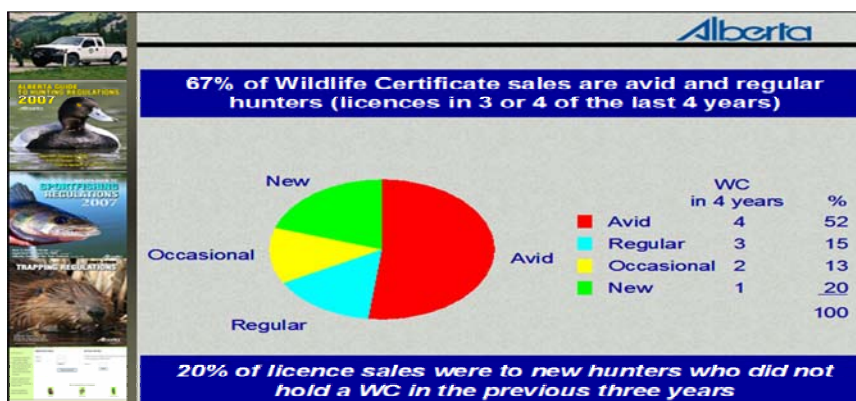




ABOUT ALBERTA HUNTERS

The Facts about Hunters in Alberta—2008 Update

- Annually, in Alberta, there are over 114,000 licensed hunters.
- There are nearly 18,000 bow hunters in Alberta.
- There are approximately 7,298 youth hunters in Alberta.
- There are approximately 8,415 female hunters in Alberta.
- The average age of an Alberta hunter is 40 years (Male) and 44 years (Female).



1. Hunting is a **personal choice**.
 - Hunters respect their right to hunt, as well as the right of others not to hunt.
 - Hunting perpetuates a greater understanding of wildlife and the outdoors.
 - Hunting exposes people to the natural world and results in an attachment to the land, and a respect for the wildlife that share that land.
2. The **Conservation contributions** of hunters are significant.
 - Hunters have a love of the land and the outdoors and contribute major funding to habitat and wildlife enhancement projects.
 - Studies show that outdoorsmen and women are at least three times more active in organized wildlife conservation efforts than non-hunters.
 - Regulated hunting delivers a significant portion of the money needed to manage wildlife populations and habitats, conduct wildlife research, and enforce wildlife laws. In Alberta more than \$15 million per year is contributed through licence levies and applications to wildlife conservation and general revenue.
 - Hunters contribute not only to the conservation of the species that they hunt, but also to biodiversity projects, education, information and species at risk initiatives.
 - Hunters are committed to promoting sound wildlife conservation practices that preserve viable wildlife populations.
 - If people did not hunt, there would be significant increases in the costs of wildlife damage to crops and property, and the maintenance of public safety.

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3. Hunters are **responsible, ethical and law abiding people.**

- They are doctors, lawyers, farmers, business people, politicians, and tradesmen. They are male and female, young and old. They are your neighbors and come from all walks of life.
- Hunters subscribe to standards of ethical behavior that go beyond mere adherence to laws and regulations.
- 80% of all calls reporting illegal violations are by hunters, outfitters, and anglers.
- Hunters are stewards of the resource and are committed to protecting that resource.
- Hunters give back, while poachers steal from all of us and unfairly reflect negatively on hunters.
- Those who ignore the laws are not hunters!

4. Hunting is part of our Canadian **tradition, heritage and culture.**

- Relationships with family, friends and colleagues are key factors in measuring the value of the hunt.
- Hunting provides a lifetime opportunity to learn about wildlife and wildlife habitat, and what wildlife needs to exist, which is all part of the hunting equation.
- A successful hunt is not dependent upon killing an animal. It is dependent on the opportunity to be in wildlife habitat and see wildlife, whether game or non-game.
- Hunters appreciate and value the meat that they harvest from their hunting efforts.

Without hunters, society would not enjoy the abundance of wildlife we have in present times.

Do you want hunting in your future? Become Involved. Visit the HFT web-site www.huntingfortomorrow.com to learn more about organizations that support hunting.

KEY CONTACTS

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Fish and Wildlife Division	Phone: 310-0000 and ask for the nearest Fish and Wildlife office Web-site: www.mywildalberta.com
Report A Poacher	In Alberta Dial Toll Free 1-800-642-3800 Or # 3800 on the Telus Mobility Network Web-site: http://www.ab-conservation.com/your_dollars_at_work/rap/index.asp



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