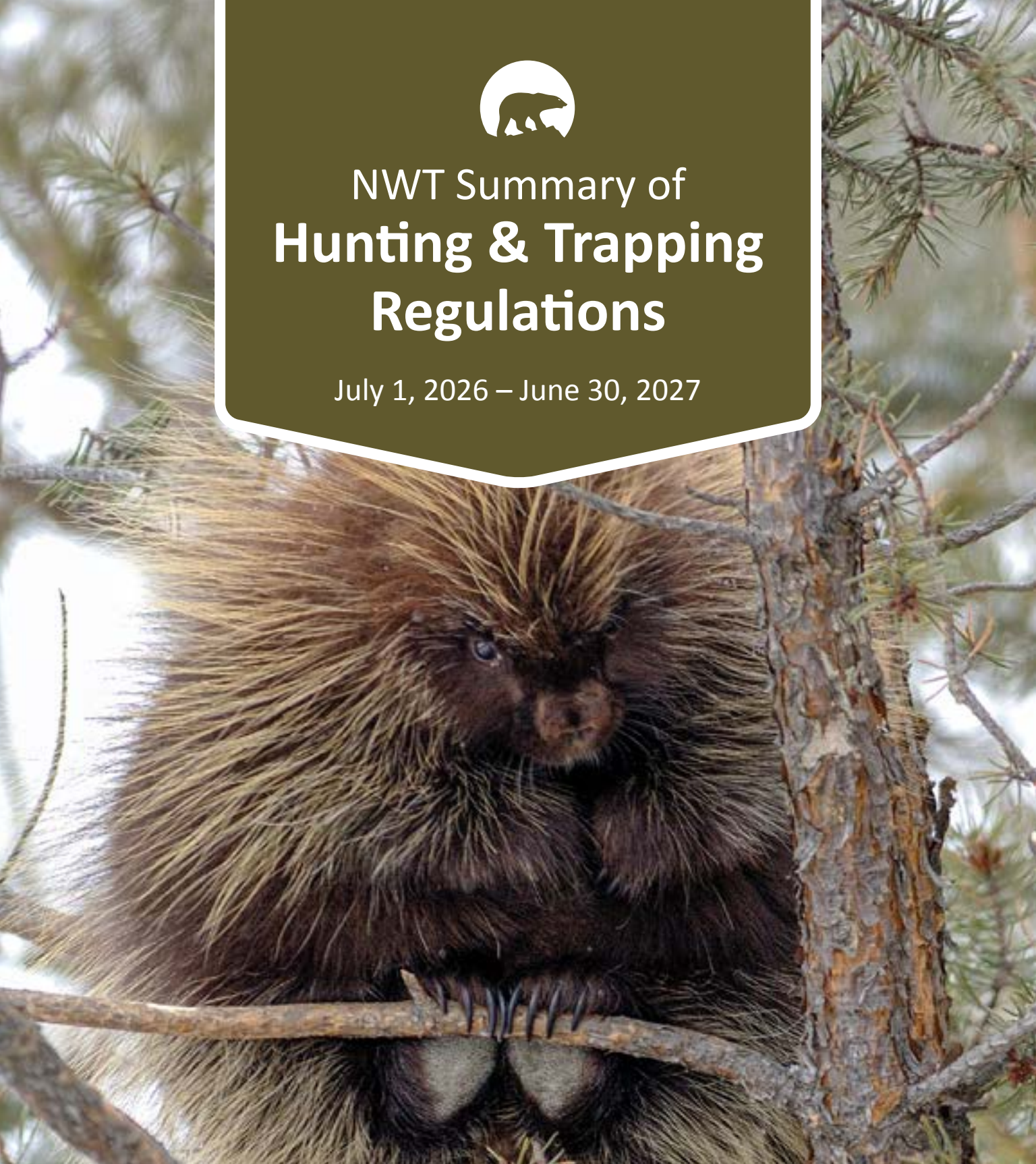




NWT Summary of Hunting & Trapping Regulations

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This booklet is not a legal document nor a complete listing of the current hunting and trapping regulations. The hunting maps are not legal documents, but are included for reference to give a general outline of hunting areas in the NWT.

Amendments to regulations may be made after the printing of this booklet. For more information and updates, contact a ECC Officer near you, or check our website.

Note: If the harvester is not listed in the table then harvesting of the species is unavailable.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) has various booklets and videos you may find useful while visiting the NWT such as *Safety in Black and Grizzly Bear Country* and *A Field Guide to Common Wildlife Diseases in the NWT*. Please visit our website for further information on how to obtain copies of these documents.

For a complete list of territorial hunting and trapping regulations, visit our webpage at www.ecc.gov.nt.ca.

WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Licence Requirements

1. **General Hunting:** An Aboriginal person that is a member or eligible to be a member of an NWT organization listed in the regulations.
2. **NWT Resident:** A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who has been living in the NWT for 12 continuous months.
3. **Non-resident:** A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who lives outside the NWT or has not resided in the NWT for 12 months.
4. **Non-resident Alien:** An individual who is neither an NWT resident nor a non-resident.
5. Aboriginal harvesters who do not have traditional harvesting rights in the NWT need a Resident or Non-resident Hunting Licence.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each fall, an **NWT Resident Hunter Harvest Survey** is sent to all resident hunters who purchased a resident big or small game hunting licence during the hunting season. Results from the previous year are sent along with the survey.

The information provided in the survey helps with understanding:

- hunting activities and successes
- which species were harvested
- estimated harvest totals
- which wildlife management areas where used
- make informed decisions for effective wildlife management

The more people who respond, the more accurate we can be in helping sustain responsible harvests for the future.

Let us know if you have any questions:

Wildlife Management Division
Environment and Climate Change
Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

E-mail: wildlifeobs@gov.nt.ca
Phone: 867-767-9237 ext. 53229

MOBILE CORE BATHURST CARIBOU MANAGEMENT ZONE

This zone has been implemented to let harvesters know where harvesting is prohibited to assist in protecting and conserving all caribou. No caribou harvesting is allowed in this zone. For more information, please contact your local ECC office.

Cover Photo: Porcupines play an important role in maintaining northern biodiversity and serve as a valuable food source for several predators. Sustainable harvest practices help maintain our balanced porcupine population, support traditional trapping heritage and northern crafts, and some consider them an ideal survival food with fatty, nutritious meat. (Photo credit: Gordon Court)

SUMMARY OF HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Where to Attach Tags

Remember, unless you have an Aboriginal right or otherwise are required in regulation to use a tag, that tags are your authority to possess game. They must be attached as soon as you have killed your animal and remain attached until it is consumed or processed. Tags cannot be reused.



Harvesters are issued one tag for every animal they intend to hunt. This tag must be attached to the carcass of any big game killed except muskox, bear, wolf and wolverine. For these four species, the tag must be attached to the hide.

Non-residents and non-resident aliens are issued two identically numbered tags for each animal they intend to hunt. One tag must be attached to the carcass and the other to the horns, antlers, head or cape. However, for muskox, bear, wolf and wolverine only one tag is issued and must be attached to the hide of the animal they kill.



Anyone who shoots a Dall's sheep must take the head to a ECC Officer to have a plug inserted into the horns if they intend to export the head from the NWT.

Tagged or Collared Animals

To better manage our resources, there are several species being actively monitored and may be tagged or wearing a radio collar. Although it is not illegal to shoot them, please try to avoid shooting these animals when possible. If an animal is wearing a radio collar or ear tag, please return these to the local ECC Officer and provide information relating to the harvest (date, location, etc). Please avoid destroying the collar when removing it – unscrew it and do not cut it off. We also ask that you report any sightings of collared or tagged animals to the nearest ECC Officer.



For a list of animals currently being studied, please check with an ECC Officer prior to your hunt.

Pelt Waste

It is an offense to waste, destroy, abandon or allow to spoil a raw pelt or hide of the following furbearers:

- Bear
- Beaver
- Coyote
- Ermine
- Fisher
- Fox
- Least Weasel
- Lynx
- Marten
- Mink
- Muskrat
- Otter
- Skunk
- Wolf
- Wolverine

The raw pelts or hide of bear, beaver or muskrat can be discarded if any of these furbearers are harvested for their meat.

Traps and Trapping

Killing trap means an approved trap, set to kill an animal as soon as possible after the animal is caught; trap means any device, other than a firearm, designed and commonly used to capture or kill furbearing animals.

A person who holds a licence that authorizes trapping and uses live hold traps shall inspect the live hold traps at least once every 72 hours.

No person, other than an officer, may remove, molest, spring or interfere with any equipment legally set for trapping furbearing animals.

If you are trapping with a General Hunting Licence or intending to submit your fur to the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program, then any equipment used to hunt furbearing animals must be removed or rendered harmless on or before the last day of each season. Such equipment may not be set before the first day of a season.

An officer may seize, for examination, any wildlife that they believe is diseased.

Harvester Abbreviations

- AH:** Aboriginal harvester in harvester's traditional area
- GHL:** General Hunting Licence holder
- RES:** NWT Resident Hunting Licence holder
- NR:** Non-resident Hunting Licence holder
- NRA:** Non-resident Alien Hunting Licence holder

HOW TO USE THE HUNTING TABLES & MAPS

Holders of Resident, Non-resident and Non-resident Alien Hunting Licences are prohibited from hunting in any territorial parks, national parks or park reserves. Only some small game species are protected in a wildlife sanctuary or preserve. All protected areas are shaded dark grey on the Wildlife Management Zone Map. Protected areas are shaded dark grey on the species specific Wildlife Management Area Maps when you cannot harvest there. Hunting regulations are changing in new protected areas.

The NWT is divided into wildlife management zones. The maps on pages 4 and 5 of this booklet outline these units represented by the letters D, G, I, R, S and U.

Within the wildlife management zones, species management areas for certain animals are represented by a two-letter code and two-digit number:

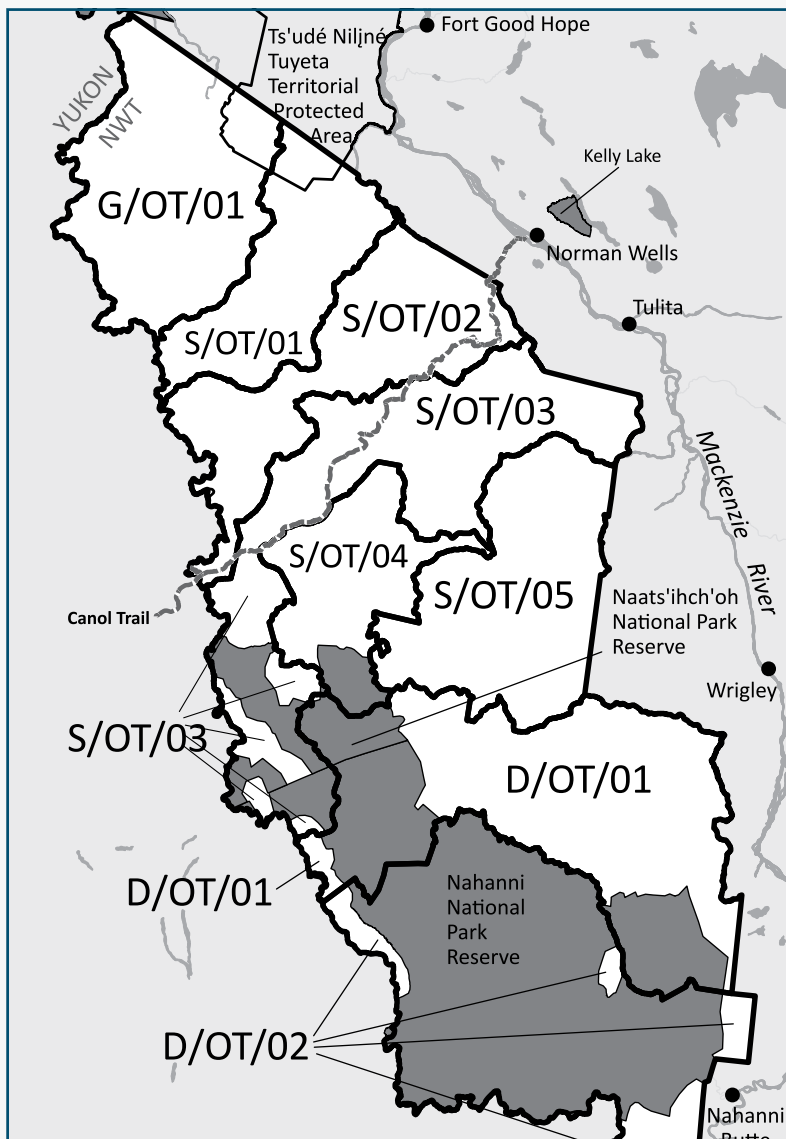
- PB polar bear
- GB grizzly bear

- WB wood bison
- BC barren-ground caribou
- MX muskox
- WF wolf
- WV wolverine

Maps of the hunting areas for different species in the wildlife management zones are also illustrated.

Examples of how to interpret the coding of the different hunting area names:

- **D** Hunting is allowed in all of zone D for the specific animal
- **I/MX/01-04** Muskox hunting is allowed in areas 01, 02, 03 and 04 of zone I
- **G/OT/01** Outfitter hunting is allowed in area 01 in zone G



OUTFITTERS MANAGEMENT AREA MAP

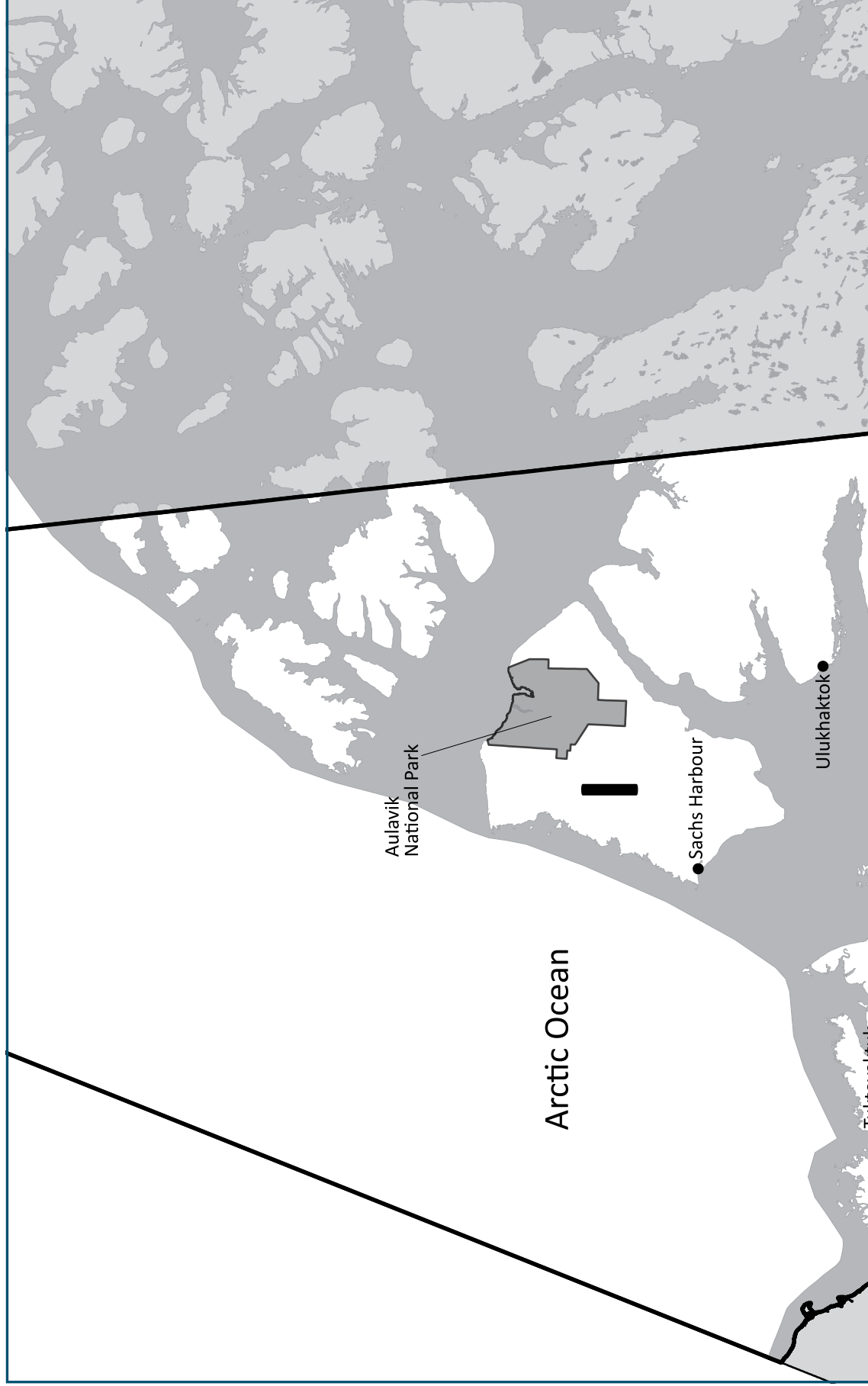
In the Mackenzie Mountains in wildlife management zones D, G and S, there are eight hunting areas referred to as outfitter areas. These management areas are represented by the wildlife management area letter, followed by the two-letter code OT and a two-digit number. Similar to all other hunting areas in the NWT, **resident hunters do not require an outfitter to hunt** in these areas.

