



Clear Hills County

Effective Date March 13, 2012	Policy Number 6307
Title: WOLF HUNT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

1.1. In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife Clear Hills County will implement procedures to provide for a wolf hunt incentive program for the purpose of promoting wolf hunting in the municipality. Through this program wolf registrants will receive a monetary reward for the pelt or carcass of a wolf hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

2. General

- 2.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Wolf Hunt Incentive program.
- 2.2. By resolution of Council the Wolf Hunt Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Clear Hills County shall pay compensation of three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars wolf (adult and non-adult) taken by a registrant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions: The Clear Hills County Wolf Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.

3.1.1 Registrants requesting bounty payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A.

3.1.2 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass or pelt from each wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to the Agricultural Fieldman, Community Development Manager or Chief Administrative Officer.

3.1.3 When presenting the carcass or pelt Registrants must produce written verification from the landowner or occupant for the land declaring:

3.1.3.1 The land location where the wolf was harvested;

3.1.3.2 That they are the landowner or occupant of said land; and

- 3.1.3.3 That the registrant had permission to hunt on said land.
- 3.1.4 Any carcass or pelt received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 3.1.5 Any a carcass or pelt that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 3.1.6 Registrants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 3.1.7 Registrants participating in the Wolf Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, Petty Trespass Act.
- 3.1.8 Registrants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program.
- 3.1.9 Registrants attempting to receive payment of bounty for wolves taken from outside of Clear Hills County shall be disqualified from receiving benefit from the program.

3. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

Resolution C494(06/22/10)

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AMENDED:

Resolution C167(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

AMENDED:

Resolution C147-12(03/13/12)

Date: March 13, 2012



Appendix A (Policy 6307)
Contract of Participation – Wolf Hunt Incentive Program
Between Participants and Clear Hills County

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County (“Municipality”) has approved a wolf hunt incentive program (“Program”) for the purpose of promoting wolf hunting within the Municipality. Through this program, wolf hunters (“Participants”) will receive a monetary reward (“Reward”) for the pelt or carcass of a wolf hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE:** While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.

2. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.

3. **PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD:** In order to obtain the Reward, the pelt or carcass of a lawfully hunted wolf must be presented to an appropriate representative of the Municipality. Any pelt or carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any pelt or carcass that has been previously marked by a representative of the Municipality will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a wolf must be lawfully hunted within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation (“Contract”) will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each wolf was killed and must also produce appropriate documentation as follows:
 - a. **If the wolf was hunted on private property**, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the pelt or carcass to a representative of the Municipality, **produce either** (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the owner or occupant of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt wolf on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the owner or occupant of the property.
 - b. **If the wolf was hunted on public lands**, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the pelt or carcass to a representative of the municipality, **produce one** of the following; (i) proof that the Participant is authorized to maintain livestock on that land, (ii) a letter of permission, written and signed by the person authorized to maintain livestock on that land, authorizing the Participant to hunt wolf on the land, (iii) proof that the land is within 5 miles of property owned by the Participant or lands on which the Participant is authorized to maintain livestock, or lands for which the Participant has a letter of permission as contemplated in (ii) just above **and** if the land is leased, a letter of permission, written and signed by the lessee **and** if the land is not leased, proof that it is not leased.

4. **REWARD:** If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant at the rate of \$350 for each wolf (adult and non-adult) pelt or carcass presented.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Participant (print): _____ (sign): _____

Municipal Officer (print): _____ (sign): _____

Witness: _____

