



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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September 2022 Newsletter



President's
Message
Howie Grant

September is the start of hunting season in B.C. and many of us are looking forward to getting outdoors hoping to cut an earlier tag.

For my submission this month, I've included a letter by BCWL Region 4 E President and EKWA President Glenn Flynn regarding the Province of BC Wildlife Plan or lack thereof.

In my opinion Glenn nails it, so please read it.

Good luck

Howie Grant
President, NDRGC

Hunters Are to Blame...

Well, at least that seems to be the message from our Fish and Wildlife Ministry!

Why else would our wildlife management decision-makers continue to place more and more species under Limited Entry Hunting rules? This is not about over-harvesting by hunters, but outdated management plans and inadequate resources. Our government continues to operate without any meaningful vision that puts wildlife and wildlife habitats ahead of its political agenda.

A trip through history illustrates how our provincial wildlife management personnel have relied on LEH as a quick and easy solution. In the East Kootenays, LEH on goats and sheep, antler restrictions on elk, and antler restrictions on mule deer have not only failed to stabilize wildlife populations, but we are still suffering drastic declines among those species. It's akin to Nero continuing to fiddle while Rome burned, and the analogy speaks volumes.

We all need to lobby politicians at every level to inform them that wildlife populations have reached a state of crisis and there needs to be an immediate and total paradigm shift. Decisionmakers lack current, meaningful population data and effective habitat management tools due to insufficient funding. Management decisions are politically based and made without a scientific rationale. This is unacceptable. Our elected officials need to start caring as much as we do. Get them to listen and start caring before more of your hunting and fishing opportunities vanish.

Wildlife managers say that 350 sheep hunters in the East Kootenays were a problem that resulted in the declines in mature rams. So, they implemented LEH, a lottery system stacked with once-in-a-lifetime odds. Successful LEH recipients will bring four to six people out to comb the mountains for a ram. That means, for example, in Ewin Creek with 54 permits, there could be 200 to 300 people there during opening week. That's supposed to be an improvement?

If resident hunters can no longer hunt sheep in their backyard because that pressure is so hard on sheep populations then should wealthy non-residents be allowed to buy the special sheep permit and kill a ram in the same area? Should Region 4 be off the table for special sheep permits? It's not as though the sheep permit conservation dollars have done any good for sheep populations.

The decline in wildlife results from cumulative effects like habitat degradation and predation, etc. So, it begs the question: Why do those responsible for managing our resources single out hunters? Instead of choosing the simplest management tool, why not utilize all the feasible options? The answer is clear. A lack of funding from the government for fish and wildlife is the problem. We need that to change and soon! Reach out to government representatives and let them know these results are an unacceptable and devastating failure

The government consistently fails to hold industry accountable for its impacts. The forest industry is allowed to write its own ticket through the professional reliance model.

Wildlife management plans operate on a tight budget with underwhelming results. They operate too often without meaningful measurables. In business, it is said, that which is measured is managed.

This devastating decline in wildlife is not about hunters; the system is broken and we're simply their scapegoats.

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Glenn Flynn

EKWA President

PAL/RPAL/CORE courses.

The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club is again sponsoring a suite of training courses for folks interested in the safe handling of firearms for recreation and /or hunting.

The Canadian Firearms Safety Courses (PAL for unrestricted long rifles and shotguns and RPAL for restricted firearms like pistols) will be offered during the period September 10 - 25, 2022. These are one day courses, including testing time. Minimum age for PAL is 12 and RPAL is 18. Safe handling of all common firearms and safe shooting techniques are taught. Cost \$125 for PAL and \$90 for RPAL. Classes are limited to 12 persons per instructor.

The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) two-day course includes practical firearms handling and a written examination on conservation, ethics, Indigenous peoples and hunting in BC, BC law and regulations, first aid and survival, firearms safety, and animal and bird identification. This course is required to get a hunting licence. The minimum age is 10 and cost \$150 per student. CORE courses are September 17-18 and October 1-2.

For further information and registration contact Alan Bond @ 250-352-2289.

Alan Bond

Outdoor Range and Closures

NOTICE REGARDING THE TRAP RANGE

Until a safety plan is in place for the 3D archery trail and trap range, there will not be any trap shooting during the week.

The use of the trap range will only be allowed on Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Only shot shells are to be used at the trap range.