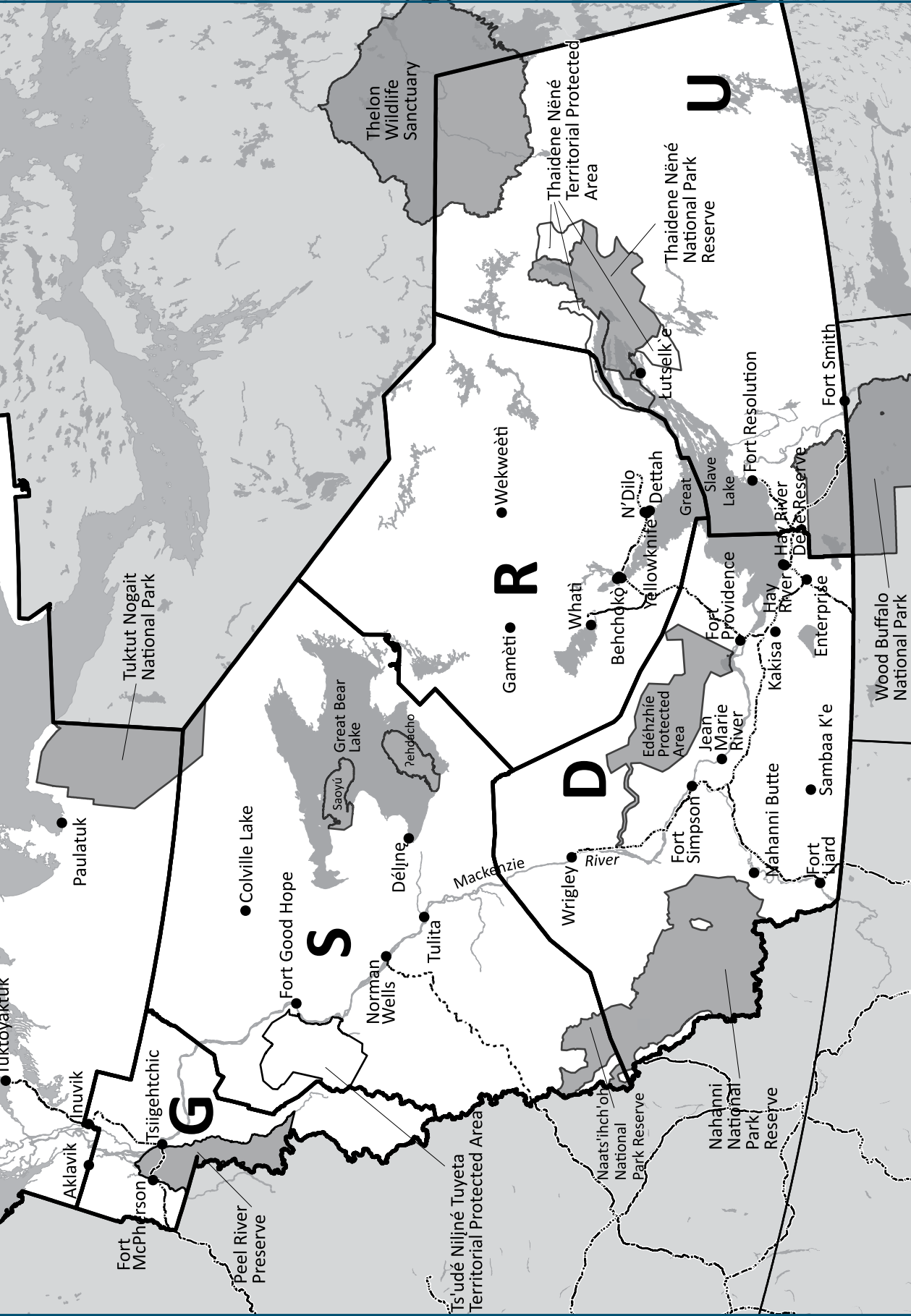
There is no outfitted hunting permitted within the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserves and Nahanni National Park.

There is no hunting of big game until 12 hours has passed after the termination of an aircraft, including a helicopter, flight into D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05. For more information on harvesting along the Canol Trail, see page 6.

This map shows the detailed outfitter areas in the NWT. These management areas apply to non-resident and non-resident alien hunters who plan to hunt black bear, northern mountain caribou, mountain goat, moose, Dall's sheep, wolf and/or wolverine. Contact **NWT Tourism** for a list of licenced outfitters (see page 48).

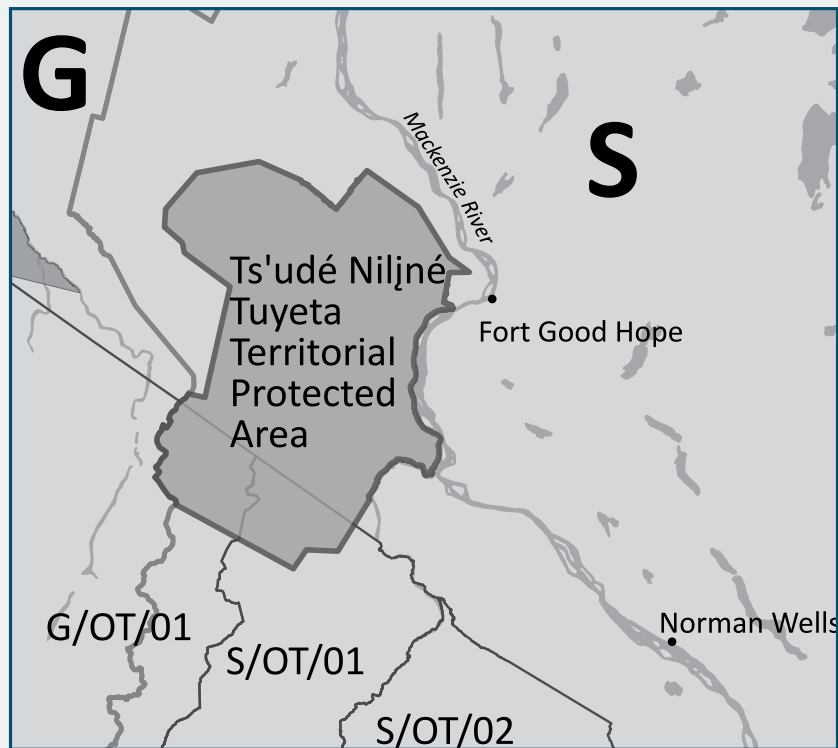
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ZONES OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES





TERRITORIAL PROTECTED AREAS

Hunting and trapping are permitted in Territorial Protected Areas for all licenced hunters and Section 35 rights-holders. However, licenced hunters require a visitor permit or registration to enter a Territorial Protected Area, including Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta. More information on visitor entry requirements is available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Conservation Network Planning website at www.ecc.gov.nt.ca/en/services/learn-about-nwts-conservation-network.



HARVESTING ALONG THE CANOL TRAIL MACKENZIE MOUNTAIN AREA

The Mile 222 Wildlife Check Station will be operational during the hunting season to monitor harvest activity, collect biological samples and issue export permits. All visitors and harvesters are asked to sign in at the check station. This helps ensure compliance with licence and authorization requirements and with public safety in the area.

NWT resident hunters, GHL holders and NWT Aboriginal harvesters do not require an export permit to remove wildlife from the NWT. However hunters passing through other Territories and Provinces may wish to acquire a free export permit to avoid complications in other jurisdictions.

Please note that the ECC leased property at the Mile 222 Wildlife Check Station is restricted to operational requirements and only for use of the department. Use, storing of hunting equipment, vehicles, trailers, wild game or camping on ECC's leased property is not authorized. Harvesters should also be aware that Sahtú Private Lands surround the Canol Trail at various locations. A 30 metre buffer of Crown Land exists outward from the center line of the Canol Trail on either side. Licenced hunters may only harvest on vacant Crown Lands.

For more information about harvesting on Sahtú private land hunters need to contact the Norman Wells Renewable Resource Council at (867) 587-2455 or e-mail nwrrc@nwlc.ca.

EDÉHZHÍE PROTECTED AREA

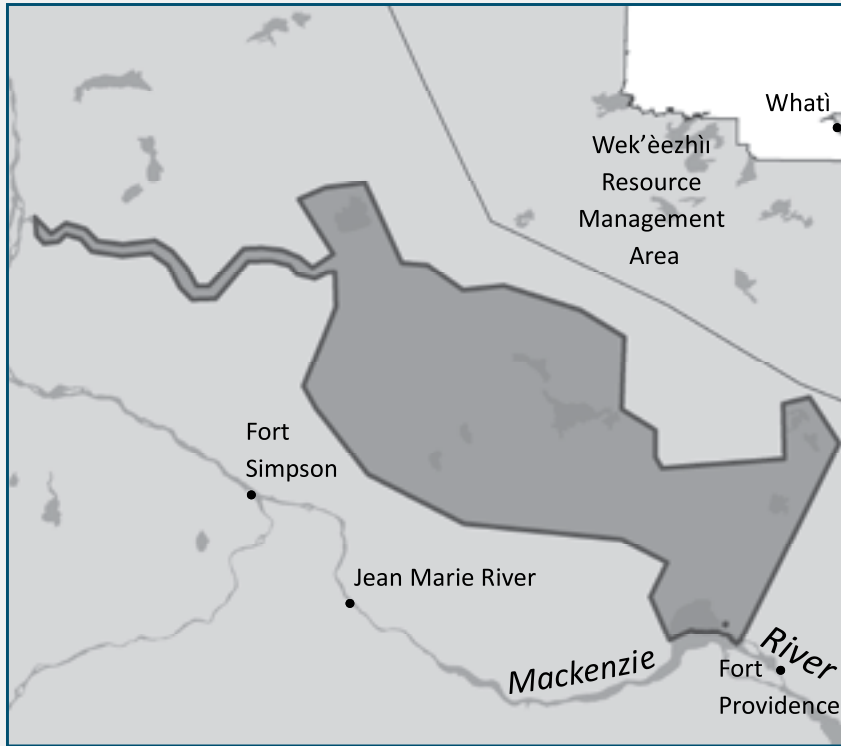
Only Section 35 rights holders harvesting within their traditional territory are allowed to harvest game in the Edézhie National Wildlife Area (NWA).

Non-section 35 rights-holders will be prohibited to harvest game in the NWA, unless authorized by a permit.

Individuals can contact the CWS permitting team at **CWSPermitNorth-PermisNordSCF@ec.gc.ca** to obtain permit applications and additional information about permit requirements.

All permit applications (including for non-section 35 rights holders wishing to apply to harvest game) will be reviewed by the Edézhie Management Board and the Canadian Wildlife Service before a decision is made to authorize an activity.

Non-section 35 hunting will be discussed in detail during the management planning process to determine whether there will be any changes to this process.



AREAS REQUIRING PERMISSION

Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR)

Hunting in the ISR is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). Non-beneficiaries must ask for and receive permission to access Inuvialuit private lands within the ISR before they can hunt. Non-beneficiaries must receive permission from the local Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) before hunting grizzly bear, polar bear, black bear, muskox, wolf and wolverine anywhere within the ISR.

For further information, contact:

Inuvialuit Land Administration at 867-777-7000

HTC office:

- Aklavik 867-978-2723
- Inuvik 867-777-3671
- Olokhaktomiut (Ulukhaktok) 867-396-4808
- Paulatuk 867-580-3004
- Sachs Harbour 867-690-3028
- Tuktoyaktuk 867-340-0057

Local ECC Officer in Inuvik (867-678-8091).

Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the NWT

All Inuvialuit private lands in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region are shown in white.



AREAS REQUIRING PERMISSION

Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA)

Hunting in the GSA is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA). Non-participants must ask for and receive permission to access and hunt on Gwich'in Settlement Lands (private lands). An Application to Access Gwich'in Private Lands can be completed and submitted to the Gwich'in Tribal Council's Lands and Resources Department.

There are Special Harvesting Areas within the GSA that allow for certain hunting; however, they may also have additional terms and conditions. These areas are set out in Schedules V through VIII of the GCLCA.

For permission to hunt on Gwich'in settlement lands, contact the applicable Renewable Resource Council:

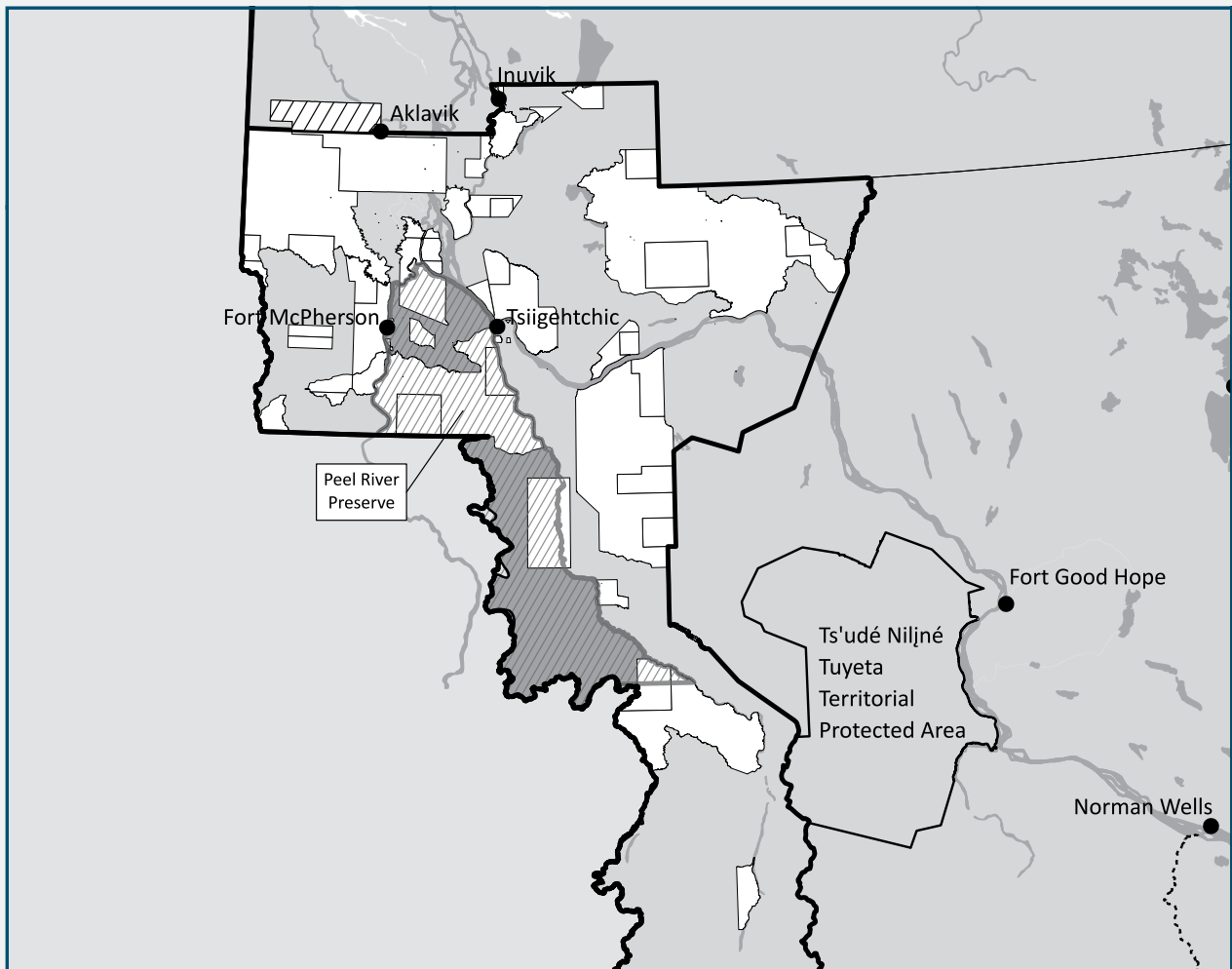
- Ehditait (Aklavik) 867-978-2330
- Tetlit (Fort McPherson) 867-952-2330
- Nihtat (Inuvik) 867-777-6650
- Gwichya (Tsiigehtchic) 867-953-3608.

For wildlife management questions in the GSA, contact the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board at 867-777-6600.

For further information on sport hunting in the GSA, contact the ECC Officer in Inuvik (867-678-8091) or the local Renewable Resource Council.

Gwich'in Settlement Area in the NWT

Gwich'in settlement lands are shown in white.



AREAS REQUIRING PERMISSION

Sahtú Settlement Area (SSA)

Hunting in the SSA is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. Non-participants must ask for and receive permission to access and hunt on Sahtú Settlement Lands (private lands).

