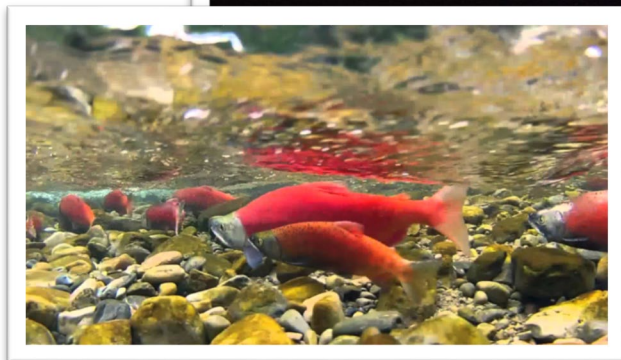




## **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**

**Sṅṣay̓ckstx (Arrow Lakes) Aboriginal Territories  
British Columbia, Canada**

**2026-2027 Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Seasons**



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**\*\* ATTENTION HUNTERS! \*\***

***PLEASE ASSIST THE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPT. IN MANAGING WILDLIFE***

*If you harvested an animal, if you did not hunt, or hunted and were unsuccessful: Please report your harvest no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.*

***To Report your Harvest Online, sign in at: <https://colville.nagfa.net/online/>***

**THANK YOU AND HUNT SAFE!**

## **PURPOSE OF THIS PAMPHLET**

The Arrow Lakes people have been using and occupying Lakes aboriginal territories in Canada since time immemorial and continue to today. The Colville Business Council, on behalf of our constituent Sñŕayckstx Tribe (a.k.a. Lakes or Arrow Lakes) and by establishing the Sinixt Confederacy (<https://sinixt.com/>) has enacted these regulations to aid in the protection, conservation, and restoration of fish and wildlife species throughout the Sñŕayckstx Territory, while exercising our protected rights to hunt, fish, and gather in Lakes Aboriginal Territories in British Columbia, Canada. Tribal Members hunting, fishing, or gathering in British Columbia may do so in a manner consistent with other First Nations in British Columbia.

This pamphlet contains the Sñŕayckstx Tribal Hunting and Fishing Season Regulations (effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027) for the Sñŕayckstx Territory in British Columbia (CCT Code Title 4 Natural Resources and Environment, Chapter 4-1, and Resolution 2026-565). It is your responsibility to be in compliance with the regulations contained within this pamphlet. A violation of any provision of these regulations is a prohibited act under CCT Code Section 4-1-241 and is subject to civil and/or criminal sanctions under Chapter 4-1 (see Sections 4-1-320 to 4-1-334).

We recommend that you read and understand this booklet prior to hunting or fishing. Any questions not answered in this booklet should be directed to the:

**CCT Fish & Wildlife  
P.O. Box 150  
Nespelem, WA 99155  
Phone: (509) 634-2110**

## **AUTHORIZATION**

Exercising its sovereign authority to regulate hunting and fishing for Colville Tribal Members including Sñŕayckstx Members and after reaffirmation of Sñŕayckstx aboriginal rights by the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R. v Desautel*, the Colville Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation promulgates such regulations as it deems proper and necessary to carry out the policy of the Colville Tribes with respect to hunting and fishing. These regulations have been developed in the interest of preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the natural resources of the Sñŕayckstx aboriginal territories and assist in maintaining public safety. The following regulations are hereby enacted pertaining to seasons, open areas, bag and possession limits of fish and wildlife, equipment restrictions, public safety, harvest reporting, licensing, tags and special permits. These regulations are issued pursuant to Tribal Fish and Wildlife Code, adopted by Colville Business Council Resolutions 1997-491, and 2026-565.

# UNLAWFUL ACTS

## **Title 4 Natural Resources and Environment Chapter 4-1 Fish, Wildlife and Recreation**

It shall be unlawful for any Arrow Lakes-Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Tribal Member:

- To hunt or fish without having a Tribal CCT Identification Card that lists a Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx (Arrow Lakes or Lakes) affiliation in your possession.
- To hunt or fish during a respective closed season or within closed areas/waters.
- To kill or take deer, elk, other game animal, or fish in excess of the number fixed as the daily catch/bag limit and/or possession limit.
- To fail to report any “Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx” hunting harvest within 15 days of the close of season, or to refuse to provide authorized CCT Fish and Wildlife Personnel with fish or wildlife harvest information upon request.
- To hunt while under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs.
- To hunt with an artificial light, except as permitted by regulation for selected species.
- To engage in fishing practices that rely on use of chemicals, explosives, or poisons that may kill or injure fish.
- To use a gill net to take fish unless specifically authorized by these regulations or the Director of the CCT Fish and Wildlife Department
- To hunt or kill any eagles, hawks or owls.
- To destroy, tear down, shoot at, deface, move, tie a boat, or erase any printed matter, signs, buoys, or creel stations placed or posted to assist in the enforcement of tribal regulations or any artificial habitat structure placed for the enhancement or protection of fish or wildlife.
- To shoot any other person or domestic livestock while hunting.
- To throw, drop, or leave any discarded objects, garbage debris, or waste upon any of the properties subject to the jurisdiction of the Colville Tribes; except into a litter or garbage receptacle or container installed for that purpose on such property.
- To permit any edible portions of deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, bear, game birds, or food fish to go to waste, after taking possession of the same.
- To resist or obstruct any Conservation Officer or other duly authorized officer in British Columbia, on the North Half, or on the South Half in the discharge of duty while enforcing Tribal regulations pertaining to hunting or fishing.
- To use an aircraft (including drones) to spot, locate or report the location of wildlife for the purpose of hunting or hunt big game on the same day you were airborne (except for regularly scheduled commercial flights).
- To import or transport onto the South Half of the Colville Reservation (July 1872 Reservation) to sell, trade, or release within the South Half of the Colville Reservation, or possess, any live wildlife except as authorized by the Director of Fish and Wildlife.
- To plant any fish, fish fry, spawn, or any aquatic plant, seed, or animal in any waters.
- To counsel, encourage, solicit, request, aid, procure, or abet another to commit any act prohibited by the Fish Wildlife Code or Fish and Wildlife Regulation.
- That is a convicted felon to hunt with any firearm or possess ammunition while hunting within the Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territories, unless your firearm rights have been legally restored.
- To sell or barter any edible portion of any deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mtn. goats, bear, game birds, waterfowl, or game fish.
- To sell or barter any portion of a bear, except the hide, claws and skull.
- To use an off-road vehicle (ORV) in violation of any applicable laws or regulations.
- Trespass on private lands.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following General Regulations apply to all CCT members (Arrow Lakes – Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx affiliation) who are hunting, fishing, or gathering within Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territories.

**NOTE:** Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Members are not subject to Canadian (British Columbia) licensing requirements while hunting, fishing, or gathering within Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territories.

### ***Who may Hunt and Fish:***

Any Arrow Lakes Tribal Member who is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and at least (19) years of age may hunt. Any Arrow Lakes-Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Tribal Members that are 18 years old or under must be accompanied by adult 19 years or older that is a member of Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx affiliation. There are no age restrictions for Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx fisherman.

### ***Tribal Identification:***

In order to exercise Arrow Lakes' right to hunt, fish, or gather in Canada, Tribal Members must be an enrolled member of the Colville Tribes, and their Tribal Identification Card must list "Arrow Lakes" or "Lakes" - Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx affiliation. If you are an Arrow Lakes Member and your Tribal I.D. card does not list either Arrow Lakes or Lakes, please contact the Colville Tribal Enrollment office.

### ***License Requirement:***

A Colville Tribal Identification Card with "Arrow Lakes" or "Lakes" - Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx affiliation shall serve as a legal permit to hunt, trap, or fish. This card must be in possession while hunting, trapping, or fishing and must be presented as identification upon request of a Natural Resource Enforcement Officer, another duly authorized Tribal officer or Department employee, or a Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer of British Columbia. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this regulation. In addition, harvest/transport tags for individual animals may be required depending on the species hunted. A Tribal Identification Card is considered an acceptable permit for transporting fish between Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territories and the Colville Reservation.

- **General Hunting Tag Reporting Requirements:** Harvest Data should be reported, either online or through one of the F&W Offices, as soon as possible after harvest or within 15 days after the season ends regardless of whether the hunter was successful, unsuccessful, or did not hunt. If harvest has not been reported before the following season, hunters will be required to report their harvest before they are issued tags the following season. Information from these harvest/hunting reports assists in game population monitoring and management.

### ***Trapping Requirements:***

Trappers must register with the CCT Fish and Wildlife Department prior to trapping/snaring. Each trap/snare must have an identification tag indicating the owner and their address attached to the set. Traps allowed under these regulations include: body gripping traps (foot-hold, conibear-type), cage/box traps, foot or strangle snares, and in-water type drowning sets. Traps and snares must be checked at least once every 72 hours. Although this is the maximum allowable time between trap checks, Tribal trappers are encouraged to check non-lethal traps and/or snares once every 24 hours.

- A 3/16 inch spacer must be attached to the jaws of all steel trap/snares that are #3 or larger, except that no spacer shall be required on drowning sets.

