

MLA: Hon. Christy Clark

The recent species allocations that the Honorable Steve Thomson is going to put into policy on Jan 10th 2015, is totally unacceptable to me and the resident hunters of British Columbia.

I feel that wildlife is a public resource that should be managed for the benefit of British Columbians, it should not be privatized.

- BC resident hunters should be given priority when it comes to issuing wildlife allocations.
- Resident hunters have increased by 20% over the past ten years to 102000
- Non resident hunters have decreased by 30% to 4500

BC resident hunters contribute to the economy of BC

- 230 million dollars on hunting expenditures
- 9 million dollars on hunting license fees and surcharges

I can not see the justification increasing non resident foreign hunters to 40% of the grizzly, 35% of goats, unlimited sheep in region 4, 25% of moose and 20% of the elk in the new allocations our government is handing out.

Most other jurisdiction in North America allocates 5 to 10% of wildlife to non residents.

Our government is giving to the Guide Outfitters the best deal in North America.

We as BC residents, not just hunters are incensed at the government's total disregard for British Columbians.

I believe that foreign hunters should be limited to a maximum of 10% for moose and elk 25% for sheep, and grizzly bears and goats and that these allocations should be legislated.

In 2007, a new Wildlife Allocation Policy, the tool which decides how much wildlife is given to resident hunters and foreign hunters was signed.

Myself and the majority of BC resident hunters want the government to fully implement and stick to the 2007 Wildlife Allocation Policy.

In short, we as British Columbians are being screwed.

Regards

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