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The object of this program is to provide financial assistance and services to any family or group of persons, less than 60 in number, who hold General Hunting Licenses, and who are living away from settlements or wish to move from settlements to isolated locations in the Northwest Territories for at least six months of a year to make a living off the land.

- 1. The Government of the Northwest Territories will provide assistance for the establishment and maintenance of Outpost Camps when all of the following criteria are met:
 - a) The wildlife upon which the Outpost Camp must depend are sufficient to provide the people of the camp with a subsistence level of living without harvest exceeding the optimum sustained yield of the wildlife populations. The Wildlife Service will carry out a wildlife inventory prior to the establishment of camps if wildlife abundance and productivity are questionable. This could mean that applications will be deferred until inventory completion.
 - b) Members of the family or group proposing to establish an Outpost Camp are demonstrably proficient in harvesting the resource upon which the proposed camp will be based.
 - c) The proposed Outpost Crmp does not conflict with the harvests or other activities of other groups using the same resource or area.
 - d) The family or group wishing to establish the Oitpost Camp demonstrates a commitment to the establishment and maintenance of the camp by indicating their willingness to remain in the camp for a period of not less than six months, and by sharing cost towards the food and supplies when able. Labour for the unloading and off landing of transportation materials and supplies and the rection of the camp is the responsibility of the camp participants.

- e) A camp leader elected by participants will be responsible to the local Hunters' and Trappers' Association for the disposition and accountability of funds as stated in the Letter of Agreement.

 The Regional Finance Officer will provide assistance and advice to the Camp Leader or H.T.A. The Hunters' and Trappers' Associations will be the agency through which the government will make any contributions for the establishment and maintenince of Outpost Camps. In the communities where there are no Hunters' and Trappers' Associations, the Band Councils or the Camp Leaders may act as the agencies. Where lunters' and Trappers' Associations do not wish to disburse Outpost Camp funds this function will be carried out by the Wildlife Officer. For the Outpost Camp comprised of a single family, the Head of the f mily will be deemed the camp leader.
- f) Applicants must be residents of the Northwest Territories.
- The level of service to the Outpost Camp will be determined before the camp is established.
- 3. Assistance should be provided to individuals wishing to move into existing Outpost Camps only if the approval of the group is received and if their presence will not overtax the wildlife resources. The opinion of the Camp Leader, the Hunters' and Trappers' Associations, and the Wildlife Officer should play an important part in determining if this will be the case.
- 4. The maximum level of government assistance and service to persons wishing to establish an Outpost Camp will be as follows:
 - a) (i) Air transportation of participants, supplies and equipment vital to resource harvesting to the Outpost Camp location may be provided where the people are unable to transport themselves at the start of the season and back to the home, settlement at the end of the season. A maximum of only one round trip for the

participants per year will be funded by the government.

- (ii) The government may supply gasoline and oil or boat motor fuel if the participants wish to transport themselves and supplies and equipment by oversnow vehicles or by boat.
- b) (i) The maximum level of the contribution for food and supplies
 will be based upon the "Maximum Daily Allowance Per Person
 Scale", (Reference: Schedule 1), per zone, within the
 Northwest Territories. Refer to Appendix "A" for description
 of zones.
 - N. B. "Supplies and Equipment" are defined as ammunition, gasoline and lubricating oil, naptha and kerosene, traps, axes, swede saws, ice chisels, nets, lines and twines: Capital equipment such as oversnow vehicles, boats, canoes, engines, generators or outboard motors may not be purchased under this program.
 - Wildlife Officers will assist applicants in seeking other sources of funding for capital equipment.
 - (ii) Heating oil when camps are located above the treeline. Normal consumption allowance will be based on 4 gallons per day of occupancy during the months of September to May for an insulated dwelling of 256 square feet of floor space.
- (iii) Transportation of fuel oil to camps above the treeline when the participants cannot move fuel oil themselves.
- c) The loan of a portable radio transceiver or radio-telephone for emergency use. The radio will be operated in accordance with Department of Communications Radio Regulations as instructed by the Wildlife Officer.

