

# **RAP and Compensation Programs Agreement**

Between:

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development  
(SRD)

-and-

Alberta Conservation Association  
(ACA)

This agreement is made pursuant to the Wildlife Regulation, AR 143/97 and the Memorandum of Understanding between SRD and ACA dated December 8, 2006.

## **Program Description**

The RAP and Compensation Program Agreements is comprised of three components: Report A Poacher, Wildlife Predator Compensation, and Shot Livestock Compensation. These programs work to maintain relationships between resource users and others affected by their activities. It aims to balance wildlife management interests and the interests of livestock producers who are negatively affected by wildlife. These programs are established to promote recreational opportunities for hunting on private lands, and to involve the public in taking responsibility for conservation of Alberta's resources.

The Report a Poacher Program provides Albertans with an opportunity to participate in the detection and apprehension of resource abusers. In addition, the RAP promotes both the value and importance of conserving Alberta's wildlife and fisheries, and a positive image of resource users. The Wildlife Predator Compensation and Shot Livestock Compensation Programs provide compensation to producers for livestock lost to predators and livestock shot by a third person during a big game or bird game season.

## **Specific Program Activities**

The following broad categories of activities have been identified as taking place within the framework of this Program Agreement. For each category of activities roles and responsibilities have been identified for ACA and SRD. The roles for SRD have been provided only to the extent that SRD provides a critical input to an ACA activity.

<b>Activity: Report A Poacher Program</b>	
<p><b>Description</b> – The Report A Poacher (RAP) Program provides Albertans with an opportunity to participate in the detection and apprehension of resource law violations. In addition, the RAP Program will promote the value and importance of conserving Alberta’s wildlife and fisheries, and of ensuring compliance with legislation. The RAP Program promotes the responsible use of resources by recreational users.</p>	
<b>ACA Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<b>SRD Roles and Responsibilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACA will make reward payments.</li> <li>• ACA is responsible for hiring, supervising, training, and funding for any required manpower support for the 1-800 line.</li> <li>• ACA will provide program promotion through Alberta-wide initiatives.</li> <li>• ACA will provide to SRD a promotional plan outlining planned activities prior to the start of each operational year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRD will identify RAP as a core Ministry priority during each strategic planning cycle</li> <li>• SRD will investigate reports of illegal activities and ensure that documentation exists to confirm reward eligibility.</li> <li>• SRD will approve a reward amount.</li> <li>• SRD will ensure that a toll free line service is available to the public 24/7 to report suspected violations.</li> <li>• SRD will provide input into the development of the promotional plan and will provide endorsement of the plan</li> <li>• SRD will provide access to the ENFOR system to the ACA program manager to assist program delivery.</li> <li>• Access to ENFOR will comply with the Terms and Conditions contained in the Shared Services Agreement.</li> </ul>

<b>Activity: Wildlife Predator Compensation Program</b>	
<p><b>Description</b> – The Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (WPCP) provides Alberta livestock producers reimbursement based on a defined schedule for losses or injury to specified livestock as a result of predation. Relationships between wildlife management interests and the interest of the livestock producer are enhanced through the compensation program.</p>	
<b>ACA Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<b>SRD Roles and Responsibilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CANFAX provides the listing a livestock values for calculation of producer compensation.</li> <li>• The Wildlife Predator/Shot Livestock Compensation Committee develops the compensation scheme for the Program.</li> <li>• ACA will be notified of changes to the compensation scheme (other than CANFAX) in advance of the budget year in which the change takes effect</li> <li>• ACA processes approved claims for payment to the producer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRD receives and investigates claim for livestock killed or injured as a result of a predator attack.</li> <li>• SRD calculates and supplies notice of an approved claim to ACA.</li> <li>• SRD ensures the claim and supporting documentation is compliant with policy</li> <li>• SRD chairs the Wildlife Predator/Shot Livestock Compensation Committee.</li> <li>• SRD notifies the producer of WPSLCC decisions in matters of appeal.</li> </ul>

<b>Activity: Shot Livestock Compensation Program</b>	
<p><b>Description</b> – The Shot Livestock Compensation program (SLCP) is to provide Alberta livestock producers reimbursement based on a defined schedule. Compensation is provided to producers who have experienced loss or injury to livestock shot by a third party during an open big game or bird hunting season. This program is to enhance relationships with the producer in order to achieve wildlife management objectives and to maintain recreational opportunities for hunting on private lands.</p>	
<b>ACA Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<b>SRD Roles and Responsibilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RCMP is responsible for the investigation and submission of claims to SRD under the Shot Livestock Compensation Program.</li> <li>• CANFAX provides the listing a livestock values for calculation of producer compensation.</li> <li>• The Wildlife Predator/Shot Livestock Compensation Committee develops the compensation scheme for the Program.</li> <li>• ACA will be notified of changes to the compensation scheme (other than CANFAX) in advance of the budget year in which the change takes effect</li> <li>• ACA processes approved claims for payment to the producer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRD calculates and supplies notice of an approved claim to ACA.</li> <li>• SRD chairs the Wildlife Predator/Shot Livestock Compensation Committee.</li> <li>• SRD notifies the producer of WPSLCC decisions in matters of appeal.</li> </ul>

## **RAP, WPCP, SLCP Specific Conditions**

- ACA and SRD will support the RAP program through the use of the RAP logo on appropriate publications. No compensation from ACA will be required for placement of the logo.
- SRD may assist ACA with identification and pursuit of additional resources for compensation payments and program promotion.
- SRD will work in conjunction with ACA in promotion and educational program delivery as defined in the Information and Communication Agreement.
- ACA agrees to allocate funds for program delivery.
- SRD will contribute where possible through recommendations for judicial orders and the turnover of seized, forfeited, and other selected items. The process for the turnover of these items will be set out in an agreement between the two organizations.

## **Performance Measures**

- Track reward eligibility for 1,000 enforcement actions arising from RAP calls annually
- Process 3,000 RAP calls annually
- Distribute 200,000 RAP promotional items annually.
- Process 100% of compensation claims paid to producers within two weeks of receipt
- Process \$ 40,000 in reward payments annually
- Attend 30 trade shows/events utilizing the RAP trailer and/or RAP displays annually.

**Program Term**

- This Agreement shall commence upon the date of signature and remain in effect until December 8, 2011.
- This Agreement is subject to annual review and may be amended from time to time as outlined in the MOU signed December 8, 2006 between ACA and SRD.