



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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Outdoor Range: 124 Porto Rico Rd (off Hwy 6), Nelson BC

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs

August 2026 Newsletter

RANGES AND CLOSURES

INDOOR GUN RANGE

The Indoor Firearms Range regularly scheduled sessions are over until the fall.

For additional information contact Marvin Paisner at paisners@shaw.ca

OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

The outdoor gun range will be closed August 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th for the Nelson Police Department.

For additional information contact Hoge Tyler at hogetyler@gmail.com

ARCHERY RANGES

INDOOR: Wednesday 17:15 to 19:00, Saturday and Sunday 09:00 to 11:00. These sessions are open to all archers, regardless of experience. Please, show up early if it is your first time or need Club Equipment. And please wear closed toe shoes at the range. Our club has multiple recurve bows for beginner to intermediate archers; we also have club arrows and safety gear.

We also offer private group or individual lessons at the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club (NDRGC), these lessons are \$50 per person for a two-hour session with instruction at the Indoor Range under the Club by Cottonwood Falls. **This session is mandatory if you don't know how to shoot a bow.**

OUTDOOR: Monday 07:30 to 10:30. Let me know if you would like to come out but need equipment. Any lost or broken club arrow will be \$10 per arrow.

For additional information contact Greg Seidelin at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

Trap Range

Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:pm weather and attendance permitting.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

President's Message Howie Grant



SHEEP FEED HAY LIFT

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026, has been set for the annual sheep hay lift on the Salmo Creston Highway. This year we will be looking at delivering 50 bales of hay and about 3500 pounds of pellets, much the same as last year. We are looking forward to working with West Kootenay Wildlife Association and the Salmo ATV Club again and sharing a nice BBQ hotdog and refreshments afterwards. Give me a call if you're interested in helping out.

I also want to give a huge thank you to Art Westerhaug and his crew from BC Wildfire Services for clearing and cleaning the feeding site of all the windfall and blowdowns that occurred last year. We believe that this will help make the sheep more comfortable now that their sight lines are no longer obstructed.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next and final membership meeting for this year will be Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, from 10:00 am to noon. This meeting will be held in the meeting room located in the basement of Mickey McEwen Hall

HVAC PROJECT

This project is still a work in progress. We are currently waiting on the status of our CBT grant application before we can proceed. We have our fingers crossed.

CARNIVORE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Former NDRGC member, Julien Gullo, is spearheading this sampling project developed by the University of Saskatchewan. It focuses on obtaining genetic samples from black bears, wolves and cougars harvested within BC to identify range expansions throughout the province.

I encourage you to read Julien's submission in this newsletter and get involved. I have recently received the sampling kits to hand out so give me a call and let's do our part for science.

BCWF PRESIDENT'S SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2026

Attached to your newsletter email as a PDF

Carnivore Gene Flow Project – Call for Sampling Participants

The Carnivore Gene Flow Project is a regional study led by the University of Saskatchewan, Red Deer Polytechnic, and the Beaver Hills Biosphere (AB), focused on large carnivore landscape movement and population delineation across western Canada. We're seeking hunters, trappers, and wildlife-adjacent professionals in BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan to help collect tissue samples from harvested **cougars, black bears, and wolves**.



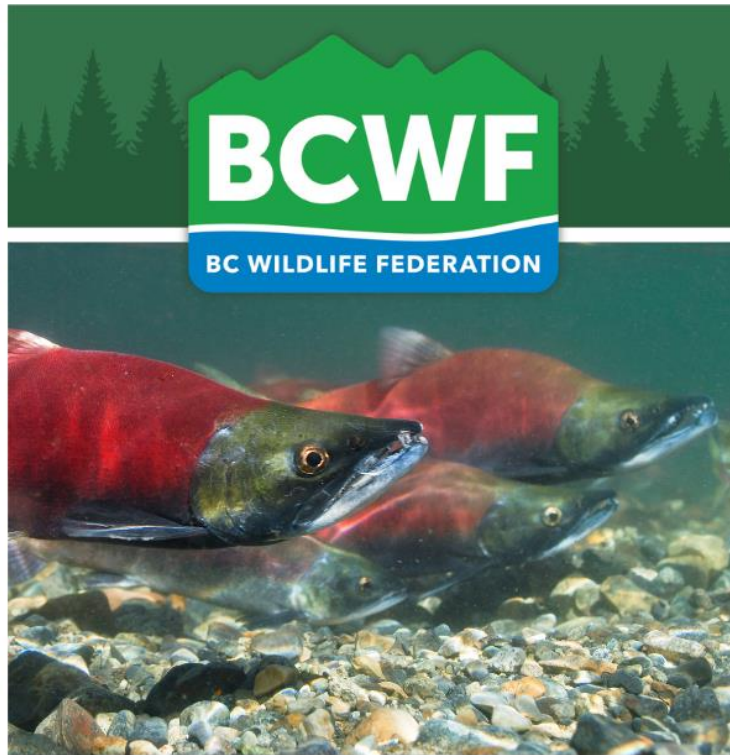
Using genetic analysis from these samples, our research will help identify population boundaries and areas that connect populations across the region—information that can support conservation planning, help manage human-wildlife conflict zones, and inform harvest and population management practices.

