

**HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION  
APPLICATION**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GHL #: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**1) INCIDENT:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2) LIST AND VALUE OF LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

3) **STATEMENT OF INCOME** (For the period of 12 months immediately prior to the incident):

**A) INCOME FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCE HARVESTING:**

(Attach copies of licences and receipts or other verification)

- i) HARVEST FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY USE  
(Minimum of \$7,000 or detailed harvest list and values) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) FUR SALES \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) OTHER (list) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL A** \_\_\_\_\_

**B) EMPLOYMENT INCOME:**

DATES	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	EARNINGS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**OTHER INCOME (PENSION, CARVING, CONTRACTS --specify)**  
(Excluding UIC or Social Assistance Payments)

DATES	SOURCE OF INCOME	EARNINGS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**TOTAL B** \_\_\_\_\_

**C) GROSS INCOME (A + B)** \_\_\_\_\_

**D) PERCENTAGE OF GROSS INCOME THAT COMES FROM HARVESTING** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4) APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:**

**A) COMPENSATION MAY BE PROVIDED TO AN APPLICANT WHO:**

- i) Is a resident of the Northwest Territories;
- ii) Has a GHL or is a Land Claim Beneficiary;
- iii) Is regularly and actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities;
- iv) Earns at least 25% of GROSS INCOME from renewable resource harvesting, and;
- v) Sustained substantial financial loss due to an unavoidable natural disaster.

**B) BASED ON APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY, THIS CLAIM IS EITHER RECOMMENDED OR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE LOCAL WILDLIFE ORGANIZATION (LWO), ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER AND SUPERINTENDENT:**

	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<u>LWO CHAIRMAN</u>		
NAME: _____		
SIGNATURE: _____	_____	_____
DATE: _____		
 <u>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER</u>		
NAME: _____		
SIGNATURE: _____	_____	_____
DATE: _____		
 <u>REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT</u>		
NAME: _____		
SIGNATURE: _____	_____	_____
DATE: _____		

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS
- OTHER (*please list*)

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## CLIENT GUIDELINES

### PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

To assist harvesters who sustain substantial financial losses due to unavoidable natural disasters such as severe storms or Wildfires

**Maximum compensation is \$4,500 per occurrence, for damage or loss from natural disasters other than forest fires. Fires are assessed separately and may have higher levels of compensation depending on the circumstances.**

Compensation may be provided to an applicant who:

- a) Is a resident of the Northwest Territories;
- b) Has a GHL or is a Land Claim Beneficiary;
- c) Is regularly and actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities;
- d) Earned at least 25% of Gross Income from renewable resource harvesting, for the period of 12 months immediately prior to the incident.

**Compensation will not be paid for losses due to carelessness or poor judgement or any negligent or criminal act.**

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a) Applications will be considered up to one year from the date of the incident.
- b) Applicants will provide:
  - 1) a description of the incident causing the loss or damage,
  - 2) a list and estimated value of equipment lost or damaged,
  - 3) an affidavit of loss,
  - 4) complete the statement of income
  - 5) sign a letter of understanding for the receipt and purpose of the compensation.
- c) The local Environment and Natural Resources Officer (RRO) / investigates claims and will assist applicants with the application for compensation and will submit the application for review.

## APPEAL PROCEDURE

The policy allows for an appeal if the applicant disagrees with the assessment of the claim. The applicant may appeal in writing to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources. The appeal should include the date of the letter containing the decision being appealed and any additional information which could affect the decision on the claim. Appeals will be considered up to six months from the date of the letter containing the decision.

## CONTACT

Regional Superintendent Environment and Natural Resources

Region Regional Office, Community, (867)-Phone number

# HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION

## ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

To assist harvesters who sustain substantial financial losses due to unavoidable natural disasters such as severe storms.

- a) Harvesters must earn at least 25% of their gross income from renewable resource harvesting to be eligible.
- b) Maximum compensation is \$4,500 per occurrence, for damage or loss from natural disasters other than forest fires.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be based on the same criteria as used for the Renewable Resource Harvesters Program for Workers Compensation Board (WCB) claims.

Compensation may be provided to an applicant who:

- a) Is a resident of the Northwest Territories;
- b) Has a GHL or is a Land Claim Beneficiary;
- c) Is regularly and actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities;
- d) Earned at least 25% of Gross Income from renewable resource harvesting, for the period of 12 months immediately prior to the incident.

**Compensation will not be made for losses due to carelessness or poor judgement.**

### 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a) Applications will be considered up to one year from the date of the incident.
- b) Applicants will provide information required for the application including the description of the incident causing the loss or damage, a list and estimated value of equipment lost or damaged, an affidavit of loss, and information for the statement of income section.
- c) The local Environment and Natural Resources Officer (ENRO) will assist applicants with the application for compensation and will present the

application to the Local Wildlife Organization (LWO) for joint review and recommendation.

- d) The ENRO will send the application to the Regional Superintendent Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) for review and recommendation.
- f) The Regional Superintendent Environment and Natural Resources will send the application to the Head of the Field Support Unit for losses other than Forest Fire losses for review and recommendation and furtherance to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) for final approval or denial of the claim.
- g) For approved claims:
  - i) The Shared Services Division will requisition a cheque following instructions from the Head of the Field Support Unit.
  - ii) The cheque and letter of approval from the ADM to the applicant will be sent to the Regional Superintendent ENR for translation (if required) and delivery to the applicant.
  - iii) Applicants will sign a letter of understanding for the receipt and purpose of the compensation.

- h) For denied claims:
  - i) The letter of denial of the claim from the ADM to the applicant will be sent to the Regional Superintendent ENR for translation (if required) and delivery to the applicant.

## 5. APPEAL PROCEDURE

The policy allows for an appeal if the applicant disagrees with the assessment of the claim. The applicant may appeal in writing to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources. The appeal should include the date of the letter containing the decision being appealed and any additional information which could affect the decision on the claim. Appeals will be considered up to six months from the date of the letter containing the decision.

## 6. CONTACT

Head of the Field Support Unit.

## 7. DEFINITIONS:

*Regularly and actively* means commonly, frequently and repeatedly.

*Engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities* includes the acts of hunting, trapping, fishing or gathering of renewable resources such as wildlife, fish, trees, berries or other natural products of the land, forest, lakes or sea. Harvesting is at the primary producer level and does not include secondary production of value added commodities.

*Gross income* includes the income from employment, contracts, pensions or other income (such as sales of crafts or carvings) plus the imputed value and actual income from renewable resource harvesting. Gross income does not include payments from Unemployment Insurance (UIC) or Social Assistance.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

IN THE MATTER of a submission of a claim for compensation to the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada, for losses suffered by Hunters and Trappers in the Northwest Territories due to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, Northwest Territories, hereby swear and affirm:

1. THAT I am a resident of the Northwest Territories;
2. THAT I am a Hunter and Trapper and that I am the holder of, or registered under G.H.L. # \_\_\_\_\_; or I am a registered beneficiary under a final land claim agreement.
3. THAT at least 25% of my gross annual income is earned from harvesting renewable resources;
4. THAT during the \_\_\_\_\_ I did suffer equipment losses due to the \_\_\_\_\_ to the extent of approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which is the estimated replacement costs of the items lost;
5. THAT all of the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SWORN before me at the \_\_\_\_\_, )  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_)  
A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the )  
Northwest Territories. )  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ )