



ELK HUNT POLICY

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1.0 Foreword, Purpose and Scope

1.1 The purposes of the Elk Hunt Policy are to

- (a) increase food sovereignty and access to traditional foods for Tla’amin Citizens through an equitable and transparent elk hunt draw;
- (b) increase successful hunts by designating vehicle-accessible elk tag for Tla’amin hunters;
- (c) increase the annual success rate for elk hunts; and
- (d) increase food stores for the Tla’amin Community.

1.2 Unless otherwise stated, this Policy applies to all elected officials, employees, contractors, Citizens and the Community of the Tla’amin Nation.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 The following definitions apply throughout this Policy, except where otherwise indicated.

“Applicant” means a Tla’amin Citizen who has entered into the elk draw;

“British Columbia Resident” as defined in the *Final Agreement*;

“Designated Hunter” means the Tla’amin Nation Citizen or Member who is chosen to hunt on behalf of an elk draw winner, as defined in the *Final Agreement*;

“Elk Tag” means the right to hunt one elk on Tla’amin Territory for a Tla’amin Citizen after winning the elk draw;

“Employees” means all staff or other persons either hired or contracted by the Tla’amin Nation administration as per this Policy or at the direction of the Executive Council;

“Hunter” means a Tla’amin Citizen who is over nineteen (19) years of age and will hunt with a valid hunting license, or a crossbow;

“live” means the elk draw will be broadcast in real-time;

“PAL” means a Possession and Acquisition License, a requirement to hunt in British Columbia;

“Season” means the elk hunting season as decided annually by the province of British Columbia;

“Tla’amin Citizen” is as defined in the *Government Law* and means a Tla’amin Individual who is enrolled under the *Final Agreement* in accordance with the eligibility and enrolment chapter and the *Citizenship and Enrolment Law*;

“Tla’amin Nation Member” means a person of Tla’amin Nation ancestry who has not yet become a Tla’amin Nation Citizen under the *Final Agreement*.

3.0 Implementation and Policy Maintenance

3.1 As soon as practicable after it has been approved by the Executive Council, Tla’amin Nation employees must ensure that

- (a) affected persons are given access to the policy, procedure or direction during regular hours;
- (b) the policy, procedure or direction is properly implemented; and
- (c) the policy, procedure or direction is registered and filed according to Part 26: Records Management and Access to Information Policy.

3.2 This Policy is a living document and will be annually reviewed in an ongoing process to provide the foundation of good governance and to achieve the objectives of the Tla’amin Nation.

4.0 References and Related Authorities

4.1 The Elk Hunt Policy is intended to comply with the requirements of

- (a) the *Final Agreement*; and
- (b) the *Citizenship and Enrolment Law*.

5.0 Elk Allocation

5.1 Tla’amin Nation is allocated fifty percent (50%) of the total harvestable elk for Daniels harvest area, Theodosia harvest area, and Lois harvest area.

5.2 Daniels harvest area elk tags will be harvested by select Tla’amin Nation employees on behalf of the Tla’amin Community.

5.3 To be selected, Tla’amin Nation employees must

- (a) agree to harvest the elk solely for Tla’amin Community;
- (b) possess a valid Canadian Firearms License (PAL) or crossbow; and
- (c) have demonstrated experience successfully hunting elk.

5.4 Theodosia harvest area elk tags can be won by Tla’amin Citizens by entering the elk draw.

5.5 Lois harvest area elk tags can be won by Tla’amin Citizens by entering the elk draw.

6.0 Eligibility and Ineligibility

6.1 To be eligible, applicants must apply in-person at the Tla’amin Nation Governance Building when the draw is open and

- (a) be a Tla’amin Citizen;
- (b) be nineteen (19) years of age;
- (c) possess a valid Canadian Firearms License (PAL), or a crossbow;

- (d) must not have won in the previous years' elk draw; and
- (e) must not have active penalties under section eleven (11.0) of this policy.

7.0 Elk Hunt Draw

7.1 Tla'amin Nation employees responsible for the elk hunt draw will

- (a) ensure the elk hunt draw is both live and recorded;
- (b) confirm the names of eligible applicants at the beginning of the live elk hunt draw; and
- (c) announce successful applicants during the live elk draw.

8.0 Elk Draw Winner Responsibilities

8.1 Winners of the elk draw are responsible for

- (a) ensuring they (the winner) or the designate fills the tag;
- (b) reporting their harvest to as agreed in their contract;
- (c) providing photo evidence of their hunt when using a crossbow; or
- (d) carrying a copy of their valid PAL license while hunting; and
- (e) following all provincial hunting guidelines.

9.0 Withdrawal

9.1 An elk draw winner can withdraw if unable to harvest their tag or assign a designated hunter.

9.2 An elk draw winner will not be penalized under section eleven (11.0) of this policy if the withdrawal is submitted within one week of the season start.

10.0 Designated Hunter

10.1 An elk draw winner can designate an alternate to hunt their tag before the Elk season opens.

10.2 To be eligible the designate must

- (a) be the spouse of, a child of, or a grandchild of the Tla'amin Citizen;
- (b) possess a valid Canadian Firearms License (PAL), or use a crossbow;
- (c) will not receive any remuneration for their role as designate;
- (d) be a British Columbia resident; and
- (e) carry a copy of the designate while hunting.

10.3 Designates are ineligible if

- (a) They are not a Tla'amin Nation Member or Citizen.

10.3 Both the elk draw winner and designate must sign a designate form together in-person at the Tla'amin Nation Government building on or before the day before the hunt opens.

11.0 Penalties

11.1 An elk hunt draw winner will be ineligible to enter the elk draw for two (2) years if

- (a) the elk hunt draw winner does not harvest, designate or withdraw; or
- (b) the elk hunt draw winner's designate does not harvest the elk.

12.0 Administration

12.1 The Director of Lands will designate a Tla'amin Nation employee to oversee the live elk draw.