There are special harvesting areas within the Sahtú settlement lands for moose that may also have additional terms and conditions. These areas are set out in Schedules V through VII of the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

For permission to hunt on Sahtú Settlement Lands, contact the applicable RRC:

- Norman Wells 867-587-2455
- Fort Good Hope 867-598-2193
- Colville Lake 867-709-2200
- Tulita 867-588-4724

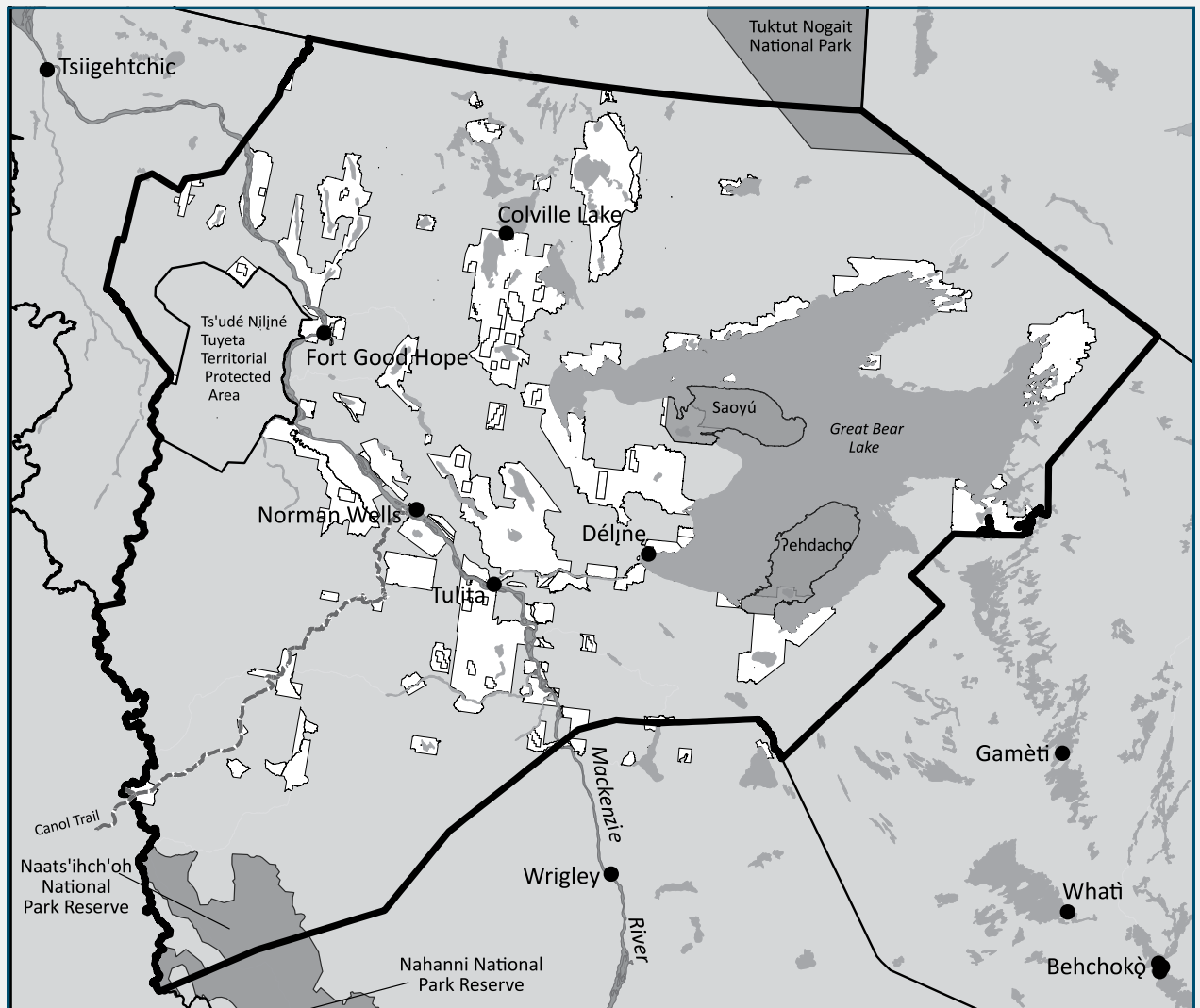
or the Délı̨ne Got'ı̨ne Government 867-589-4224.

For wildlife management questions in the SSA, contact the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board at 867-374-4040.

For further information on sport hunting in the SSA, contact a local ECC Officer in Norman Wells (867-587-3500).

Sahtú Settlement Area in the NWT

Sahtú Settlement Lands are shown in white.



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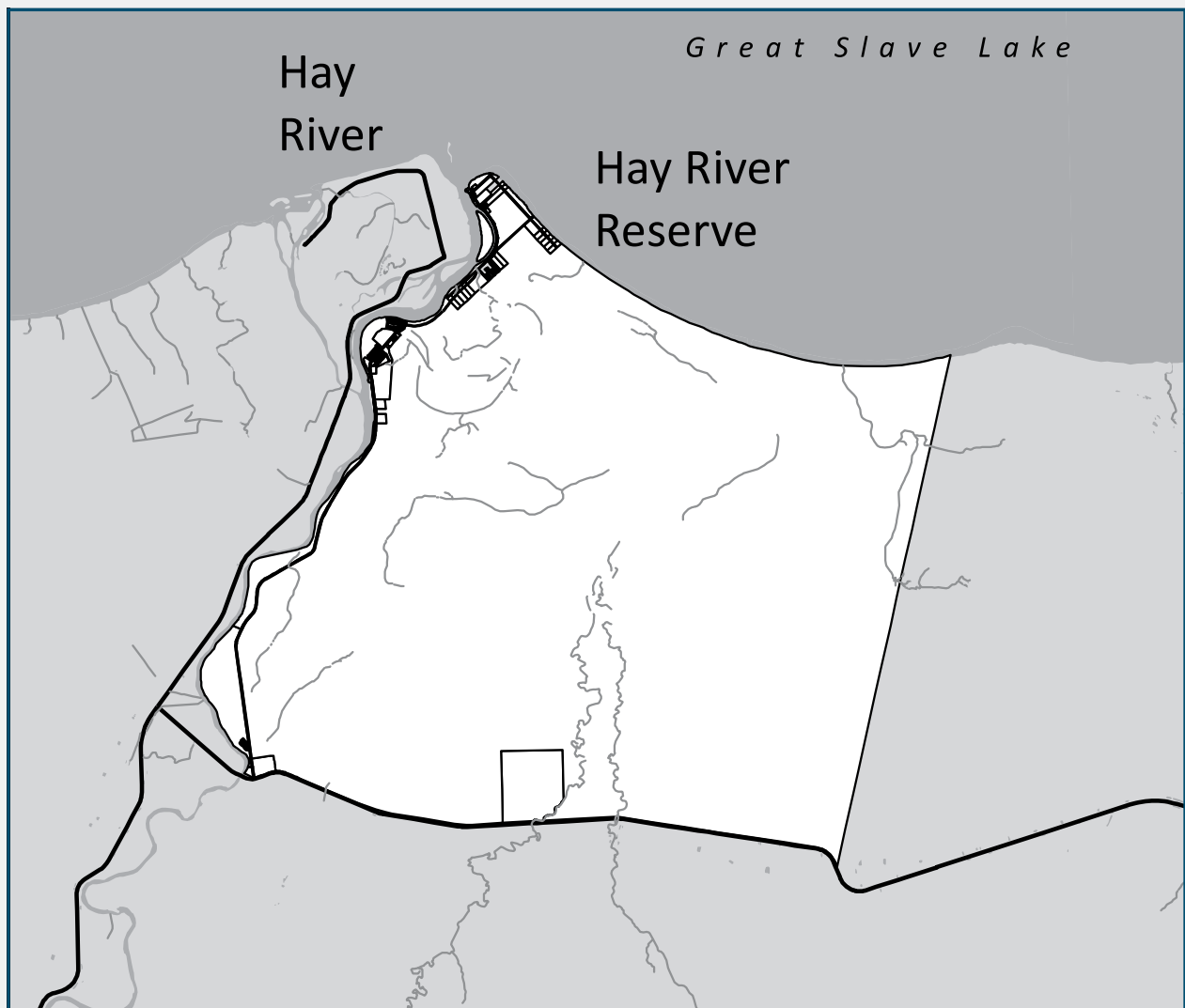
Hay River Reserve

The *Indian Act* applies to reserves and *Indian Act* bands who may have established their own requirements applicable to hunting on their reserves.

For further information, contact the K'atłodeeche First Nation (867-874-6701) and/or your local ECC Officer in Hay River (867-875-5550).

Hay River Reserve in the NWT

All federally reserved lands in the Hay River Reserve are shown in white.



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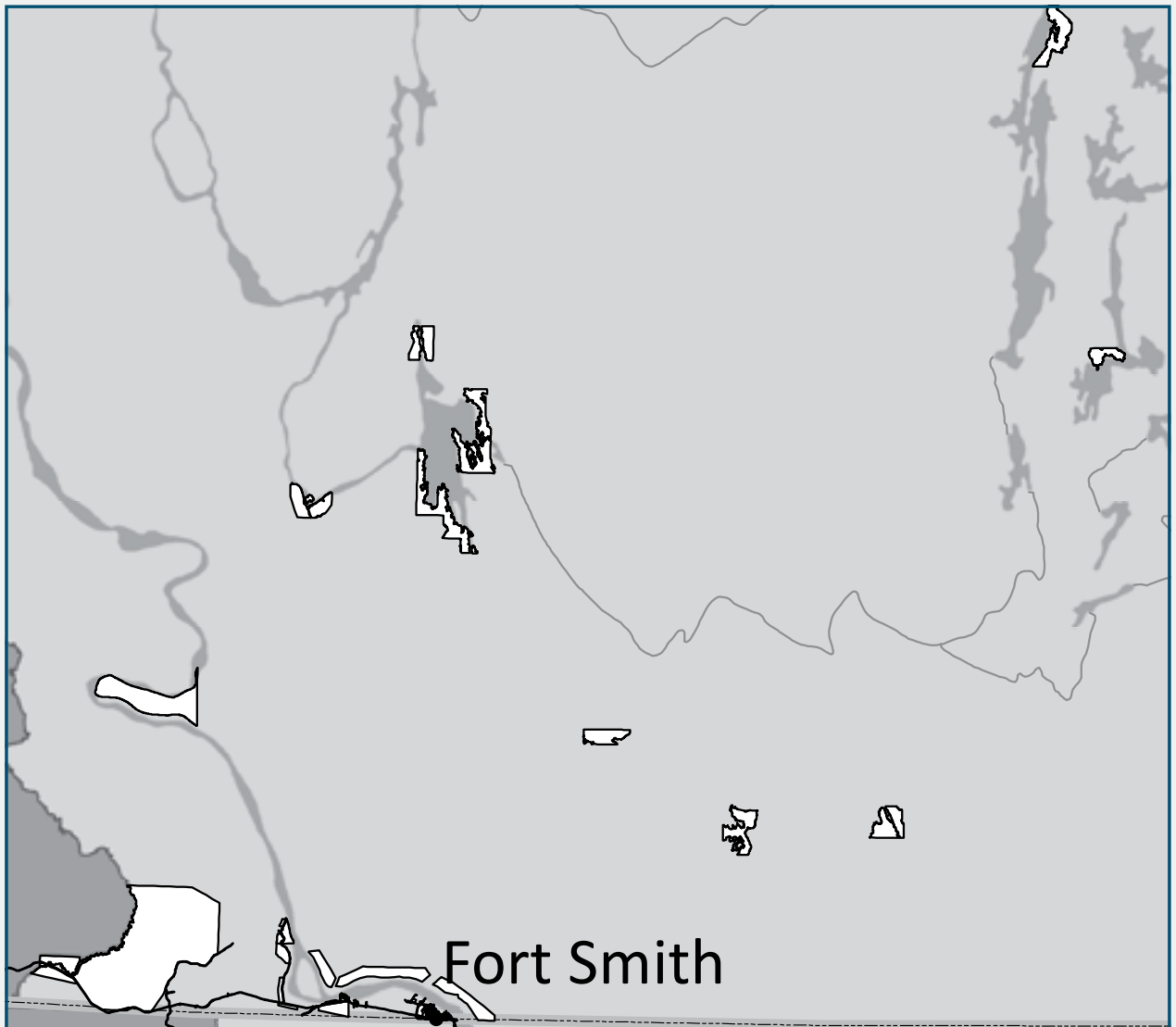
Salt River First Nation Reserve and Salt Plains Reserve (SPR) No. 195

The *Indian Act* applies to reserves and *Indian Act* bands and allows them to establish their own requirements applicable to hunting on reserves.

For further information, contact the Salt River First Nation #195 (867-872-2986) and/or your local ECC Officer in Fort Smith (867-872-6400).

Salt River First Nation Reserve and Salt Plains Reserve No. 195 in the NWT

All reserve lands set aside for the Salt River First Nation Reserve and Salt Plain Reserve 195 are shown in white.



AREAS REQUIRING PERMISSION

Wek'èezhìi and Tłı̨chǫ̨ Lands

Hunting on Wek'èezhìi and on Tłı̨chǫ̨ lands is subject to terms, conditions and provisions of the Tłı̨chǫ̨ Agreement.

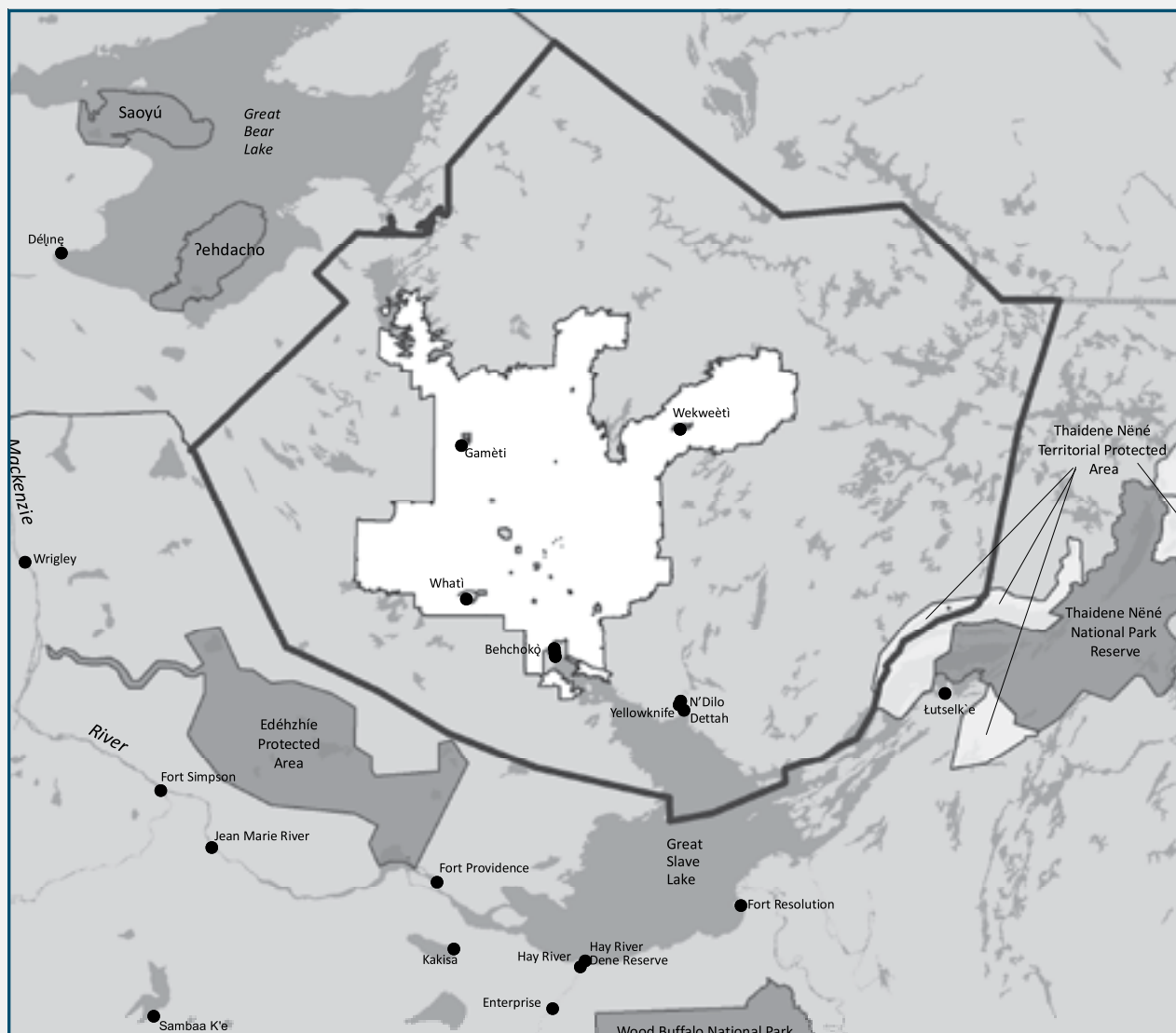
A request to the Tłı̨chǫ̨ Government or local community government to harvest wildlife on Tłı̨chǫ̨ lands is not required. However, asking permission to harvest on Tłı̨chǫ̨ lands is encouraged because it shows respect for

the Tłı̨chǫ̨ tradition.

For further information, contact the Lands Protection Department of the Tłı̨chǫ̨ Government (867-392-6381) or the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (867-873-5740) and/or your local Renewable Resource Officer in Behchokǫ̨ (867-392-6511).

