

TROPHY TALK

Roosevelt's Elk Boundary Expanded in British Columbia



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Contrary to popular opinion among hunters and non-hunters alike, Boone and Crockett Club's records-keeping activities were not initiated in 1902 to record trophies for bragging rights; they were started at a time

when big-game populations had been extirpated from once-abundant wildlife regions and many at that time thought some species were headed for extinction. The Club's purpose was to make a permanent record of the big game of North America so future generations such as ours would know what they looked like, how big they got, and the areas they inhabited should they become extinct. Fortunately, big-game populations did not disappear, thanks to the conservation efforts of the Club and countless other hunter-conservationists. Since then, the records program has evolved into a method of tracking conservation successes through the addition and expansion of B&C's categories and boundaries.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that the Records Committee recently announced the Roosevelt's elk boundary has been expanded in British Columbia to include bulls taken on the mainland from the area outlined to the left. The description, which will be

updated in the Official Measurers manual, is given below.

British Columbia wildlife biologist Darryl M. Reynolds reports this expansion is the result of successful efforts to restore natural biodiversity and ecosystem function in coastal forests by relocating elk from Vancouver Island to historic Roosevelt's elk habitat on the Sunshine Coast from 1987 to 1993. According to Reynolds, elk were extirpated from this area by unregulated hunting and market hunting by 1900.

Utilizing primarily hunter generated funding, the Lower Mainland Roosevelt's Elk Recovery Project (LMRERP), which was established in 2000, made successful translocations of 380 Roosevelt's elk from the Sechelt Peninsula and Powell River to 19 release sites (new population units) from 2000 to the present. This program is expected to continue until at least 2012. Elk productivity in these new populations has been greater than 20 percent growth per year and hunting has been introduced for recreational opportunities and as a management tool in most units with more than 50 elk.

Project direction and support is provided by British Columbia government wildlife biologists in collaboration with First Nations and members of the public. Volunteer assistance came from various hunting community groups and many other local supporters of elk recovery. Overall, the recovery objectives were primarily met through

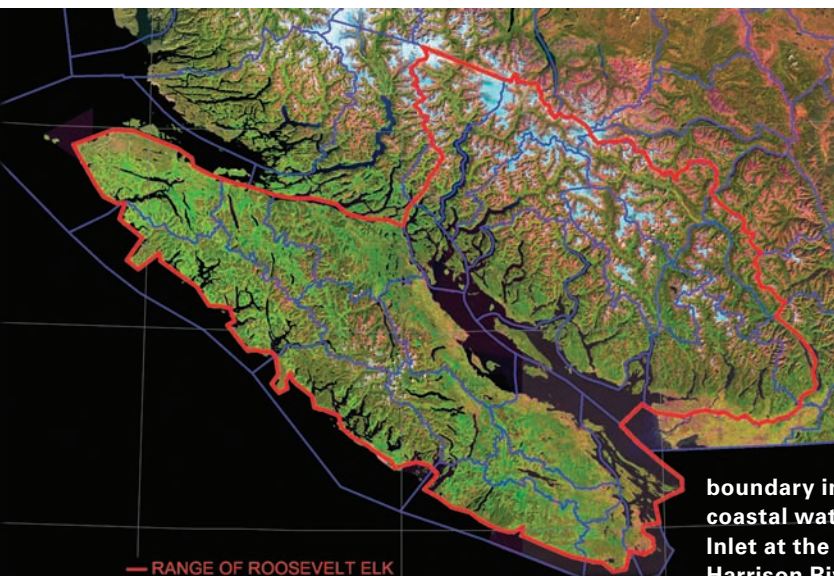
funding received from the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund.

27th Awards Program Closed

The 27th Awards Program deadline came and went on December 31, 2009, without any serious glitches, and the statistics evolving from this program tell us that wildlife management is alive and strong in North America. During 2007-2009, Boone and Crockett Club received 5,836 entries, exceeding the number entered in the previous Awards Program (2004-2006) by nearly 1,000 animals. When it's all said and done, the number of accepted entries will total near 5,000. There were "only" 4,613 trophies accepted in the 26th Awards Program. Special thanks go to all our Official Measurers who donate their time and talents to make B&C's records-keeping activities possible.