- It is recommended that all leg-hold traps and snares have an “end swivel” at the point where the trap or snare is attached to a stake, tree, or other anchoring point and an “in-line swivel” between the anchoring point and the trap or open snare loop that allows the trap or snare to freely rotate if the animal twists or rolls.
- It is unlawful to take a wild animal from another person’s trap/snare without permission or to damage or destroy another person’s trap/snare, or to tamper with their set.
- **General Trapping/Snaring Permit Reporting Requirements:** A Trapping/Snaring Harvest Summary report must be submitted online or to a CCT F&W office **by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.** If harvest has not been reported before the following season, hunters will be required to report their harvest before they are issued tags the following season. Information from these harvest/hunting reports assists in game population monitoring and management.

### ***Legal Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Area:***

The lawful area to hunt or fish is described as that portion of the Sn̓s̓ay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territory that lies within the country of Canada (see general map in Appendix A).

- The discharge of firearms and bows is prohibited in most regional district parks, many BC Provincial Parks, Recreation Sites and Trails, and some Conservation Lands. The use of Hunting Weapons in Parks, Conservancies, and Recreation Areas is allowed in any area listed in Schedule B of the Park Act. The Park Act can be found at:  
[https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/crbc/crbc/180\\_90\\_multi](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/crbc/crbc/180_90_multi).

Schedule B of the Park Act can be found at:

[https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/180\\_90\\_03#ScheduleB](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/180_90_03#ScheduleB).

It is the hunters’ responsibility to research their hunting areas for closures, special rules, or equipment restrictions before engaging in hunting activities.

- Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks, National Wildlife Areas, Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, Ecological Reserves, and some Conservation Lands.
- Nothing in these regulations is intended to limit an individual’s ability to exercise an aboriginal right to hunt or fish in accordance with the Regulations of British Columbia. Tribal members may hunt or fish outside of the aboriginal territory of the Sn̓s̓ay̓ckstx, but must do so in a manner consistent with other First Nations, including following all regulations of the First Nations whose territory is being hunted or fished and the applicable Canadian and British Columbia regulations and statutes.

### ***Hunting Hours:***

The legal hunting hours shall be from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

### ***Tag Requirements:***

Tags are required for selected species within the Aboriginal Territories of the Sn̓s̓ay̓ckstx in British Columbia. When tags are required, they must be obtained prior to hunting and must be in the hunter’s possession at all times while hunting the species and/or area for which the tag was issued. Successful hunters must sign and write the harvest date on the tag, and attach the tag securely to the harvested

animal before transporting it. The tag must remain with the carcass/meat when transporting to the United States. There may be additional tagging/marking requirements depending on species.

### ***Transport Requirements:***

In order to legally transport game from the field, the hunter will immediately attach any required tag onto the harvested animal. This tag shall remain with the animal carcass until deboned/processed in British Columbia. The tag must remain with the meat and antlers/horns (if applicable) in order to legally cross the border with your harvest.

In order to prevent diseases (i.e. Chronic Wasting Disease) from spreading into new areas of Washington (United States), it is required that all deer, elk, and moose heads have brain material removed and the skull be well cleaned. The easiest way to accomplish this is to cut the skull cap off of the skull and clean the skull cap thoroughly with a disposable brush to remove all organic matter. Do not bring the potentially contaminated brush into the US; dispose of it in B.C. Then soak the brain cavity in a strong concentration of 40% bleach and 60% water for a minimum of at least 5 minutes. You should also soak all your processing equipment (knives, saws, etc.) in a similar solution of bleach. In addition, spinal cords are not allowed to be imported to the US. There may be additional restrictions enforced by the United States Dept. of Agriculture on certain species dependent on disease issues. Call the Agriculture Specialist at Oroville at **(509) 476-2955** for questions before you arrive at the border.

For additional and/or updated information about Chronic Wasting Disease, please search the USGS, USFWS, or CDC websites. A few helpful websites have been added below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/index.html>

<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nwhc/science/expanding-distribution-chronic-wasting-disease>

<https://www.usgs.gov/diseases-of-terrestrial-wildlife/chronic-wasting-disease>

In addition, for any game importation to the United States, the US Fish and Wildlife Service may have additional requirements including that a USFWS Form 3-177 (Declaration for the Importation or Exportation of Fish and Wildlife) be used to declare your game upon arrival at the US Border crossing.

### ***Legal Hunting Methods:***

#### **Rifle Regulations**

**Deer Hunting:** Rifles must use center fire cartridges.

**Elk and Moose hunting:** Rifle caliber is restricted to a minimum of a .24 caliber center fire cartridge and shall not include any center fire pistol cartridges such as the .45 Long Colt or .44 Magnum Pistol cartridges. Rim fire rifles are prohibited. Shotguns must be 10 or 12 gauge using slugs. Non-lead bullets are recommended to prevent undue exposure in the environment which can cause negative health issues to humans and lead to severe disease or death in some animal species (i.e. eagles, loons).