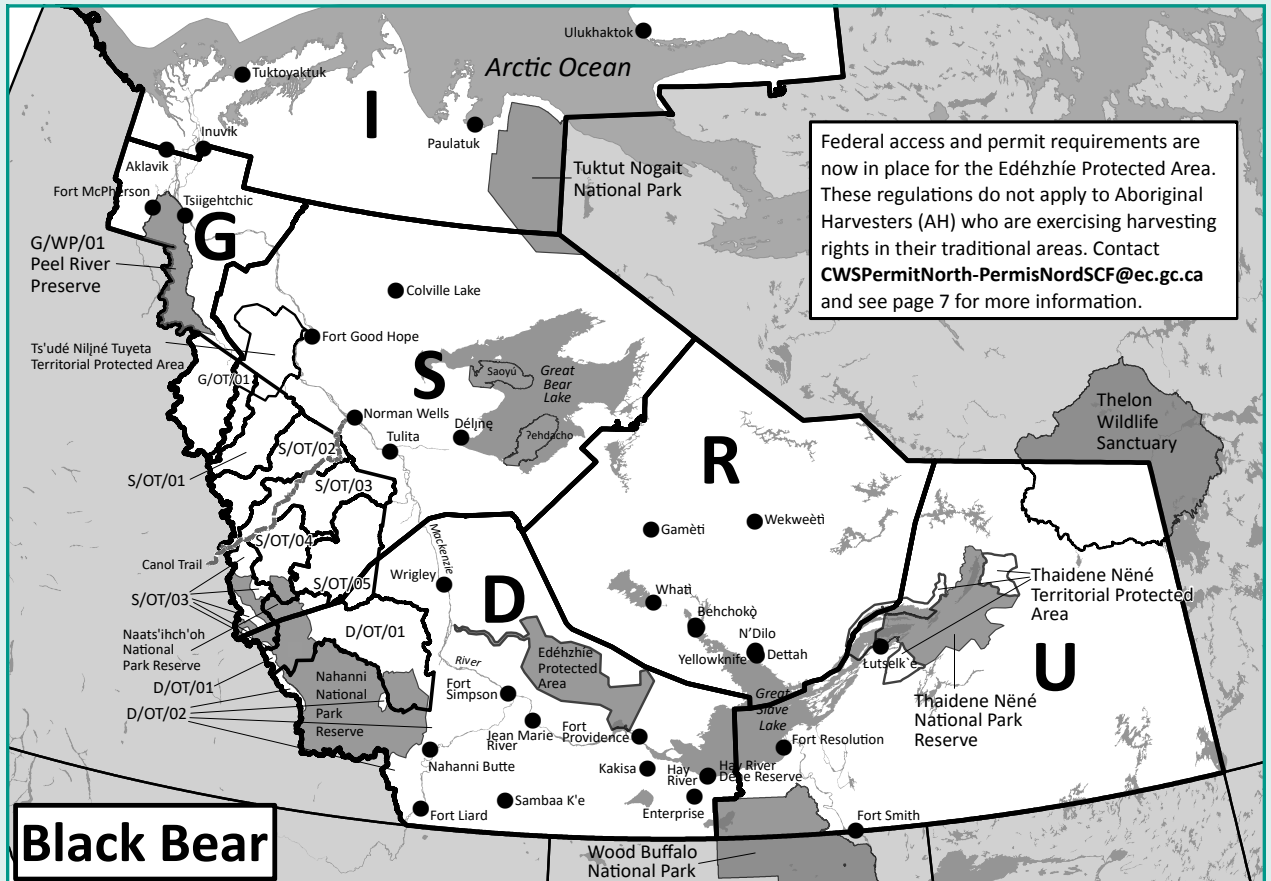
Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area in the NWT

All private lands in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area are shown in white.



Black Bear

Photo Credit: Danny Allaire



Federal access and permit requirements are now in place for the Edézhie Protected Area. These regulations do not apply to Aboriginal Harvesters (AH) who are exercising harvesting rights in their traditional areas. Contact CWSPermitNorth-PermisNordSCF@ec.gc.ca and see page 7 for more information.

Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
RES	24.00	N/A	One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a)	15 Aug - 30 June	D, G (except G/WP/01), I ^(b) , R, S, U
NR	48.00	238.00	One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a)	15 Aug - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NRA	119.00	238.00	One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a)	15 Aug - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NR	48.00	238.00	One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a)	15 Aug - 30 June	R, S (except S/OT/01-05), U
NRA	119.00	238.00	One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a)	15 Aug - 30 June	R, S (except S/OT/01-05), U

^(a) A black bear cub has a hide measuring less than 1.2 m from tip of the nose to the end of the tail when fresh, and less than 1.6 m when stretched and dried.

^(b) If you are not a beneficiary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, you must receive permissions to hunt black bear anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR - see page 8.

NOTE

All licenced hunters flying into wildlife management areas S/MX/01 and R/BC/01 must wait 12 hours after landing before hunting. Also if you are flying within the Outfitter Areas of the Mackenzie Mountains, you must wait 12 hours after landing before hunting any big game. This is to prevent aircraft from giving hunters more than a sporting chance. It does not stop licenced outfitters from making preparations for the client.

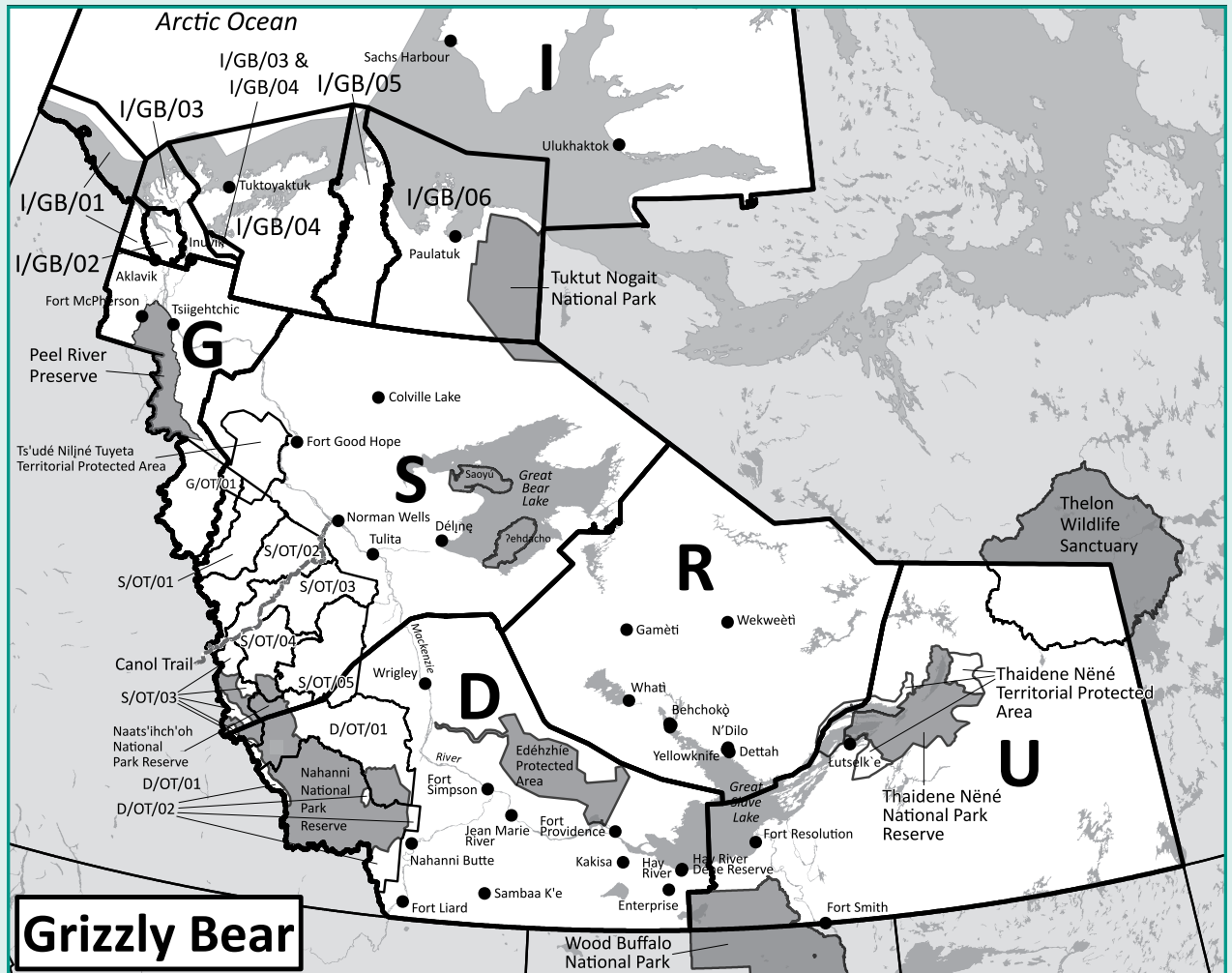
Successful hunters must turn in the lower jaw or undamaged post-canine tooth and information that an officer requires as soon as practicable after the bear is killed.

PROBLEM BEARS

In the NWT, it is legal to shoot a bear in self-defence of life or property. You must report the kill to an ECC Officer as soon as possible and provide an explanation of the incident, the date and location of the incident, and any other information requested by an Officer. You may not keep any part of a bear killed in self-defence. You can report incidents by calling 1-866-762-2437.

Grizzly Bear

Photo Credit: Doug Downing



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, I (outside of I/GB areas noted below), R, S, U
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Voluntary quota system established ^(e)	1 July - 30 June	G
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held ^(f)	1 July - 30 June	I/GB/01-03, 06
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held ^(f)	1 Sept - 31 May	I/GB/04-05
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	^(b) One adult bear not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den (only one per lifetime of hunter)	15 Aug - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01 ^(e) , S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	^(c) Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	31 Aug - 31 Oct and 15 Apr - 31 May	I/GB/01-03 ^(d) , I/GB/06 ^(d)
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	^(c) Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Sept - 31 May	I/GB/04-05 ^(d)
NR	48.00	2376.00	^(c) Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	31 Aug - 31 Oct and 15 Apr - 31 May	I/GB/01-03 ^(d) , I/GB/06 ^(d)
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NRA	119.00	2376.00	^(c) Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Sept - 31 May	I/GB/04-05 ^(d)

- ^(a) A grizzly bear cub has a hide measuring less than 1.4 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail when fresh, and less than 1.6 m when stretched and dried.
- ^(b) If an unsuccessful resident grizzly bear tag holder fails to return their tag within 15 days after their hunt, they shall be deemed to have killed a bear and no further tags will be issued to that individual.
- ^(c) All hunters who buy grizzly bear tags are asked to complete a questionnaire regardless of the hunt's outcome. Unsuccessful hunters must return unused tags immediately after the hunt.
- ^(d) If you are not a beneficiary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, you must receive permission to hunt grizzly bear anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR - see page 8.
- ^(e) Under the Management Agreement for Grizzly Bears in the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all hunters who wish to hunt grizzly bears in G/OT/01 should request permission to the GRRB or the local RRC. For more information, contact the local RRC or the GRRB - see page 9.
- ^(f) Mandatory reporting and sampling requirements.
- ^(g) Contact the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board for more information on the quota.

NOTE

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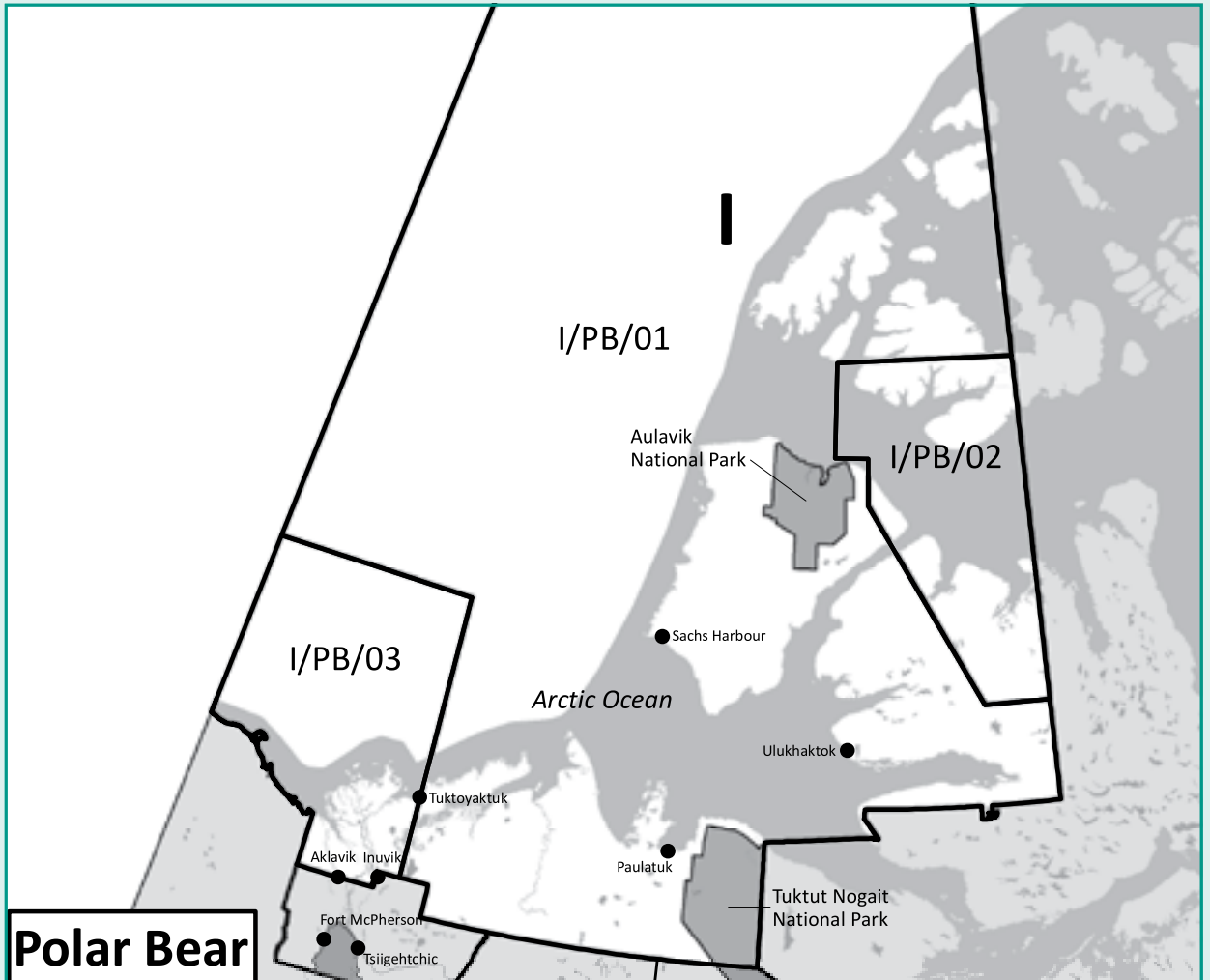
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Polar Bear

Photo Credit: Gordon Court



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GH	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Dec - 31 May (Female/Male) 1 Oct - 31 May (Male only)	I/PB/01
AH or GH	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Jan - 31 May	I/PB/02
AH or GH	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Dec - 31 May	I/PB/03
RES	24.00	N/A	Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Dec - 31 May 1 Jan - 31 May	I/PB/01, 03 ^(b) I/PB/02 ^(b)
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held (male only)	1 Oct - 31 May	I/PB/01
NR	48.00	1782.00	Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Dec - 31 May 1 Jan - 31 May	I/PB/01, 03 ^(b) I/PB/02 ^(b)
NR	48.00	1782.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held (male only)	1 Oct - 31 May	I/PB/01
NRA	119.00	1782.00	Any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub ^(a) or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Dec - 31 May 1 Jan - 31 May	I/PB/01, 03 ^(b) I/PB/02 ^(b)
NRA	119.00	1782.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held (male only)	1 Oct - 31 May	I/PB/01

Please note that where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex (baculum).

- The holder of a hunting licence may only hunt polar bear by dog team or on foot. Ammunition and firearms for a hunt must meet prescribed requirements. A successful hunter must provide information on the date and location of the kill and turn the lower jaw or undamaged post-canine tooth, evidence of sex and any lip tattoos and ear tags present. An unsuccessful hunter must return unused tags immediately after the hunt.

^(a) In the ISR, a polar bear cub is defined as having a hide measuring less than 1.5 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail when fresh, and less than 1.8 m when stretched and dried.

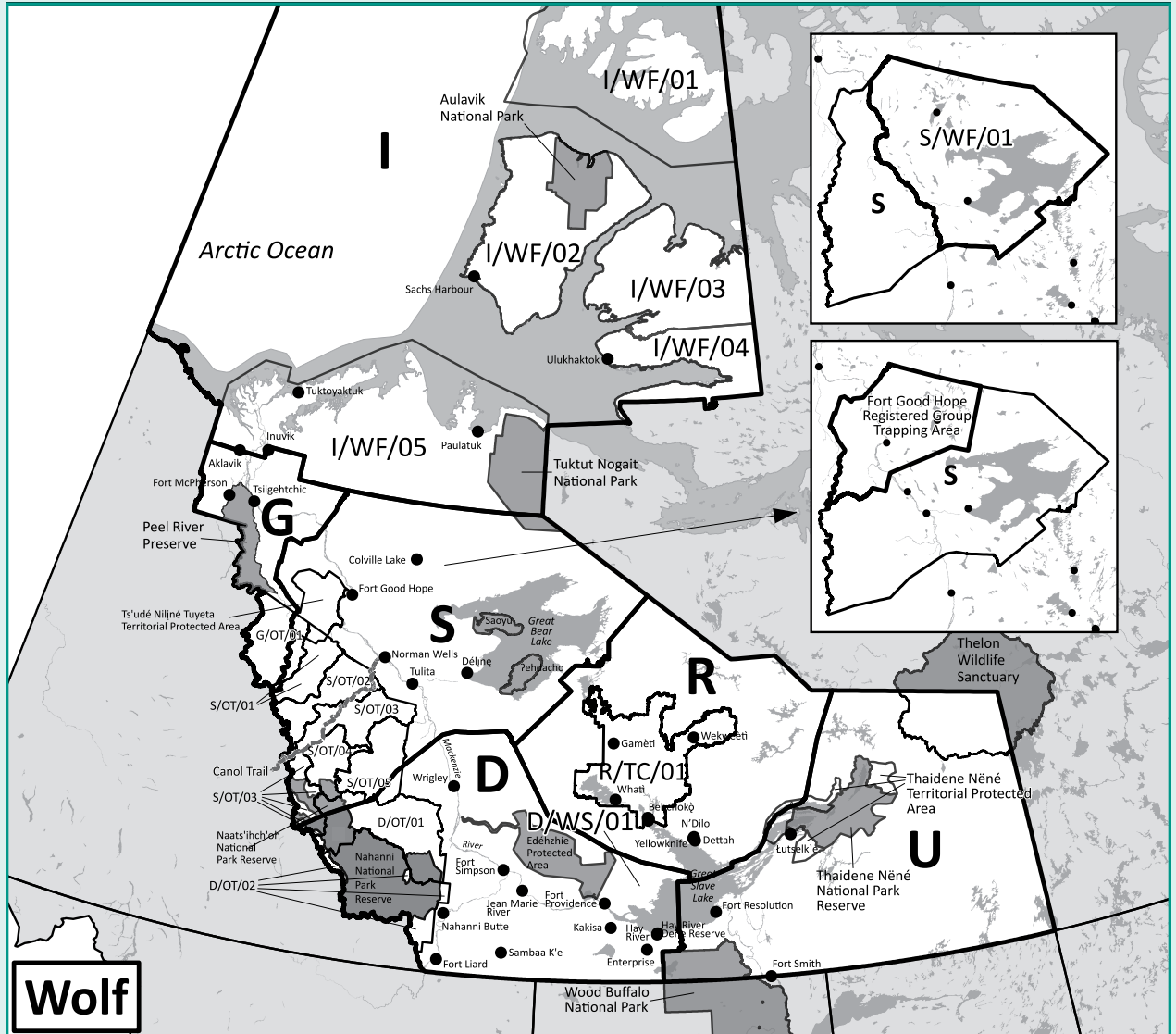
^(b) If you are not a beneficiary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, you must receive permission to hunt polar bear anywhere in the ISR and polar bear hunting boundaries are complex. Please contact the applicable offices in the ISR for more information and tag before starting the hunt - see page 8.

