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# WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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## APPLICATION OVERVIEW

### ***Eligibility***

Residents and recognized non-profit community groups of Nunavut who experience damage to personal property caused by wildlife may be provided with financial assistance under this program.

### ***Purpose of program and eligible items***

To reduce human-wildlife conflict, individuals and recognized community groups who were following accepted best practices for preventing and mitigating wildlife damage may be provided with financial support for damage to property caused by wildlife.

### ***Ineligible occurrences***

Damage that occurs in circumstances where no efforts to prevent or reduce conflict are attempted are ineligible for compensation. Damage that occurs in circumstances where prevention or mitigation is not feasible is not eligible for compensation (e.g. meat caching, or unprotected country foods)

### ***Application process***

The applicant will complete the application form and an affidavit of loss and submit these to the conservation officer. **Note:** The affidavit of loss must be signed by a commissioner for oaths for Nunavut Territory: see your local RCMP detachment.

Applications must be submitted as soon as possible to the conservation officer. Applications received later than one month from the time of the wildlife damage occurrence will not be considered, except under extenuating circumstances.

### ***Review of Applications***

- On receipt of the application, the Conservation Officer will, where feasible, go to the location to inspect the damage and the surrounding area, and generally investigate the circumstances of the occurrence.





## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Compensation will only be available to persons or groups that have demonstrated significant efforts to prevent wildlife damage. Actions include but are not limited to:

- Removing all attractants (food, hides, carcasses, fuels, etc.) from the camp or area, particularly when camp is unoccupied for a long period of time (greater than 3 days unoccupied). Or by storing the attractants in a suitable bear resistant (and airtight if food) container.
- Regular thorough cleaning of the cabin and surrounding area to remove garbage, carcasses, human waste, grey water, and cooking odors.
- Windows and doors of unoccupied cabins should be covered with plywood, or better plywood with nails/screws adequately spaced to prevent bears pushing on these generally weak points of entry.
- Construction of cabins or other structures should reasonably resist the activities of an unmotivated bear (i.e. no attractants in cabin). This includes quality of the construction material and workmanship. It is not reasonable to expect thin plywood or poorly constructed structures to prevent bear entry.
- Snow machines and ATVs should not be left exposed during off season if stored outside of the community, use a crate or shed to prevent damage (not soft covers).
- Evidence of correctly maintaining and using other effective deterrent methods is present, e.g. maintained electric fencing, bear-resistant food containers.

**\* Failure to show that adequate and reasonable precautions were taken to prevent property damage will result in rejected claims for compensation.**

**Meat caches are not eligible for compensation.**

Any meat, animal carcass, or untreated skins, are a strong attractant for bears and prevention or mitigation of damage or loss is not feasible using traditional caching methods.

**Maximum claim amount: \$2,000.00**

Claims made in excess of \$2000.00 will only be considered in extenuating circumstances.



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For items damaged but can be suitably repaired (e.g. torn sleeping bag) only claims for the cost of repairs will be accepted. Items damaged beyond repair or total loss will be compensated at the estimated depreciated value of the item at the time of loss.

**To Apply for Compensation:**

1. Fully complete the Claim Form on page 6
2. Complete the affidavit on page 10, and have it signed by an RCMP officer or commissioner for oaths in Nunavut.
3. Submit both documents to your local conservation officer





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### Incident Details:

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### List and Value of Lost or Damaged Items:

(Value refers to the estimated depreciated value at the time of loss)

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- TO BE COMPLETED BY CONSERVATION OFFICER -

Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Damage Complaint Investigation Report # (please attach copy of Report Form):  
\_\_\_\_\_

If none, reason why on-site damage complaint investigation was not performed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Compensation:  Recommended       Not Recommended

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Comments:

Compensation:  Recommended       Not Recommended

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

## Affidavit Of Loss

IN THE MATTER of a submission of a claim for compensation to the Government of Nunavut, Canada, for the losses suffered by a Nunavut Resident in the Nunavut territory due to the actions of wildlife. I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Nunavut Territory, hereby swear and affirm:

1. THAT I am a beneficiary under the NLCA or a resident of Nunavut;
2. THAT during \_\_\_\_\_ I did suffer equipment losses due to the action of wildlife to the extent of approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_ which is the total of the estimated depreciated values of the items lost.
3. THAT I have taken the following measures to prevent this loss from occurring:



4. THAT all of the foregoing statements in this claim are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SWORN before me at the \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**SIGNATURES**

Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Nunavut Territory:

\_\_\_\_\_

Commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_