

The Wildlife Amendment Regulations Backgrounder

Relax the Dress Requirements for Big Game Hunters

Currently, big game rifle hunters are required to wear a full outer suit above the waist, consisting of scarlet, white, bright yellow or blaze orange. Hunting vests, while legal in many jurisdictions, have not been classed as legal hunting attire in Saskatchewan.

The proposed amendments will allow hunters to wear a suitably coloured vest. This new regulation will allow hunting apparel (vests, caps or toques) to display a small label or crest within prescribed limits. This amendment will also give hunters the option to wear high-visibility safety garments (such as construction vests) that meet the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) guidelines.

The proposed clothing requirement is consistent with, or exceeds, the requirements in the majority of North American jurisdictions, and has the support of the Saskatchewan Association of Firearm Educators (SAFE).

Harmonize the Rules for Use of All-terrain Vehicles for Hunting

In many popular forest moose hunting areas, the use of ATVs is limited to the afternoon hours of the day. This regulation was put in place in 1981 in response to hunter concerns that “a quality of hunt” be maintained in these areas. ATVs were seen to provide an unfair advantage to some hunters.

Today, hunters have come to accept the use of ATVs as a common hunting vehicle and outfitters are concerned that the current regulation creates undue hardship when transporting their clients.

Repealing two sub-sections will harmonize these regulations across the forest wildlife management zones and allow all-day use of ATVs.

Enable Canadian Resident White-tailed Deer Hunters to Use the Services of an Outfitter

The amendment will clarify that the holder of a Canadian resident white-tailed deer licence obtained through the computer draw will have the choice to hunt with any Saskatchewan outfitter who is endorsed to guide for white-tailed deer.