#### **Archery Regulations**

***Note: Archery hunters must have passed the 2026 Archery Proficiency Test to be eligible to archery hunt during any season.***

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt elk with a crossbow.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt big game with a bow that develops less than 40 pounds of pull and/or has a greater than 80% reduction (let off) in holding weight at full draw.
- C. It shall be unlawful to hunt elk with any arrow, including a broad head, weighing less than a minimum of 6 grains of arrow weight per pound of maximum bow draw weight, or having a sharp broad head blade or blades less than seven-eighths inches wide when open.
- D. It is unlawful to use any device secured to or supported by the bow for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw or in a firing position.
- E. It is unlawful to have any electrical equipment or device(s) attached to the bow or arrow while hunting, excluding lighted nocks (ex. Lumenok, Firenock, NockTurnal, etc.) that assist in recovering the animal.

***Private Lands / Trespass on Private Lands:***

It shall be unlawful to hunt or fish any private land without first obtaining permission from the landholder. Tribal Members utilizing private lands shall be courteous and respectful of property rights so as to prevent the closing of additional private lands to use.

***Legal Access to Vallican Property***

As per Colville Tribal Resolution 2018-418, access is granted to the "Vallican Property" by and to any Sñŕaŕckstx/Colville Tribal member hunter or fisher (carrying a valid Colville Tribal Identification Card with Sñŕaŕckstx affiliation) who has been issued appropriate Colville Tribal tags or licensure for hunting and/or fishing in Sñŕaŕckstx traditional territory in British Columbia. Access is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days and includes: camping, parking, and general non-motorized foot access to the site. This access is granted only on the condition that users maintain the site in a clean and minimally-disturbed condition. Fish and/or game carcasses are to be disposed of appropriately. Site maps may be requested from a Colville Tribal Fish and Wildlife Office.

***Wild Animals Depredations:***

As per Tribal Code Section 4-1-218, any person suffering depredation by predator species may exercise all reasonable measures to alleviate such damage, not including injuring or killing wildlife, except in cases where the offending animal poses an immediate threat of death or injury to any person. If threatened, any legal hunter, may protect themselves, but must immediately report the incident and, if appropriate, must submit the entire carcass to the F&W Dept.

***Road Closures:***

It is unlawful to operate a motorized vehicle on any road or trail where motorized vehicle use is completely prohibited to all hunters and/or individuals. Road closures may be by a sign, gate, or other physical barrier. It shall also be unlawful to tear down, deface, damage or otherwise destroy any signs, gates, or other devices used to close roads and trails.



**REWARD FOR CONVICTION OF POACHERS**

The CTCR Fish and Wildlife Director shall, as needed, offer rewards for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of a person or persons involved in poaching cases. A \$500 reward is offered to individuals who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person(s) violating CTCR hunting codes and regulations.

## HUNTING REGULATIONS:

In addition to the unlawful acts section above, the following are regulations specific to hunting in the Sñŕayckstx Aboriginal Territories.

<i>Sñŕayckstx HUNTING SEASONS</i>				
SPECIES	SEX	SEASON DATES	TAGS	HARVEST LIMIT*
Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed, or Spruce)	Either Sex	July 1 – December 31	Not Required (Tribal ID only)	No Limit
Ptarmigan	Either Sex	July 1 – December 31	Not Required (Tribal ID only)	No Limit
Turkey	Either Sex	Year-Round	Not Required (Tribal ID only)	No Limit
Snowshoe Hare	Either Sex	July 1 – December 31	Not Required (Tribal ID only)	No Limit
White-tail Deer	Buck Only	July 1 – September 30	Required	4 White-tailed Deer per year
	Either Sex	October 1 – December 31		
Mule Deer	Buck Only	July 1 – September 30	Required	4 Mule Deer per year
	Either Sex	October 1 – December 31		
Elk	Bull Only	July 1 – September 30	Required	2 Elk per year
	Either Sex	October 1 – December 31		
Moose	Bull Only	July 1 – September 30	Required	2 Moose per year
	Either Sex	October 1 – December 31		
Black Bear	Either Sex	July 1 – December 31	Required	4 Bear per year
Bighorn Sheep**	Ram only	July 1 – December 31	Required	1 Ram per year
Mt. Goat***	Billy preferred	July 1 – December 31	Required	1 Mt. Goat per year

*\*Exceptions to the Harvest Limit include the following:*

**Ceremonial Use:** Enrolled Arrow Lakes-Sñŕayckstx Tribal members are allowed, by permit (only) to take deer or elk outside the general big game seasons for traditional, and/or cultural purposes (only). In order for an individual or family to obtain a harvest tag they must receive authorization or be designated to harvest an animal from the Fish and Wildlife Program Director.

