

**HARVEST ALLOCATION:
AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2007-2011**

1. TRANSITION TO NEW ALLOCATION

The following procedure will only apply to the first allocation period (2007-2011):

To avoid undue hardship on one or the other hunter group, the director should not alter the smaller share of the existing allocation by more than 20% (increase or decrease).

For example, if the current allocation is 80% to resident hunters and 20% to guided hunters (80/20), and the results of Steps 1 through 3 in the Harvest Allocation Procedure suggest the allocation should be 60/40, the director should set the allocation share at 76/24 until the next allocation period begins in the 2012-13 hunting season.

2. APPLICATION OF NEW POLICY TO SPECIES IN MIDST OF ALLOCATION PERIOD

Given that some category A species in some regions will be in the midst of an allocation period in 2007, the new Harvest Allocation Policy and Procedure will be implemented gradually. In 2007, the new policy and procedure will only apply to species at the end of their current allocation period. Species with one or more years left in their current allocation will continue to be allocated at that level until the end of their allocation period, at which time they will be allocated using the new procedure for the remainder of the five year period. For instance:

- Species now at the end of their allocation period should be allocated using the new policy in 2007-08. In this case, the first and all subsequent allocation periods will last 5 years.
- Species with one year remaining in their current allocation period should be allocated using the new policy in 2008-09. In this case, the first allocation period under the new policy will last 4 years, but all subsequent allocation periods will last 5 years.
- Species with two years remaining in their allocation period should be allocated using the new policy in 2009-10. In this case, the first allocation period under the new policy will last 3 years, but all subsequent allocation periods will last 5 years.

The new allocation procedure will be implemented for all species in the province by 2012.

3. IMPLICATIONS OF NEW POLICY FOR DETERMINATION OF GUIDE OUTFITTERS' QUOTAS

Quotas should not, according to current Ministry policy, exceed guided hunters' portion of the total allocated harvest for a particular big game population. In some regions of the

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province, however, guide outfitters' success in achieving their share of the allocated harvest has been built into their quotas for certain species. That is, guide outfitters have received quotas that are X % higher than guided hunters' actual share of the harvest. Guide outfitters are placed on quota to, first and foremost, ensure the sustainability of the harvest. The practice described above could undermine this objective, by leading to unsustainable harvests in cases where guided hunters were unusually successful and harvested guide outfitters' entire quota. This practice will be reviewed and analyzed prior to the start of the second allocation period to which the new allocation policy and procedure applies (2012).

4. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR THINHORN SHEEP IN REGIONS 6 AND 7B

For most species, administrative guidelines will be assigned according to the Administrative Guidelines Procedure. During the transition period (2007-11), administrative guidelines will not be applied to thinhorn sheep quotas in Region 7B. This is because, in Region 7B, a success factor has been used to calculate guide outfitters' past quotas, a practice that will (according to this plan) continue for the duration of the transition period. The use of administrative guidelines in Region 6 has yet to be reviewed, but will be done before guide outfitters' current allocations expire in 2008

5. SPATIAL APPLICATION OF ALLOCATION DECISIONS

Guide outfitter certificates have not been issued for all areas of the province, making it difficult for some regions to achieve regional allocation targets using the approach outlined in Appendix B of the Harvest Allocation Procedure. If the Regional Manager determines that it is not possible to achieve the regional allocation share using the method outlined in Appendix B of the procedure, he or she may increase guided hunters' shares of the allocation to a maximum of 50% in each M.U.. This practice will cease at the end of the first allocation period (by 2012), once a thorough review of this issue can be conducted.

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