

Problem Wildlife Policy

SUBJECT: Wolf/Wildlife Incentive

REF: ASB

CODE: 63

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The Problem Wildlife Policy will ensure Livestock Producers within the County of Northern Lights are assisted in the control of wolves which are deemed to be causing depredation.

This program will operate as a pilot to assist livestock producers within the County of Northern Lights in eliminating wolves causing depredation. The program will operate on 50:50 cost share basis and seek to improve collaborations between livestock producers, trappers, Fish and Wildlife and the County of Northern Lights. This program will reimburse livestock producers monetarily for their efforts to control problem wolves when eliminated lawfully and honorably within the Municipality.



CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. PURPOSE

1.1. Council, may annually, during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Problem Wildlife Pilot Program.

1.1.1 Livestock is defined as: cattle, sheep, goats, elk, buffalo (bison) and horses.

1.2. By resolution of Council the Problem Wildlife Policy will be activated or terminated, and the level of incentive received for adult and/or juvenile wolves will be capped to a maximum of \$500.00 per producer per year on a 50:50 cost share basis.

1.3. Council may amend the eligible cap to be claimed by or on behalf of any Landowner and or change the budget at any time in an effort to utilize the budgeted amount in the most effective manner possible.

2. COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The County of Northern Lights shall pay compensation of up to \$500.00 as per the agreed Schedule A document filled out by both parties. The County will only payout once verified documentation, invoices and receipts are produced.

2.1.1 The County of Northern Lights will pay up to \$100.00 per wolf on a 50:50 cost share basis, therefore the County of Northern Lights will contribute \$50.00 per wolf.

2.1.2 The County of Northern Lights will not pay any other incurred expenses.

2.2 Payment will be withheld if "Participants" are indebted more than fifty dollars (\$50) to the County. This restriction applies to debts that are outstanding for more than 90 days and in the case of property taxes, any amounts owing from any other years except for the current year. Participation will only be allowed upon full payment to the County.

3. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Will supervise, administer, and collect pertinent information to the Schedule A for the Problem Wildlife Policy.

3.2 Will aid in proper collaborations between trappers, livestock producers, and if necessary, Fish and Wildlife.

4. LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Landowners wishing to participate in the Program will be required to contact the Agricultural Fieldman or his/her designate, in advance of participation in the Program to see if they qualify for the Program and fill out the Schedule A. Livestock producers will identify the appropriate measures such as:

4.1.1 Method to rectify the Problem Wildlife

4.1.2 Personnel they choose to hire

4.1.3 Amount they choose to compensate personnel

- 4.2 To request authorization for compensation, the livestock producer will provide proof of permission from the owner or authorized occupant of the land upon which the harvest was conducted, and declare the following information:
 - 4.2.1 Invoice and receipt from personnel
 - 4.2.2 Proof of problem wildlife eliminated
 - 4.2.3 GPS coordinates of eliminated problem wildlife
- 4.3 For verification and authorization of payment, the carcass from each adult wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to the Agricultural Fieldman.
- 4.4 Entire wolf carcasses shall be delivered to a location designated by the County for examination and marking, and authorization of payment:
 - 4.4.1 examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant.
 - 4.4.2 the carcass will be marked by a representative of the County; a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
 - 4.4.3 if eligible, the claimant will be provided with a payment authorization.
- 4.5 The Participant will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the carcass, and such disposal will be in accordance with Provincial legislation.
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- 4.7 Participants of the Problem Wildlife Program 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.
- 4.8 Participants will be removed from participating and will forfeit all benefit from the program, if it is determined they have not adhered to the Policy or Program guidelines as set by County Council.
- 4.9 Participants attempting to receive payment for wolves taken from outside of the County of Northern Lights shall be disqualified from receiving any further benefit from the program.
- 4.10 Disputes over eligible claims for compensation will be settled at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, whose decision will be final and binding.
- 4.11 See Schedule A for further information.



COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
Schedule A
Problem Wildlife Pilot Program

The total amount of the program will be established by budget limitations, the County of Northern Lights is not obligated to accept new projects if the designated budget amount has been expended.

The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Northern Lights, its employees and agents of all claims, demands, actions and requests whatsoever that may arise directly or indirectly from the carrying out of this agreement.

I, _____ of _____
Name Address

residing on _____, phone _____
Legal Land Description

do hereby apply for financial assistance through the County of Northern Lights Problem Wildlife Pilot Program to remove or rectify problems experienced by problem wolves pertaining to property: _____
Legal Land Description

Payments will be calculated as a 50/50 cost share between the County and the livestock producer to an allowed maximum of \$500.00 per approved issue to rectify. Refer to policy and procedures for all County requirements.

Proposed site inspected by: _____ Date: _____

Issue to rectify pertaining to the Problem Wildlife Policy and indicated damages:

Agreed Maximum Payment Amount: _____

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Description

Amount

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total _____

County share 50% or Agreed Maximum _____

Final Investigation: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____