first Sunday after January 5

In a year that is not a leap year, February 10 to March 10

In a leap year, February 11 to March 10 ,

**(c) in item 32 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:**

The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Tuesday after December 29

In a year that is not a leap year, February 20 to March 10

In a leap year, February 21 to March 10 ,

*(d) by repealing item 32.01 and substituting the following as indicated:*

Item	Species	Management Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
32.01	SNOW GEESE; ROSS'S GEESE	2-2, 2-3, 2-6 to 2-19	The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Tuesday after December 29  In a year that is not a leap year, February 20 to March 10  In a leap year, February 21 to March 10	10(30) ***

, and

*(e) by repealing item 32.1 and substituting the following as indicated:*

Item	Species	Management Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
32.1	WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	2-2 to 2-19	The first Saturday after the first Monday in October to the first Sunday after January 19	5(15)

**7** Section 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 is repealed.

**8** The following section is added in Part 3 of Schedule 2:

**Snow geese and Ross's geese**

- 5.1** (1) The aggregate possession limit for snow geese and Ross's geese, other than in M.U.s 2-4 and 2-5, is 30.
- (2) The aggregate possession limit for snow geese and Ross's geese in M.U.s 2-4 and 2-5 is 45.
- (3) The possession limit for Ross's geese is 15.
- (4) The aggregate bag limit for snow geese and Ross's geese, other than in M.U.s 2-4 and 2-5, is 10.
- (5) The aggregate bag limit for snow geese and Ross's geese in M.U.s 2-4 and 2-5 is 15.
- (6) The bag limit for Ross's geese is 5.

**9** Part 1 of Schedule 3 is amended

*(a) in items 35 to 37 by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting "Sept. 8 to Dec. 23",*

*(b) by repealing item 38 and substituting the following as indicated:*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Management Units</b>	<b>Open Season</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
38	SNOW GEESE; ROSS'S GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Sept. 8 to Dec. 23	5(15)
38.1	WHITE FRONTED GEESE	3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-44	Sept. 8 to Dec. 23	5(15)

*, and*

*(c) in item 40 by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting the following:*

Sept. 8 to Sept. 20

Oct. 1 to Dec. 23

Mar. 1 to Mar. 10 .

**10** *Section 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 is repealed.*

**11** *Items 31 to 35.1 of Part 1 of Schedule 4 are amended by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting "Sept. 8 to Dec. 23".*

**12** *Section 19 of Part 2 of Schedule 4 is repealed.*

**13** *Part 1 of Schedule 5 is amended*

*(a) in items 24 to 27 by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting "Sept. 13 to Dec. 25", and*

*(b) by repealing item 27.1 and substituting the following:*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Management Units</b>	<b>Open Season</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
27.1	SNOW GEESE; ROSS'S GEESE	5-1 to 5-15	Sept. 13 to Dec. 25	5(15)
27.2	WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	5-1 to 5-15	Sept. 13 to Dec. 25	5(15)

**14** *Section 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 is repealed.*

**15** *Part 1 of Schedule 6 is amended*

*(a) in item 31 by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting the following:*

Sept. 1 to Sept. 30

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 ,

*(b) in item 32 by striking out the text in the column entitled "Open Season" and substituting the following:*

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30

Dec. 1 to Jan. 15 ,

(c) *in item 33 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Sept. 1 to Sept. 30  
 Oct. 1 to Nov. 30,

(d) *in item 34 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30  
 Dec. 1 to Jan. 15,

(e) *in item 35 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Sept. 1 to Sept. 30  
 Oct. 1 to Nov. 30,

(f) *in item 36 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30  
 Dec. 1 to Jan. 15.,

(g) *in item 37 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Sept. 1 to Sept. 30  
 Oct. 1 to Nov. 30,

(h) *in item 38 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30  
 Dec. 1 to Jan. 15,

(i) *in item 39 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Sept. 1 to Sept. 30  
 Oct. 1 to Nov. 30,

(j) *by adding the following as indicated:*

Item	Species	Management Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
39.1	WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	6-3, 6-11 to 6-14	Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 Dec. 1 to Jan.15	5(15)
39.2	SNOW GEESE; ROSS’S GEESE	6-1, 6.2, 6.4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-30	Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 Oct. 1 to Nov. 30	5(15)

, and

*(k) in item 40 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30

Dec. 1 to Jan. 15 .

**16 Section 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 is repealed.**

**17 Part 1 of Schedule 7 is amended**

*(a) in item 60 by adding “; ROSS’S GEESE” after “SNOW GEESE” in the column entitled “Species”, and*

*(b) by repealing item 61.*

**18 Section 29 of Part 2 of Schedule 7 is repealed.**

**19 Part 1 of Schedule 8 is amended**

*(a) in item 26 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting “Sept. 23 to Jan. 7”,*

*(b) by repealing items 27 and 28 and substituting the following as indicated:*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Management Units</b>	<b>Open Season</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
27	COOTS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Sept. 23 to Jan. 7	10(30)
27.1	COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Sept. 23 to Jan. 7	10(30)
28	SNOW GEESE; ROSS’S GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Sept. 23 to Jan. 7	5(15)
28.1	WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Sept. 23 to Jan. 7	5(15)

*, and*

*(c) in item 29 by striking out the text in the column entitled “Open Season” and substituting the following:*

Sept. 20 to Nov. 28

Dec. 20 to Jan. 5

In a year that is not a leap year, Feb. 21 to Mar. 10

In a leap year, Feb. 22 to Mar. 10 .

**20 Section 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 is repealed.**

### **APPENDIX 3**

**1 Schedule 1 of the Limited Entry Hunting Regulation, B.C. Reg. 134/93, is amended**



(a) in column 6 of items 104 to 106 by striking out “1-10” and substituting “1-20”, and

(b) by adding the following as indicated:

Item	Column 1 Limited Entry Hunting Area	Column 2 M.U.	Column 3 Zone	Column 4 Open Season	Column 5 Type of Wildlife	Column 6 ROA
114.1	Rainy-Grey	2-05	J	Nov 1-Nov 30	bull elk	1-20

#### APPENDIX 4

1 Section 3.04 (1) (g.1) of the Wildlife Act Commercial Activities Regulation, B.C. Reg. 338/82, is amended by striking out “snare” and substituting “killing snare to trap wolves or coyotes”.

2 Section 3.16 is amended

(a) in subsection (1) (d) by striking out “or M.U.s 1-14 to 1-15”,

(b) in subsection (1) (e) by striking out “2” and substituting “M.U.s 2-5, 2-6 and 2-11 to 2-16”,

(c) in subsection (3) (a) by striking out “Region 1, 2, 3 or 8” and substituting “Region 3”,

(d) by repealing subsection (3) (c),

(e) in subsection (3) (d) by striking out “Region 2, 4, 5 or 8 or M.U.s 1-14 and 1-15” and substituting “Region 4, 5 or 8”, and

(f) in subsection (4) (b) by adding the following subparagraph:

(iv) the sex and age class of the fur bearing animal.