PROBLEM BEARS

In the NWT, it is legal to shoot a bear in self-defence of life or property. You must report the kill to an ECC Officer as soon as possible and provide an explanation of the incident, the date and location of the incident, and any other information requested by an Officer. You may not keep any part of a bear killed in self-defence. You can report incidents by calling 1-866-762-2437.

Wolf

Photo Credit: Gordon Court



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I/WF/01-05, R, S, U
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	25 July - 31 May	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	15 Aug - 31 May	D, G, I/WF/01-05, R, S, U
RES	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	25 July - 31 May	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05
RES	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 31 May	D (except D/OT/01-02), G (except G/OT/01), R, S (except S/OT/01-05), U I/WF/01-05 ^(a)
NR	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 31 May	I/WF/01-05 ^(a)
NR	N/A	N/A	One	25 July - 15 Apr	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01
NR	N/A	N/A	Two	25 July - 15 Apr	S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NR	N/A	N/A	One	15 Aug - 31 May	D/WS/01
NR	N/A	N/A	Two	15 Aug - 31 May	R, U
NR	N/A	N/A	One	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/WF/01
NRA	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 31 May	I/WF/01-05 ^(a)
NRA	N/A	N/A	Two	15 Aug - 31 May	R, U
NRA	N/A	N/A	One	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/WF/01
NRA	N/A	N/A	One	25 July - 15 Apr	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01
NRA	N/A	N/A	One	15 Aug - 31 May	D/WS/01
NRA	N/A	N/A	Two	25 July - 15 Apr	S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)

^(a) A vendor shall not issue a tag to a hunter unless the hunter provides the vendor with the written permission of each applicable HTC for the hunter to hunt wolf in the area. For the purposes of this condition, “applicable HTC” means an HTC that has responsibility in the area in which the hunter will be hunting. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR - see page 8.

NOTE

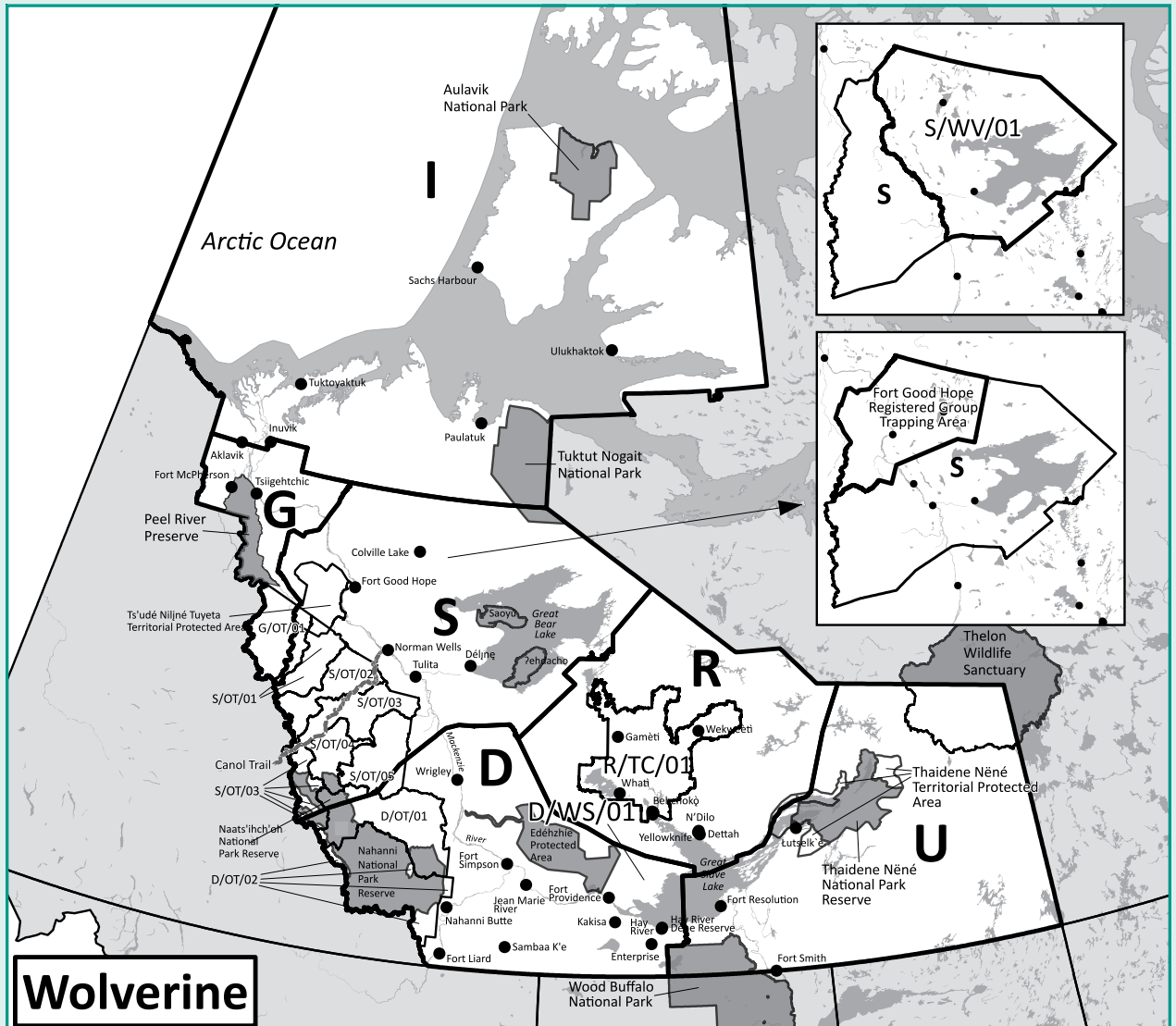
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FUR TRAPPERS ONLY

Harvester	Season	Hunting Area
AH	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	15 Aug - 31 May	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	15 Aug - 31 May	D, G, I (except I/WF/01-05), R (except R/TC/01), S, U

Wolverine

Photo Credit: Rob Gau



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	25 July - 31 May	D, G, I, R, S, U
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	25 July - 30 Apr	D, G, R, S, U
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 Apr	I ^(a)
NR	48.00	238.00	One	1 Dec - 15 Mar	U, D/WS/01
NR	48.00	238.00	One	15 Aug - 31 Oct	U, R
NR	48.00	238.00	One	25 July - 15 Apr	D/OT/01-02, G/OT-01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NR	48.00	238.00	One	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/WV/01
NR	48.00	238.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I ^(a)
NRA	119.00	238.00	One	1 Dec - 15 Mar	U, D/WS/01
NRA	119.00	238.00	One	15 Aug - 31 Oct	U, R
NRA	119.00	238.00	One	25 July - 15 Apr	D/OT/01-02, G/OT-01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NRA	119.00	238.00	One	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/WV/01
NRA	119.00	238.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I ^(a)

^(a) A vendor shall not issue a tag to a hunter unless the hunter provides the vendor with the written permission of each applicable HTC for the hunter to hunt wolverine in the area. For the purposes of this condition, “applicable HTC” means an HTC that has responsibility in the area in which the hunter will be hunting. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR - see page 8.

NOTE

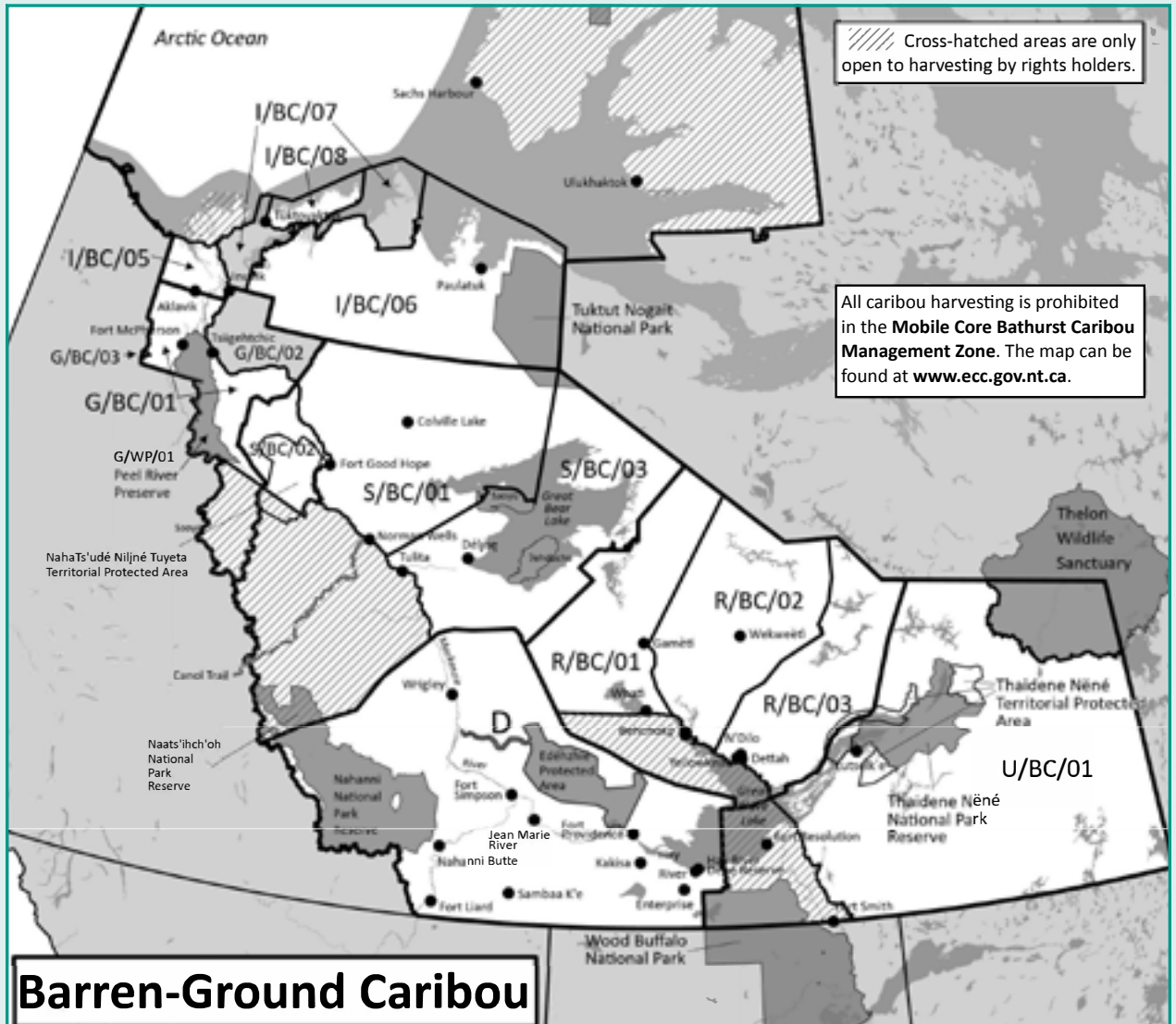
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FUR TRAPPERS ONLY

Harvester	Season	Hunting Area
AH	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	1 Nov - 15 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	1 Nov - 15 Apr	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U

Barren-ground Caribou

Photo Credit: Joachim Obst



Barren-Ground Caribou

Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	0	Closed	Mobile core Bathurst caribou mgmt zone ^(d)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	0	Closed	G/BC/02, I/BC/07 in harvester's traditional area ^(a, b)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 30 June	G/BC/01, I/BC/05, S/BC/02, U/BC/01, R/BC/03 ^(e)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 30 June	I/BC/06 ^(a) , S/BC/01 ^(a)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 30 June	D ^(a, b) , R/BC/01 ^(a, b, e) , S/BC/03 ^(a, b)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 30 June	R/BC/02 ^(a, b, e)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	16 June - 31 March	I/BC/08 in harvester's traditional area
AH	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 30 June	G/BC/03
GHL	N/A	N/A	unrestricted	1 July - 25 Dec	G/BC/03
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	2 (male only)	15 Aug - 25 Dec	G/BC/03
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	2 (male only)	15 Aug - 30 Apr	G/BC/01 (except G/WP/01), I/BC/05
RES	24.00 each tag	N/A	1 (male only)	15 Aug - 30 Apr	U/BC/01 ^(c)

- To distinguish between a male and female caribou, check the sex organs before shooting. A mature male (bull) has a penis sheath that can usually be seen from the side. A female (cow) has a dark patch under her tail. This is the vulva. Please use caution and speak to an elder, experienced hunter or ECC Officer for more information. See page 48 for more information.

^(a) Tag required.

^(b) Male only.

^(c) Mandatory reporting of harvest to local ECC office.

^(d) All caribou harvesting is prohibited in the **Mobile Core Caribou Management Zone**. The mobile core caribou management zone map can be found at www.ecc.gov.nt.ca.

^(e) Excluding any portion of the area within the Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone.

NOTE

Where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex (testicles or scrotum).

* Remember to be aware of the **mobile core caribou management zone**.

USE OF AIRCRAFT

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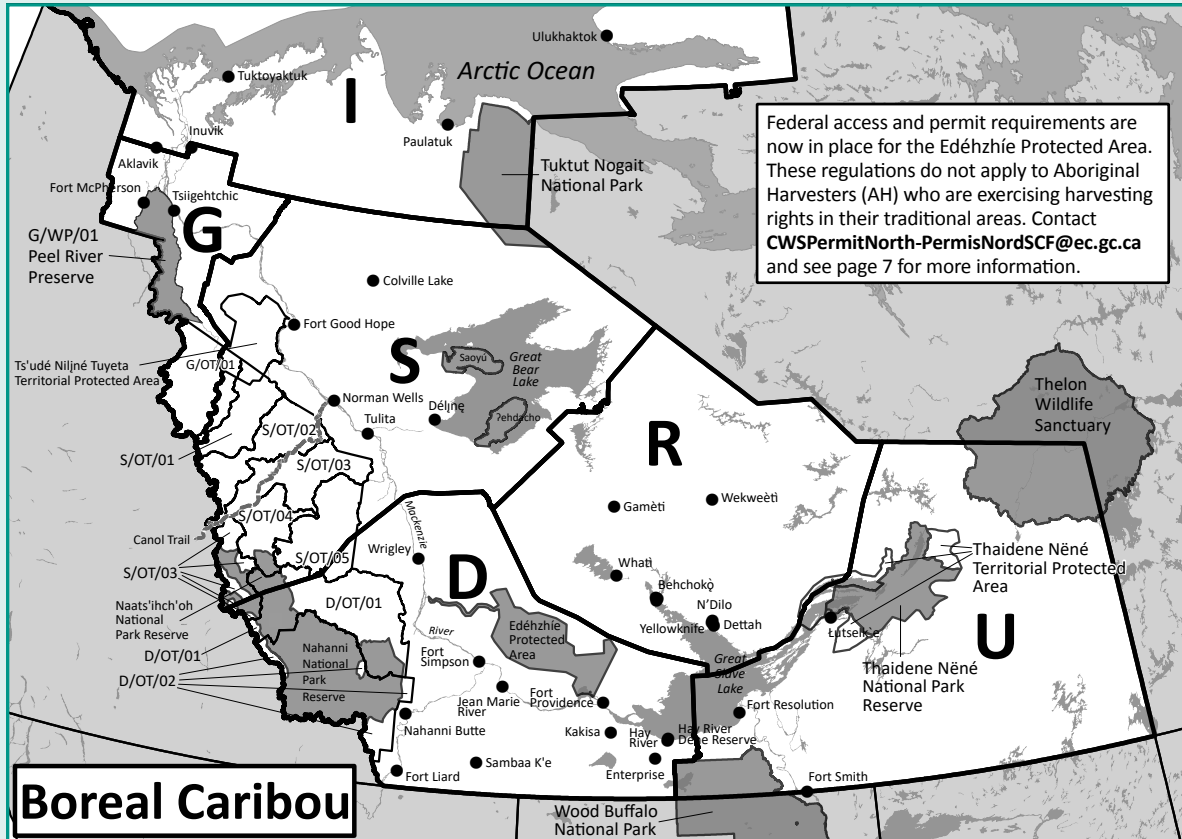
Boreal Caribou

NOTE

REMEMBER the season requirements and conditions for GHL and Resident Hunting Licence holders when hunting boreal caribou. Harvest is male only and the season closes December 15th.



Photo Credit: Nick Larter



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited (Male only) ^(a)	15 July - 15 Dec	D (except D/OT/01-02), G (except G/OT/01), I, R, S (except S/OT/01-5), U
RES	24.00	N/A	One male only ^(a)	15 July - 15 Dec	D (except D/OT/01-02), G (south of 68°N and except G/WP/01, G/OT/01), R, S (except S/OT/01-05)

^(a) Tag required.