**Designated Hunter:** An Arrow Lakes-Sñŕayckstx Tribal Member can designate a hunting tag to another Arrow Lakes-Sñŕayckstx Tribal Member hunter for harvest, with the exception of Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat tags which cannot be designated.

**\*\* Special Bighorn Sheep regulations:**

Limited harvest will be allocated in this area but will not exceed 6 rams per year. All Bighorn Sheep must be individually and uniquely marked (pinned) by an Enforcement Officer or Fish and Wildlife Representative after entering the US and within 15 days of harvest.

**\*\*\* Special Mountain Goat regulations:**

General open harvest (with required tag) may occur within the Sinixt Territory (see map – Appendix A). It can prove difficult to distinguish between adult male (billies) and adult female (nannies) goats while hunting in the field. In order to conserve the population, the harvest of billies is preferred, but not required.

<b><i>Sñʕayckstx TRAPPING/SNARING SEASONS</i></b>					
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>METHOD</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>SEASON DATES</b>	<b>TAG</b>	<b>BAG LIMIT</b>
Gray Wolf	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
River Otter	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Bobcat	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Cougar	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – March 31	Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Mink	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – March 31	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Weasel	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – March 31	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Beaver	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – March 31	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Raccoon	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Muskrat	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Coyote	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Lynx	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Fox	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Pine Marten	Any Legal Trap/Snare	Either Sex	November 1 – April 15	Not Required	No Daily or Season Limit
Badger	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fisher	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wolverine	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

## FISHING REGULATIONS:

In addition to the unlawful acts section above, the following are regulations specific to fishing in the Sñʕay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territories.

- A. Members may fish for any and all game fish (See General Definitions on pg. 11) within the Sñʕay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territory waters year-round unless specifically prohibited under the limits identified in the special regulations.
- B. Except as provided in the Special Regulations, Members fishing Sñʕay̓ckstx Aboriginal Territory waters are not subject to daily catch, length, or possession limits on game fish.
- C. For the purpose of determining whether a fish complies with minimum or maximum length limits, the length of the fish shall be measured from the fish’s snout to the tip of the tail.
- D. Members **are not allowed** to use live or dead fish (other than roe) from any water body as game fish bait. This is due to recent fish disease issues (IHN virus and whirling disease) in the region and also to limit the spread of non-native invasive species.
- E. **Use of Gaff or Club:** Members may use a gaff or club to assist landing a legal fish taken with legal gear, except that it is unlawful to gaff sturgeon.
- F. **Catch and Release:** Members must release Sturgeon and/or Bull Trout from areas designated as “Closed” or “Mandatory Release” in the Special Fishing Regulations.

### *Special Fishing Regulations:*

<i>Sñʕay̓ckstx SPECIAL FISHING SEASONS</i>		
LOCATION	SPECIES	SPECIAL LIMITS
Arrow Lakes	Sturgeon	Closed
Columbia River	Sturgeon	Closed
Salmo River	Bull trout	Mandatory Release
Slocan River	Bull trout	Mandatory Release

## GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**Artificial Light:** Any light produced by other than natural sources, including but not limited to, jacklights, spotlights, flashlights, or vehicular headlights. Hunting big game (with the exception of black bears while hound hunting) with the aid of an artificial light, spotlight, or night vision equipment is prohibited. Registered Hound Hunters and Trappers may use hand held, battery operated lights to aid in legally harvesting game while hound hunting or trapping.

**Adult:** Any Sñʕay̓ckstx Tribal member 18 years of age or older.

**Bag Limit:** Maximum number of wildlife which may be taken or possessed by any person, specified by regulations of the Business Council for any twenty-four (24) hour period, including size, sex or species.

**Bait:** Means a food or other substitute used as a lure for fishing.

**Big Game:** Refers to any of the following species: white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, pronghorn, and/or black bear.

**Body-gripping trap:** means a trap that grips an animal's body or body part. Body-gripping traps include, but are not limited to, unpadded foot-hold traps, padded foot-hold traps, Conibear traps, neck snares, and non-strangling foot snares. Cage and box traps, suitcase-type live beaver traps, and common rat and mouse traps are not considered body-gripping traps.

**Business Council:** means the elected governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation as prescribed in Article II of the Colville Constitution.

**Catch and release:** means a method of fishing where no fish may be retained by the angler. Requires selective gear and only lures or flies with a single barbless hook may be used. Bait may not be used in designated “Catch and Release” areas.

