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Allocation of Previously Unopened Hunts			

Ministry of Environment

This Policy Replaces:

Previous policy "Allocation of Previously Unopened Hunts", 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:

- 1) That the allowable harvest of previously unopened hunts on category A species be allocated 75% to resident hunters and 25% to guided hunters for the duration of the first allocation period.
- 2) Despite statement 1), the allowable harvest of previously unopened hunts on antlerless category A species is to be allocated 98% to resident hunters and 2% to guided hunters for the duration of the first allocation period.

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.

"allocation period" – means the five year period to which an allocation share applies.

"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.

"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.

"previously unopened hunt" – means a hunt for a category A species that has never occurred before or has not been open within the last 10 years in any part of a given region.

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“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
- 01.06.1 Limited Entry Hunting

Other Cross-References:

Ministry Policy Manual, Volume 4, Section 7

Subsections:

- 01.03 Harvest Allocation
- 01.05 Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting
- 01.06 Limited Entry Hunting
- 01.10 Resident Hunter Priority
- 01.11 Commercial Hunting Interests
- 01.13 Under-Harvest of Allocated Share

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