

## 2010 and 2011 West Kootenay Elk Harvest from Meat Cutter Records

### 2010

I visited meat cutters throughout the Kootenay Region and acquired 120 bull elk harvest records from the new WK GOS zone from 2010. To account for elk taken outside of the region to be processed, I looked into the hunter survey questionnaires and found 20% of interviewed elk hunters who were successful in the WK GOS were from out of region and 80% of the successful hunters were from Region 4 (71% from the West Kootenay and 9% from the East Kootenay). I assume 44 elk were taken out of region to be processed (20% of total harvest) and 54 elk were self-butchered (25% of total harvest). **I estimate the total harvest of bull elk from the WK GOS to be 218 bull elk in 2010.** Bull elk taken to Kootenay meat cutters I visited would account for 55% of the elk harvested. This estimate of harvest is slightly higher than the estimate I acquired from the hunter questionnaire data (190 bull elk harvested).

### 2011

I acquired 89 bull elk harvest records from 2011 in the WK GOS zone after visiting meat cutters throughout the region. The 2011 hunter questionnaire results suggest 23% of interviewed hunters who were successful in the WK GOS were from out-of-region and 77% were from Region 4 (68% from the West Kootenay and 9% from the East Kootenay). I estimated 39 elk were taken outside of the Kootenay Region to be processed (23% of total harvest) and 43 elk were self-butchered (25% of total harvest). **Under these assumptions, the harvest estimate would be 171 bull elk from the WK GOS for 2011.** This estimate is lower than suggested by the preliminary hunter questionnaire results, which estimate 145 bull elk were harvested from the WK GOS zone in 2011.

### List of Meat cutters Contacted

Dorry Bourdon	Trail
Harry Beetstra	Salmo
Kosiancics	Slocan Valley
Dave Anderson	Slocan Valley
Cutrite Meats	Nakusp
Rick Derosa	Slocan Valley
Eric's Meats	Kaslo
Kelly Hascarl	Nakusp
Mark Aeichele	Nakusp
Steve Hwalstad	Casino
Leroy Angenelli	Fruitvale
Back Country Meats	EK
United Steel Workers	EK
Bernie's	EK
Rocky Mountain Meats	Elk Valley
Kimberley Sausage	Kimberley
Famous Fritz	Creston
Rick's Meats	Cranbrook

Gwinner's	EK
Cliff's	Kimberley
Elk Valley butchers	EK
Fred Vandenberghe	EK
Rick Vigue	Revelstoke
Cameron and Sons	Revelstoke
W5 Meats	Canyon-Lister
Terry Doherty	Fruitvale