Trap shooting is prohibited on the rifle range

Howie Grant
President
NDRGC

KEYS FOR THE OUTDOOR RANGE

The current padlock is getting worn and will be replaced next spring when the snow melts. To date I have cut 675 copies of the key for that padlock; odd, since there are nowhere near 675 members signed in to use the outdoor range - rifle, trap, and archery combined.

When you apply for 2023 membership this fall or during the winter it will be important for you to indicate that you are requesting a key to the outdoor range if you will need one during 2023.

Please do not request a key if you will not be using any of our three outdoor ranges during the coming year.

Many thanks, Richard Green

SEA-CAN SEARCH

The Rod & Gun Club is in need of secure storage beside the shooting pavilion at the Porto-Rico Rd outdoor firearms range, we are hoping to find a sea-can container for this purpose.

If anyone has any leads or suggestions about where we might locate a sea-can at an affordable price, please contact Marvin at 250-229-5710. Thank you.

Pacific Partners Boating Bulletin

August 2022

Always Boat Sober

Boating under the influence of alcohol, or drugs is illegal. It is also a danger to yourself and others. It is illegal to operate a vessel while impaired.

When boating impaired, you are not just a danger to yourself but to others too. Navigating a boat takes coordination and your full concentration. Fatigue, sun, wind and the motion of the boat may dull your senses. Alcohol and drugs intensify these effects, leaving you with reduced fine motor skills (for example, hand-eye coordination) and impaired judgement. Mixing alcohol and drugs with boating is far more dangerous than you may realize.

Impaired Operation is listed in the [Criminal Code of Canada](#).

Each time you operate a boat, you are responsible for the safety of your guests and other people using the waterway. You must always be prepared and alert. Remember that it is **the operator's responsibility to stay sober**.



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<p>Boat sober</p> <p>Operating a boat while impaired is dangerous and against the law.</p> <p>Impaired driving is punishable under the <i>Criminal Code of Canada</i>.</p>	<p>La sobriété en bateau</p> <p>Conduire un bateau avec les facultés affaiblies est dangereux et illégal.</p> <p>La conduite avec facultés affaiblies est un acte punissable selon le <i>Code criminel</i> du Canada.</p>
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Avoid Careless Operation

All boaters must avoid unsafe, reckless or careless operation of their vessel. Always operate your boat at a speed that is safe and considerate to everyone on the water.

- Operate at a safe speed. You may have to stop or turn suddenly to avoid a collision. The slower you go the more time you will have to stop your boat in an emergency.
- It is your responsibility as boat operator to make sure your wake does not harm others or cause damage to other vessels, docks and the shoreline.
- Consider other waterway users such as swimmers, divers and people aboard smaller vessels. Make sure your boat does not cause them any harm or cause them to capsize.
- Be careful when operating in areas of restricted visibility, or areas that are busy with other waterway users. Share the waterway!

You could be fined, held liable, or face criminal charges for any damage or injury that is caused by the operation of your vessel. So always be considerate other others while operating your vessel.



CARELESS OPERATION of a Boat

Section 1007 of the Small Vessel Regulations (*Canada Shipping Act, 2001*) states:



No person shall operate a vessel in a careless manner, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.

Examples of behaviours which could be considered **careless** may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Operating vessel at high speed in circular or criss-cross patterns for extended periods of time in the same location;
- Jumping waves or the wake of another vessel, and being unreasonably close to another vessel;
- Weaving through congested traffic at a fast speed;
- Swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision (playing "chicken"); and
- Operating a vessel at a speed higher than necessary when near swimmers or non-powered vessels.

These offences are subject to fines or court appearances, or both.

