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Dear Guide Outfitter:

RE: Implementation of the Harvest Allocation Policy for 2014

I am writing this letter to inform you of recent decisions regarding the implementation of the Harvest Allocation Policy for 2014. The policy and supporting procedures describe the process for Ministry staff to consider when determining how the government should divide the annual allowable harvest (AAH) of specific game populations between resident hunters and guides. More information can be found on the Harvest Allocation website:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/harvest_alloc/.

Through the Wildlife Harvest Allocation Review process which is currently underway, FLNRO, stakeholders and an independent facilitator continue to develop a transparent wildlife allocation data base and to consider future improvements to policy. This process is still underway yet the immediate need for guide outfitters to understand their quota for 2014 is well understood. This letter is intended to provide you with information regarding the implementation of the Harvest Allocation Policy for 2014.

Direction is now going out to regional staff that will advise them to consider the same policy mitigation measures for 2014 that informed quota decisions for 2013. These measures were captured in a letter that was sent on December 14th, 2012 to all guides and it is posted on our Harvest Allocation website (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/harvest_alloc/docs/harv_alloc_policy_ltr_dec2012.pdf).

The Harvest Allocation Policy and Procedure, along with the recent policy direction will provide guidance for Regional Managers and their delegates to consider when assigning annual quotas for allocated species. Once quota calculations for 2014 have been finalized, you can expect your Regional Manager to communicate this to you.

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In the meantime, however, if you do have any specific questions or comments, please contact wildlife staff at your regional Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office. Regional Office phone numbers can be found at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/offices.html>.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Wilson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Andrew Wilson
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