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This Procedure Replaces:

4-7-01.04.1 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

PURPOSE

This procedure outlines recommended actions required to oversee the application and issuance process for permits to accompany non-residents and non-resident aliens to hunt big game (PTA) and supports the implementation of the Permit to Accompany Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens to Hunt Big Game Policy (4-7-01.04). There are seven sections to this procedure:


1. Roles
2. Conditions of Issuance
3. Eligibility Criteria for Applicant
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5. Calculation of Permits Issued
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Reason for this Procedure:

The Ministry has established this procedure to set criteria that must be met in order to proceed with an application for a permit to accompany, whereby permits are allocated to residents to accompany non-residents, or closely-related non-resident aliens, to hunt big game.

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

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communicate by unamplified voice with that person; as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488).

Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) – is a personalized identification number obtained when an individual registers in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system. The FWID is linked to an electronic profile that consists of users' personal information, credentials, licences, permits, applications and limited entry hunting authorizations.

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).

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 the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the *Wildlife Act*.

Procedure:

1 Roles

- 1.1 Wildlife management staff oversee provincial hunting programs and services.
- 1.2 Wildlife administration staff administer provincial hunting programs and services.

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- 1.3 Conservation Officers are public safety providers of the Government of British Columbia (B.C.), focused on natural resource law enforcement and human wildlife conflict prevention and response.
- 1.4 Regional Managers are authorized to issue permits to accompany under section 70(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act* (the Act).
- 1.5 FrontCounter BC is a service provider of provincial hunting services.
- 1.6 Hunters are users of B.C. hunting programs and services.

2 Conditions of Issuance

- 2.1 Applications are submitted online through the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system or in person at a FrontCounter BC office.
- 2.2 Applicants may apply to accompany up to two individuals per permit.
- 2.3 It is a term of every permit issued under section 70 (1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act* that:
 - (a) within 10 days after the hunt authorized by the permit is concluded, regardless of whether or not the hunt took place, the permit holder must submit a report through the WILD system; and
 - (b) within 30 days after the hunt authorized by the permit is concluded, the permit holder must submit royalty payment for each animal taken by a non resident or non resident alien under the permit, in the amount provided in Schedule 1.06 of the Wildlife Act Commercial Activities Regulation.

3 Eligibility Criteria for Applicant

- 3.1 To be eligible for a permit issued under section 70(1)(a) of the the Act an applicant must:
 - (a) be 19 years of age or older;
 - (b) be a B.C. resident, who is a Canadian citizen, or a permanent resident (landed immigrant) of Canada;
 - (c) have held a B.C. resident hunting licence and a big game species licence for
 - (i) 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding the application for this permit; or
 - (ii) 2 of the 5 licence years immediately preceding the application for this permit, if the applicant has successfully completed the CORE program as defined in B.C. Reg. 53/98, the Hunter Safety Training Regulation.
- 3.2 To be issued a permit to accompany, the applicant must be registered in the WILD system and have an active:
 - (a) Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) with verified user status;



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- (b) B.C. resident credential; and
 - (c) hunting credential.
- 3.3 Resident hunters may apply to accompany either or both:
- (a) a non-resident hunter, and/or
 - (b) a non-resident alien hunter.
- 3.4 When accompanying non-resident aliens, applicants are only allowed to accompany those who are related to the permit holder in the following ways: father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandson, grandfather, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, granddaughter, grandmother, spouse, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.
- 3.5 A person is not eligible for a permit if they have failed to submit the report under Condition 2.3(a), or failed to submit royalties under Condition 2.4(b).
- 3.6 A person is not eligible for a permit if another permit under section 70(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act* has been issued to the applicant in the same licence year.
- 3.7 A person is not eligible for a permit under section 70(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act* if either the applicant or the non resident or non resident alien to whom the permit would apply, has been convicted of an offence:
- (a) Specified under section 84(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act*, within the 5 year period immediately preceding the application for a permit; or,
 - (b) Specified under section 84(1)(b) of the *Wildlife Act*, or the *Firearm Act* within the 3 year period immediately preceding the application for a permit.

4 Eligibility Criteria for Person(s) to be Accompanied

- 4.1 To be eligible, the person(s) to be accompanied must be registered in the WILD system and have an active:
- (a) FWID with verified user status, and
 - (b) A non-resident or non-resident alien credential;
- 4.2 The person(s) to be accompanied may be accompanied by more than one permit holder within one 21 days period per licence year.
- 4.3 A person is not eligible for a permit under section 70(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act* if either the applicant or the non resident or non resident alien to whom the permit would apply, has been convicted of an offence:



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- (a) Specified under section 84(1)(a) of the *Wildlife Act*, within the 5 year period immediately preceding the application for a permit; or,
- (b) Specified under section 84(1)(b) of the *Wildlife Act*, or the *Firearm Act* within the 3 year period immediately preceding the application for a permit.

5 Calculation of permits issued

- 5.1 The Regional Wildlife Section Head recommends to the Regional Manager the number of permits to be issued for a big game species, as a portion of the total allowable harvest for the species in the region.

6 The Hunt

- 6.1 Successful applicants and their parties are not permitted to hunt in more than one region as defined in section 3 of the Hunting Regulation.
- 6.2 A permit must not be issued under section 70 (1) (a) of the *Wildlife Act* for a period of more than 21 days.
- 6.3 Additional regulatory requirements are set out in section 16 of the Permit Regulation.

7 Licences

- 7.1 Permit holders and accompanied hunters are required to hold an uncanceled licence for the species being hunted.

Policy Manual Cross-References:

- 4-7-01.03 Allocation of Hunting Privileges
- 4-7-01.04 Permit to Accompany Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens to Hunt Big Game
- 4-7-01.05 Quota Allocation

Procedure Manual Cross-References:

- 4-7-01.03.1 Allocation of Hunting Privileges
- 4-7-01.05.1 Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting

Other Cross-References:

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

