This Policy Replaces:

Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:
Wildlife Management Staff
Director
Regional Managers
Resident Hunters

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Ministry:

(1) providing the majority of harvestable big game species to resident hunters;
(2) providing resident hunters with a minimum share of:
   a. 60% for allocated sheep, goat, and grizzly bear hunts;
   b. 98% for allocated antlerless hunts; and
   c. 70% for all other category A species;
(3) creating and maintaining a regulatory framework that maximizes resident hunters’ success, enjoyment, and participation;
(4) developing and maintaining regulations that will benefit resident hunters’ opportunity first;
(5) considering resident hunters’ opportunity first when removing unnecessary barriers to achievement of harvest prior to reducing allocation;
(6) maintaining lower license costs for resident hunters than for non-resident hunters;
(7) ensuring that when restrictions on harvest are necessary, guided hunters’ opportunity is limited before resident hunters’ opportunity; and
(8) ensuring that resident hunters have exclusive access to uncertificated areas of the province for hunting.

Definitions:

“big game” – means big game as defined in the Wildlife Act, RSBC 1996 c.488.

“category A species” – means a big game species, population, or class for which guided hunters’ harvest is limited by quota in any portion of a region.

“guided hunter” – means a hunter guided by a licensed guide outfitter, excluding resident clients in possession of a limited entry hunting authorization and resident clients hunting open season species.
“non-resident” – means a non resident or non resident alien as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.488.

“resident hunter” – means a hunter who is a resident as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.488, with the exception of a resident who hires the services of a guide outfitter to hunt in a season for which the resident would otherwise require but does not have a limited entry hunting authorization.

“uncertificated area” – means an area of the province where no guide outfitter certificate has been issued.

**Procedure Manual Cross-Reference:**
Ministry Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
Subsections:
— 01.03.1 Harvest Allocation
— 01.06.1 Limited Entry Hunting

**Other Cross-References:**
Ministry Policy Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
Subsections:
— 01.02 Open Seasons
— 01.03 Harvest Allocation
— 01.06 Limited Entry Hunting
— 01.12 Allocation of Previously Unopened Hunts
— 01.13 Under-Harvest of Allocated Share