



Hunting Policy

April 1, 2022

Executive Summary

A review of British Columbia hunting regulations and aboriginal rights with respect to hunting in First Nation Territory's was completed to give clear direction to what rules are in place at this time.

- Chief & Council and Kaska Dena members **cannot give permission** to non-Kaska Dena to hunt in Kaska Dena Traditional Territory (Map 1. BC – Kaska Territory)
- Non-Kaska First Nations who hunt outside their Traditional Territory do not require a hunting license, but must only hunt during British Columbia open hunting seasons
- First Nations must refer to the British Columbia Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis to know the rules for where they are not allowed to hunt
- First Nations hunting in another First Nations territory can only take the **Provincial Bag Limit**. For example the bag limit is 1 moose per year during open hunting season in Kaska Traditional Territory and non-Kaska First Nations must follow the Provincial hunting regulations for any further species clarifications
- At this time other First Nations can only hunt out of season in the Traditional Territory to which they belong (See Map 2 First Nation overlap areas)
- *Notification to Hunt* in Kaska Dena Traditional Territory is encouraged, so that Kaska can make others aware if Kaska are occupying an area during the same time (www.kaskadenacouncil.com)
- Members are encouraged to report non-compliance events to the Provincial RAPP line (1-877-9520-RAPP) and provide documentation to support, such as pictures, license plates, gps locations.
- Alaska Highway & Highway 37 have 400m – No hunting zones

Description of the Problem

Since First Nations in Canada do not require a hunting license First Nations in general do not look at the hunting regulations and are often charged for non-compliance events. Many First Nations and non-First Nations come to Kaska Traditional Territory to hunt, and knowledge of the regulations is beneficial to Daylu Dena Council and Dane Nan Yé Dāh Guardians (Kaska land guardians who monitor during hunting season completing hunter observation surveys)



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Overview of Research

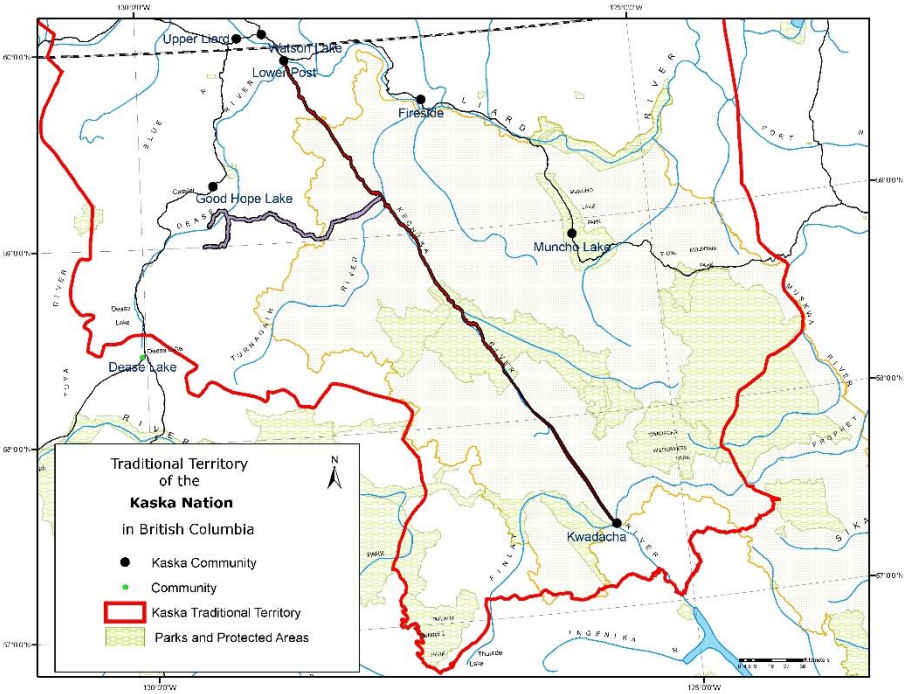
A legal review was completed in 2016 for Kaska to further understand Aboriginal Hunting Rights. Kaska work with the Province through the Kaska Fish & Wildlife Working Group to bring forward regulation changes. Regulation changes may be brought forward from the observations of Kaska members and/or subsistence issues encountered.

Policy Recommendations

Education has been provided to deter Kaska from shooting cow moose. At some time in the future, we may need to consider banning the First Nation right to shoot cow moose due to a decline in population numbers. It may be addressed through adopting the ban under Kaska Law or through the First Nation specific conservation measures process under the BC *Wildlife Act*.

Appendix

Map 1. Kaska Traditional Territory in BC





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Map 2 – First Nation Overlap Areas

