

Lac La Biche County *Policy*

TITLE: WOLF CONTROL PROGRAM

POLICY NO: ENV-63-009

RESOLUTION: 20.704

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 14, 2017

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

NEXT REVIEW DATE: September 1, 2023

POLICY STATEMENT:

Lac La Biche County recognizes that agricultural producers need to take responsibility for livestock predatory losses and do everything to prevent these losses. However, producers who have adopted best business management practices may require Lac La Biche County's assistance through additional tools to mitigate inventory loss.

“Original Signed”

Chief Administrative Officer

September 14, 2020

Date

“Original Signed”

Mayor

September 15, 2020

Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: PI-62-011-Wolf Incentive Pilot Program Policy and Procedure; PI-62-010 Predator Control Policy and Procedure

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PROCEDURE:

- 1) This program is to support VSI holders who despite best management practices are still incurring predator losses caused by wolves. The continuation of this program is subject to the Agricultural Service Board and Council approval.
- 2) Eligible participants will be limited to Veterinary Services Incorporated program participants within Lac La Biche County.
- 3) Trapper's with valid Trapper's License wishing to participate in the program will be required to register with the Agricultural Fieldman or his/her designate, in advance of participation in the program.
- 4) The Wolf Control Program will be in effect only on lands that are owned by Veterinary Services Incorporated program participants that utilize the lands to hold livestock within the boundaries of Lac La Biche County
- 5) The County will advertise for, record and report program enrollment of registered trappers.
- 6) Trappers will be chosen for eligibility and service areas at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.
- 7) The County will at the request of a Veterinary Services Incorporated program participant, appoint a registered trapper who has registered with the County in the Wolf Control Program to service a confirmed area of livestock preying wolves.
- 8) The Agricultural Fieldman will investigate concerns with assistance from the Fish and Wildlife office where wolves are a concern of preying on livestock.
- 9) The Agricultural Fieldman or Manager, Environmental Services shall reserve the right to decide which problem area has priority and the timing of the service. Trappers will be assigned to each problem area for a maximum of 60 days per year.
- 10) Frozen, previously stored or wolf body parts such as pelts will not be eligible to be claimed.
- 11) Wolves harvested outside the boundaries of the assigned areas with Lac La Biche County will not qualify for compensation.
- 12) Veterinary Services Incorporated program participants and trappers requesting compensation payment will sign the Wolf Compensation Form in Schedule "D". Compensation rate shall be outline in the Corporate Schedule of Fees Bylaw.
- 13) Entire wolf carcasses shall be delivered to a location designated by the Agricultural Fieldman, for examination, marking and authorization of compensation;

(a) examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant.

(b) the carcass will be marked by a representative of the County; a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.

(c) if eligible, the claimant will be provided with a payment authorization.

14) To request authorization for compensation, the participant will provide and declare the following:

(a) the legal land location where the wolf was harvested;

(b) the date of harvest;

(c) the harvest was conducted in a lawful manner, in accordance with current legislation;

(d) the participant is the legal landowner or authorized occupant of the land; and/or

(e) the participant had permission to harvest on said land.

15) Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the carcass, and such disposal will be in accordance with Provincial legislation.

16) Participants will follow all Federal and Provincial Legislation and Regulations including, but not limited to the *Wildlife Act* and *Wildlife Regulations*, the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, and *Alberta Hunting and Trapping Regulations*, and any amendments or successor legislations thereto.

17) Participants will be removed from the list of eligible participants and will forfeit all benefits from the said program, if it is determined they have not adhered to the Wolf Control Program Policy and Procedure PI-62-011 as established by County Council, the Predator Control Policy and Procedure PI-62-010, or Provincial and Federal Legislation.

18) Disputes over eligible claims for compensation will be settled at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman or Manager, Environmental Services, whose decision will be final and binding.

“Original Signed”

Chief Administrative Officer

September 14, 2020

Date

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Schedule "A"

TRAPPER INFORMATION AND APPROVAL

I _____, hereby agree to the terms and conditions as set in the Wolf Control Program Policy and Procedure and its accompanying legislation and agree to participate in the Wolf Control Program with the intention of protection of producer livestock and only harvest wolves that are on agricultural/producer lands in Lac La Biche County. I will provide proof of the service and report any harvested wolves to the Agricultural Fieldman. I understand that I will be a representative of Lac La Biche County and hereby follow its policies and procedures.

