



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

For more than 100 years, Alberta has protected and conserved wildlife resources through managed hunting. To ensure our hunting tradition is passed to future generations, Sustainable

Resource Development continues to pursue improvements to provide safe, enjoyable hunting.

We have moved to a two-year cycle for hunting regulations to provide more time to plan and complete consultations. This change also gives hunters two years of consistent regulations. Regulation guides will still be published annually.

Interest in our online hunting and fishing licensing system, albertarelm.com, continues to grow with 65 per cent of special licence draw applications purchased online. The online system also provides a quick and easy way to gather feedback on hunter harvest and surveys. This online feedback provides our staff with a more efficient and proactive way to evaluate game management programs.

Grizzly bears frequently use black bear baiting sites, so baiting will now be prohibited within portions of three Wildlife Management Units. This partial ban on black bear baiting supports hunter safety and ongoing grizzly bear conservation efforts as outlined in the Alberta Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. Please check the regulations guide for more details.

Landowners can now keep cougars lawfully hunted on their land and are no longer required to turn them over to the department. This change reduces waste from landowner harvest.

Encouraging participation in hunting continues to be a priority. Hunters with a severe disability who hold a weapons discharge permit are now authorized to hunt from any kind of vehicle parked in a safe hunting location (not just from an off-highway vehicle). I am also pleased that hunting is becoming more popular with young Albertans with 2010 seeing an increase of five per cent in the number of youth hunters.

The Alberta government supports hunting as a way to enjoy Alberta's outdoors. Be careful in the field, respect the land and be sure to get permission for access where required. Best wishes for a quality hunting experience.

Mel R. Knight,
Minister

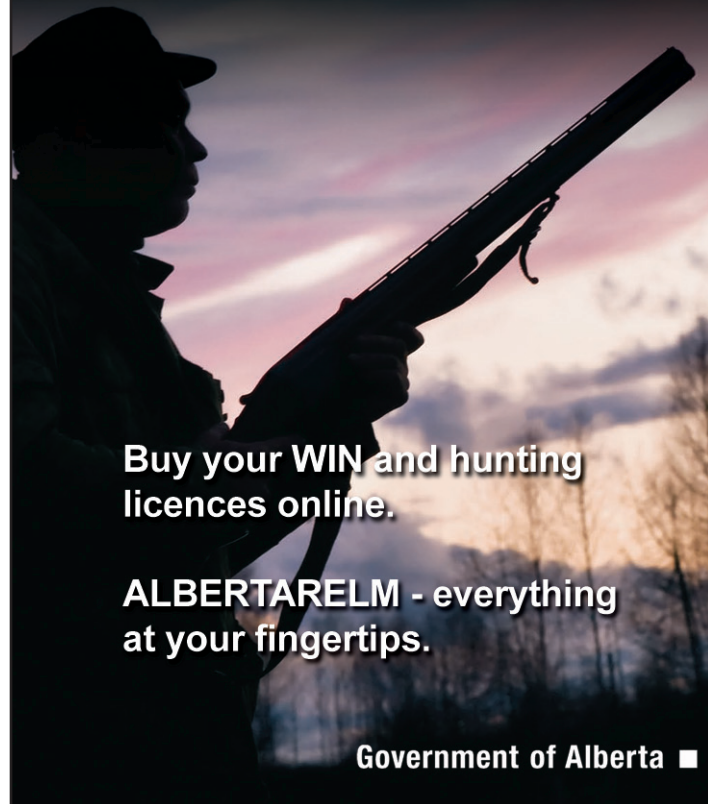
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IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2011

GENERAL

- **NEW for 2011**, the tag colour has been changed from **orange** to **yellow**. For online purchase, the new yellow tags are available at your local Fish and Wildlife Division District office free of charge. Hunters are asked to destroy any of the old orange tags left over from past seasons.
- **Beginning 2012** the Hunting Draw Booklet and priorities will **NO LONGER** be mailed directly to past draw applicants. An email will be sent to advise applicants when the booklet will be available at Fish and Wildlife Division District offices, Licence Issuers and online.
- Draw applicants with an email address recorded on albertarelm.com will no longer receive their draw results by mail. They will receive email notification (starting July 14, 2011) directing them to view their draw results online at albertarelm.com.
- Alberta Transportation changed the way that primary and secondary highways are defined, renaming both types as “provincial highways”. This change also affected the *Wildlife Act* and no longer allows a person to hunt game birds using a shotgun along a secondary highway (such as Hwy 734, known as the Forestry Trunk Road). See page 18 for details.
- **Bear and Cougar seasons are now on pages 59 and 60.**
- Landowners are encouraged to report situations where a person trespasses on their land and harvests wildlife. An amendment has improved the courts ability to deal with situations where wildlife was taken on lands where no access permission had been granted, or in a location where the person was prohibited from discharging a weapon.
- Alberta residents may now hunt (or trap) red squirrel on private land.