**Ceremonial hunting:** means taking of game for use in traditional tribal ceremonies and/or for religious purposes. Only enrolled members of the Colville Tribes with Arrow Lakes - Sñŕayckstx affiliation shall exercise ceremonial hunting rights.

**CCT Identification Card:** Identification card (blue card) issued to enrolled members of the Colville Confederated Tribes. In order to hunt under the Sñŕayckstx Regulations, a valid CCT identification Card displaying an Arrow Lakes - Sñŕayckstx affiliation is required.

**Closed Areas:** Those portions of the Sñŕayckstx Aboriginal Territory not open for tribal hunting, trapping, or snaring.

**Closed Season:** A portion of or all of a year when hunting, trapping, and snaring is **NOT** allowed for a given species. All of the times during the calendar year, except during a corresponding “open season” for a specific species, are considered closed by this regulation.

**Code:** means Chapter 4-1 of the Colville Tribal Law and Order Code.

**Colville Law Enforcement Officer:** means any person employed by CCT who has authority to enforce the Colville Tribal Law and Order Code and regulations implemented pursuant to the Colville Tribal Law and Order Code.

**Conibear or Conibear-type trap:** means any trap of various manufacturers having design and operational characteristics essentially designed and set to grip and hold an animal's body across its main axis.

**Daily bag limit:** means the maximum number of wildlife which may be taken or possessed by any person, specified and fixed by this Chapter or any regulations of the Business Council for any twenty-four (24) hour period, including size, sex or species.

**Daily catch limit:** means the maximum number of fish that may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed by any person as specified and fixed by the Code or regulations of the Business Council. The daily catch limit may be designated for any particular period of time, or may limit catch by length, sex or species.

**Deer:** Mule deer and/or white-tailed deer.

**Department:** Colville Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department.

**Depredation:** means any act by a wild animal that causes the destruction of or damage to property.

**Designated Hunter:** A Sñŕayckstx Tribal member hunter selected by another Sñŕayckstx Tribal member to harvest game on their behalf. Designated hunters must be identified on the tag prior to hunting.

**Designated Tag:** Any tag that has been by rule given (designated) to another Sñŕayckstx Tribal member hunter by: elders, disabled hunters, or a Sñŕayckstx Tribal Member needing game to be harvested on their behalf. Additionally, Sñŕayckstx Tribal Members in mourning may designate tags to another Sñŕayckstx Tribal Member Hunter by written request to CCT F&W. During special hunt seasons, only elders and disabled hunters can designate their tags to another Sñŕayckstx Tribal Member Hunter (proof required for elders and disabled hunters), except during “Elder only” hunts.

**Disabled Hunter:** A Colville Tribal Sñŕayckstx member with a disability means a person with a permanent disability who is: not able to walk about or over natural terrain such that without a prosthesis or assistive device such as, but not limited to a wheelchair, crutches, cane, or unable to hold or shoot a firearm or other legal hunting device, or visually impaired. Visually impaired means central visual acuity that does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than 20 degrees. (This definition includes but is not limited to persons with upper or lower extremity impairments who have lost the permanent use of one or both

upper or lower extremities or who have a significant limitation in the use of upper or lower extremities, or who have a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility or the use of upper extremities. A physician letter is required to get the placard which is available at the Fish & Wildlife Department Office.

**Drowning Set:** – A drowning set is a trap, including colony traps, killer-type traps, and foothold traps, that is set completely underwater and rigged in such a way as to reasonably ensure the drowning of any species of trapped furbearer that would reasonably be expected to visit the set location and be held in the type of trap used at the set.

**Elder:** Any enrolled Colville Member with Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Affiliation who is 55 years of age or older.

**Firearm:** Any weapon from which a shot (projectile) is discharged by the action of an explosive (i.e. gunpowder).

**Fly:** means a lure on which thread, feathers, hackle or yarn cover at least half of the hook.

**Fur-bearing animals:** means those animals whose skins are used commercially as fur and are designated as fur bearing animals by the Council.

**Game animal:** means wild animals that are normally hunted for food or sport and are designated as game animals by the Council.

**Game fish:** means Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Brown Trout, Bull Trout, Whitefish (Mountain and Lake), Kokanee, White Sturgeon, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Walleye, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Black Crappie, Burbot, and any other fish designated as a game fish by the Business Council.

**General Tag:** Any tag that does not require a special hunt application/drawing to obtain the tag.

**Harassment of wildlife:** means to engage in any act which demonstrates a disregard for the well-being of wildlife or which creates the likelihood of injury, or disrupts normal behavior patterns of wildlife including feeding, watering, resting, and breeding. Such acts include, but are not limited to, chasing, pursuing, herding, or attempting to take wildlife.

