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Under-Harvest of Allocated Share			

Ministry of Environment

This Policy Replaces:

Previous policy "Under-Harvest of Allocated Share", January 1, 2007.

Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
Regional Managers
Director
Resident Hunters
Guide Outfitters

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Ministry:

That the allocation to a hunter group is not to be altered because of under-harvest by that hunter group at the regional level if the cause of under-harvest is redundant or unnecessarily restrictive regulations or licence conditions.

The harvest of category A species by each hunter group will be monitored and recorded annually by regional staff.

If either hunter group under-harvests a category A species regionally for three consecutive years, the regional manager will provide a report to the director that reviews the regulations and licence conditions relating to the particular species. If determined to be redundant or unnecessarily restrictive with respect to conservation and other management objectives, these regulations, licence conditions, or both should be changed to facilitate optimal utilization.

Definitions:

"allocation" – means the division of the annual allowable harvest remaining after the legal rights of First Nations have been recognized and provided for, between resident hunters and guided hunters.

"annual allowable harvest" (AAH) – means the optimum number of animals that can be harvested annually by hunters from a herd or population which will be replenished through the population's natural reproduction to meet management objectives.

"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.

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“**conservation**” – means the conservation of natural diversity, distribution, and viability of indigenous wildlife populations.

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

“**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.

“**hunter group**” – means resident hunters or guided hunters.

“**regional manager**” – means regional manager 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.

Procedure Manual Cross-Reference:

Ministry Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7

Subsections:

- 01.03.1 Harvest Allocation
- 01.05.1 Quota
- 01.05.2 Administrative Guidelines
- 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
- 01.05 Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting
- 01.06 Limited Entry Hunting

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