BIG GAME

- In WMUs 210 and 400 - 414, big game hunting is now permitted on Sundays during open seasons.
- An archery and general hunting season for antlered elk (3-point or larger) has been created in WMU 508.
- An archery and Antlerless Elk Special Licence hunting season for antlerless elk in WMU 508 has been created.
- An archery and general hunting season for antlered elk (3-point or larger) has been created in WMU 525.
- The antlered elk hunting season in WMU 526 has been changed from a Special Licence to a General Licence (3-point or larger).
- An Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licence hunting season has been created for WMU 151 and 152.
- An archery-only hunting season for Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licences has been added for WMUs 164, 166 and 208.
- The Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence has been replaced with an Either Sex Elk Special Licence. **Applicant's priorities accumulated in the Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence Draw (Draw Code 20) will be transferred to this draw (Draw Code 41) but only if they apply for this draw in 2011.**
- The Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licence hunting season in WMUs 728/730 (Camp Wainwright) has been replaced with an Either Sex Elk Special Licence.
- An Antlered and Antlerless Moose Special Licence hunting season has been created in WMU 151.
- The Antlered, Antlerless and Calf Moose Special Licence in WMU 728/730 have been split into three separate seasons for each licence type.
- The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is no longer valid in WMUs 150, 151, 162, 163, 240, 242, 250, 252, 260, 504 and 506.
- The hunting of antlerless white-tailed deer in WMUs 150, 151, 162 and 163 now requires an Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence.
- Holders of an Antelope Archery Special Licence will be able to harvest either a trophy or non-trophy antelope.
- The hunting season for mountain goats has been opened in Goat Hunting Areas C and Q.
- Cougar seasons have been expanded. For season dates and open WMUs refer to page 59.

- During cougar registration a small premolar tooth will be removed before the skull and skin are returned to the hunter.
- Baiting for black bears is now prohibited in portions of WMUs 320, 324 and 526.
- New restrictions apply to the use of bait for hunting wolves or coyotes on public land. See page 61.
- It has been common practice for groups of hunters to meet at one hunters home in order to butcher their big game. Legislation has been changed to accommodate this accepted practice, allowing the tag and evidence or class, sex, and species to be removed at the usual residence of a resident of Alberta, provided that the resident is in attendance and the animal is being cut up and packaged. See page 41 for more details.
- Sheep hunters are reminded that they must view a sheep “in profile” (on a horizontal plane with the front of the right and left horn bases aligned) in order to be certain whether the sheep meets the definition of a Trophy Sheep or a Full-Curl Trophy Sheep. See page 40.

BIRD GAME

- There are changes to game bird season dates, changes to the list of open WMUs that have open seasons, and changes to bag limits. See page 63.
- The Camp Wainwright ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse season has been opened for 2011.

WMU DESCRIPTIONS

The WMU boundaries shown on the enclosed map are small-scale approximations of the actual units legally described in the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97) and subsequent amendments. The map enclosed in this Guide is provided to help you identify the WMU in which you wish to hunt. **It is your responsibility to know in which WMU you are hunting and the seasons, rules and regulations that govern hunting in that WMU.** Text descriptions of the WMU boundaries may be either read at your nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or through the Alberta Queen's Printer website (www.qp.alberta.ca) or purchased from The Alberta Queen's Printer at the following address:

Alberta Queen's Printer
10611 - 98 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2P7
Telephone: (780) 427-4952

NOTE: The Queen's Printer does not sell maps.

MAPS

Maps providing information about access, topography and land ownership can be purchased at several locations throughout the province. Contact your local Map Dealer. Map Dealer locations are highlighted on the Map Distribution Centre external website at srd.alberta.ca

Provincial and Federal Maps

Provincial and federal access and topographical maps are available from various private map dealers throughout the province.

County and Other Municipal Maps

Hunters are reminded to check with county and municipal offices for detailed maps showing land ownership status. These maps are available for a nominal fee and are useful for determining land status and ownership, which can help you obtain permission for access.

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INTERNET LICENSING – THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

BACKGROUND

What is albertarelm.com?