- d) A grant for materials to construct or upgrade basic shelters at the Outpost Camp location. Shelter below the treeline should only be provided to the "trapper cabin" standard. (Reference: Schedule II, "Basic Shelters and Trapper Cabins").
- e) A basic medical kit for the Outpost Camp. One of the camp residents will be instructed in its use.
- f) The Wildlife Officer will visit Outpost Camps during their operation. These visits will be timed to the greatest practical extent to allow the camp participants to send their furs and skins to fur markets.
- g) Mail, food, and supplies to the Outpost Camp and mail, fur, and any other produce back to the home settlement will be carried if possible on the plane carrying the Wildlife Officer on camp visits. Transportation of these items will be provided at no cost as long as they are carried on the plane normally used by the Wildlife Officer for his visits.
- 5. Medical Services to Outpost Camps, in addition to 4(e), may be supplied by a Health Nurse using the same aircraft as the Wildlife Officer for his normal visits. Evacuations resulting from emergencies will be carried out by the Northern Health Service. Patients evacuated by Northern Health Service will be returned to their home settlements by that Service and to the camp by the Department of Social Development.
- Social assistance will not normally be extended to Outpost Camp participants during the period of residence in the Outpost Camp.
- 7. The Wildlife Officer will, in conjunction with the camp participants, set up with the Camp Leader, a program of monitoring and recording wildlife harvest by species at each Outpost Camp. These statistics will be included in the assessment report for each Outpost (asp.

- 8. The Wildlife Officer will, in conjunction with the Area Social

 Development Officer, prepare a detailed report to accompany each new

 Outpost Camp application, giving an assessment of the wildlife resources

 of the proposed camp area and the social benefits which might be realized

 with the establishment of the camp. The application and reports will be

 sent to Regional Headquarters for the recommendations of the Regional

 Director and the Regional Superintendents of Natural and Cultural Affairs

 and Health and Social Services.
- 9. The Wildlife Officer will, in conjunction with the Area Social

 Development Officer, prepare a detailed annual report assessing each

 Outpost Camp which recenves government assistance. This report will be sent to Regional Headquirters for forwarding to the Director of Natural and Cultural Affairs.
- 10. Each Outpost Camp appli ation for continuing government assistance must be accompanied by a detilled annual report. The application and reports will be sent to Regional Headquarters for the recommendations of the Regional Director and R gional Superintendents of Natural and Cultural Affairs and Health and Social Services.
- 11. The Director of Natural and Cultural Affairs may upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Wildlife Service, withdraw government support of any Outpost Camp in areas where wildlife populations are deemed critical.

OUTPOST CAMP POLICY - APPEND X "A" - OUTPOST CAMP ZONES

1. South Mackenzie -

to include all area bounded by 60° 0' in the south, the extension of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan boundary (110° 0' west) in the east, the N.W.T./Yukon boundary in the west, and 65° 0' in the North. Includes the settlements of Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Resolution, Snowdrift, Fort Reliance, Detah, Yellowknife, Rae/Edzo, Snire Lake, Lac La Martre, Providence, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Kakisa, Trout Lake, Nahanni Butte, Fort Liard, Wrigley and Fort Norman.

2. North Mackenzie -

to include all area bounded by 65°0' in the South, 115°0' West in the East, the N. W. T./Yukon boundary (110°0' west) in the west, and 70°0' in the North. Includes the settlements of Norman Wells, Fort Franklin, Fort Good Hope, Colville Lake, Arctic Red Fiver, Fort McPherson, Aklavik, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk.

3. South Arctic -

to include all area bounded by 60° 0' in the South, 60° 0' West in the East, the extension of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan boundary (110° 0' West) in the West and North to 65° 0' North thence East to 60° 0' West. Includes the settlements of Eskimo Point, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake, Coral Harbour, Cape Dorset, Lake Harbour and Frobisher Bay.

4. North Arctic -

to include all tea bounded in the South by 70° O' Forth from 140° O' West eastward to 115° O' West thence southward along 115° O' West to 65° O' North thence eastward along 65° O' North to 60° O' West, in the east by

60°0' West northward to the North Pole, in the West by 140°0' West northward to the North Pole. Includes the settlements of Sachs Harbour, Holman Island, Cambridge Bay, Coppermine, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, Pelly Bay, Repulse Bay, Igloolik, Hall Beach, Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay, Pone Inlet, Clyde River, Broughton Island and Pangnirtung.

OUTPOST CAMP POLICY - SCHEDULE I

Maximum daily allowance for food and supplies per person, per zone, within , the Northwest Territories:

ZONE 1. South Mackenzie - \$ 1.25 daily allowance per person.

ZONE 2. North Mackenzie - \$ 1.50 daily allowance per person.

ZONE 3. South Arctic - \$ 2.00 daily allowance per person.

ZONE 4. North Arctic - \$ 2.50 daily allowance per person.

OUTPOST CAMP POLICY - SCHEDULE II

Basic Shelters and Trappers Cabins

N.B. We have requested D.P.W. to design a basic 16' x 16' shelter for above treeline plus supply us with a basic list of materials which can be used for tendering purposes in the event materials have to be ordered in the south and delivered by sea lift.

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