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Elk Hunting and Elk Hunters In Finland in the Early 21st Century

Although there is fairly much literature (published books, magazine articles, etc.) in Finnish to be found on Finnish elk hunting, I couldn't really find information on this topic in English. Yet there are relatively many elk hunters in Finland and hunting this game animal has long traditions. Therefore I thought it would be useful to give an overview in English of this Finnish outdoors hobby.

In addition to introducing hunting methods and parts of the legislation on the basis of different source texts, I also found it important to get some data directly from the contemporary elk hunters. After all, they have an essential role to play in every aspect (excluding legislation) of elk hunting described in the paper. Thus I conducted a survey among the members of some elk hunting clubs to give an up-to-date picture – although quite limited – of elk hunters and their ideas on their hobby.

Possible Finnish research topics

- Forest industry and its meaning to national economy/Sustainable forestry in Finland

Since I wrote about a nature-related hobby, which thus is also a forest-related hobby, I came across these different organisations *Metsäkeskus* (Forestry Centre), *Metsähallitus* (Forest and Park Service) and *Metsäntutkimuslaitos* (Forest Research Institute) which are all somehow connected to forest industry or forest management. Finland is well known for its forest industry in general, and a certain aspect inside it could possibly be studied in the future.

Possible American/British research topics

- Moose (or deer or elk) hunting in the US/Deer hunting in Britain/Differences in hunting vocabulary

While writing the paper, it became apparent to me that there might be confusion about whether to use the word 'elk' or 'deer' or 'moose' when talking about a certain animal in a certain country. Relating to that, I don't know if sufficient material for writing a paper could be found on differences in hunting-related vocabulary (in the US vs in Britain, for example), but it would be useful if someone could find out at least some basic differences. Since there are concepts like 'deer hunting in Britain' or 'Elk/moose/deer hunting in the US', a particular hunting culture in the US or in Britain might be worth studying. It would also be interesting to read, for example, how moose hunting in the US differs from the Finnish elk hunting.