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The object of this program is to provide financial assistance to people entitled to General Hunting Licenses residing in the Northwest Territories for the purpose of providing transportation for caribou hunts when it is otherwise beyond the capability of hunters to gain access to the caribou.

## Policy Guidelines

The Government of the Northwest Territories may provide assistance for community caribou hunts where there is no management reason to refuse such a hunt. Assistance will not be granted where there is a decline of the caribou herd or where the hunt would occur during a critical period such as calving or migration.

- Applications will be received from Hunters' and Trappers' Associations or other organizations recognized as qualified applicants by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The following criteria will serve to guide the Wildlife Service in deciding whether or not to provide assistance to applicants.
  - (a) the recipients of assistance and the benefits derived from organized hunts are restricted to persons entitled to General Hunting Licenses.
  - (b) The community residents are incapable of gaining access to caribou without financial assistance for transportation because of distances and/or travelling conditions.
  - (c) The applicant has provided for equitable distribution of non-commercial caribou to the community of those persons entitled to General Hunting Licenses.

- (d) The applicant contributes significantly to the hunt, if not in funds, then in organization, meat processing, storage and distribution.
- (e) The applicant assured the Wildlife Service that basic information about the harvest will be provided such as:
  - 1. Location of hunt.
  - 2. Number of animals harvested.
  - 3. Direction of herd movement.
  - Age class if requested and sex of harvested animals, e.g. adult or yearling.
  - 5. Presence of wolves and number of wolves shot.
- (f) Where the hunt occurs within an area normally hunted by residents of another community, approval of the hunt is obtained from the Hunters' and Trappers' Association or other recognized organizations from that community.
- (g) Other available sources of game meat are not adequate to meet the needs of those entitled to General Hunting Licenses because harvest from other sources is beyond their capability.
- 2. The level of financial assistance to communities who wish to participate in a Community Caribou Hunt will be based on the following:
  - (a) Availability of funds in Regional budgets.
  - (b) Distances from the community to the big game populations.
  - (c) Methods of transportation available.
  - (d) Funds or services provided by the community.
  - 3. All applications for community caribou hunt assistance will be forwarded to Area Wildlife Officers who will submit them with their recommendations to the Regional Superintendent of Wildlife for approval.

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