**Harvest:** To capture or kill and take into possession.

**Hunt or Hunting:** means shooting, shooting at, chasing, driving, flushing, attracting, brushing, pursuing, trapping, stalking or lying in wait for any wildlife whether or not such wildlife is then or subsequently captured, killed, taken, or wounded. Such term does not include stalking, attracting, searching for or lying in wait for any wildlife by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching wildlife or taking pictures or making sound recordings thereof.

**In-water type trap:** means beneath the water surface so that the trap is completely submerged.

**Loaded weapon:** means a firearm that has a bullet in the chamber.

**Member or Tribal Member:** Any person who is enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Confederated Tribes, or Colville Tribes) with “Arrow Lakes,” “Lakes,” or “Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx” Affiliation on their CCT Tribal Identification.

**Natural Resource Enforcement Officer(s):** Person(s) charged with the responsibility of enforcing all ordinances and regulations adopted by the Colville Business Council governing hunting, trapping, snaring, and fishing on the North Half or South Half of the Reservation and Usual and Accustomed Areas including the Sn̓ʔay̓ckstx Traditional Territories, and shall include: Police officers; Parks & Recreation, and Fish and Wildlife Program law enforcement personnel; Regulatory enforcement officer; and, any other qualified individual authorized by the Business Council to act as a Natural Resources Enforcement Officer.

**Night vision equipment:** Night Vision Equipment includes electronic light amplification devices, thermal imaging devices, and other comparable equipment used to enhance night vision.

**Non-Game Species:** All species in which hunting seasons are closed by regulation to all harvest and hunting is not legal.

**No Open Season:** Closed to hunting, trapping, and snaring indefinitely.

**North Half:** means all lands of the Colville Reservation as set apart in the Executive Order of July 2,

1872, that were ceded to the United States pursuant to the Agreement of May 9, 1891, in which the Tribes holds reserved rights to hunt, fish, and gather, and which consists generally of the lands between the current northern boundary of the Reservation and the Canadian border and between the Okanogan and Columbia rivers.

**Off-reservation:** means all lands, territories, waters and streams located outside the Colville Reservation as defined in section 1-1-362 of Tribal Code, including but not limited to the North Half.

**On reservation:** means within the exterior boundaries of the Colville Reservation as defined in section 1-1-362 of Tribal Code.

**Open and Unclaimed Lands:** means all lands located outside the Colville Indian Reservation and other Reservations where the Colville Tribes reserved by Treaty or other agreement the right to hunt or fish.

**Open Season:** All times, areas, and manner for legally hunting or possessing game animals or game birds. All hunting season dates listed in this pamphlet are inclusive.

**Party Hunting:** When a group of Tribal Member hunters collectively pools their tags and allows any Tribal Member hunter in the group to harvest game for another Member in the group. All hunters must be present in the field, and harvested animals cannot exceed the number of valid tags. No party hunting is allowed to fill a special tag.

**Possession Limit:** means the maximum number of a given species (live or dead) that may be possessed/retained at any one time and includes preserved or processed game or fish.

**Predator:** Carnivorous wildlife species including: cougar, gray wolves, coyote, badger, bobcat, lynx, grizzly bear, fisher, marten, and/or mink. Liberal seasons are set depending on species status. If a season is open for a specific predator species, wastage laws for edible portions of meat do not apply, post-harvest.

**Public Highway:** means every road, regardless of surface, maintained by federal, state, county or other public funds.

**Regulation:** means any rule, regulation, resolution or ordinance promulgated by the Colville Business Council.

**Resident fish:** means fish species which do not migrate to the ocean.

**Safety Zones:** Areas designated as no hunting zones for the purpose of public safety. No hunting or shooting is to occur within ¼ mile of designated "Safety Zones" unless otherwise stipulated. Safety Zones include, but not limited to: residential areas, businesses, parks, campgrounds, and home sites.

**Special Hunt Tag:** Any tag that requires a Tribal Member to submit an application for a specified hunt and has the possibility of being drawn.

**Spotlighting:** The act of illegally using an artificial light to aid in hunting or harvesting game animals.

**Tag:** A valid permit to hunt which is required to be in possession while hunting designated species (listed on the tag), and is designed to be attached to the carcass of those species when they are harvested. The bottom portion of the tag shall be filled out and submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Department, whether or not the hunter is successful.

