



MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE

The Minister of Lands and Natural Resources To Establish Guidelines for the 2020 Polar Bear Licenses acting under the authority of section 38 of the *Nunatsiavut Government Organization (Transitional) Act* and section 22(b) of the *Nunatsiavut Government Organization Order* hereby directs that the “Nunatsiavut Government Polar Bear Hunting Authorization Form”, attached to this directive as “Schedule A”, and the guidelines below are to be followed when Nunatsiavut Polar Bear licenses are issued.

1. All hunting is to be conducted in accordance with the provincial Open Season Big Game Polar Bear Hunting Order (the “Order”), Wildlife Act and the Wildlife Regulations;
2. Beneficiaries must be a minimum 18 years of age to apply;
3. This authorization and accompanying licence can be transferred or assigned to another individual by holder upon approval by an authorized Nunatsiavut Government representative as per 12.3.15 of the LILCA;
4. *Each hunter will hold a licence no more than seven (7) hunting days without exception;*
5. The licence shall be returned on the 7th day to the Nunatsiavut Government office no later than 3 PM;
6. A Polar Bear of either sex may be taken. Female Polar Bears accompanied by cubs (young of the year) may not be taken.
7. No Polar Bear shall be taken in a den;
8. An active den shall not be disturbed in any way;
9. The open season for hunting Polar Bear will be from February 3rd, 2020 to June 30th, 2020, inclusively or until all licences are harvested, whichever comes first;
10. Polar Bears equipped with satellite transmitters and/or radio collars shall not be taken;
11. Polar Bears shall only be taken in the area between Fish Cove Point and Cape Chidley, Labrador;
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12. If successful, the Holder must, within 72 hours, have the Polar Bear skinned;
13. The Holder must immediately, upon harvesting the bear, paunch (gut) the Polar Bear to prevent the meat from spoiling;
14. If successful, the Holder must utilize all meat from the harvested Polar Bear, if meat is not eaten by household, it must be brought to community freezer or a Conservation Officer within 72 hours of harvest;
15. Due care must be taken to the Polar Bear hide to prevent spoilage;
16. If successful, the Holder shall, within seven (7) days of taking the Polar Bear, provide the following specimens and information to the nearest Nunatsiavut Government office:
 - a. The skull or lower jaw residue, pre-molar tooth of the Polar Bear taken;
 - b. Precise location, date, sex of the Polar Bear;
 - c. Precise location of all Polar Bears seen and den sites observed during the hunt;
 - d. Other information and specimens as may be requested by the Nunatsiavut Government.
17. If the Holder violates the terms and conditions of this authorization or is convicted of an offense under the Order, the Wildlife Act or the Wildlife Regulations, he/she will be automatically prohibited by the Nunatsiavut Government from obtaining a Polar Bear licence for a period of at least five (5) years from the time of the violation or conviction, whichever is later;
18. A Beneficiary who is successful in filing his or her Polar Bear licence is not eligible to apply for a Polar Bear licence for two (2) years;
19. Distribution of the 2020 licences are as follows:
 - a. Nain.....3 licences
 - b. Hopedale.....3 licences
 - c. Postville.....2 licences
 - d. Makkovik.....2 licences
 - e. Rigolet.....2 licences
20. Beneficiary residing outside of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area who wishes to participate in the Polar Bear hunt, must travel to the Inuit community to which they are most closely connected, and place their name in the draw for that community Polar Bear licence.

Signed



Minister of Lands and Natural Resources



SCHEDULE "A"

POLAR BEAR HUNTING AUTHORIZATION FORM

This authorizes _____ (the holder) to carry the accompanying Polar Bear Licence # _____. This authorization expires at **3p.m.** on the _____ day of _____, 2020 and the Holder agrees that he/she will return the licence to the Nunatsiavut Government office prior to expiration. The accompanying licence has been issued under the Open Season Big Game (Polar Bear) Hunting Order (the Order), the Wildlife Act and the Wildlife Regulations. The Holder agrees that he/she will follow the conditions outlined below:

1. All hunting is to be concluded in accordance with the provincial Open Season Big Game (Polar Bear) Hunting Order (the "Order"), Wildlife Act and the Wildlife Regulations;
2. This authorization and accompanying licence can be transferred or assigned to another individual by the Holder upon approval by an authorized Nunatsiavut Government representative as per 12.3.15 of LILCA;
3. *Each hunter will hold a licence no more than seven (7) hunting days without exception;*
4. The licence shall be returned on the 7th day to the Nunatsiavut Government office no later than 3p.m.;
5. A Polar Bear of either sex may be taken. Female Polar Bears accompanied by cubs (young of the year) may not be taken;
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7. An active den shall not be disturbed in any way;
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 - a. The skull or lower jaw residual pre-molar tooth of the Polar Bear taken;
 - b. Precise location, date, and sex of the Polar Bear taken;
 - c. Precise location of all Polar Bears seen and den sites observed during the hunt;
 - d. Other information and specimens as may be required by the Regional Wildlife Biologist for Labrador or the Nunatsiavut Government.
16. If the Holder violates the terms and conditions of this authorization or is convicted of an offense under the Order, the Wildlife Act or the Wildlife Regulations, he/she will be automatically prohibited by the Nunatsiavut Government from obtaining a Polar Bear Licence for a period of at least five (5) years from the time of the violation or conviction, whichever is later;
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(Holder)

(Date)

(NG Representative)

(Date)