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This Policy Replaces:

None


Staff and Organizations Affected:

Wildlife Management Staff
 Wildlife Administration Staff
 Service BC
 FrontCounter BC
 Vendors
 Hunters
 Guide Outfitters

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Ministry that:

1. An active Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) with verified user status is required to apply for:
 - (a) the limited entry hunting draw,
 - (b) a resident hunting licence,
 - (c) species licences,
 - (d) an initiation hunting licence,
 - (e) a youth hunting licence,
 - (f) a Fraser Valley special area licence,
 - (g) a Gulf Islands special area licence,
 - (h) a permit to accompany, and
 - (i) a guide outfitter licence;
2. First Nations persons residing in British Columbia registered under the *Indian Act* (Canada) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a FWID except when applying for:
 - (a) the limited entry hunting draw, or
 - (b) a species licence to supervise a non-First Nation hunter under a youth or initiation licence;
3. A person must not obtain and use more than one FWID;
4. Applicants of a licence, permit or authorization must meet all of the eligibility criteria associated to a licence, permit or authorization to complete the application process; and

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5. Government employees must not issue their own FWID or manage their own Fish and Wildlife profile in the internal Wildlife Information and Licensing Data system.

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, permits, applications and limited entry hunting authorizations.

“verified user” – status granted to a user’s Fish and Wildlife profile in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data system after the user has provided one of the acceptable documentation, as prescribed in the Fish and Wildlife ID Procedure, to prove identity.

Reasons for this Policy:

To define the identification required to access British Columbia’s hunting services online.

Policy Manual Cross-References:

None

Procedure Manual Cross-References:

Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7

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Other Cross-References:

Wildlife Act (RSBC 1996 c.488)