



ALBERTA'S OUTFITTED HUNTING INDUSTRY

1. Alberta has a long history of outfitting, ranging back to the early 1900's when guiding trips began in the eastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies.
2. Today the industry has over 425 licensed big game and bird-game Outfitter-Guides and 1500 licensed Guides in Alberta. An Outfitter-Guide is the holder of an Outfitter-Guide Permit, and in the case of a Big Game Outfitter-Guide Permit, enables the corporation or individual to contract hunts with non-resident and non-resident aliens through a regulated allocation system. In the case of bird game, there is a waterfowl privilege system, allowing the Bird Game Outfitter-Guide to contract hunts throughout the province to residents, non-residents or non-resident aliens. Every outfitter is required to carry a \$5,000,000 comprehensive liability insurance policy and a \$10,000 deposit indemnity bond.
3. Outfitting is an important component of Alberta's tourism opportunities, providing income during off-peak tourist seasons and to parts of Alberta that normally receive fewer tourism benefits. Outfitted hunting in Alberta generated an estimated \$118 million of economic activity province wide in 2001. The economic impact of the industry's sustainable expenditures is estimated to exceed \$63.1 million annually. Collectively, the outfitters, the Society and tourist clients spent over \$54.1 million on food, accommodation, travel, utilities and insurance in Alberta in 2001.
4. Through regulation, all licensed Outfitter Guides must be a member of the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (APOS). This organization has two mandates; the first is to fulfill the duties, functions and responsibilities of its delegated regulation, as directed by the Alberta Government. The second is to provide leadership and direction in the continued development of Alberta's outfitted-hunting industry, as a member driven organization.
5. APOS has established a Legacy Fund as a way for Alberta's outfitted-hunting industry to play a significant role in *reinvesting* back into wildlife conservation initiatives. This reinvestment is crucial in the long-term viability of game populations in Alberta. To date, APOS has distributed over \$530,000 to over 73 projects province-wide. Project examples include:
 - Alberta Conservation Association Elk Planning
 - Alberta Fish & Game Association
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 - AHEIA—Discovery Booklet Series
 - AHEIA—Outdoor Women's Program
 - Alberta Game Wardens
 - Alberta Hunters Who Care
 - Alford Lake Survival Camp
 - Alberta Professional Outfitters Society—Moose Study
 - Central East Slopes Wolf and Elk Study
 - Conservation Hunting Conference
 - Conservation/ Bow Hunter Education Program
 - Cougar Predation on Wild Ungulates in a Multi-Prey Predator System in West Central Alberta.
 - Cows & Fish—Wildlife Riparian Program
 - Development & Validation of Forensic DNA Typing for Big Horn Sheep
 - Economic Impact Study
 - Effect of Hunting & Access on Behavior
 - Fish & Wildlife Historical Society
 - Fort McMurray Bear Aware Program
 - Fur Management : Past & Present
 - Habitat Use By Pronghorn Antelope in Alberta
 - Heritage 100 History Book
 - Hunting For Tomorrow
 - Hunt Fair Chase
 - Kimiwan Lake Naturalists
 - Lakeland College Scholarship Program
 - New Horizons Youth Centre Program
 - Outdoor Youth Seminar—Alford Lake AHEIA
 - People & Peak of Wilmore Wilderness Park
 - Shooting Program for Beginners
 - Southern Alberta Plains Sharp-Tailed Grouse
 - Sustainable Resources Development—Fish & Wildlife Services (DNA)
 - Twilight Apparitions
 - Valley Zoo Development Society
 - WAFWA—Conference
 - Wolves and Ungulates Prey in Southwest Alberta
6. A Wildlife Management Fund was established in 2003 from annual outfitters reconfirmation fees, resulting in \$1.2 million. Those funds have been used for aerial surveys and research projects.
7. APOS has a strong disciplinary mandate to manage the outfitted-hunting industry. Members are required to adhere to a comprehensive code of ethics.
8. It is illegal for **anyone** (resident hunters and outfitters) to pay for access to hunt on private land.
9. APOS is a member of the Alberta Conservation Association, the Alberta Access Coalition and the Canadian Federation of Outfitters Association.
10. APOS GRiP Program—The Alberta Professional Outfitters Society has initiated the GRiP program which encourages licensed guides to report suspected violations of Alberta's wildlife, fish and habitat regulations. This program is delivered in cooperation with the [Report A Poacher](#) Program (RAP); The Alberta Conservation Association and the Fish and Wildlife Division. Since its inception, GRiP has paid rewards totalling \$8000.

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11. The table below is a comparison between non-resident and resident license sales as well as harvest data for 2007. (Information supplied by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development). (*Includes Big Game antlered species only, except for bear and cougar.)

*2007 License Sales and Harvest Analysis

Non-Resident Data:

Species	Licenses Sold	% of Total Licenses Sold	Harvest #'s	% of Total Harvested	Success %
Elk	255	1.1	65	6.1	25
Moose	1014	6	462	8	46
Mule Deer	1118	4	667	7.4	60
White-tailed Deer	2219	2.9	1259	4.2	57
Black Bear	1599	12.9	1628	47.6	102
Antelope	53	7.8	51	7.8	96
Sheep	85	3.8	45	23.9	53
Cougar	22	6.1	20	16.9	91
TOTALS	6365		4197		66

Resident Data:

Species	Licenses Sold	% of Total Licenses Sold	Harvest #'s	% of Total Harvested	Success %
Elk	22901	98.9	1002	93.9	4
Moose	15837	94	5319	92	34
Mule Deer	27180	96	8298	92.6	31
White-tailed Deer	74356	97.1	28927	95.8	39
Black Bear	10842	87.1	1790	52.4	17
Antelope	624	92.2	607	92.2	97
Sheep	2150	96.2	143	76.1	7
Cougar	339	93.8	98	83.1	29
TOTALS:	154229		46184		30

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