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Dear Mr. Pfleiderer:

**RE: Rerunning the Allocation Calculator in 2012**

Thank you for your response to my letter, dated February 5, 2010 (reference number: 119844) regarding "Rerunning the Provincial Allocation Calculator in 2012". I have reviewed the comments and concerns from both the BCWF and GOABC, and accordingly I have instructed my staff to proceed towards full implementation of all aspects of the harvest allocation policy in 2012, including re-running the allocation calculator to establish new allocation splits for the 2012-16 period.

I wish to point out, however, that because 2007-2011 was a transitional period in the policy, the data-set that will be used to establish new utilization scores will have some limitations as outlined below:

- There are a number of hunts that came online with respect to the allocation procedure after 2007, typically as administrative guidelines expired. Our solution to this is to use only the data from years where guides and residents were fully on the allocation procedure within a region. For example, if a hunt came online in 2009, we would not use data collected for that hunt from 2007 or 2008, but rather would use the data starting with 2009.
- There are a few hunts that were unable to establish an AAH for the entire implementation period. Without having an allocation target for each user group, it is not possible to calculate utilization scores. In lieu of an AAH, it may be necessary to either determine utilization by measuring the proportion of each user group's harvest compared to the total harvest, or apply the newly established AAH retroactively to previous harvests and back-

calculate a utilization score. Neither approach is ideal, and we will look at both options to see which is most fair to all user groups.

- Most of the data used to run the calculator comes from the Big Game Harvest Statistics, the LEH survey and the CI database. Updating these databases is a very time consuming process. We are often a season behind in getting the data fully inputted and available for use. For this reason, it will likely be necessary to use the harvest data from 2007-2010 when rerunning the allocation calculator. For those hunts that came online in 2009, this means that there may only be 2 years of data to run the calculator.

Regional and headquarters staff will be meeting later this month to discuss details on full implementation of the allocation policy in 2012, and to ensure the process for tracking allocation is transparent, structured and repeatable. I believe this will ensure that the limitations addressed above are resolved for the 2012-2016 period.

Thank-you again for your response. Please note that I will be responding to the other concerns in your letter, dated February 23, 2010, in a follow-up letter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Hatter, Manager, Wildlife Management, by phone (250-387-9792) or email ([Ian.Hatter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ian.Hatter@gov.bc.ca)).

Sincerely,



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