

Review of BC's Wildlife Allocation Policies

Task Group - Terms of Reference

Purpose

To make recommendations to and advise the Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection on:

1. The principles and objectives of the Wildlife Allocation Policies as they pertain to hunting and trapping opportunities within the province
2. A process for making decisions regarding wildlife allocation in B.C.
3. Revisions to the wildlife allocations policies to reflect items 1 & 2 above.
4. Implementation strategy for the revised policies

Scope

The members of Task Group will focus their review to the following Wildlife Allocation Policies as stated in the *Wildlife Act*:

- ♣ Procedure Allowable Harvest Section 7 Subsection 01.01.1
- ♣ Allocation of Hunting Privileges Section 7 Subsection 01.03
- ♣ Procedure Allocation of Hunting Opportunities Section 7 Subsection 01.03.1
- ♣ Procedure Permit Allocation Section 7 Subsection 01.04.1
- ♣ Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting Section 7 Subsection 01.05
- ♣ Procedure Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting Section 7 Subsection 01.05.1
- ♣ Procedure Limited Entry Hunting Section 7 01.06.1
- ♣ New Hunt Policy
- ♣ Additional new changes
- ♣ Relevant sections in related policies

The Committee will also make recommendations regarding inventories in their role as a tool to support the implementation of the allocation policies. In addition they will make recommendations to the Harvest Policies in their role as inputs to the Allocation policies and procedures.

The provincial hunting regulations and the administrative aspects of hunters, guide outfitters and trappers are outside of the scope of this review.

Members

The Task Group will be made up of representatives from:

- ♣ BC Trappers Association (BCTA).
- ♣ BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF)
- ♣ Guide Outfitters Association of BC (GOABC)
- ♣ Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (WLAP)

Each association nominated up to two representatives and one alternative. The members of the Task Group will be:

BCTA:

- ♣ Dave Hatler & Bob Frederick

BCWF

- ♣ Les Husband & Rich Peterson, alternate Wilf Pfeleiderer

GOABC

- ♣ Dale Drown & Eric Mikkelson, alternate Dixie Hammett

WLAP

- ♣ Director, Fish & Wildlife Recreation & Allocation Branch; Manager, Legislation & Regulations Section; Wildlife Regulations Section Head; Peace Regional Manager, Environmental Stewardship; Wildlife Policy Analyst and Manger of Aboriginal Relations.

Tasks Of The Working Group

- ♣ To confirm the process to review the BC Wildlife Allocation Policies.
- ♣ The agreed upon process is provided in Figure 1.

Meetings and Time Commitments

The Task Group will commence on May 13th, 2004 and will complete it's responsibilities no later than March 31st, 2005.

It is anticipated that this process will require up to 8 meetings. The Task Group members are requested to attend all meetings.

Alternates are welcome to attend all sessions of the Task Group to ensure continuity. They are only allowed to participate in the discussion if one of their representatives is unable to attend and they are acting as the alternate. At all other times they are only allowed to speak through their representative.

Members will also be required to work between meetings to accomplish the process as outlined in the Tasks Section above.

Members are required to report back to the their respective organizations after each meeting. At various steps in the process they will be required to obtain specific feedback from their organizations and then report on the feedback back to the Task Group.

Minutes for each meeting will be taken by the Facilitator and circulated to all members for approval. The minutes will be distributed within seven days of the meeting and the members will send back their feedback within the following sevens days.

The Facilitator will prepare periodic updates of this review process. A draft of the update will be provided to the Task Force Members for review and once approved will be posted on the Ministry website and the associations will be encouraged to have a link to this update on their own respective websites.

Conflict Resolution

The Task Group will strive for agreement. If agreement cannot be reached, the various points of view will be noted in the minutes.

Values & Operating Principles

The Task Group will act according to the following values and operating principles

- ♣ Conduct its business in a non-adversarial, balanced manner
- ♣ Base actions and decisions on knowledge, experience and commons sense
- ♣ Be accessible and accountable

Review of BC's Allocation Policies - Process

