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Resident Hunter Priority			

Ministry of Environment

This Policy Replaces:

Previous policy "Resident Hunter Priority", January 1, 2007.

Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
Director
Regional Managers
Resident Hunters

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Ministry:

That resident hunters' priority in the harvest of big game species will be addressed by:

- (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.

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“**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
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- 01.12 Allocation of Previously Unopened Hunts
- 01.13 Under-Harvest of Allocated Share

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