Northern Mountain Caribou



USE OF AIRCRAFT

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Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
RES	24.00	N/A	One	15 July - 31 Jan	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NR	48.00	475.00	One	25 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NRA	119.00	475.00	One	25 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)

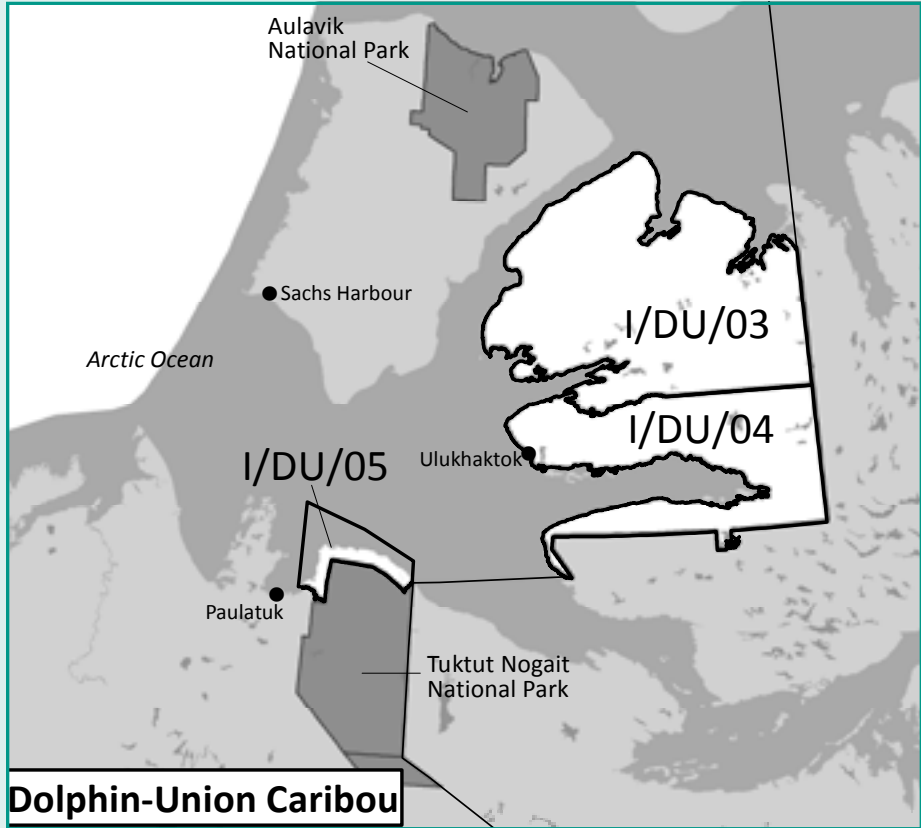
Dolphin-Union Caribou

NOTE

Where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex (testicles or scrotum).



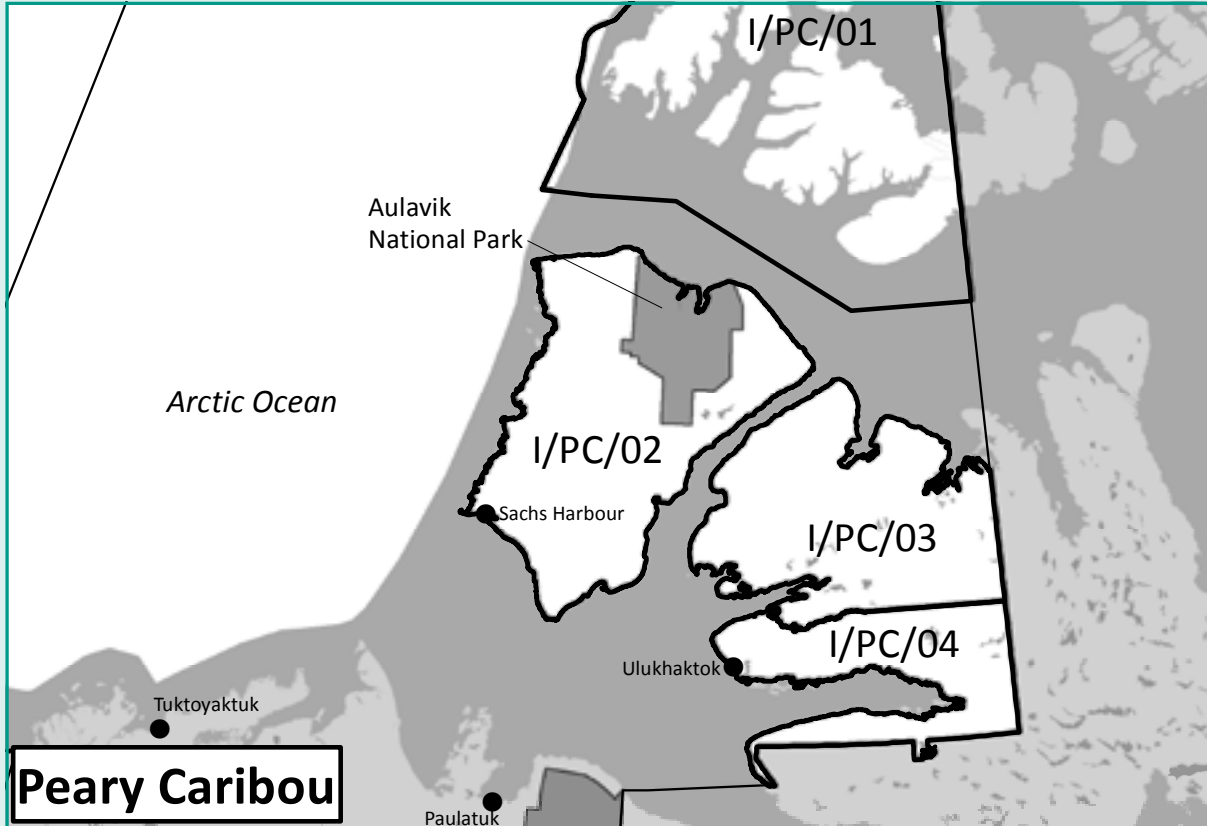
Photo Credit: Kim Poole



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	I/DU/03-04 ^(a) , I/DU/05

^(a) Mandatory reporting required.

Peary Caribou



Peary Caribou

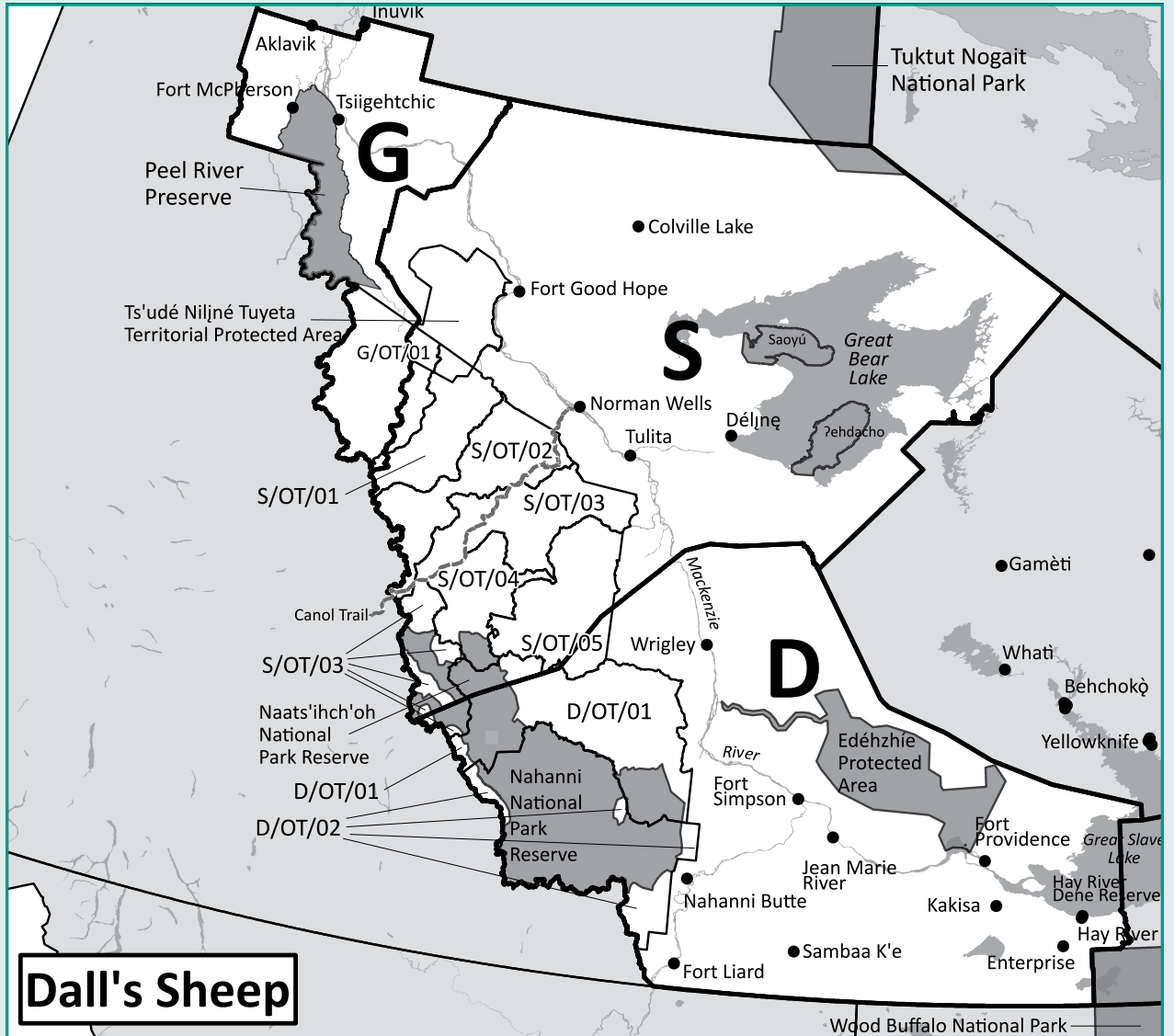
Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	I/PC/01 ^(a) , I/PC/04 ^(a)
AH	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/PC/02-03 ^(a, b)

^(a) Mandatory reporting required.

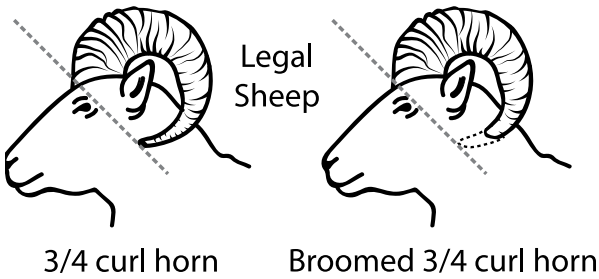
^(b) Tag required.

Dall's Sheep

Photo Credit: Danny Allaire



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, S
RES	24.00	N/A	One adult with a minimum 3/4 curl (see below for a definition of legal ram)	15 July - 31 Oct	D (west of the Mackenzie River), G/OT/01, S (west of the Mackenzie River)
NR	48.00	475.00	One adult with a minimum 3/4 curl (see below for a definition of legal ram)	15 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NRA	119.00	475.00	One adult with a minimum 3/4 curl (see below for a definition of legal ram)	15 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)



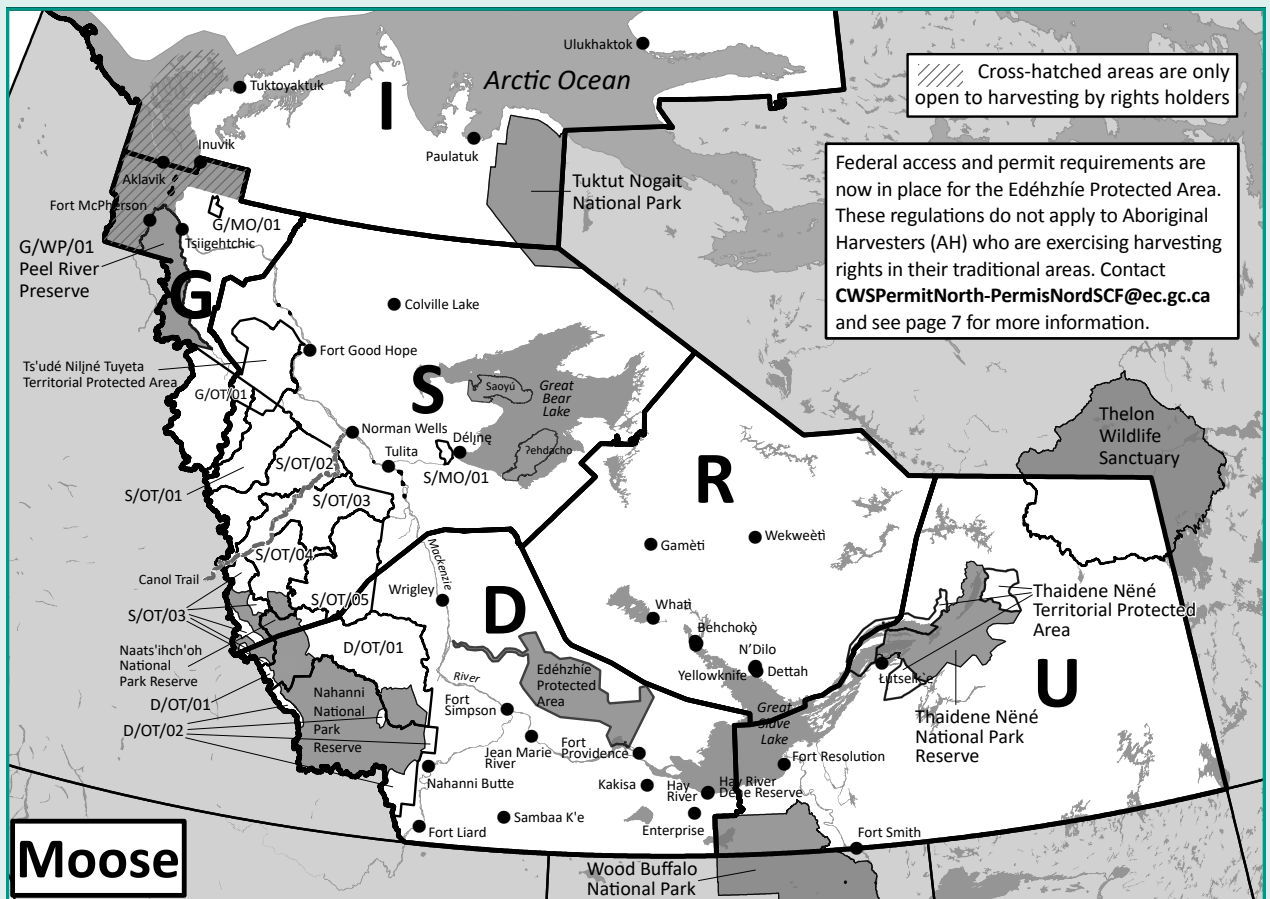
A legal Dall's sheep is a ram with at least one horn that is 3/4 curl or larger. To check the curl, view the animal from the side and imagine a straight line from the base to the tip of the horn. If the line passes through the back corner of the eye, or anywhere forward of that, it is a legal ram. If the horn is broomed, imagine it as if it were whole and draw the same line. If it passes through the back corner of the eye, it is a legal 3/4 curl ram. Every Dall's sheep horn, whether obtained through hunting or just picked up, must have a numbered plug inserted in it if being exported from the NWT.

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Moose

Photo Credit: Gordon Court



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G (except G/MO/01), I, R, S (except S/MO/01), U
GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 Sept - 30 Nov	S/MO/01, G/MO/01
RES	24.00	N/A	One	1 Sept - 31 Jan ^(a)	D, G (south of 68°N and east of the west bank of the east branch of the Mackenzie River, and except G/MO/01), I (east of the east bank of the east branch of the Mackenzie River), R, S (except S/MO/01), U
RES	24.00	N/A	One	1 Sept - 30 Nov	S/MO/01, G/MO/01
NR	48.00	475.00	One	1 Sept - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)
NRA	119.00	475.00	One	1 Sept - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitters map page 3)

^(a) All islands in the Mackenzie River are closed to moose hunting from 01 December to 31 January.

NOTE THIS

Moose tags stamped BD Moose are being issued for Wildlife Management Zones I and G. Local ECC offices in the Beaufort-Delta are able to assist resident licence holders with obtaining this tag. This is to help collect harvesting information for those areas.

Please remember to report your harvest. Complete the Resident Hunter Harvest Survey or remember to participate in the harvesters study if available in your local area.

