



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: December 8, 2020	Policy Number <b>6307</b>
Title: <b>WOLF MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE POLICY</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement

In an effort to support wolf population control within Clear Hills County, the County will implement procedures to provide for a wolf management incentive program for the purpose of promoting wolf management in the municipality. Through this program Participants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of a wolf harvested lawfully within the Municipality, assisting in the protection of residents' livestock and the protection of the Boreal Caribou species.

## 2. Definitions:

- 2.1. Immediate Family - means the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner, the participant's children, the parents of the participant and the parents of the participant's spouse or adult interdependent partner;
- 2.2. Household – immediate family members that reside in the same dwelling with the Participant.

## 3. General

- 3.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Wolf Management Incentive program.
- 3.2. By resolution of Council the Wolf Hunt Management Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 3.3. By resolution of Council the payment amount will be established for each eligible wolf (adult and non-adult) taken within the boundaries of Clear Hills in accordance with the listed conditions.

## 4. Private property and Grazing Leases

- 4.1 A maximum of two wolf carcasses per month per household may be verified for payment to a qualified Participant, with a maximum of seven wolf carcasses per calendar year for wolves harvested on private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.2 Eligible Participants will:

- 4.2.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family and reside in a dwelling on that property for no less than 183 days (six months)
- 4.2.2 Provide a list of immediate family that reside in the same dwelling "household" that may participate in this wolf management incentive program.
- 4.2.3 Provide business name, if different than participant's name that land or grazing leases may be registered under.
- 4.2.4 Provide a list of private property owned and grazing leases held in the participant's name or business name within the boundaries of Clear Hills County.
- 4.2.5 Eligible Participants requesting incentive payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A .
- 4.2.6 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
- 4.2.7 When presenting the carcass Participants must produce the land location where the wolf was harvested.
- 4.2.8 Wolf carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 4.2.9 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 4.2.10 The Participant will handle the carcass so the designated County representative can confirm there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a wolf management incentive program.
- 4.2.11 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.
- 4.2.12 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 4.2.13 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods. Note: The County recommends disposal to a trapper to reduce waste of fur or other salvageable parts.
- 4.2.14 Participants 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.

4.2.15 Participants 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 eligible to receive benefit from this program; this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for wolves taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

## **5. Registered Trapline Trappers**

5.1 A maximum of fifteen wolf carcasses per calendar year, be verified for payment for wolves harvested on a qualifying registered trap line within the boundaries of Clear Hills County. Further, while eligible registered trappers may participate in the Private Property and Grazing Lease portion of this policy, the maximum of fifteen wolf carcasses per calendar year remains at fifteen.

Eligible Participants will:

- 5.2.1 Be a resident of Clear Hills County on land owned by the resident, or their immediate family and reside in a dwelling on that property for no less than 183 days (six months)
- 5.2.2 Provide their trapline number and a map of their registered trapline within Clear Hills County.
- 5.2.3 Provide the names of any trap line partners that may participate in this wolf hunt incentive program.
- 5.2.4 Eligible trappers requesting incentive payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix B.
- 5.2.5 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible wolf harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.
- 5.2.6 When presenting the carcass Participants must produce the approximate land location where the wolf was harvested on the trapline.
- 5.2.7 Wolf carcasses will not be accepted from third parties.
- 5.2.8 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 5.2.9 The Participant will handle the carcass so the designated County representative can confirm there are no markings similar to what other jurisdictions or the County use to identify carcasses presented for payment under a hunting incentive program.
- 5.2.10 The Participant will make the identification mark on the carcass as directed.

- 5.2.11 Any carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 5.2.12 Participants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the wolf carcasses using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 5.2.13 Participants 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.
- 5.2.14 Participants 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 eligible to receive benefit from this program; this includes, but is not limited to bringing in carcasses that were previously marked or attempting to receive payment for wolves taken either from locations within the county not included in this policy or from outside the County.

**3. End of Policy**

**ADOPTED:**

Resolution C494(06/22/10)

Date: June 22, 2010

**AMENDED:**

Resolution C167(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C147-12(03/13/12)

Date: March 13, 2012

Resolution C776-12(11/27/12)

Date: November 27, 2012

Resolution C195-13(03/26/13)

Date: March 26, 2013

Resolution C492-15(10/13/15)

Date: October 13, 2015

Resolution C52-16(01/26/16)

Date: January 26, 2016

Resolution C113-18 (02/27/18)

Date: February 27, 2018

Resolution C643-20 (12/08/20)

Date: December 8, 2020



**Appendix A (Policy 6307)**  
**Contract of Participation**  
**Private Property and Grazing Leases**  
**Wolf Management Incentive Program**  
**Between Participants and Clear Hills County**

In an effort to support wolf population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife and the protection of residents livestock and the protection of the Boreal Caribou species, the Clear Hills County ("Municipality") has approved a wolf management 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 carcass, with pelt intact, 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 carcass of a lawfully hunted wolf must be presented to a designated representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by in accordance with this program or similar to other municipal jurisdictions wolf management programs will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a wolf must be lawfully hunted on private property owned by the Participant or a grazing lease land operated by the Participant 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 harvested.
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 set by Council for each wolf (adult and non-adult) carcass presented.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Location of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Rural Address or Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days (six months)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you also participating in this program as a registered trapline trapper? If yes complete Appendix B

Names of Immediate Family Members residing with Applicant (that may participate in this program)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Land Locations of private property owned and grazing leases held by Applicant in personal name or business name)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I the undersigned agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation and Clear Hills County Wolf Management Incentive Policy 6307.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Participant (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Officer (print): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign): \_\_\_\_\_



**Appendix B (Policy 6307)  
Contract of Participation  
Registered Trap line Trappers  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Trap line Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Location of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Rural Address or Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived at this location for a minimum of 183 days (six months)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you also participating in the Private Property/Grazing Lease portion of this program? If yes complete Appendix A

Names of trap line partners that may participate in this program: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Map of trap line attached: \_\_\_\_\_

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