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# Lands & Natural Resources PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **2021 Elk Hunt Draw**

The Lands and Resources Department is happy to announce that the Nation has been allocated TWO huunim for this season - one bull and one antlerless animal (cow or juvenile) and is offering a lottery to qualified HFN citizens for this hunting season. As was done last year, we are using an [online application process](#) this year. Applications will be accepted August 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (closing at noon).

The harvest area will be in the Klanawa Watershed (Elk Hunt Zone 1- 03B-Klanawa) which is within the Maa-nulth Wildlife Harvest Area. The HFN Elk season will run September 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Criteria for eligibility for this draw are:

- Enrolled as a Huu-ay-aht Citizen.
- A valid Huu-ay-aht Harvesting Card checked off for hunting,
- A current Possession & Acquisition License (PAL).
- Certificate for the B.C. Hunter Training Program (CORE - Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Education). If you were over the age of 19 on the Effective Date of Treaty (April 1, 2011), you are exempt from this requirement.
- Were not selected as HFN's Elk Draw winner last year.
- If you were the successful elk hunter in a previous year, you must have made your required hind-quarter contribution back to the Nation. If you did not, you are not eligible for the draw for 5 years.

As outlined in the Maa-nulth Wildlife Harvest Plan, all Maa-nulth Nations have signed off on a "herd growth" approach to management (as opposed to a herd reduction or herd maintenance approach). This means it is preferred (but not required) that bull hunters target immature 'spike bulls' since about 50% of spike bulls survive their first winter when they leave the protection of the cows. Mature bulls generally lead solitary lives in the winter, while the cows stay together and protect the young.

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The successful applicant of this lottery must also agree to:

1. Fill out a Maa-nulth Wildlife Harvest Form, which includes information such as effort, date of harvest, location & sex
2. Collect and provide to the HFN, the front incisor tooth from the killed elk, for age and condition assessment.
3. Gift one hind quarter to the HFN, with the Tayii Hāwīł to receive a prime cut (roast). The hind quarter is to be dropped off at a game processor of the Nation's choosing, at the Nation's expense. *Harvesters are responsible for arranging and paying for butchering their own portion of the animal, but are not required to use the same facility.*

The winning hunter must also understand that **a wounded animal which is not recovered is considered a kill and the hunt is over**. This measure is designed to ensure responsible harvesting and promote the growth of local elk herds. We would like to remind all HFN citizens to report the date, location and sex of all elk sightings to help us understand the local population.

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