28th Awards Program

The 28th Awards Program, which began January 1, 2010, and ends December 31, 2012, is off to a fantastic start. We have already received 467 entries, which means hunters had a great hunting season in 2009, and management of our big game herds is yet again producing big dividends. Because of the great number of trophies received and 27th Awards Program activities, Official Measurers and trophy owners should note that there will likely be some delays in processing 28th Awards Program entries. ■



EXPANDED ROOSEVELT'S ELK BOUNDARY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Roosevelt's elk boundary in British Columbia includes all of Vancouver Island and all of the islands in the Strait of Georgia. On the mainland, the boundary includes all of the coastal watersheds of Butte Inlet at the north to Frazer River, Harrison River/Harrison Lake and the Lillooet River and all its tributaries at the south.

TOP: The elk off-loading from a truck at the Brem River. BOTTOM: At the Homathko River estuary just following the release of the elk.

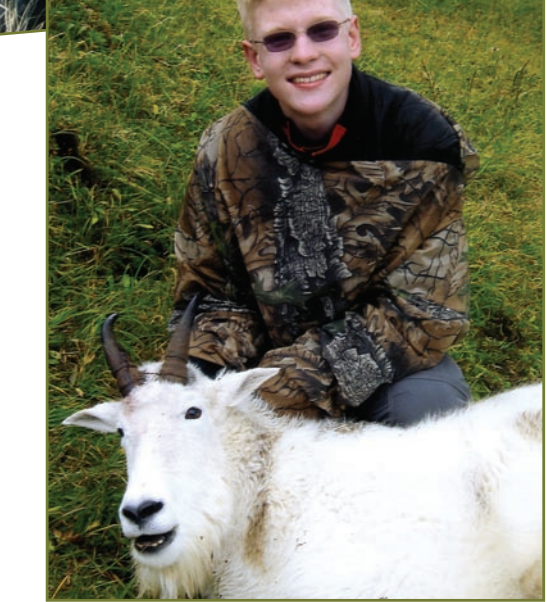


Watch a video of the elk being released on our web site ■ www.boone-crockett.org

27th Awards Youth Hunters

HUNTERS	CATEGORY	LOCATION OF KILL	KILL DATE	FINAL SCORE	AGE OF HUNTER*
Cal F. Bender	bighorn sheep	Broadwater Co.,MT	2006	177	15
Jacob L. Billman	black bear	St. Louis Co.,MN	2009	20 2/16	14
John L. Bishop III	Roosevelt's elk	Tillamook Co.,OR	2008	326 7/8	16
Adam J. Bouch	typical whitetail deer	Mahoning Co.,OH	2007	162 7/8	14
Tanner Bradley	non-typical whitetail deer	Wayne Co.,IA	2009	197 2/8	15
Blake R. Brawner	typical whitetail deer	Langlade Co.,WI	2006	170 3/8	12
Wesley S. Brown	black bear	Prince of Wales Island, AK	2009	21 9/16	16
Brandon K. Bruin	typical whitetail deer	Pendleton Co.,KY	2006	165 3/8	11
Christopher G. Campbell, Jr.	non-typical whitetail deer	Caddo Parish, LA	2007	203 5/8	16
Jeremy E. Cauble	non-typical whitetail deer	Fayette Co.,IL	2008	222 1/8	13
Devin A. Chastain	non-typical whitetail deer	Todd Co.,KY	2008	185	16
Paul J. Clancy	non-typical whitetail deer	Kawartha Lake, ON	2006	212 7/8	15
Jolayne M. Collings	cougar	Dutch Creek, AB	2006	15 1/16	16
Chad A. Compton	non-typical whitetail deer	Tippecanoe Co.,IN	2006	206 6/8	14
Hunter J. Crace	musk ox	Nelson Island, AK	2009	110	9
Cody Craddock	typical whitetail deer	Miller Co.,MO	2007	173 2/8	15
Kenneth P. Creech III	non-typical whitetail deer	Lafayette Co.,MO	2008	193 5/8	12
Dillon Currie	pronghorn	Coconino Co.,AZ	2008	88	14
Morgan T. Daugherty	cougar	Las Animas Co.,CO	2009	15 2/16	16
Junior Dedloff	typical whitetail deer	Columbia Co.,WA	2006	161 2/8	11
Jeremy A. Eaton	non-typical whitetail deer	Ripley Co.,IN	2008	234 2/8	14
John W. Eckley	black bear	Mantagao Lake, MB	2006	21 3/16	16
Lars J. Engelhard	bighorn sheep	Granite Co.,MT	2009	183 6/8	13
William J. Evans	typical whitetail deer	Tallahatchie Co.,MS	2008	163 2/8	9
Ashley E. Grant	black bear	Price Co.,WI	2008	20 7/16	16
Emily Gust	typical whitetail deer	Qu'Appelle River, SK	2007	170 4/8	13
