

WILDLIFE ACT

PERMIT MRVI21-624511

PERMIT HOLDER	Royal British Columbia Museum 675 Belleville Street Victoria BC V8W 9W2 ATTENTION: Caroline Davies PHONE: (250) 387-2448
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IS AUTHORIZED UNDER s. 2 (k)(i) and 2 (n)(ii) of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,

TO	Possess and dispose of dead wildlife or wildlife parts, specifically small mammals, non-migratory birds, reptiles and amphibians for scientific or educational purposes. Export from the Province of British Columbia, wildlife parts for scientific research, subject to the terms and conditions within
RECIPIENT	The said wildlife is either loaned material being returned to another institute or is material on loan from the Royal British Columbia Museum to another institution.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

TERMS OF PERMIT	- The permit holder must comply with all laws applicable to the activities carried out under this permit. - The permit holder must take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized, and fish or wildlife habitat is not damaged by any action taken under authority of the permit. - This permit is only valid for the purposes of SCIENTIFIC use. - All of the wildlife, wildlife parts, antlers and horns listed on this permit must be exported in the same shipment, at the same time. - Permit holder must provide a copy of any reports or data generated to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.	
COMPLIANCE ADVISORY	Failure to comply with any term of this permit is an offence under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> , and may result in any or all of prosecution, suspension of the permit, cancellation of the permit, ineligibility for future permits, and denial of future permit requests	
PERIOD OF PERMIT	This permit is only valid from August 18, 2021 to August 18, 2023	
DATE OF ISSUE	August 18, 2021	
 SIGNATURE OF ISSUER	Michael Burwash Deputy Director Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch	PERMIT FEE Exempt
		HCTF SURCHARGE Exempt

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. The permit holder must maintain an accurate up to date record of the collection and disposition of the dead wildlife or wildlife parts held under the permit that includes the following information:
 - a) common name of the wildlife obtained or disposed of;
 - b) location where the wildlife was obtained, including a UTM grid location in NAD83 to + or – 100m accuracy (zone 2 digits, easting 6 digits, northing 7 digits) and the wildlife management region where the wildlife was obtained, including latitude and longitude coordinates;
 - c) the date the wildlife was obtained or disposed of;
 - d) sex and age class of the wildlife obtained or disposed of;
 - e) the bands or tags on the wildlife obtained or disposed of;
 - f) name and address of person or organization who provided wildlife or received a wildlife specimen;
 - g) the listing (red, blue or yellow) of the wildlife that was obtained or disposed of.
2. **The permit holder must submit a copy of the record referred to in paragraph 1 to FrontCounter BC annually on April 30th of each year this permit is valid.**
3. The permit holder must produce a copy of the record referred to in paragraph 1 on the demand of an officer.
4. **The permit holder must within 90 days of the expiry of the permit submit a report of activities related to this permit. Submissions must be filed electronically to, <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wildlife/wsi/index.htm>. Reporting specifications, information and templates are available on this website and outline the mandatory information requirements. Interim reports may also be required and must be submitted as required by regional wildlife biologists.**
5. **Within fourteen (14) days of the expiry of this permit, the Manager, Natural History Section of the Royal British Columbia Museum shall submit to FrontCounter BC – Nanaimo, Suite 142, 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9, a written record showing the description of wildlife parts, by species, number, date of shipments, and institution to which they were sent. This record shall also indicate whether the wildlife is property of the Royal British Columbia Museum or is on loan to them.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. This permit extends to the permit holder's employees and contractors but only when they are engaged in the direct performance of their duties on behalf of the permit holder.
2. The permit holder, its employees and contractors must comply with all laws applicable to the activities carried out under this permit.
3. This permit does not authorize the possessing or disposing of wildlife that falls under Federal jurisdiction.
4. The permit holder, its employees and contractors must take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized and fish or wildlife habitat is not damaged by any action taken under authority of the permit.
5. The permit holder must notify the Conservation Data Centre at cdccdata@gov.bc.ca if any blue and red listed species are obtained.
6. This permit applies only to Provincial wildlife parts that are not listed in the CITES control list.

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- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and the limits of this permit.
- The Province is not liable for any illness contracted through wildlife handling. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform themselves of possible health hazards, and to ensure that all reasonably necessary safety measures are undertaken.

LEGISLATION

Below is a non-exhaustive list of provisions under the *Wildlife Act* and regulations that are relevant to this permit. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of any provisions under the Act or regulations that may apply to this permit.

Wildlife Act

Property in Wildlife

2 (1) Ownership in all wildlife in British Columbia is vested in the government.

Documents not transferable

81 Except as authorized by regulation or as otherwise provided under this Act, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization is not transferable, and a person commits an offence if the person

- (a) allows his or her licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization to be used by another person, or
- (b) uses another person's licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization.

Failure to pay fine

85 (1) This section applies if a person

- (a) fails to pay, within the time required by law, a fine imposed as a result of the person's conviction for an offence under this Act or the Firearm Act, and
- (b) has been served with notice of this section.

