



HUŁ ʔANAKÇIYAŁA

LET'S GO HUNT FOR OURSELVES

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Status Indians: (registered under the Indian Act)

- Can hunt, trap, and freshwater fish without a licence in BC. **činałuqławut**, v. to go fishing.
- Must be harvesting for food, social, or ceremonial purposes.
- Do not need to follow season, gear restriction, or quota/bag limits.
- Must do so within traditional territory and follow:
 - Conservation rules
 - Public health & safety laws
 - First Nation regulations

Recommended: Carry your status card and PAL during harvesting. It will make it easier if a Conservation Officer approaches you.

Know the Boundaries:

- We can hunt anywhere. When we leave ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa, we respectfully follow local protocols and seek permission from local First Nations, usually friends or extended family.
- Hunter Safety Training: Recommended, but not required for Status Indians residing in BC.
- Outside Traditional Territory: Must contact and obtain permission from the territory holders and follow all hunting regulations (except licensing).
- For safety, do not hunt within 400m of residences, and be aware of other no shooting areas.

Non-Resident First Nations: Treated as non-resident hunters — must seek permission from the local Nation and follow all regulations.

Non-Status Indians:

- Are not recognized under the Indian Act, but still identify as Indigenous.
- Must hold a licence to hunt, trap, or fish in BC.
- May still have Aboriginal rights, but risk being charged if harvesting without a licence.

To stay safe legally, it's advised to purchase appropriate licences and comply with regulations.

- **All hunters require a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for firearms.**
- See BC's 2024-2026 regulations [HERE](#), or gov.bc.ca

Conservation notes:

Some examples of conservation rules that apply to Aboriginal hunters and fishers are:

- No hunting of species that are closed to all hunters.
- No wasting carcasses.
- No killing species listed in the Species at Risk Act, or endangered species.



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Traditional Protocols & Hunter Responsibilities from ʔAkisq̓nuk Naʔsukin Donald Sam:

Yaqał hankatiłłki na ʔamak

*"Our people care for the land, the land cares for
our people." — Ktunaxa teaching.*

- Take only what you need
- Hunt with knowledge passed down by Elders
- Share with community in a spirit of abundance
- Be mindful of local animal populations. Conservation is all of our responsibility
Some herds experience higher stress than others, plan your hunt accordingly
- Be mindful of animal reproduction - hunting females during gestation or rearing
their young is frowned upon. Remember you must eat what you kill - this includes
the fetus
- You can fish at night, but don't hunt at night, it's a safety thing
- CWD has been found in ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa, it is encouraged to participate in the BC
testing program

Hunting Protocols on Reserve

- No hunting permitted at night
- Non-members are not permitted to hunt on-reserve, even when accompanied by a
member
- Seek guidance from Elders on how to hunt respectfully and responsibly