Colby M. Halirewich	typical mule deer	Souris River, SK	2006	183 6/8	15
James P. Hamik	typical whitetail deer	Clay Co.,NE	2008	172	16
Kristopher J. Havelka	non-typical whitetail deer	Crawford Co.,MO	2007	207 2/8	15
Brady H. Haynes	black bear	Aroostook Co.,ME	2008	20 4/16	12
Justin M. Heil	musk ox	Shishmaref, AK	2009	105 6/8	13
Matea K. Huggins	Rocky Mountain goat	Baker Co.,OR	2009	51 6/8	12
Blake Jeffries	typical whitetail deer	Madison Co.,KY	2008	165 6/8	14
Bryce R. Kniert	cougar	Elk River, BC	2008	15 8/16	14
Boone W. Kroenke	non-typical whitetail deer	Benton Co.,MO	2008	212	9
Brandon R. Kurkierewicz	black bear	Chippewa Co.,MI	2006	21 3/16	12
James Livingston	non-typical whitetail deer	Geary Co.,KS	2007	240 2/8	13
Kyle Lopez	typical mule deer	Conejos Co., CO	2009	180 2/8	15
Kyle Lopez	non-typical mule deer	Douglas Co., CO	2007	306 3/8	14
Cody L. Marcelle	typical whitetail deer	Buffalo Co.,WI	2008	170 1/8	14
Kyle T. Massaro	pronghorn	Washoe Co.,NV	2008	81 4/8	15
Seth B. McKinnis	Rocky Mountain goat	Kodiak Island, AK	2006	48	15
Cole G. Medlin	pronghorn	Mora Co.,NM	2009	83 6/8	14
Jeremy L. Mengert	non-typical whitetail deer	Waupaca Co.,WI	2007	196 4/8	16
Wade Meredith	typical whitetail deer	Hart Co.,KY	2007	172 1/8	11
Eric R. Norby	bighorn sheep	Lewis & Clark Co.,MT	2006	190	16
Natalie D. Norcutt	pronghorn	Humboldt Co.,NV	2009	82 6/8	14
Benjamin M. Norgren	typical Columbia blacktail	Clackamas Co.,OR	2008	132 2/8	15
Korey M. O'Day	typical whitetail deer	Ringgold Co.,IA	2007	169 3/8	15
Jakob P. Olsen	pronghorn	Converse Co.,WY	2006	84	12
Jordan B. Phillips	non-typical mule deer	Outlook, SK	2007	242 4/8	16
Andrew B. Powers-Toribio	Rocky Mountain goat	Deer Mt., AK	2007	53	12
Cody C. Sanders	Roosevelt's elk	Trinity Co.,CA	2008	307 4/8	13
Ariel D. Schlenther	typical whitetail deer	Warren Co.,MO	2007	160 7/8	15
Maegan N. Schroeder	typical whitetail deer	Columbia Co.,WI	2006	166 6/8	13
Matthew R. Seibold	typical whitetail deer	Clark Co.,OH	2007	171 3/8	11
Kelsey M. Seidle	typical mule deer	Bigstick Lake, SK	2008	181 4/8	15
Robert Shank	black bear	Lane Co.,OR	2006	21 6/16	15
Gus Shy	non-typical whitetail deer	Seward Co.,NE	2006	221 7/8	14
Kelsey A. Smith	typical Columbia blacktail	Linn Co.,OR	2008	135 6/8	14
Fern R. Spaulding	Alaska brown bear	Alaska Pen., AK	2006	29 1/16	14
Shelby B. Tate	non-typical whitetail deer	Amite Co.,MS	2007	207 6/8	11
Kaylee C. Teel	typical mule deer	Lincoln Co.,NV	2008	191 4/8	12
Luke A. Terkovich	Alaska brown bear	Aliulik Pen., AK	2008	28 3/16	14
Darcy A. Vetter	non-typical whitetail deer	Frenchman Butte, SK	2006	204 5/8	15
Beau J. Winters	typical whitetail deer	Clayton Co.,IA	2008	161 5/8	14
Dalton J. Wurm	black bear	Coffman Cove, AK	2009	21 8/16	16
Clark L. Zerr	typical whitetail deer	Callaway Co.,MO	2008	174 4/8	8

* Age of Hunter when harvested trophy.



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Gus Shy with his non-typical whitetail deer; Jakob P. Olsen took this pronghorn in 2006; Seth B. McKinnis was only 15 years old when he harvested this Rocky Mountain goat.