Our ask is simple: collect a small (approx. 1.5 cm x 1.5 cm) piece of hide or flesh (fresh or previously dried, or frozen), hair, or blood from your black bear, wolf, or cougar harvest, and record basic harvest location details. We'll provide sampling kits and shipping materials to participants, making this an easy way for folks to contribute to meaningful research while engaging in their normal harvest activities. For each unique tissue sample provided, we'll enter your name in a draw for a number of prizes (i.e., trail cameras).



For more information, or to get involved, please contact:

Julien Gullo (778-888-4829; samples.carnivore.connectivity@gmail.com)



**Help support conservation and protect public access for
hunting, fishing, and the outdoors**

Conservation isn't just something you support—it's part of who you are.

You believe future generations should inherit healthy wildlife populations, thriving fisheries, and the freedom to hunt, fish, and enjoy British Columbia's wild places.

Thanks to supporters like you, we have accomplished meaningful conservation victories that are making a real difference for fish, wildlife, and the future of our outdoor heritage. Together, we've restored critical habitat, advanced world-class scientific research, defended the future of hunting, fishing, and sport shooting, and ensured the voices of hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts are heard in Ottawa and Victoria.

But there is still more to do.

Your donation will help us restore more fish and wildlife habitat, expand vital conservation research, strengthen our advocacy efforts, and protect the traditions and opportunities that matter to all of us.

See the impact of the past five years of conservation projects:



So far in 2026, we have:

- Coordinated eleven Salmon Allocation Policy town halls, engaging over 5,000 British Columbians demonstrating overwhelming public support for fair, science-based fisheries management
- Successfully secured important exemptions in Bill 4: Firearms Violence Prevention Act which would have had devastating impacts on rifle ranges and firearms owners
- Delivered witness testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, ensuring anglers and salmon have a strong voice in Parliament
- Made three advocacy trips to Ottawa and held dozens of meetings with MPs, MLAs, and Ministers on the issues that matter to you like public access, sustainable fish and wildlife management and firearms ownership

Someone has to speak for hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts.

With your support, we can be that voice. With your donation, we can build on what we've already achieved and do even more to protect British Columbia's natural heritage for generations to come.

Together, we can protect the places, wildlife, and outdoor traditions that make British Columbia one of the best places in the world.

[Donate Today](#)



Outdoor Range

With wildfire season in full force please only smoke on the gravel area, absolutely no smoking on the 3D course.

Course B is back! We have ten 3D targets set up on course B; contact me if you want to shoot but don't know where it is located.

The outdoor range is set for the season. Please, always remember that the outdoor range is unmaintained Crown Land, wildlife and danger trees are present. A danger tree is not always a dead tree, keep your head on a swivel and maintain situational awareness as you would while hunting. Avoid spending time out there during strong wind events. The old 3D targets are for broadhead practice. Please only shoot broadheads at designated targets or your own. Shoot responsibly, clean up after yourself, please don't move the nets.

Indoor Range

Guest archers pay \$10 per session, with shooting line priority given to members. All archers must know how to shoot safely, or they must take the Introduction to Archery course. The course will be available by request and outside of range hours. The Introduction to Archery course is two hours of indoor instruction with all equipment provided--it is \$50 per person. Email NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com for booking or inquiry.

Canada Cup West

Greg Seidelin

Trap Range

Trap shooting at the outdoor range on Porto Rico Road is about to begin. We shoot most Sundays between 9:00 am and 12:pm weather and attendance permitting. We are a non-competitive group of individuals with a wide range of experience. Our number one priority is safety on the range followed by shooting just for the fun of it! We are licensed to shoot singles and doubles and must use target load shells with shot sizes of 7.5, 8 and 9. All levels of shooters are welcome, and training or advice is freely given to those that want it. Unfortunately, like everything else costs are going up. We have not had fee increases for a couple of years. This year the cost for a box of shells (12 gauge only) will remain at \$15.00/box (if you have your own shells, you can use them), the cost for a round of clays will increase to \$10.00/round.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Contact information: E-mail jrb2740@yahoo.com or phone (250) 608-9332

