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This Policy Replaces:

- 4-7-01.06 – Limited Entry Hunting (1985)

Staff and Organizations Affected:

Director of Fish and Wildlife Branch
Wildlife Management Staff
Wildlife Administration Staff
Conservation Officers
Service BC
FrontCounter BC
Vendors
Resident Hunters

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Ministry that:

1. Resident harvest in a given area for a given population is controlled through limited entry hunting where it is deemed that other methods of regulation are inadequate for meeting wildlife management objectives;
2. Limited entry hunting is made available only to residents of British Columbia. Residency exemptions as defined in the *Wildlife Act* may apply;
3. The tentative number of authorizations for each hunt is disclosed in the *Limited Entry Hunting Regulations Synopsis*;
4. Resident hunters wishing to apply for limited entry hunting are required to hold a Fish and Wildlife ID with active B.C. resident and hunting credentials;
5. Limited entry hunting applications are non-refundable and non-transferrable;
6. A random draw of applications is conveyed to allocate limited entry hunting authorizations;
7. The Director communicates by means of press release or other publication when the draw has been run; and
8. Limited entry hunting authorizations cannot be transferred or cancelled.

Definitions:

“Fish and Wildlife ID” (FWID) – is a personalized identification number obtained when an individual registers in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data system. The FWID is linked to an electronic profile that consists of users’ personal information, credentials, licences,

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permits, applications and limited entry hunting application status. Obtaining a FWID is a precondition for accessing hunting programs and services.

“hunting credential” – a prerequisite a hunter must fulfil to access hunting opportunities in British Columbia.

“limited entry hunting” – means hunting pursuant to the Limited Entry Hunting Regulation (B.C. Reg. 134/93) of the *Wildlife Act*.

“limited entry hunting authorization” – as defined in the *Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488), means an authorization issued under Section 16.

“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.

“residency exemptions” – as defined in the *Wildlife Act General Regulations* (B.C.Reg.340/82), means

- (a) a person who
 - i) is a member of the armed services of Her Majesty raised by Canada and enrolled in continuing full time military service who has made his or her permanent residence in British Columbia for thirty consecutive days immediately before making an application under the *Wildlife Act* or doing another thing relevant to the operation of the Act,
 - ii) is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, who leaves British Columbia to attend a recognized educational institution, and who returns to British Columbia on completion of studies at the institution concerned, or
 - iii) is under 18 years of age, has resided with a parent or guardian in another province and returns to British Columbia to reside with another parent or guardian who is a resident

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is, for the purpose of qualifying as a resident, exempt from the requirements set out in paragraph of the definition of "resident" in section 1 of the *Wildlife Act*.

Reasons for this Policy:

The Fish and Wildlife Branch established this policy to provide a framework for limited entry hunting. Limited entry hunting allows resident hunters to have the opportunity to enjoy hunting privileges when wildlife management has identified the need to set specific limits on harvest or opportunity.

Policy Manual Cross-References:

- Policy Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
- Subsection:
 - 01.03 Harvest Allocation
 - 01.14 Resident Hunter

Procedure Manual Cross-References:

- Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
- Subsection:
 - 01.06.1 Limited Entry Hunting
 - 01.03.1 Harvest Allocation
 - 01.14.1 Resident Hunter

Other Cross-References:

- Limited Entry Hunting Regulation [B.C.Reg.134/93]
- Wildlife Act General Regulation [B.C.Reg.340/82]

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