(2) In the circumstances referred to in subsection (1),

- (a) the person's right to apply for or obtain a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is suspended immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
- (b) all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to that person under this Act are cancelled immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
 - (b.1) the person must not apply for employment as an assistant guide,
 - (b.2) the person must not guide as an assistant guide, and
- (c) the person commits an offence if, before that fine is paid, the person
 - (i) applies for, or in any way obtains, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act,
 - (ii) does anything for which a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is required,
 - (iii) applies for employment as an assistant guide, or
 - (iv) guides as an assistant guide.

Proof of identity and authorization

97 (1) In this section, "**authorization**" means a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization issued under this Act.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is required to hold an authorization must, on the request of an officer,

- (a) state the person's name and address,
- (b) produce prescribed photo identification, and
- (c) demonstrate in accordance with subsection (3) that the person holds the authorization.

- (3) A person may demonstrate that the person holds an authorization by
- (a) producing the authorization, or
 - (b) unless the regulations require that the original authorization be produced,
 - (i) producing a legible copy of the authorization, or
 - (ii) if authorized by the regulations, stating a number assigned to the person by the director as an identification number for the person.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a person who would be required to hold a licence or permit issued under this Act were the person not exempt under section 11 (9) or 12 (b) must, on the request of an officer,
- (a) state the person's name and address, and
 - (b) produce prescribed photo identification.
- (5) Subsections (2) (b) and (4) (b) do not apply to a person in a prescribed class of persons.
- (6) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or (4) commits an offence.

Permit Regulation

General offence – failure to comply with permit

8 A person who holds a permit under the Act or the Permit Regulation commits an offence if he or she fails to comply with a term of the permit.

Wildlife Act General Regulation

Proof of identity

21.01 (1) For the purposes of section 97 (2)(b) and (4)(b) of the Act, the following photo identification is prescribed:

- (a) valid photo identification issued to a person by any of the following:
 - (i) the government of Canada;
 - (ii) the government of a province or territory, or an agent of the government of a province or territory, in which the person has a current address;
 - (iii) the Nisga'a Lisims Government, if the person is a Nisga'a citizen;
 - (iv) a treaty first nation, if the person is a treaty first nation member of the treaty first nation;
- (b) in the case of a person who is a non-resident alien, valid photo identification in the form of
 - (i) a passport, or
 - (ii) a driver's licence issued to the person by a foreign jurisdiction in which the person has a current address;
- (c) in any case, a valid NEXUS card.

(2) For the purposes of section 97 (5) of the Act, persons under 16 years of age are prescribed as exempt from the requirement to produce photo identification.

Wildlife Act Permit – COVID 19 Conditions, February 12, 2021

1. COVID 19 Prevention and Risks information reference BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks>)
2. If you have COVID-19, or think you might have it, help prevent spreading by following the instructions from the BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/if-you-are-sick>
3. Symptoms of human illness should be reported to public health and those individuals should not perform any field work (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>)
4. Field work should be limited to critical work only
5. Field crew should:
 - not have been out of the country for 2 weeks
 - practice effective physical distancing through the duration of field work

- be limited to those essential for performing tasks (no volunteers)
 - avoid shared vehicle travel but, when required, use best practices for reducing potential contact (face masks, staggered seating, no crew with potential contact with positive cases of COVID 19)
 - apply 2 metre personal separation when possible
 - practice proper hygiene and cleaning of contact surfaces as possible, including equipment that has been in contact with wildlife
6. Additional situation specific precautions include:
- for amphibians, specific biosecurity protocols are required to protect those species, and these must be included in the Animal Care Application.
 - for other species where direct contact is required, wear appropriate disposable gloves, face (cloth or home made) masks, and after the handling, use hand sanitizer/wipes
 - if close contact with the animal is required (e.g. restraint, or any procedure that brings a person's face close to the animal's face or hair coat/fur), additional personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. mask, face shield if available) can be utilized to further reduce risk, especially to protect from facial contact (eyes, nose, mouth) with the animal directly (hair coat/fur) or with respiratory droplets/aerosols
7. At this time, due to the uncertainty around human to wildlife transmission of the virus causing COVID 19, it is important for field workers to report any sick/dead/unusual findings of wild animals to the Wildlife Health Program for assessment and potential research through testing. Please report such cases to Dr. C. Thacker at Caeley.Thacker@gov.bc.ca or (250) 361-7619.
8. Bats: Reference the **Wildlife health and COVID-19 in Canada: Bats: Interim guidance for wildlife management agencies** from the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative <http://www.cwhc-rscf.ca/covid-19.php>
- Felids and mustelids: Consultation with the BC Wildlife Veterinarian with development of the ACA (and BC Public Health Veterinarian) due to a potential higher level of risk of virus transmission to animals from human contact and ongoing risk assessments on these species. Dr. Caeley Thacker (Wildlife Veterinarian) and Dr Erin Fraser (Public Health Veterinarian) at Erin.Fraser@bccdc.ca.

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