

M.D. of Opportunity No 17
REGULATORY SERVICES POLICY

TITLE: Wolf Reduction Incentive Program

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 28, 2020

POLICY NUMBER: RS.1

Policy Statement:

The MD of Opportunity No. 17 recognizes a need to support wolf population control efforts to reduce livestock depredation and enhance caribou protection. The MD of Opportunity No. 17 will implement procedures to provide for a wolf reduction incentive program, for the purpose of promoting the lawful hunting of wolves. Through this program, registrants will receive a monetary reward for the entire carcass of an adult wolf hunted within the MD of Opportunity No. 17.

1. General

- a) The Wolf Reduction Incentive Program will be in effect as directed by Council.
- b) Council will, during budget deliberations, establish a budget cap for the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program. If the budget cap is repealed prior to scheduled end date, the program will be re-evaluated.
- c) By resolution of Council, the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program will be active or terminated.

2. Responsibilities of Parties

- a) The M.D. of Opportunity No. 17 shall pay compensation as per Schedule "A", per adult wolf carcass, presented to the designated receiving location in accordance with the listed conditions:
 - 1. The M.D. of Opportunity No. 17 Wolf Reduction Incentive Program will be in effect within boundaries of the M.D. of Opportunity No. 17, including First Nation communities.
 - 2. Registrants requesting reduction reward payment shall enter into a Contract of Participation agreement.
 - 3. Eligible registrants will be limited to registered landowners with The M.D. of Opportunity No. 17 boundaries, legally licensed trappers, and licensed resident trappers *only*; resident of First Nations will be accepted as landowners of the Nation as per delineated map boundaries.
 - 4. Carcasses will be delivered to a designated delivery point, for examination. Examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant, and the wolf was not claimed in another program; the registrant will then be provided with a payment authorization. The registrant shall be responsible for proper carcass disposal.
 - 5. Carcasses are to be presented within 72 hours from the time of harvest.
 - 6. Carcasses are to be delivered unaltered, both ears and tongue must be visible upon delivery to be eligible for the wolf reduction incentive claim.

7. When requesting authorization for reward payment, the registrant must declare the following
 - That the wolf was harvested within an 8 kilometer (5 mile) perimeter of private property
 - The legal land location where the wolf was harvested
 - That they are the registered legal landowner or authorized occupant of the land; and/or
 - That the registrant has permission to hunt on the said land
8. Registrants participating in the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Legislation and Regulations; including, but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, the Firearms Act and Petty Trespass Act.
9. Registrants shall be remove from list of qualified participants if it is determined that they have not adhered to the Policy as set by the Council, and shall forfeit all benefit from the said program.
10. Wolves taken outside of The M.D. of Opportunity No. 17, or where criteria of clause 7 are not met, do not qualify for the incentive reward.
11. Disputes over eligible claims for incentive rewards shall be settled at the discretion of the Director of Regulated Services.
12. At the discretion of the Director of Regulatory Services, a harvest site inspection may be required to verify the wolf reduction claim.

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