For more information, please visit
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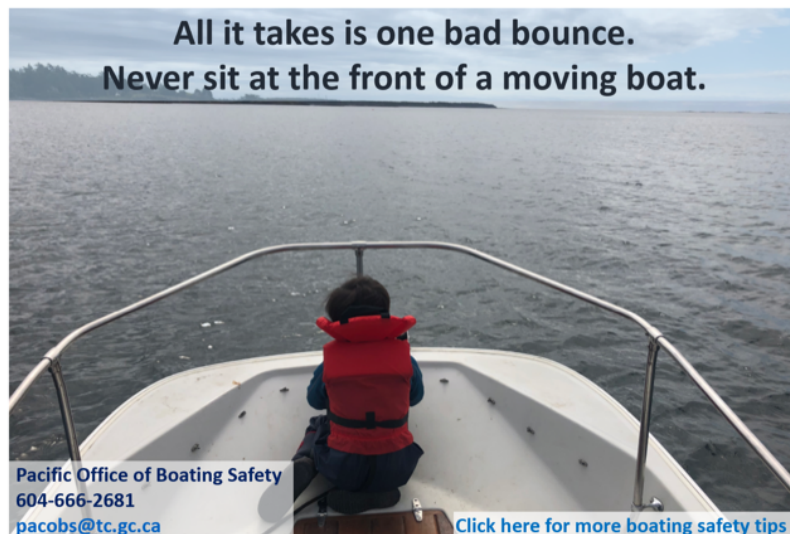


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Sitting Safe: Never Ride the Bow

Bow riding can be extremely dangerous; People—especially children—can quickly fall off the front of the boat while its moving and be swept underneath. Bow riding has led to tragic incidents in Canada that could have been prevented.

- When the motor is on or a boat is moving, everyone on board should be in a proper seat with their arms and legs inside the boat.
- **It is your responsibility as the boat operator to keep everyone on board safe.**
- If you are the operator make sure you have a conversation with all those onboard your boat about how they should act while the boat is in motion. Put in place rules and boundaries such as “no standing up, wear a life jacket, hold on tight, and no goofing around.”
- Pay attention to while you are operating. Be prepared to stop your boat quickly in case of an emergency.



SITTING SAFE: Never ride the bow!



Never sit on the front of a moving boat.

Bow riding is extremely dangerous; People—especially children—can fall off the front of the boat and be swept under.

When the motor is on or the boat is moving, everyone on board should be in a proper seat with their arms and legs inside the boat.

It is YOUR responsibility as the boat operator to keep everyone on board safe.

You could be fined up to \$345 (*Small Vessel Regulations Section 201 - Safety Obligation*) or face criminal charges.

For more information, please visit <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/office-boating-safety>

Hello,

Right now the Office of Boating Safety is reaching out to partners around British Columbia with the hope of spreading boating safety messages.

The Office of Boating Safety does the following:

- Pleasure Craft Licencing
- Pleasure Craft Operator Competency
- Rental Boat Best Practises
- Boating/ Waterway Restrictions
- Safety Equipment
- Boating Safety Outreach and Education
- Training Enforcement Partners
 - The Enforcement partners who have the power to enforce the CSA, 2001 are BC Parks, RCMP, Municipal Police, Conservation Officers, DFO
- Liaising with Regional Districts, Municipalities and other Local Authorities
- Safety audits of Waterways and Businesses
- Issues related to sewage

Please reach out to pacobs@tc.gc.ca (604-666-2681) with any questions or concerns that you have with regard to boating safety. We look forward to working with you to make British Columbia a safer place to boat.

Best Regards,

Office of Boating Safety, Marine Safety and Security
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pacobs@tc.gc.ca / 604-666-2681/ TTY: 1-888-675-6863

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New hunter in search of second-hand equipment:

- Large backpack that can carry a bow
- Bino harness (for large binos)
- Camo clothing (Size xl)
- Game calls (Turkey, elk)
- dressing knives/bone saw
 - rubber boots
 - scent blocker
 - turkey decoy
- Any other useful equipment

If anyone has or knows someone who is looking to part with some gear, please email jordanxbraun@gmail.com or call 7789089535. Thank you.

Newsletter & Archery Coordinator

Best of luck to Jordan Braun at the BC Archery Target and Field Provincials in Oliver on September long weekend.

Please submit your September submission or any suggestions for the letter by Thursday September 30th at NelsonBCArchery@gmail.com

Greg Seidelin

July Calendar





Please, remember to check the Indoor range calendars and contact the Range Officer prior to attending, as numbers of attendees matters.

Indoor Gun Range Info Page:

<http://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

Archery and Indoor Gun Range Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=el6cmelle04vrkhf0vq42t458%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver>

Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 01	Friday 02	Saturday 03
Trap 09:00 - Noon  Social Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Board Meeting 18:30	 Indoor 17:00 – 18:30	 Social Gaming Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		
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