

Review of Wildlife Allocation Policies

Focus of Review

This review of the wildlife allocation policies will focus on the following uses and users of the wildlife resources:

Commercial Use – includes guiding and transporting services and trapping. The person providing the service is authorized to do so.

Unassisted Resident Hunting – a direct payment for hunting related services is not provided. The user is an individual who is licensed or permitted to carry out the activity without profit or gain.

The **Users** are divided into the following categories:

- Resident
- Non-Resident Canadian
- Non-Resident Alien

Both Non-Resident Canadian and Non-Resident Alien users must be accompanied by a guide (therefore fall under Commercial Use category) or accompanied by a resident hunter (restricted to relatives under the non-resident alien category, and would then fall under the Unassisted Resident Hunting use category).

First Nations: This review will not infringe on First Nations legal rights and is without prejudice towards those rights.

Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles will provide the foundation for the review of the wildlife allocation policies.

Wildlife Resources

- Conservation of wildlife species is the first priority.

Hunting, Guiding and Trapping Opportunities

- Hunting, guiding and trapping are traditional, recognized and legitimate uses of the wildlife resources which balance important social, cultural, and economic benefits for British Columbians.
- British Columbia provides a diversity of hunting, guiding and trapping opportunities which must be maintained and managed for future generations.
- Maximize hunting, guiding and trapping opportunities.
- Realize fair social and economic returns to the Province for the use of the wildlife resources.
- Provide quality hunting opportunities for all hunters
- Foster a healthy business environment that is supportive of businesses and local economies.
- Decisions regarding hunting opportunities will reflect the priority and interests of British Columbia resident hunters.

Wildlife Allocation Policies & Procedures

- The policies and procedures will be clearly understood, not ambiguous and be applied consistently in all regions of the province.
- The policies and procedures will be practical, deliverable and measurable.
- The policies and procedures will be fair to all parties involved – BC hunters, guide outfitters and trappers.
- The implementation of the policies and procedures will be an effective and mutually respectful process for all parties that facilitate sound management of hunting and trapping use of BC's wildlife resources.