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This Procedure Replaces:

Previous procedure "Quota", January 1, 2007.

Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
Regional Managers
Director
Resident Hunters
Guide Outfitters

Policy Cross-Reference:

Ministry Policy Manual, Volume 4, Section 7

Subsections:

- 01.03 Harvest Allocation
- 01.05 Quota Allocation – Guided Hunting
- 01.11 Commercial Hunting Interests
- 01.12 Allocation of Previously Unopened Hunts
- 01.13 Under-Harvest of Allocated Share

Other Cross-References:

- Ministry Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
- 01.05.2 Administrative Guidelines

Purpose:

To outline the method by which quotas are determined and allocated as conditions of guide outfitter licences.

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.

"big game" – means big game as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.488.

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

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“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.

“limited entry hunting authorization” (L.E.H. authorization) – means limiting entry hunting authorization as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.488.

“non-resident” – means a non resident or non resident alien as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, c.488.

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

“regional section head” – means a section head responsible for overseeing regional fish and wildlife staff in the Environmental Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment.

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

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

Procedure:

1. Calculation of quotas

- 1.1 Allocations of harvest opportunities to guided hunters by means of a quota should be based on the calculation of an annual allowable harvest (AAH), and be consistent with the Ministry of Environment’s policy and procedure concerning harvest allocations.
- 1.2 Quotas should be calculated by the regional section head, in accordance with the allocation share determined by the director.
- 1.3 Quotas recommended by the regional section head should not exceed the guided hunters’ portion of the total allocated harvest for the big game population.
- 1.4 Quotas should be calculated to reflect guided hunters’ share of the harvestable portion of the population within each guide outfitter’s territory, if available.
- 1.5 If a limited entry hunt (L.E.H.) has been instituted;
 - (a) the harvest by any guided resident hunter with a L.E.H. authorization should not be included in the quota;
 - (b) a resident hunter without a L.E.H. authorization may purchase the services of a guide outfitter, and the harvest should be included in that guide outfitter’s quota.
- 1.6 If no L.E.H. has been instituted, the harvest by resident hunters (guided or unguided) should not be included in the quota.

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1.7 The harvest by any guided non-resident is included in the quota.

2. Recommendation and approval of quotas

- 2.1 Once calculated, quotas should be recommended by the regional section head to the regional manager.
- 2.2 The regional manager should provide final approval of quotas in a timely manner and in accordance with regulation setting policy and procedure.
- 2.3 The regional manager should enter approved quotas onto the guide outfitter's licence as a condition of the licence.

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