Albertarelm.com is a website built specifically for anglers and hunters and is funded in part by your licence fees. By registering on this site, hunters and anglers can buy or renew their Wildlife Identification Number card (WIN), buy sportfishing licences and hunting licences, and apply for their draws online.

Hunters and anglers can view their licence purchases for the past five years, including their draw application history, draw results and priorities, update their addresses and telephone numbers and receive directed information.

What is a WIN

A WIN is your unique Wildlife Identification Number which is required to purchase all your fishing and hunting licences (see page 20).

Prior to 2008, fishing and hunting licences were only available at private sector licence issuers located throughout the province. There are more than 360 private sector licence issuers with licences available during business hours.

In 2008, Sustainable Resource Development in conjunction with IBM expanded your options with the introduction of online licence sales. You can now visit albertarelm.com and purchase or renew your WIN and purchase your sportfishing licence and hunting licences and apply for draws.

ONLINE PURCHASES

What do I need to purchase an online licence?

You will need a valid credit card, an email address, access to a computer with an internet connection and a printer to print your licences. If you do not have an email address, free addresses are available through internet service providers or free email services such as Hotmail and Gmail. Credit cards accepted are Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

If you purchase a licence online that requires a tag(s) you must use an

online paper tag. The online paper tags contain a unique 10 digit tag number. You are required to enter it when making your purchase. Tags are available at your local Fish and Wildlife Division District office free of charge. Print your licence once your purchase is complete. You do not need to wait for a licence to be mailed or go to another location to pick it up. If you lose your online licence, you can reprint the licence online at no cost.

What does it cost to buy an online licence?

Your online licence will cost the same as a licence purchased at your local licence issuer. The cost varies according to the type of licence you buy. There are no added service fees.

What are the technical requirements for my computer for online purchases?

Your internet browser should use Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 6.0 or newer or Firefox Version 3.5 or higher. To print your licence, your operating system should be Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 or higher. Adobe Acrobat is available as a free download once you are connected to the internet.

Is there someone I can call if I have problems when I try to purchase a licence?

You can call the albertarelm Help Desk (1-888-944-5494) for assistance. You can also send e-mail inquiries to drawhunt@ca.ibm.com

How do I know my information is secure?

Your internet browser will indicate that you are operating on a secure server. You will know this as the URL of the website will begin with an "https" rather than "http" and there will be a closed padlock on the status bar.

Albertarelm is protected using a secure internet service know as Verisign. The information you enter is transmitted using a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) of communications.

Your credit card information is encrypted for added security. Your credit card number will not be stored in our database.

HOW TO ACCESS THE ONLINE SYSTEM

The screenshot shows the AlbertaRELM website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AlbertaRELM logo and the text "AlbertaRELM". Below this, there are three main sections for user interaction:

- Already registered?**: A section with a "Login" button and a "Forgot your password?" link. It contains fields for "WIN card:" and "Password:".
- Not registered**: A section with a "Register WIN" button. It contains a "WIN card:" field.
- Apply for your WIN Online!**: A section with an "Apply for a WIN" button. It contains a "WIN card:" field.

Below these sections, there is a paragraph explaining that a Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) is required to purchase hunting and sportfishing licences in Alberta. It also includes a note about logging in and checking email addresses.

Online Licensing

On this secure website you can:

- apply for a WIN, renew your WIN, replace your WIN card.
- buy Alberta Sportfishing licence(s).
- buy a Wildlife Certificate, bird licence and a bowhunting permit.
- buy hunting licences with tags valid for general and special (authorized through draw, landowner and undersubscribed) seasons, see Licences Available on AlbertaRELM for a complete list.

To buy a general or special licence with a tag(s) using this site, you must have a prenumbered 10 digit Government of Alberta tag & wire before you begin your online purchase. Tags are available at Fish & Wildlife district offices.

Licences for hunting with an Outfitter Guide are not available online and can be purchased through a Licence Issuer.

Information

You can use this website to:

- view your draw applications, draw results, draw priorities and licence history for the last five seasons.
- get your test results for your herd submissions for Chronic Wasting Disease.
- reprint your lost or destroyed licences purchased online.

For assistance call the RELM Help Desk at 1-888-944-5494 or email drawhunt@ca.ibm.com

Other Sources

For more information on fishing and hunting, visit the Sustainable Resource Development website.

Alberta Guide to Regulations and Draw booklets (hunting and fishing) are available online.

