This Policy Replaces:
4-7-01.15 Fish and Wildlife ID (July 11, 2017)

Staff and Organizations Affected:
- Wildlife Management Staff
- Wildlife Administration Staff
- Service BC
- FrontCounter BC
- Vendors
- Hunters
- Guide Outfitters
- Conservation Officers

Reason for this Policy:
The Ministry has established this policy to define the identification required to access British Columbia’s (B.C.) hunting services online.

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) restricted and unrestricted non-resident hunting licences, 
   (d) restricted and unrestricted non-resident alien hunting licences, 
   (e) species licences, 
   (f) an initiation hunting licence, 
   (g) a youth hunting licence, 
   (h) a Fraser Valley special area licence, 
   (i) a Gulf Islands special area licence, 
   (j) a permit to accompany non-residents or non-resident aliens to hunt big game, and 
   (k) a guide outfitter licence;

2. First Nations persons residing in B.C. that are registered under Indian Act (Canada) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a FWID except when applying for:

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(a) the limited entry hunting draw, or
(b) a species licence to supervise a non-First Nation person hunting 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;

5. A licensed guide outfitter is eligible to register their clients for a FWID in the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system; and

6. Government employees must not issue their own FWID or manage their own Fish and Wildlife profile in the internal WILD system.

Definitions:

**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.

**verified user status** – status granted to a user’s Fish and Wildlife profile in WILD after the user has provided one of the acceptable documentation, as prescribed in the Fish and Wildlife ID Procedure, to prove identity.

**Wildlife Information and Licensing Data (WILD) system** – The WILD system holds data relating to hunting clients and hunting products, and is used for processing hunter registration and hunting product applications and sales.

Policy Manual Cross-References:
None

Procedure Manual Cross-References:
4-7-01.15.1 Fish and Wildlife ID

Other Cross-References:
*Indian Act* (RSC 1985 c.I-5)
*Wildlife Act* (RSBC 1996 c.488)