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Permit to Accompany Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens to Hunt Big Game			

This Policy Replaces:

4-7-01.04 Permit Allocation – Non-Resident (Canadian and Alien) Hunting (1985)

Staff and Organizations Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
Wildlife Administrative Staff
Conservation Officers
Regional Managers
FrontCounter BC
Hunters

Reason for this Policy:


The Ministry has established this policy to:

1. Provide resident hunters with the opportunity to engage in recreational hunting activities with close relatives or friends who are not residents of British Columbia (B.C.).
2. Prevent overharvest of big game populations in areas where limits have already been set.
3. Define the manner and form for Permit to Accompany Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens to Hunt Big Game (PTA) applications.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Ministry that:

1. Regional Managers may issue a permit to a resident hunter who is eligible to accompany non-residents, or closely-related non-resident aliens, to hunt big game;
2. Applications for a permit to accompany be processed in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system;
3. Applicants meet all of the requirements of the WILD system and the prescribed qualifications set out in the *Wildlife Act* and the Wildlife Act Permit Regulation.
4. Hunting is to only take place in areas where the harvest of the species applied for is not allocated under limited entry hunting or quota and where no remuneration or other compensation is or will be paid.

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Definitions:

accompany – means to remain in the company of the other person, able to see the other person without the aid of any device other than ordinary corrective lenses and able to communicate by unamplified voice with that person; as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488).

non-resident – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488) means

- (a) a person who is not a resident but who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, or
- (b) a person who
 - (i) is not a resident, but whose only or primary residence is in Canada, and
 - (ii) has resided in Canada for the 12 month period immediately before making an application under this Act or doing another thing relevant to the operation of this Act.

non-resident alien – means a person who is neither a resident nor a non-resident; as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488).

quota – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488) means

- (a) the total number of a game species, or
- (b) the total number of a type of game species

specified by the regional manager that the clients or a class of client of a guide outfitter may kill in the guide outfitter's guiding area, or part of it, during a licence year, or part of it, but does not include an angler day quota.

resident – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488) means

- (a) a person who
 - (i) is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and
 - (ii) has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under this Act or doing another thing relevant to the operation of this Act, or
- (b) a person who
 - (i) is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but whose only or primary residence is in British Columbia, and
 - (ii) has been physically present in British Columbia for the greater portion of each of the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the date of making an application under this Act or doing another thing relevant to the operation of this Act.



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Policy Manual Cross-References:

- 4-7-01.05 Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting
- 4-7-01.06 Limited Entry Hunting

Procedure Manual Cross-References:

- 4-7-01.04.1 Permit to Accompany Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens to Hunt Big Game

Other Cross-References:

- Wildlife Act* [RSBC 1996]
- Wildlife Act Permit Regulation [B.C. Reg. 52/2018]

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