SIGNED on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Participant Information:

Participant:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Trapper ID*: _____
**photocopy must be taken and filed with this form.*

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Town: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email: _____

Lac La Biche County Approval:

Authorized by: _____
(Print Name)

(Signature)

Date: _____, 20 _____.

Approval #: _____

Your personal information is being collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information is being collected for the purposes of managing the Wolf Control Program. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator for Lac La Biche County at (780) 623-1747.



Schedule “B”



PREDATOR CONTROL WOLF CONTROL PROGRAM CONTRACT OF PARTICIPATION

BETWEEN

“PRODUCER PARTICIPANT OF TRAPPING SERVICE”

AND

“MUNICIPALITY”

In an effort to support agricultural producers and the protection of livestock within Lac La Biche County, hereinafter, the “Municipality”, has approved a Wolf Control Program, hereinafter the “Program”, for the purpose of reducing the amount of livestock predatory wolves within the Municipality. Through this program, eligible Veterinary Service Incorporated program enrollee’s hereinafter, “Participants”, with the presentation of proof of predatory wolf concerns to the Environmental and Agricultural Fieldman will be enrolled in the Trapping Service program and a registered trapper will be issued to the area of concern for a maximum of 60 days lawfully within the Municipality and in accordance with this Contract, hereinafter, “Contract” of Participation.

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

2. **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 there has been no violation of any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: Lac La Biche County Wolf Control Program Policy and Procedure, Lac La Biche County Predator Control Policy and Procedure, the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations* or any current *Hunting or Trapping Regulations*. A Participant who fails to strictly adhere to all relevant laws will forfeit any right to compensation under the Program. Any individual who has not previously agreed to the terms and conditions of this Contract will be considered ineligible to receive the service.
2. **INDEMNIFICATION AND SAVE HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify and save harmless the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising out of or 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.

Approval of Program Enrollment by Lac La Biche County Representative:

County Representative: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Date: _____, 20____.

Approval #: _____

Schedule "C"

Trapping Agreement/ Permission to Access Property

This Consent Form must be signed prior to access being granted to service the Producer's lands.

Date: _____

Landholder: _____
(Print Name)

Visitor: _____
(Print Name)

Others on Property: _____
(indicate, if any, other hunters or workers who are on the property)

Land Location(s): _____

Days for access - Day from: _____ Day to: _____

Provided Proof of Picture Identification (driver's license, other):

Yes No Trapper's License Number: _____

Vehicle

Make: _____ Year: _____

Colour: _____ License Number: _____

Access Type (check all that apply)

- Vehicle ATV/Snowmobile Foot Access
- Self-Retrieval Horse Access Other _____

Sign-In Date: _____, 20_____. Sign-Out Date: _____, 20_____.

I, _____, hereby grant _____ to perform wolf control services on the listed properties above on the indicated dates.

Signature of Landholder

Date Signed

Schedule "D"

Wolf Compensation Form

This Compensation Form must be signed prior to compensation paid to the individual trapper or producer.

Date of wolf presentation to Lac La Biche County Agriculture Services: _____

Producer or Trapper: _____
(Print Name)

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Land Location(s) of wolf control: _____

Amount of wolves: _____

Date(s) of control: _____

(If applicable) Trapper's License Number: _____

(If applicable) Producer's Veterinary Services Incorporated Number: _____

I, _____, declare the above information true on the listed properties above on the indicated dates and that I followed all Municipal, Federal and Provincial Legislation and Regulations including, but not limited to the Lac La Biche County Wolf Control Program Policy and Procedure PI-62-011 and Predator Control Policy and Procedure, the Wildlife Act and Wildlife Regulations, the Firearms Act, the Petty Trespass Act, and Alberta Hunting and Trapping Regulations, and any amendments or successor legislations thereto.

Signature of trapper or producer

Date Signed

Approval of Compensation by Lac La Biche County Representative:

County Representative: _____
(Print Name)

(Signature)

Date: _____, 20____.

Approval #: _____

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