Jim Brown

Friends of Kootenay Lake

Link to Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society

For information on a local volunteer community group activities that monitor and restore the Kootenay Lake habitat please visit their website: <https://www.friendsofkootenaylake.ca/>

This group is made up of dedicated volunteers that among other initiatives, periodically clean up the Nelson waterfront and remove all the accumulated trash along the shore and in the water. Their site posts information on the health of the lake and habitat restoration. Support and volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Paul Thomas

Firearm Licences and BC Hunting Licences

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR FIREARMS (PAL) AND HUNTING LICENCES (CORE): Booking now for the fall courses. Classes in Nelson, Salmo, Slocan, Nakusp, Revelstoke and the Okanagan. Limited seating, book your seat early. For more information about classes, dates and locations check out www.dbozconsulting.ca or contact Dorian Boswell, 250-265-8323 (cell), dbozconsulting@gmail.com If your community wishes to sponsor a course I can travel to your community to do a course(s).

Hall Rental

Members wanting to know the status of the rentals of the hall and meeting room can find them at NDR&GC Hall Rental Page under "Confirmed Bookings".

[Confirmed Bookings](#)

Joan Grodzki
Hall Rental Manager
Nelson District Rod & Gun Club
250-352-9592

Trap Coordinator

Social Gaming

For the months of July and August Social Gaming will be happening, on short notice. If I'm not busy outdoors I will post on the Nelson Social Gaming FB page a couple of days before the gaming day on whether gaming is happening or if it is cancelled. There will also be a Warhammer 40k 11th edition Event during the next two months, will post once a date is decided on. 😊😊

Calvin Hacking

Outdoor Gun Range

We are getting concerned about the hot weather we have been experiencing at the Outdoor Range. This would impact Trap and Rifle Ranges only.

Our policy is that if we experience #5 (Extreme Danger) on the BC Fire Weather Danger Class Report using Smallwood for four consecutive days we will close the Outdoor Range for firearm shooting until conditions improve over a number of consecutive days...

The current Fire Weather Danger Class Report using Smallwood shows our current Danger as 3 which is called Moderate Danger.

5 = Extreme Danger 4 = High Danger 3 = Moderate Danger 2 = Low Danger 1 = Very Low Danger

Our NRGCC Closure Guidance Policy contains measures that will be necessary if the dry hot weather persists - These are shown below in order of severity:

1. Maintain a one half hour fire watch after firing ceases.
2. Provision of water barrels, buckets and P-tank to put out small fires.
3. Smoking permitted in Gravel areas only (Our usual Practice anyway)
4. Stop shooting after Noon.
5. Twenty-two caliber firearms only are permitted.
6. Shooting beyond 200 yards is not allowed.
7. No vehicles allowed past the Range Building firing line.
8. Remove or block access to steel targets.
9. Close the Outdoor Range - all areas entirely (Worst case measure).

We need to keep an eye on these weather conditions.

The upcoming weather forecast shows continuing hot weather with no rain.

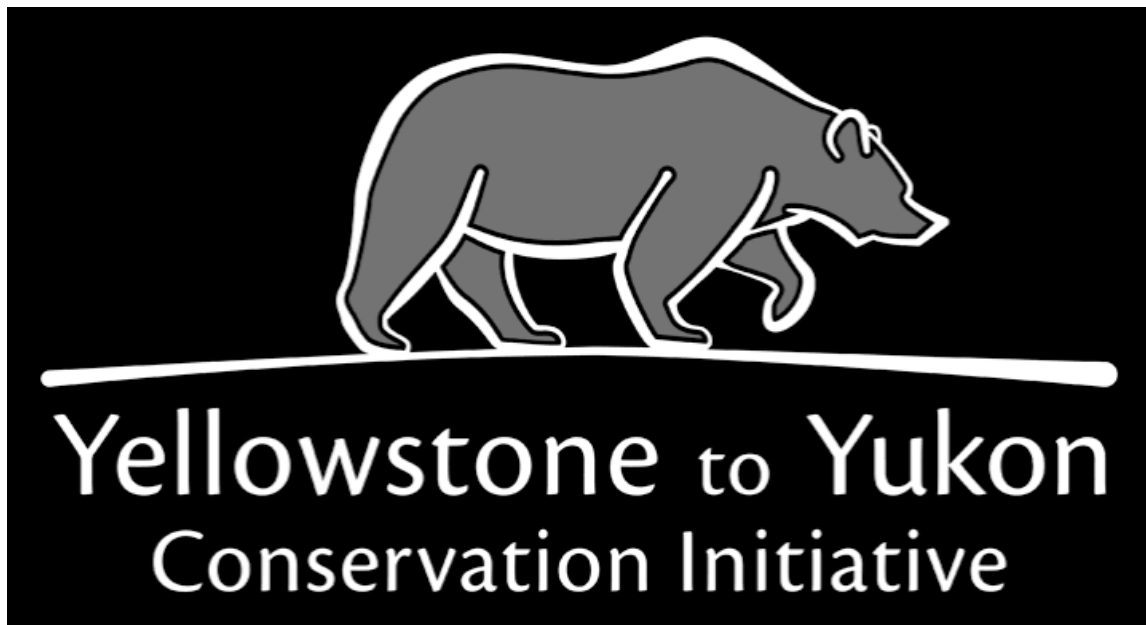
While not mandatory yet, we recommend:

1. Half our Fire Watch
2. Water barrels, buckets and P-Tank (Installed Tuesday, the 28th)
3. Smoking on Gravel areas only (Our Normal Practice).

We will send out notices if conditions get more severe.

Tanks are in by the SeaCan, Syphon is set up, P-Tank is full, Buckets are full.





I have a quick favour to ask today.

Picture 3 million hectares of intact wilderness — no clear cuts, no power lines, not even a road.

This is Dene K'éh Kusān (pronounced Den-ah Kay Ku-sawn). In the language of the Kaska Dena it means "Always Will Be There."

About the size of Vancouver Island, it's British Columbia's largest intact wilderness.

Could you lend 10 minutes to help protect this place, forever?

Have your say by August 4

The Kaska First Nations have spent years building their vision to protect this land for future generations.

Now, the B.C. government wants to hear from you as they continue to plan for protection of this place. If this proposal goes through, it will benefit all British Columbians — and Canadians.

Dene K'éh Kusān will:

- Protect critical habitat for caribou, grizzly bears, and more wildlife
- Safeguard parts of 10 intact watersheds that provide freshwater for millions of people
- Move the province 3 per cent closer to protecting 30 per cent of lands by 2030
- Preserve Kaska culture and stewardship traditions
- Bolster B.C.'s economy through sustainable tourism and recreation
- Create a legacy that lasts for generations

You can do something small to save something big.

Show your support now

Dene K'éh Kusān: the beating heart of the Y2Y region

This vast wilderness is in northern B.C. near the Yukon border: remote, wild, yet welcoming.

This is the territory of the Kaska Dena, who invite hikers, campers, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts to experience it firsthand. It is home to grizzly bears, Stone's sheep, moose, millions of migratory birds, and seven thriving caribou herds.

Kaska have cared for these lands for thousands of years. And they have a plan to protect it for thousands of years more.

Be part of history

Complete the B.C. government survey before August 4 to tell them you support the Kaska's vision.

We've included sample comments below to make it quick and easy — copy, customize, and submit: [sample comments](#).

If you're looking for a little camaraderie or need a bit more guidance, [RSVP for the virtual survey party on July 29](#). Join others in taking action and filling in the survey, together.

Thanks, Greg.

*Carilia Horning,
B.C. conservation specialist at Y2Y*

“Are you a member of the Kootenay Co-op?”

One of our club members, Shelley Dagorne, is running for a position on the Kootenay Co-op Board and would appreciate your vote.

The election runs August 24th to September 23rd. Co-op members receive a ballot by email or can vote in person at the customer service desk.

Thank you!”

Shelley Dagorne

For Sale

BSA 7mm Mag Bushnell 3-9 Scope

Asking \$750 (Some ammo can be included)

Contact Brian at 250-368-6878 or bfyeo53@gmail.com Can meet at the range to try it out



Sako AIII Finnbear 270-Sportview 4x Scope

Asking \$1650 (Some ammo can be included)

Contact Brian at 250-368-6878 or bfyeo53@gmail.com Can meet at range to try it out



Saturday 1  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 2  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 3 BC DAY  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 6  Ladies' Shooting 18:00  Outdoor Rifle Range Closed	Friday 7  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00  Outdoor Rifle Range Closed
Saturday 8  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 9  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 10  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30  Outdoor Rifle Range Closed	Tuesday 11  Outdoor Rifle Range Closed	Wednesday 12  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 13  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 14  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00
Saturday 15  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 16  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 17  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 20  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 21  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00
Saturday 22  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 23  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 24  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 27  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 28  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00
Saturday 29  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00	Sunday 30  Indoor Archery 09:00 – 11:00  Trap 09:00 – 12:00  Gaming 14:00 – 19:00	Monday 31  Outdoor 07:30 – 10:30	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2  Indoor Archery 17:15 – 19:00	Thursday 3  Ladies' Shooting 18:00	Friday 4  Gaming 17:00 – 22:00

<https://www.nrgcbc.ca/hallrental/2018-dates-booked/>

Club Contact List

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NEWSLETTER

Please submit your submission, or suggestions for the letter at
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