

# **POLICY**

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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment will provide support to individuals and recognized organizations which direct their efforts to enhancing the wise use of the renewable resources of the Northwest Territories.

## **PRINCIPLES**

This Policy is based on the following principles:

1. Renewable resource development is an important aspect of a balanced Northwest Territories' economy.
2. Representative organizations make an important contribution to renewable resource management and development, and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment will support their activities within specified guidelines.
3. Support to individuals for renewable resource use activities will assist in maintaining traditional lifestyle options.

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### **SCOPE**

This Directive applies to those individuals and organizations eligible to receive financial assistance through grant and contribution programs of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **1. Local Wildlife Committee**

Means the local organization representing the interests of hunters and trappers in an area, as defined in the *Wildlife Act*.

#### **2. Regional Wildlife Organizations**

Means an organization recognized by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment as representing the combined interests of Local Wildlife Committees in a region of the Northwest Territories.

#### **3. Grant**

Means an unconditional transfer payment, made to a recipient, for which the Department will not receive any goods or services.

#### **4. Contribution**

Means a conditional transfer payment, made to a recipient, subject to audit, and for which the Department will not receive any goods or services.

#### **5. Audit**

Means the examination and verification of records and reporting thereon.

### **PROVISIONS**

#### **1. Authority and Accountability**

##### **(a) Minister**

The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment shall approve program provisions including, where applicable, the variation of accountability requirements for specific contributions.

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### **(b) Deputy Minister**

- (i) May approve financial adjustments between grants and contributions contained in Schedules A and B.**
- (ii) Conducts periodic evaluations of the effectiveness of the policy in meeting stated objectives.**

The Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment is responsible for the administration of the grant and contribution programs of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

### **2. Eligibility**

Eligibility is restricted to individuals or organizations as detailed in Schedules A and B.

### **3. Financial Conditions**

The financial conditions as detailed in Schedules A and B shall apply.

#### **1. General Conditions**

The general conditions as detailed in Schedules A and B shall apply.

#### **2. Prerogative of the Minister**

Nothing in this Directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Minister to make decisions or take action respecting renewable resource grants and contributions outside the provisions of the Directive.

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### **Schedules**

#### **GRANTS**

<b>Fur Pricing Program Schedule</b>	<b>A-1</b>
<b>Hunters and Trappers Disaster Compensation Schedule</b>	<b>A-2</b>
<b>Humane Trap Development Schedule</b>	<b>A-3</b>

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Local Wildlife Committees Schedule</b>	<b>B-1</b>
<b>Community Harvesters Assistance Program Schedule</b>	<b>B-2</b>
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## Schedule A-1

### FUR PRICING PROGRAM

#### Eligibility

Individual holders of valid Northwest Territories General Hunting or Trapping Licences who are resident in the Northwest Territories are eligible for a minimum guaranteed price for prime fur according to the prime fur price schedule.

#### Review

The Department will review the price schedule for prime furs each year.

#### Supporting Data

The Department will monitor the average price per prime pelt for selected furbearer species.

The Department will monitor annual abundance of furbearer species and sustainable harvest limits.

The Area Renewable Resources Officers will collect support data on fur harvest from three sources:

- (a) Fur Traders' Records of the Northwest Territories;
- (b) returns from Fur Auction Houses; and
- (c) receipts from private sales.

These data are forwarded to the Regional offices for final compiling.

#### Amount of Grant

- (a) Fur harvesters who market prime fur through the Department's Fur Marketing Service will receive a grant based on a minimum price per prime pelt for selected furbearer species.

The minimum prime fur price schedule will be reviewed each fall. The fur price schedule will be determined by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment taking into consideration the market value of prime pelts of each species, the abundance of each species, the harvest levels of each species, and fur harvester operating costs.

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- (b) Fur harvesters who market their fur through private fur vendors will receive, upon proof of sale of a prime pelt, a fall payment based on the second instalment of the prime fur price schedule.
- (c) Fur harvesters who market their non-prime fur through private fur vendors will receive, upon proof of sale, a fall payment based on the fall subsidy identified for non prime fur in the price schedule.