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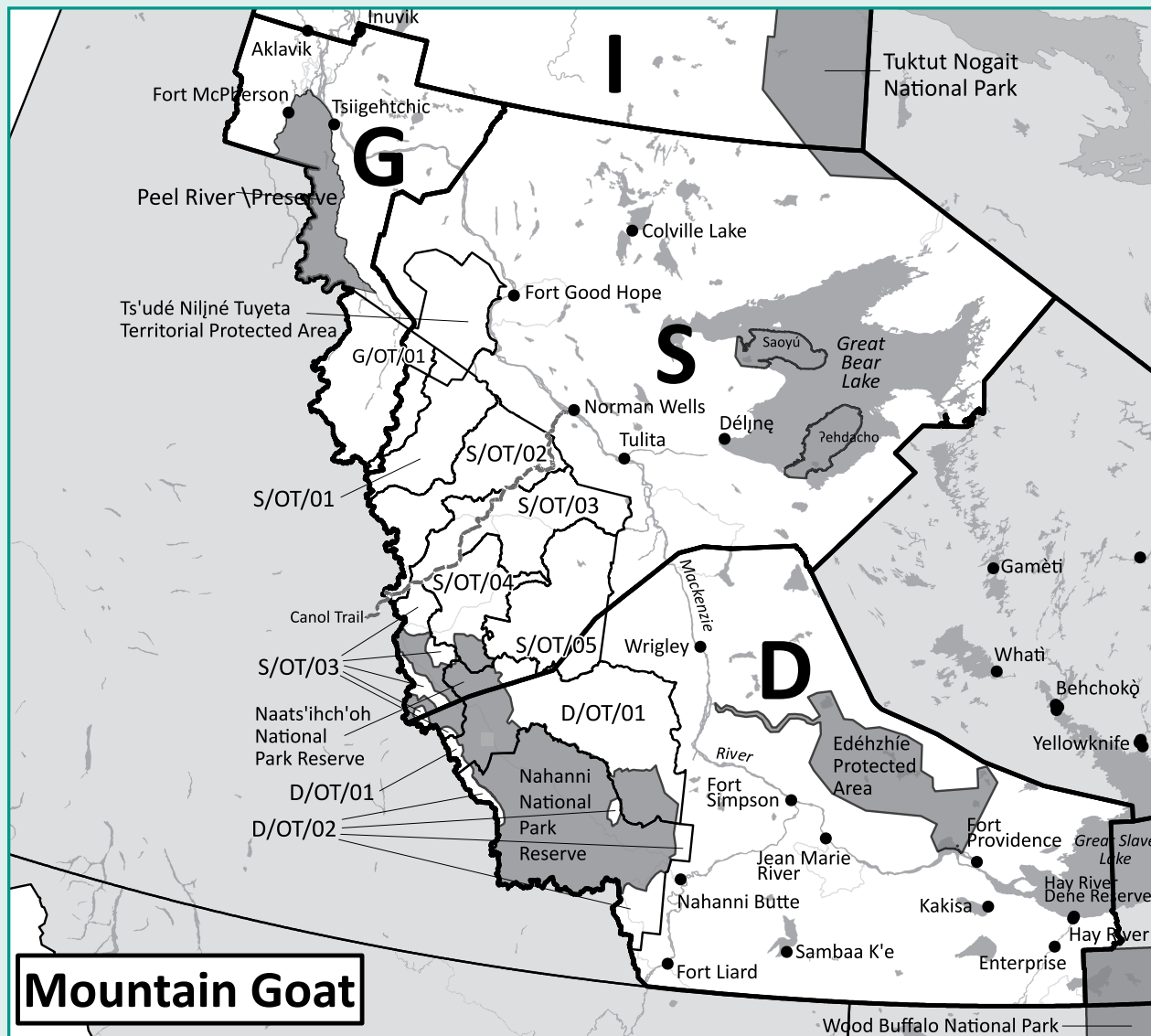
There are special harvesting areas within the GSA and SSA that allow for hunting of moose; however they also have additional terms and conditions. Refer to pages 9 and 10 for more information.

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Mountain Goat

Photo Credit: Julien Schroder



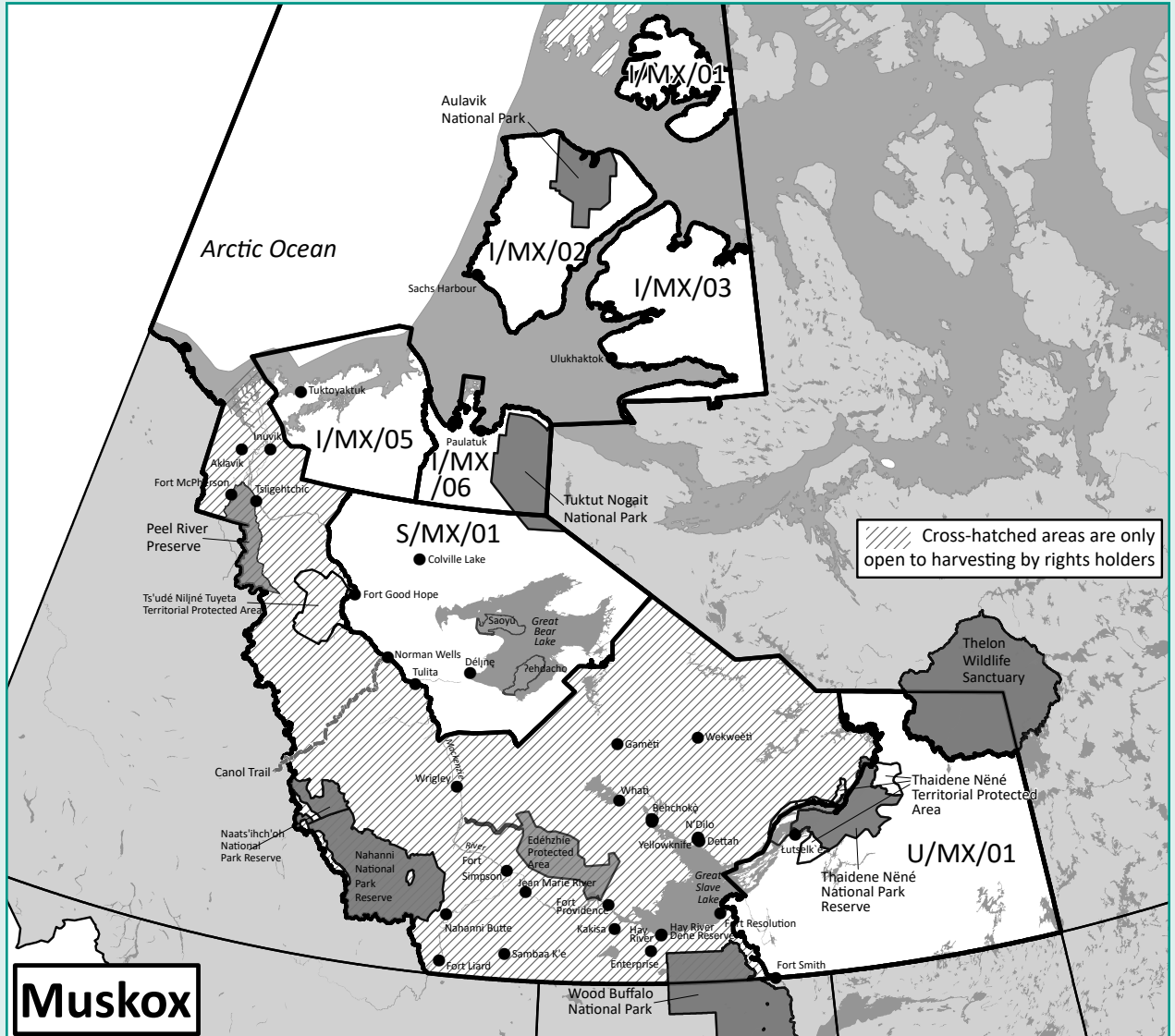
Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, S
RES	24.00	N/A	One	15 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitter map page 3)
NR	48.00	475.00	One	15 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitter map page 3)
NRA	119.00	475.00	One	15 July - 31 Oct	D/OT/01-02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01-05 (see outfitter map page 3)

NOTE

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Muskox

Photo Credit: Robert Decker



Muskox

Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/01-02
GHL	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/01-03 ^(b, e)
AH	N/A	N/A	Tag quota system	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/03
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/05
GHL	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/05 ^(b, e)
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 Oct - 30 Apr	I/MX/06
GHL	N/A	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Oct - 30 Apr	I/MX/06 ^(b, e)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 Aug to 15 Apr	S/MX/01 ^(f)
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	AH: 1 July - 30 June GHL: 1 July - 15 Apr and 15-30 June	U/MX/01
RES	24.00	N/A	Total of 55 tags - on a draw system ^(g)	1 July - 15 Apr and 15 June - 30 June	U/MX/01 ^(f)
RES	24.00	N/A	Total of five tags - on a draw system ^(g)	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/MX/01 ^(a, d)
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 30 Apr	I/MX/01-03 ^(b, e)
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/05 ^(b, e)
RES	24.00	N/A	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Oct - 30 Apr	I/MX/06 ^(b, e)
NR	48.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 30 Apr	I/MX/01-03 ^(a, e)
NR	48.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/05 ^(b, e)
NR	48.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Oct - 30 Apr	I/MX/06 ^(b, e)
NR	48.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/MX/01 ^(a, c)
NR	48.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 15 Apr	U/MX/01 ^(f)
NRA	119.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 30 Apr	I/MX/01-03 ^(a, e)
NRA	119.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 July - 30 June	I/MX/05 ^(b, e)
NRA	119.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Oct - 30 Apr	I/MX/06 ^(b, e)
NRA	119.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	1 Aug - 15 Apr	S/MX/01 ^(a, c)
NRA	119.00	356.00	One or more in accordance with the number of tags held	15 Aug - 15 Apr	U/MX/01 ^(f)

^(a) There is no hunting of muskox until 12 hours has passed after the termination of the helicopter/aircraft flight into S/MX/01. This restriction applies to all classes of licence holders, including GHL holders.

^(b) HTC's may or may not allocate any portion of the quota to this class of licence.

^(c) Male only.

^(d) Tags are available from local RRC, but must be validated at ECC.

^(e) If you are not a beneficiary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, you must receive permission to hunt muskox anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR - see page 8.

^(f) Mandatory reporting of harvest to local ECC office.

^(g) Muskox tags are available to residents for Muskox Wildlife Management Area S/MX/01 and U/MX/01 throughout a yearly draw. Applications for the yearly draw are available after April 1 from the local ECC office. Applications must be postmarked before May 15 and received before the draw date. The draw will be held each year before June 1. Tags will not be awarded to a person that has received a tag for any of the previous four seasons. For more information, please contact the local ECC Officer.

NOTE

When hunting muskox, a hunter must not knowingly approach by vehicle (including a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle) any closer than 1.5 km to the muskox.

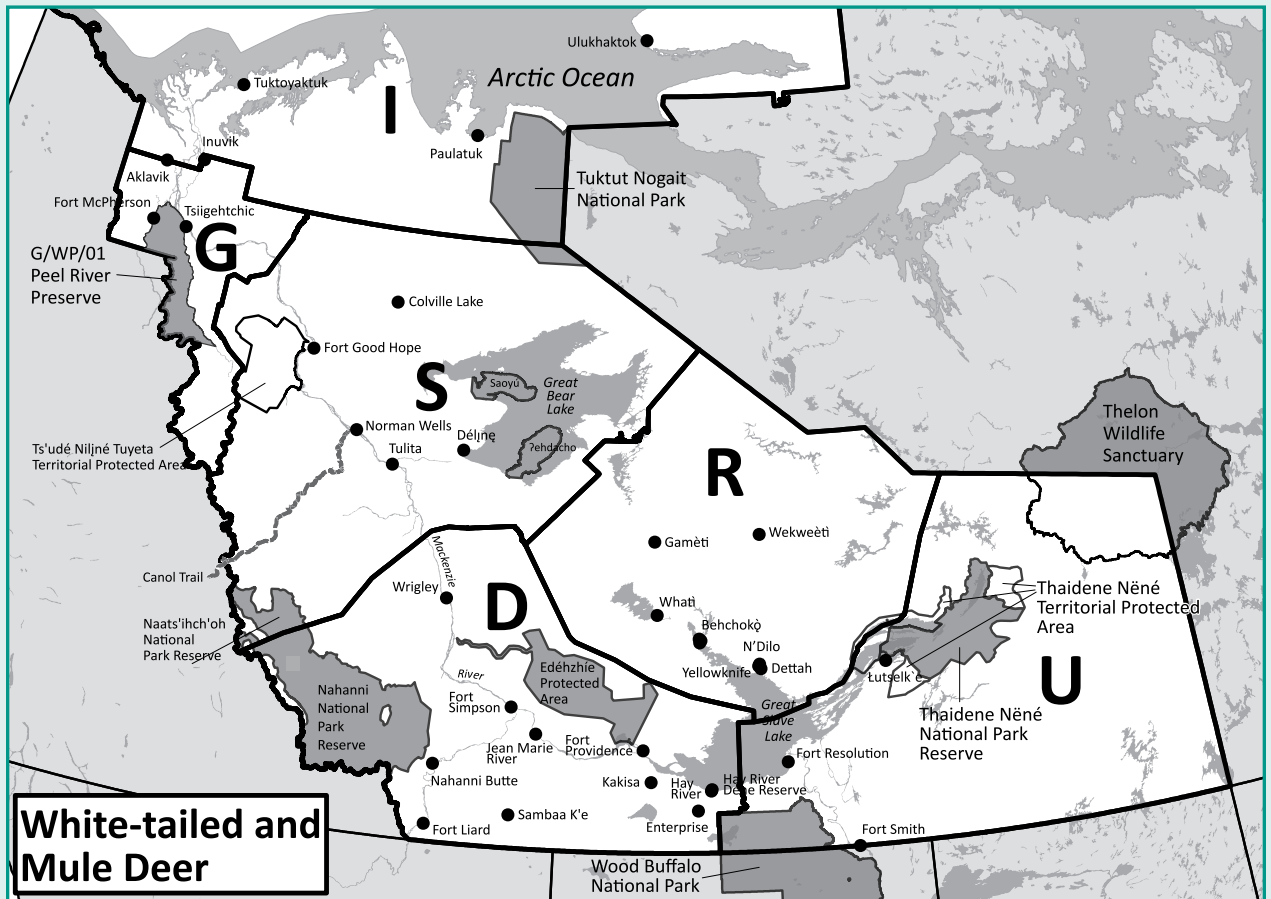
USE OF AIRCRAFT

If you are flying in S/MX/01, you must wait 12 hours after landing before hunting.

White-tailed and Mule Deer



Photo Credit: John Nishi



Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL ^(a,b)	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
RES ^(a,b)	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U

^(a) Tag required.

^(b) Mandatory reporting with sample submission of the head.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

CWD is a significant health issue that can impact all cervid species like caribou. Only deer harvested in the NWT, or within 100 km of the NWT border, are free from possession restrictions. Outside of these areas essentially only boned out meat from deer are allowed into the NWT, and that includes taxidermy mounts. Prescribed parts will only be accepted if tested to the satisfaction of ECC and proof of such testing is provided by the harvester/owner.

The following harvested deer parts cannot enter the NWT from another jurisdiction:

- brain matter
- cranial nerves
- spinal column and its parts
- whole skulls or skull plates
- hooves
- boned in meat
- urine (this includes commercial products like lures)
- mammary glands
- velvet covered antlers

For ongoing CWD surveillance, especially for deer harvested in the NWT, hunters are **required** to submit the head (cut at the mid-neck) of harvested deer to ECC for testing. Positive results will be relayed back to harvesters as soon as possible.

ECC is requesting **voluntary** submission of heads from moose, elk or caribou harvested within the NWT for testing to help track our wildlife's health.

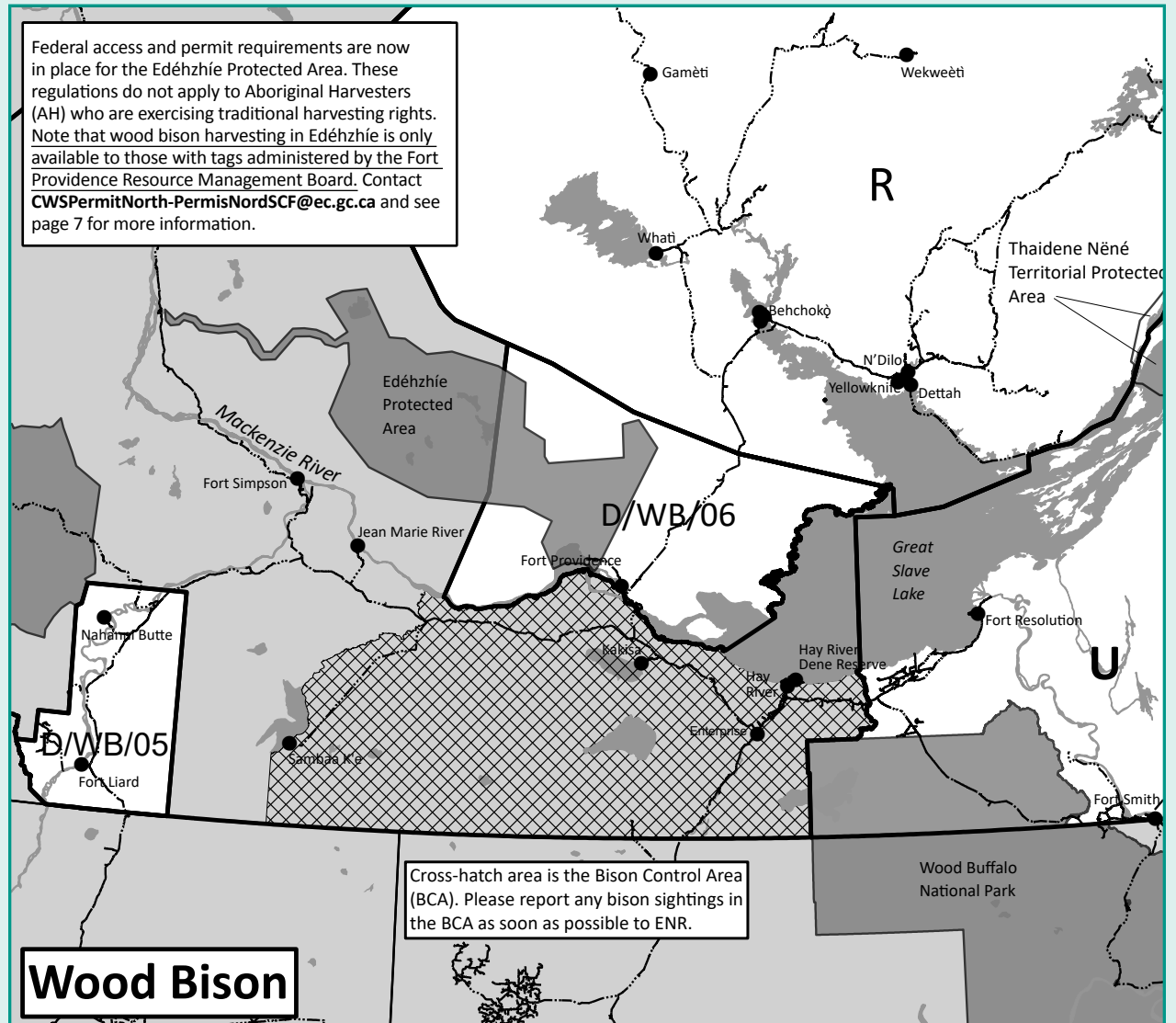
Contact your local ECC office if you would like to submit samples from harvested animals, and to learn more about incentive programs that may be found in and around your region.

