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#### This Procedure Replaces:

None

#### Staff and Organizations Affected:

Regional Managers
Director
Public
First Nations
Municipalities
Government of Canada

#### Reason for this Procedure:

To support a consistent and fair approach to evaluating whether applicants have sufficient skill to undertake certain activities that are subject to a permit application.

#### **PROCEDURE**

1 Permits authorizing uses of a conveyance contrary to section 27 of the *Wildlife Act* (Permit Regulation 3.1)

Hunting Wildlife from an Aircraft (Permit Regulation 3.1(1)(b))

- 1.1 In evaluating whether an applicant for a permit to hunt wildlife from an aircraft has "sufficient skill to undertake the activity," as required by section 3.1(3)(a) of the Permit Regulation, a regional manager or the Director should consider:
  - (a) Experience hunting wildlife from an aircraft, or similar experience (e.g., military, search and rescue, etc.);
  - (b) Relevant training, education and licencing (e.g. Shooting from a helicopter, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education, Possession and Acquisition Licence, military experience, Helicopter Pilot);
  - (c) Required equipment (e.g., appropriate firearm(s), ammunition, safety gear);
  - (d) Ability to reliably identify wildlife and ensure humane hunting practices; and
  - (e) Ability to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of people involved in the hunt.

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Herding or Harassing Wildlife with the Use of a Motor Vehicle... (Permit Regulation 3.1(1)(d))

- 1.2 In evaluating whether an applicant for a permit to herd or harass wildlife with the use of a motor vehicle, aircraft, boat or other mechanical device has "sufficient skill to undertake the activity," as required by section 3.1(3)(a) of the Permit Regulation, a regional manager or the Director should consider:
  - (a) Work experience herding wildlife from an aircraft, or similar work experience;
  - (b) Relevant training, education and licencing (e.g. Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education, Helicopter Pilot Licence, Pleasure Craft Operator Licence);
  - (c) Required equipment (e.g., safety gear);
  - (d) Ability to reliably identify wildlife and ensure humane herding practices; and
  - (e) Ability to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of people involved in herding.

#### **Definitions:**

**Director** – means the director of the Wildlife and Habitat Branch.

**Regional manager** – means a regional manager of the recreational fisheries and wildlife programs, which, except in sections 6 (2), 9 (1), 17 (1) and 23 (4) (c) of the Permit Regulation, includes a person authorized by a regional manager.

#### **Policy Manual Cross-References:**

4-7-4.01.3 Control of Species

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## **Procedure Manual Cross-References:**

4-7-4.01.3 Protecting Species at Risk from Other Species

### **Other Cross-References:**

Permit Regulation (253/2000) Wildlife Act (RSBC 1996 c.488)

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