#### **Method of Payment**

##### **First Instalment**

Eligible harvesters who market prime fur through the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment Fur Marketing Service will be paid the first instalment upon receipt of prime fur pelts.

##### **Second Instalment**

Harvesters eligible for the second instalment will receive payment during the fall following the harvest.

##### **Term**

This is a continuing program.

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**Schedule A-2**

## **HUNTERS' AND TRAPPERS' DISASTER COMPENSATION**

### Eligibility

Residents of the Northwest Territories who hold General Hunting Licences or are land claim beneficiaries and who are dependent on renewable resources for a significant portion of their income. For compensation relating to damages from natural disasters, harvesters must earn at least 25% of their income from harvesting to be eligible.

### Review

The Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment will review and approve payments to harvesters. In the case of a disagreement with the assessment of a claim, the applicant may appeal to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Operations) of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

### Supporting Data

Affidavits of Loss and Letter of Understanding and completed application form.

### Eligible Items

For damage or loss from natural disasters other than forest fires, maximum compensation to individual harvesters including their dependents shall not exceed \$4,500 per occurrence.

### Method of Payment

A lump sum payment in accordance with the amount of compensation approved.

### Term

This is a continuing program for losses or damage due to natural disasters.

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**Schedule A-3**

## **HUMANE TRAP DEVELOPMENT**

### Eligibility

Residents of the Northwest Territories who have developed a prototype of an acceptable humane trapping device, or who have developed improvements to existing trapping devices to make them more efficient and humane.

### Review

Prototypes, diagrams, developed improvements of new humane trapping devices or to existing trapping devices will be submitted to the Trap Review Committee of the Fur Institute of Canada. If acceptable, a cash incentive will be paid to the inventor.

### Supporting Data

Prototypes, diagrams, drawings plus a notarized statement confirming ownership of ideas and submitted materials.

### Amount of Grant

To be established at the discretion of the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment for each separate acceptable submission.

### Method of Payment

Lump sum in the amount stipulated by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

### Term

This will be a continuing program until efficient acceptable humane traps are developed.



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Schedule B-1

## LOCAL WILDLIFE COMMITTEES

### Eligibility

All active associations in the Northwest Territories that are recognized by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment as representing the interest of hunters and trappers within the particular community.

### Review

Where Local Wildlife Committee funding is being administered by a board or council responsible for wildlife management through a land claim agreement, the board/council will review the activities of each association and recommend payment in accordance with the schedule below.

Where Local Wildlife Committee funding is being administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, the Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment will review the activities of each association and recommend payment in accordance with the schedule below.

### Supporting Data

Each association shall make an annual application and provide sufficient information to determine eligibility for differing amounts as set out in the schedule below.

### Amount of Contribution

The amount contributed to each association shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

- 1) Each organization shall receive basic funding for administrative support \$5,000
- 2) Additional funds shall be contributed when the number of General Hunting Licences in a community
  - (i) is between 50 and 100 \$2,000
  - (ii) is between 101 and 400 \$3,000
  - (iii) is greater than 400 \$4,000
- 3) Additional funds shall be contributed when the number of persons recorded as selling fur in the past fur year
  - (i) is between 25 and 50 \$2,000
  - (ii) is between 51 and 125 \$3,000
  - (iii) is greater than 125 \$4,000

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- 4) Additional funds may be contributed on the recommendation of the appropriate regional organization after review of a proposed work plan for the upcoming year to the maximum of \$7,000.

In the absence of a recognized regional organization, and where funds are being administered by a board or council responsible for wildlife management through a land claim agreement, the board/council will review proposed work plans.

In the absence of a recognized regional organization, and where funds are being administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, the Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment will review proposed work plans.

### Accountability Requirements

Each association must submit an annual report providing the names of the Board of Directors, a financial statement, a current General Hunting Licence listing for the community, and details of services provided to its members. Where a board or council is responsible for wildlife management through a land claim agreement, the report will be submitted to the board/council. Where the funds are being administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, the report will be submitted to the Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

### Method of Payment

Lump sum payment.

### Term

This is a continuing program.

