Wolf Hunting Incentive Contract

To support population control efforts regarding predatory wildlife, Big Lakes County ("County") has approved a wolf hunting incentive program ("Incentive Program") for the purpose of reducing livestock depredation. Through this program, hunters, or licensed trappers ("Participants") may qualify to receive a monetary reward ("Incentive Reward") upon delivery of the carcass of an adult wolf, hunted lawfully, within the County. The terms and conditions of participation in the Incentive Program are as follows:

- 1. **Statutory Adherence:** While participating in the Incentive Program, the Participant will, at all times abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include, but are not limited to the Firearms Act, the Wildlife Act and the Wildlife Regulations, and the Petty Trespass Act. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere to all relevant laws will forfeit any right to an Incentive Reward under the Incentive Program.
- 2. **Indemnify and Save Harmless:** The Participant will indemnify the County, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and save them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages, and expenses or liability arising out of or on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Incentive Program or participation in the Incentive Program.
- 3. **Preconditions of Reward:** To obtain the Incentive Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted adult wolf must be presented to an appropriate designation as outlined in Big Lakes County Policy (AG 10) for examination. To qualify for the Incentive Reward, a wolf must have been lawfully hunted within the boundaries of the County, *within 8 kilometres (5 miles) of private property or a grazing lease*, by a registered landowner of the County, a legally Licensed Trapper or a Licensed Resident Trapper. Any person, who has not adhered to the terms and conditions of the Contract of Participation ("Contract") will be considered ineligible to receive the Incentive Reward. The Participant must declare the location where each wolf was killed and must execute a sworn declaration as follows:
 - a. *If the wolf was hunted on private property*, the Participant must, at the time of the claim for reward, make the following sworn declaration:
 - i. That permission was obtained from the registered legal owner of the land or the authorized occupant of the land, authorizing the Participant to hunt wolf on the land,
 - ii. That the Participant is satisfied that the individual providing authorization to hunt on the land is the registered legal owner of the land, or the authorized occupant of the land
 - b. *If the wolf was hunted on public lands*, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the claim for reward declare the following:
 - i. That the Participant is legally authorized to maintain livestock on that land; or
 - ii. That permission was granted by the person authorized to maintain livestock on the land, authorizing the Participant to hunt wolf on the land, and provide written proof; or
 - iii. That the Participant is legally authorized to hunt or trap on the land from the owner of the land (Crown) and provide proof.
- 4. **Incentive Reward:** If, and only if, the representative of the County is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Incentive Reward will be paid by the County to the Participant. The Incentive Reward will be paid by the County to a successful Participant at the rate of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars per adult wolf harvested.

SIGNED this this _____ day of _____ A.D., 20___

Participant (Print)

Signature

County Officer (Print)

Signature

*Contract to be signed annually and maintained in County records.