At the bottom of the page, there are logos for "AlbertaRELM.com" and "Alberta Conservation Association".

Already registered?

Enter your WIN and the password you selected when you registered the first time. Forgot your password? Click on this button to re-register.

Need to Register your WIN

Register your WIN the first time you access your personal information.

1. Enter your WIN (10 digits)
2. Enter the identification number you provided when you applied for your WIN. This would be your driver's licence number, health care number or passport number. This is a security measure to ensure only you can access your personal information.
3. Your WIN and your identification number are used to verify your identity. This will prevent anyone else from logging in and accessing your personal information. Enter a password of your choice and your email address. If you have any problems, contact the RELM Help Desk at 1-888-944-5494.

Apply for your WIN Online!

If you do not have a WIN, you can apply online. Immediately after purchasing your WIN you will be able to purchase your draw application, hunting and/or sportfishing licences online.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will help you understand this Guide:

Antlered – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

Antlerless – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not “antlered” (as defined above).

Bait – any substance that consists of a food attractant, including any mineral and any representation of a food attractant.

Big Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide big game hunters in Alberta. A Designated Guide may guide not more than two Non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien big game hunters at a time in any part of Alberta, provided that each Non-resident (Canadian) or Non-resident alien has contracted the hunt through an Outfitter-guide. The two-hunter limit does not include Resident hunters.

Big Game Outfitter-guide – a person who is the holder of a valid Outfitter-guide Permit, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to big game hunters in Alberta.

- Class S Outfitter-guide – an Outfitter-guide who holds Non-resident (Canadian)/Non-resident Alien allocations for Trophy Sheep Special Licences. A Class S Outfitter-guide may also hold allocations for other big game special licences.
- Class T Outfitter-guide – an Outfitter-guide who holds allocations valid for Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien big game special licences other than those for trophy sheep.

Bird Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide game bird hunters in Alberta.

Bird Game Outfitter-guide – a person who is the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit issued by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society and who provides outfitting and guiding services to non-resident and non-resident alien game bird hunters in Alberta.

Either Sex Special Elk – authorizes the hunting of any age, size, or gender of elk in a specific WMU.

Green Area – forest lands not available for agricultural development other than grazing. In general, the Green Area is public land outside the parkland and prairie regions or roughly in the northern half of the province and within a strip running along the Rocky Mountains and foothills.

Hunter Host – an adult resident who is the holder of a valid Hunter Host Licence. To obtain this licence, the adult must hold a valid WIN and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences. A Hunter Host **may not provide services for gain or reward or accept a fee for services, directly or indirectly.**

The licence authorizes the holder (**usually a relative or friend of the hunters to be hosted**) to host a maximum of two non-residents (Canadian) or non-resident aliens* named on the host’s licence to hunt wolf, coyote and big game throughout the province. * Non-resident alien hunters are referred to Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 23) for additional conditions and restrictions.

Loaded Firearm – A firearm in or on a vehicle, aircraft or boat is considered loaded if it has live ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine. Cartridges are permitted in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm.

Non-resident (Canadian) – a person who is not a Resident (see below), but who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in Canada, and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.

Non-resident Alien – a person who is neither a Resident (see below) nor a Non-resident (see above).

OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) – any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or on other natural terrain. [Exceptions: motor boats, as well as four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles registered in accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act*.] OHVs include the following kinds of vehicles when they are designed for cross-country travel as described above:

- four-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles,
- motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles,
- amphibious machines,
- all-terrain vehicles,
- miniature motor vehicles,
- snow vehicles,

- minibikes, or
- any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

Partner Licence – a licence issued to an eligible hunter that allows him or her to hunt a specific species in a specified WMU and season under the direct authority of a Special Licence held by another hunter successful in a draw.

Resident – a person who either

- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta and
 - 1) is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to **permanent** residence in Canada, or
 - 2) has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date; or
- is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the *Elections Act* (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act.

Special Licence – a licence obtained through a draw process, or for Non-resident and Non-resident Alien hunters, through an Outfitter-guide. It permits hunting of a specific type or class of game only in specific areas during a specified season (page 22).

Weapon – a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.

White Geese – snow and Ross’ geese.

WMU – Wildlife Management Unit, a geographical area prescribed in legislation.

WIN – Wildlife Identification Number, a permanent registration number issued to each hunter and angler.

Month Abbreviations

The following defines the month abbreviations used in this guide:

A – August S – September O – October
N – November D – December
J – January F – February M – March
Ap – April Ma – May Ju – June

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