### Year end Surpluses

The agency responsible for administering Local Wildlife Committee funds may allow the recipient organization to retain unexpended contribution funding resulting from an increased efficiency or effectiveness, an inability to complete the project within the expected timeframe or incompatibility between government and recipient fiscal years.

Unexpended funding may only be used for the specific purposes or programs approved by the agency responsible for administering Local Wildlife Committee funds.

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## **Schedule B-2**

### **COMMUNITY HARVESTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

#### Purpose

This program provides financial assistance to Local Wildlife Committees for the purpose of assisting holders of General Hunting Licences who reside within the Committee's recognized area of jurisdiction in their endeavour to harvest renewable resources.

#### Eligibility

Communities with duly recognized Local Wildlife Committees. In the absence of a recognized Local Wildlife Committee the Minister may allocate assistance directly to holders of General Hunting Licences.

#### Review

The Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment will review the application from a Local Wildlife Committee and provide his recommendation to the Deputy Minister.

#### Supporting Data

For initial applications, the following information must be presented:

- (i) community and area involved;
- (ii) proof of consultation or acceptance of the application by the group involved; and
- (iii) number of resource harvesters involved.

Subsequent applications must include a statement of the disposition of previous funding and sufficient information to determine the basis for changed funding requirements.

#### Amount of Contribution

To be calculated based on the number of General Hunting Licence holders in the community and past participation levels.

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#### Eligible Items

##### Fuel and Supplies

1. fuel for transportation of harvesters, supplies and equipment to harvesting areas or camps;
2. fuel for use during harvesting;
3. heating fuel above the treeline during the winter heating period; and
4. supplies.

##### Capital Items

1. dog teams of ten dogs: 100%
2. long-track snow machines of 340 cc above treeline; snow machines of 250 cc below treeline: \*75%
3. 4-wheeler ATV: \*75%
4. boat (includes aluminium or fibreglass yawl up to 20 feet) or canoe: \*75%
5. outboard motor, if it meets safety standards for boat/canoe: \*75%
6. lighting system, based on review of site location and area of operation (up to 2KVA if fuel operated motor; solar and wind systems OK): 75%
7. traps up to \$1000 (approved traps only): 100%
8. fish nets up to \$800 (maximum three per applicant): 100%
9. seal nets up to \$1000 (maximum one per applicant): 100%
10. transceiver radios with one channel and antenna, up to \$2200, if requested by and issued under control of Band Council or Local Wildlife Committee: 100%
11. auxiliary equipment essential for proper harvesting operations (tents, toboggans, komatiks, stoves, chainsaws, remote controls, dog harnesses, axes, etc.): 100%

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12. mobile equipment repairs - parts and materials up to 25% of cost of new unit (no labour): 100%
13. shelters above treeline up to \$10,000 (256 square feet material package): 100%
14. cabin below treeline, up to \$7000 for lumber package of \$5000 for material to finish log cabin: 100%
15. freight where not limited above: 100%
16. replacement of auxiliary equipment, with proof that it is no longer serviceable and requires replacement: 100%
17. fifty percent of replacement cost of mobile equipment in third full season of use, up to \$2000 and where cost of repair exceeds \$2000

\* based on invoice price of unit purchased from local supplier

### Accountability Requirements

Periodically the Audit Bureau will conduct an Operations Audit of the program. Compliance with previous Contribution Agreement is necessary for continued funding.

### Method of Payment

A lump sum payment on approval of the application.

### Term

This is a continuing program.

### Year End Surpluses

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment may allow the recipient to retain unexpended contribution funding.

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**Schedule B-8**

## **SUPPORT TO THE FUR INDUSTRY**

### Eligibility

Organizations recognized by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment as having an interest in promotion of the fur industry.

### Review

Review and recommendations for continuing support will be by the Deputy Minister.

### Supporting Data

Annual solicitation of funds in a letter from applicants outlining the programs which the funding will support.

### Amount of Contribution

A maximum of \$45,000 per organization.

### Accountability Requirements

Supporting data for continued funding will include a detailed accounting of the use of previous funding.

### Method of Payment

Lump sum payment.

### Term

This is a continuing program.