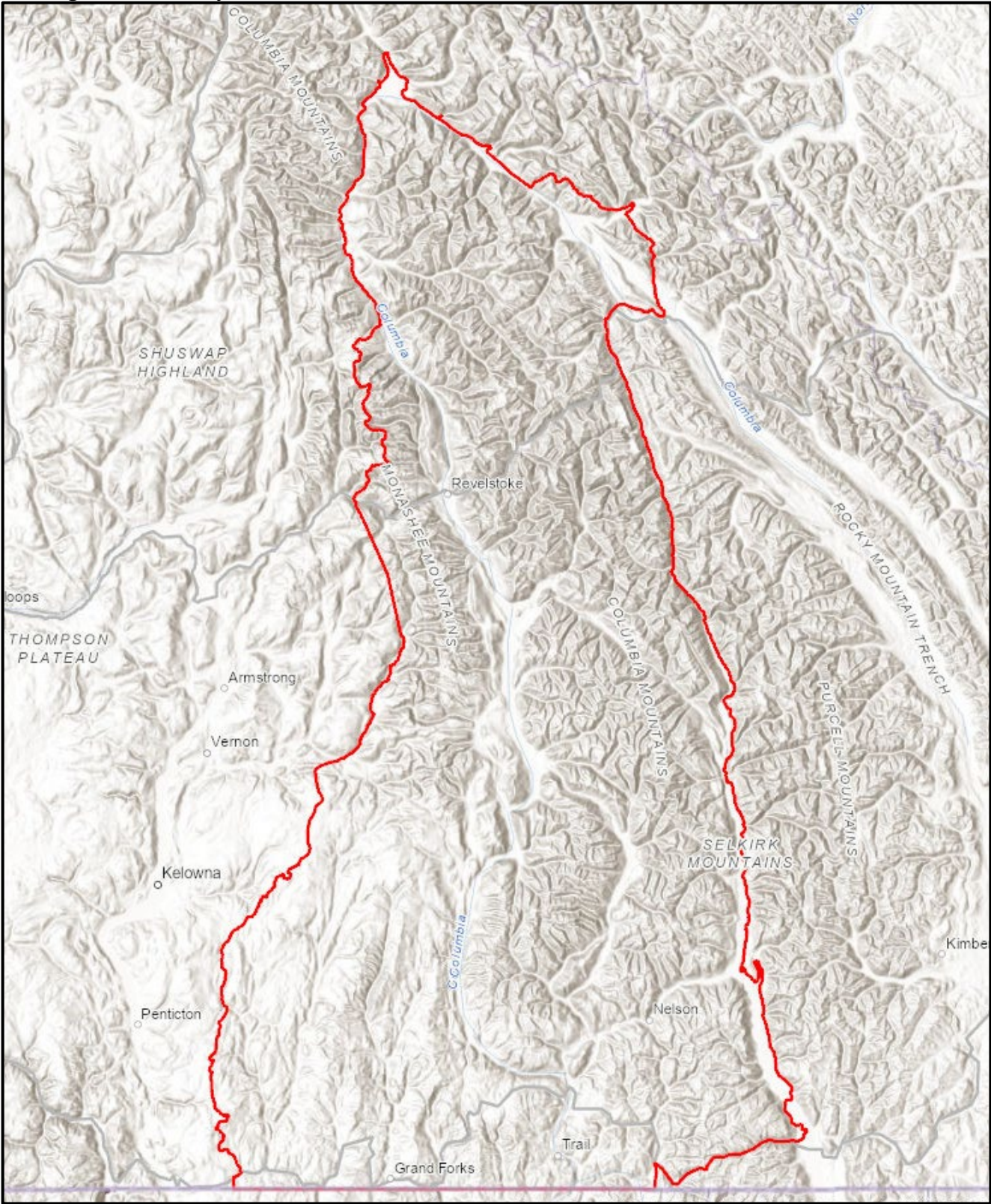
**Trespass:** means to enter upon the real property of another that is posted to prohibit trespassing, is fenced or contains obvious outward signs of habitability without permission of the owner or the owner's agent.

**Waste:** means the abandonment or deterioration of those portions of fish or game normally utilized for human consumption.

**Wildlife:** means all fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, designated aquatic invertebrates and insects located on the Colville Reservation or migrating to the Colville Reservation, or available on the North Half, or off the Reservation at usual and accustomed grounds and stations, on open and unclaimed lands, or in aboriginal lands, excluding domestic animals.

**Youth:** A Colville Tribal Member with Sñŕaŕckstx Affiliation that is at least twelve (12) years of age and under eighteen (18) years of age.

**APPENDIX A.** Terrain map with general hunting boundary in Sñŕayckstx Aboriginal Territory in British Columbia, Canada.



~ This map is not intended to be a definitive outline of Sñŕayckstx Traditional Territory; it is intended only to be a general guide.