Wood Bison

Photo Credit: GNWT/T. Armstrong, ENR



Federal access and permit requirements are now in place for the Edézhíe Protected Area. These regulations do not apply to Aboriginal Harvesters (AH) who are exercising traditional harvesting rights. Note that wood bison harvesting in Edézhíe is only available to those with tags administered by the Fort Providence Resource Management Board. Contact CWSPermitNorth-PermisNordSCF@ec.gc.ca and see page 7 for more information.



Wood Bison

Harvester	Tag Fee	Harvest Fee	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Total of 7 tags - on a quota system (male only)	1 July - 30 June	D/WB/05
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	On a quota system (male only) ^(b, c)	1 July - 30 June	D/WB/06, R
AH or GHL	N/A	N/A	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	U
RES	119.00	N/A	One	1 Sept - 15 Mar	U ^(b)
RES	119.00	N/A	One male	1 July - 30 June	D/WB/05 ^(a)
RES	119.00	N/A	On a quota system (male only) ^(b, c)	1 July - 30 June	D/WB/06, R

- Harvesters have to carry their big game tag while hunting. Mandatory reporting of harvest is to be submitted to ECC regardless of success.
- ^(a) Tags on a quota system. Harvesters must obtain written approval from a local First Nation in order to obtain a tag. Contact the ECC office in Fort Simpson or Fort Liard for more information. Seven tags are available to GHL/resident hunters at local First Nations Acho Dene Koe Band (Fort Liard) and Nahanni Butte Dene Band (Nahanni Butte).
- ^(b) Reporting on your hunt to ECC is mandatory whether or not an animal was taken. A report form is attached to the information package.
- ^(c) 20 tags distributed by the Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation and the Fort Providence Métis Council, and 4 tags distributed by each of the Tlicho Government, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation, the North Slave Métis Alliance, and Yellowknife Dene First Nation; 4 additional tags may be allocated in accordance with the limited entry draw.

Please note that where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex (testicles or scrotum).

No person shall use ammunition of less than .30 calibre to hunt wood bison. Bullets of 200 grains or greater are recommended.

IF YOU SEE A BISON IN THE CONTROL AREA...

In the NWT, two populations of disease-free wood bison have been re-established. The Mackenzie population is found north of the Mackenzie River and the Nahanni population occupies a range in the Liard and Nahanni River Valleys.

Bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis are present in the greater Wood Buffalo National Park population, which includes bison in the Slave River Lowlands. In 1987, the Bison Control Area (BCA) was created to prevent the spread of diseases to disease-free populations by preventing the movement of bison between the Wood Buffalo National Park region and the Mackenzie and Nahanni populations.

Report any sightings in the BCA as soon as possible to 1-866-629-6438. All bison in the BCA are presumed to be diseased and must be removed and tested.

Under the NWT wildlife regulations, a resident may, at any time, hunt bison within the BCA. A hunter who wounds or kills a bison in the BCA is required to report the incident as soon as practical. For more information regarding the Bison Control Program, please contact any ECC office or visit the ECC website at: www.ecc.gov.nt.ca/services/wood-bison/bison-control-area.

Phone: 1-866-629-6438

SMALL GAME SPECIES

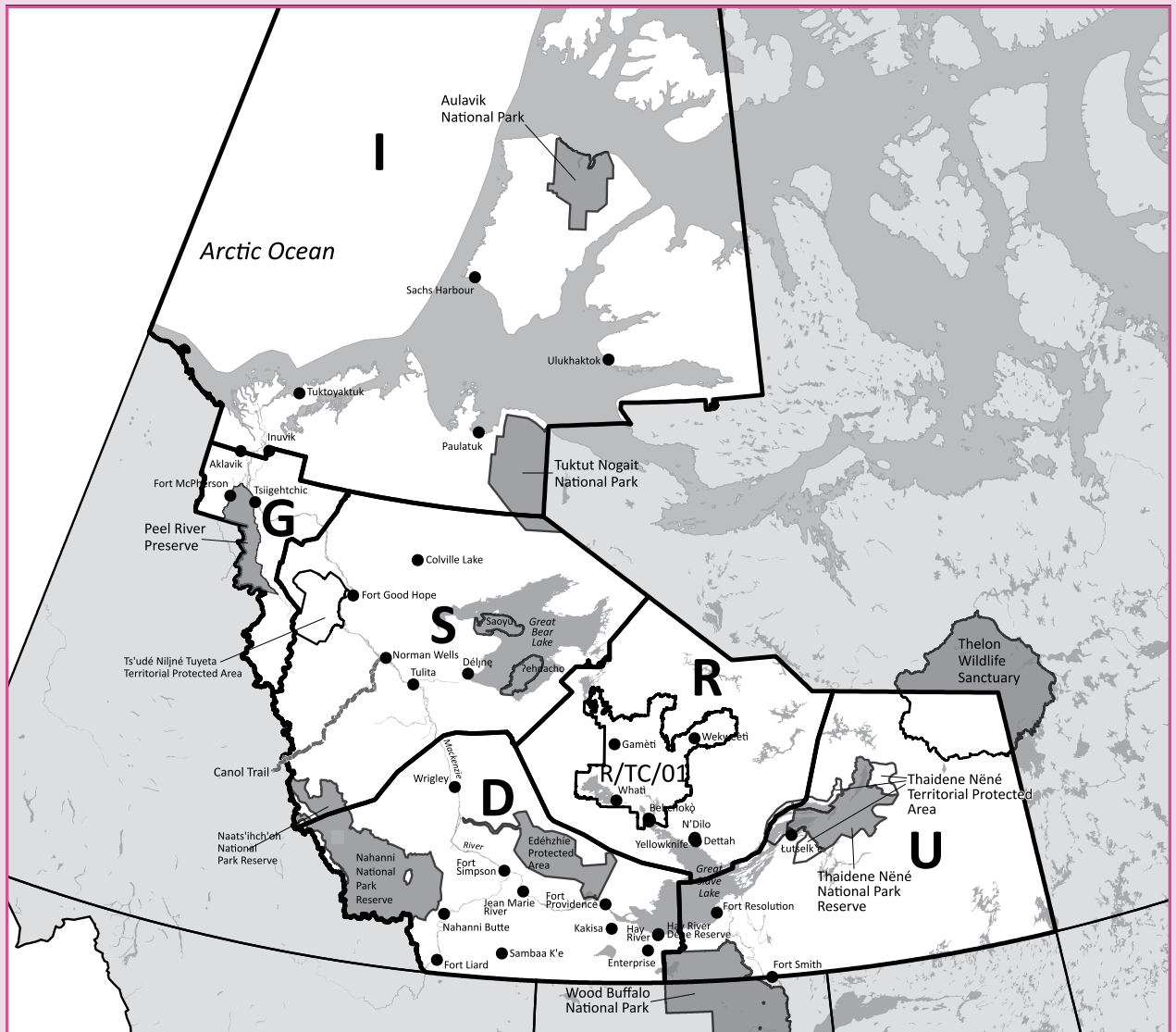
Fees for all small game authorization are:

- Resident - \$24.00
- Non-resident - \$48.00
- Non-resident Alien - \$119.00

For Aboriginal harvesters and GHL holders, there are no bag limits or season conditions unless noted below.

Small Game Areas:

Hares (all species), Marmots, Woodchucks, Groundhogs, Porcupines, Squirrels, Ptarmigan and Grouse





Groundhog, Porcupine, Northern Flying Squirrel

Photo Credit: Gordon Court

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
RES	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U



Hare, All Species

Photo Credit: Danny Allaire

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
RES	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, R, S, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, R, S, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, R, S, U



Marmots

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
RES	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, R, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R, U



Ground Squirrels

Photo Credit: Robert Decker

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
RES	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, R, S, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R, S, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R, S, U



Red Squirrels

Photo Credit: Steven Baryluk

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U
RES	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, R (except R/TC/01), U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R (except R/TC/01), U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, R (except R/TC/01), U



Upland Game Birds (Ptarmigan, Grouse)

Photo Credit: Danny Allaire

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
RES	10/day; possession limit of 40	1 Sept - 30 Apr	D, G, I, R, S, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 Sept - 30 Apr	D, G, I, R, S, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 Sept - 30 Apr	D, G, I, R, S, U



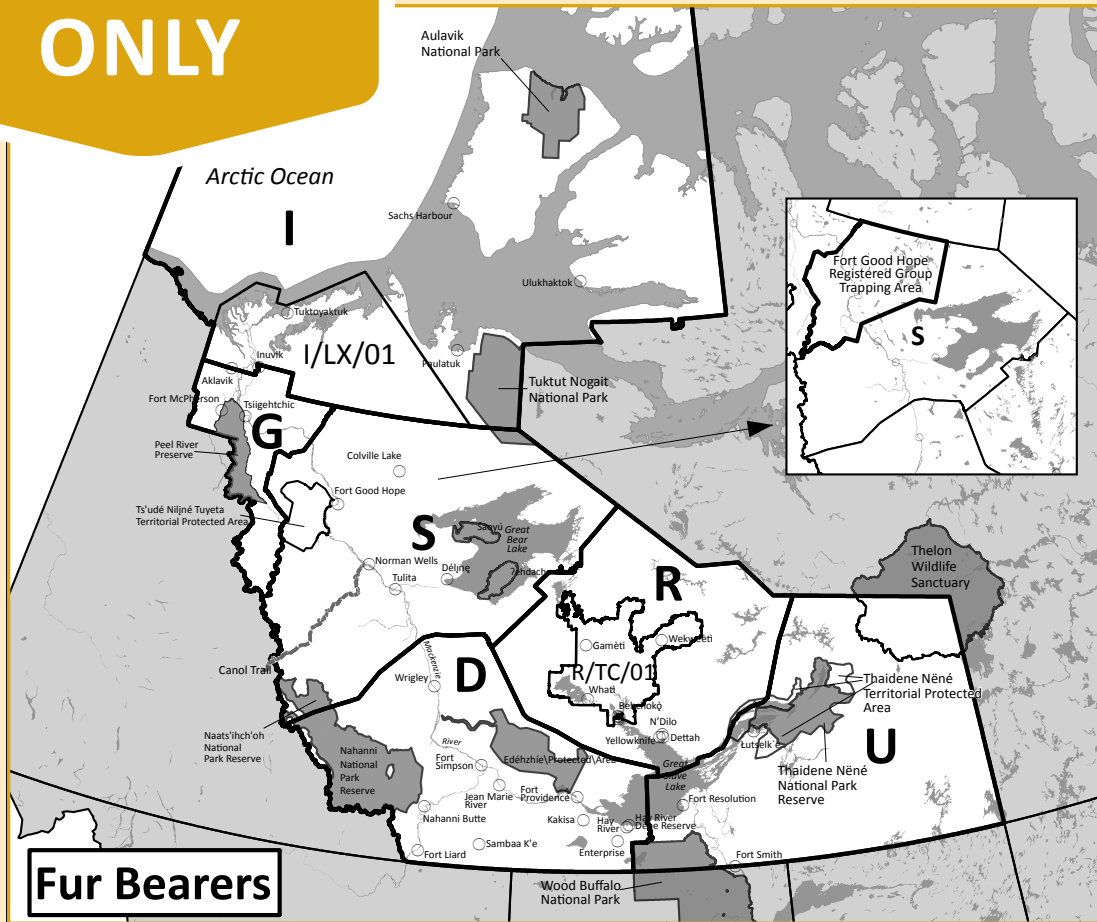
Woodchucks

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U
RES	No limit	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U
NR	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U
NRA	5/day; possession limit of 10	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U

FUR TRAPPERS ONLY

Fur Bearer Areas:

Beaver, Coyote, Ermine, Fisher, Fox, Lynx, Marten, Mink, Muskrat, Otter



Beaver

Harvest opportunities for beaver in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region may be changing. Contact your local ECC office for more information.

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	20 Oct - 5 June	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 15 May	G, I
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 31 May	D, R (except R/TC/01), S, U



Coyote

Photo Credit: Gordon Court

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 31 Mar	D, R (except R/TC/01), S, U



Ermine

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 15 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U



Fisher

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U



Fox

Photo Credit: Gordon Court

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Apr	G, I, R, (except R/TC/01), U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 28 Feb	D, S



Lynx

Photo Credit: Gordon Court

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	15 Nov - 15 Apr	I/LX/01
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	D, R (except R/TC/01), S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Apr	G, I (except I/LX/01)



Marten

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	25 Oct - 5 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Oct - 28 Feb	I
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 28 Feb	R (except R/TC/01)
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 Mar	D, G, S, U



Mink

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	10 Nov - 5 Mar	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 28 Feb	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U



Muskrat

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 15 June	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 15 June	G, I, S
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 31 May	D
GHL	Unlimited	15 Oct - 10 June	R (except R/TC/01), U



Otter

Harvester	Bag Limit	Season	Hunting Area
AH	Unlimited	1 July - 30 June	D, G, I, R, S, U
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 28 Feb	Fort Good Hope Registered Group Trapping Area
GHL	Unlimited	1 Nov - 28 Feb	D, G, I, R (except R/TC/01), S, U

BE BEAR AWARE!

Three kinds of bears live in the NWT: black, grizzly and polar. The following tips will help you reduce encounters with a bear.

While hunting...

- Carry bear deterrents and make sure you know how to use them. Remember that an animal call may also attract a bear.
- Be cautious when tracking a wounded animal.
- If you see a bear, leave the area. Don't risk an encounter.

After you kill an animal...

- While field dressing the carcass, be aware that the scent may be attracting a bear. Make noise so nearby bears know that you are in the area.
- Remove the carcass as quickly as possible.
- Do not drag the carcass back to camp. Doing so will leave a scent trail that a bear can follow directly to your camp.

Returning to the carcass later...

- Separate the carcass from the gut pile. Bears will often be attracted to the gut pile first.
- When returning to the kill site, use caution. Approach the site from upwind, use binoculars to see if the site is clear and make as much noise as possible.

Once you have finished butchering your carcass...

- Stash blood-soaked clothing in a plastic bag at the same location as your meat.
- Wash thoroughly before entering your sleeping quarters.
- Never trim hides or meat around camp; the scraps will attract scavenging bears long after you leave.
- Keep your meat and hides at least 100 m away from your campsite.

REPORT A POACHER

Wildlife violations are serious offences. Violators, including poachers, deplete wildlife populations and destroy natural habitat. If you see something suspicious or illegal, please report as much detail as possible, including date, time, location, vehicle licence plate, air registration letters or boat registration number, and the nature of the incident.

To report a wildlife violation, call 1-866-POACHER (762-2437). This toll-free line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Call 1-866-762-2437. Information provided on the line is passed on to an ECC Officer.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, contact the Environment and Climate Change regional office nearest to you:

Fort Simpson	867-695-7450
Fort Smith	867-872-6400
Inuvik	867-678-8091
Norman Wells	867-587-2422
Yellowknife	867-767-9238
Visit our website www.ecc.gov.nt.ca	
Sahtú Wildlife Emergencies	867-587-2422
Dehcho Wildlife Emergencies (May – Oct)	867-695-7433
Fort Smith Wildlife Emergencies (May – Oct)	867-872-0400
Hay River Wildlife Emergencies (May – Oct)	867-875-7640
Inuvik Wildlife Emergencies (May – Oct)	867-678-0289
North Slave Wildlife Emergencies	867-446-2073
Forest Fires	1-877-NWT- FIRE (1-877-698-3473)
24-hour Spill Report Line (collect calls accepted)	867-920-8130

For information on tourism in the NWT or to obtain a list of licenced outfitters, contact:

NWT Tourism
Box 610
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N5
Toll free: 1-800-661-0788
Outside North America: 867-873-5007
Fax: 867-873-4059
E-mail: info@spectacularnwt.com
Website: www.spectacularnwt.com

REPORT a POACHER

1-866-POACHER

REPORT YOUR HARVEST

In addition to hunting licences and wildlife tags, there are mandatory reporting requirements for certain big game species. If you plan to harvest any of the following species, then ask about the reporting requirements with your local or regional ECC office:

- Polar bear
- Grizzly bear
- Muskox
- Wood bison
- Barren-ground caribou (some herds)
- Peary caribou

Bison Hunt Report Form

Resident hunters with a tag to hunt wood bison in Unit U (Slave River Lowlands herd) must complete a Resident Hunter Mandatory Bison Hunt Report Form whether or not a bison was harvested.

Muskox Hunt Report Form

Resident hunters with a tag to hunt muskox in Zone U and Zone S must complete a Resident Hunter Mandatory Muskox Hunt Report Form whether or not a muskox was harvested.

NWT Resident Hunter Harvest Surveys

Each fall, resident hunters are asked to provide information about their hunting activities and harvest. Information from the survey helps support effective wildlife management in the NWT.

Contact your regional office for information

Respectful Harvesting

Only take what you need, don't wound, don't waste, take all the meat from what you harvest, and store it properly when you go back home.

For more information, please visit, www.gov.nt.ca/ecc/en/services/harvest-respect

