



# Office of Environment and Heritage

## Licence to Harm Flying-foxes

*Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

### Licence conditions

1. The licensee and other persons authorised under this licence must use the type of firearm and shot specified in the Standard Operating Procedure to shoot flying-foxes in accordance with this licence.
2. The licensee must inform the relevant National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) office, Police Station and adjacent neighbours at the commencement of the first night of shooting.
3. The licensee and any other person authorised under this licence must have a valid and current firearms licence when shooting black, grey-headed and little red flying-foxes in accordance with this licence. The licensee and other persons authorised under this licence must comply with the provisions of the *Firearms Act 1996* at all times. The licensee and any other person authorised under this licence must inform the issuing NPWS office immediately if their firearms licence is suspended or revoked. This licence does not authorise any person to shoot flying-foxes during any period in which their firearms licence is suspended or revoked.
4. Only the licensee and other persons authorised under this licence are permitted to shoot black, grey-headed or little red flying-foxes pursuant to this licence. Only two shooters are permitted to be operating on the property on any given night.
5. Black, grey-headed or little red flying-foxes must only be shot over the type of crop indicated on this licence, and over the property specified in this licence. Shooters must be on the property specified in this licence when shooting.
6. The number of adult flying-foxes from any one species harmed under this licence must not exceed the number specified for that species above. The total number of flying-foxes of all species harmed under this licence must not exceed the total number of individuals specified above.
7. The licensee must keep a true and accurate record on the Flying-Fox Record Sheet (FFRS) provided by NPWS, of all flying-foxes that are shot. Each animal shot must be recorded immediately and the FFRS must be updated at the conclusion of shooting each evening. The FFRS must be produced for inspection upon request by a NPWS officer at any time.
8. A legible copy of the FFRS must be sent to the NPWS office from which this licence was granted no later than 1 week from the licence expiration date. A licence variation will not be granted unless it is accompanied by a FFRS.
9. The licensee and all persons authorised under this licence must immediately locate each animal that has been shot and immediately alleviate the suffering of any injured flying-fox by gunshot to either the head or chest of the animal or by any other method specified in the Standard Operating Procedure. Dead flying-foxes must be checked for live young, which should be humanely killed; these do not count towards the licence quota. Dead flying-foxes must also be checked for research thumb bands, attached to the wing. The relevant NPWS office should be notified to come and collect any thumb bands found, or record the details.
10. A flying-fox, alive or dead, or part of a flying-fox, must not be removed from the property on which the animal is shot without the prior approval of NPWS.
11. Dead flying-foxes must be collected and placed in a marked and nominated location on the property. Gloves must be worn.
12. The licensee and all persons authorised under this licence must carry a copy of the licence while on any land for the purpose of shooting flying-foxes, or whilst in the possession of flying-foxes, and produce it for inspection on demand by any officer of NPWS.
13. The licensee must provide reasonable access to the property specified in this licence for inspection by a NPWS officer at any time.

14. This licence is not transferable.
15. Any shooting or other actions carried out under this licence must be undertaken in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (unless compliance with the Standard Operating Procedure would be inconsistent with a condition of this licence).
16. 'Standard Operating Procedure' means the Standard Operating Procedure for shooting of flying-foxes (October 2009 version) or any later version that is provided to the licensee by NPWS.
17. Failure to comply with any conditions of this licence renders the licensee and/or other shooters authorised by this licence liable to be issued with cancellation of the licence, infringement notice(s) or to prosecution.

Under Section 2.14 of the BC Act it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a condition of this licence.