

The Government of Greenland's Executive Order on Paid Hunting and Fishing

Pursuant to section 16(3), 2nd sentence, and 4, section 17, section 18, section 19 and section 20 of the Inatsisartut Act on hunting and hunting, cf. the Government of Greenland's Act no. 30 of 26 March 2025 as well as section 6(2) and (3), sections 51, 55, 68(1), nos. 2-4(2) and section 71(4) of the Inatsisartut Act no. 29 of 23 May 2024 on fisheries, provides:

Chapter 1

Scope and definitions

Scope of application

- § 1. The Executive Order applies to paid hunting and fishing in Greenland's land and fishing territory.
- (2) The Executive Order applies unless otherwise expressly stipulated in terms and conditions laid down pursuant to other legislation on the arrangement of paid hunting.

Definitions

§ 2. For the purposes of this Executive Order:

- 1) Paid hunt: Hunt arranged by an authorised organiser for a fee.
- 2) Paid fishing: Coastal fishing carried out by tourists against payment for a fishing license.
- 3) Person: A natural person.
- 4) Handheld fishing gear: Rod and jig.
- 5) Less game: Birds, polar hares, arctic foxes and non-protected seals.
- 6) Outfitter: Person who provides infrastructure, equipment and clothing for hunting and/or touristic fishing events.

Chapter 2

Paid fishing

- § 3. Paid fishing may only be carried out by persons with a valid fishing license, cf. however, subsection (3).
- (2) Fishing licenses are personal and may not be transferred, sold, rented, lent or similar.
- (3) Persons under the age of 12 who are accompanied by a person aged 18 or over are covered by their fishing license. Age documentation must be brought.
- (4) Any person shall, at the request of the police, game wardens and fisheries inspectors or other persons authorised by the Department of Fisheries, be able to present proof of

his right to paid fishing as a tourist in the form of a valid fishing license.

§ 4. Fishing licenses for paid fishing are issued by the Ministry of Fisheries in the form of payment slips. However, payments can also be made by bank transfer or by web-based payment.

(2) A fishing license entitles you to fish with hand-held fishing gear according to the following rules:

1) Fishing license A valid for 1 day is valid from the time of payment until the end of the next day.

2) Fishing license B valid for 1 week is valid from the time of payment until the end of the next 7 days.

3) Fishing license C valid for 1 month is valid from the time of payment and for 30 calendar days thereafter.

4) Fishing license D valid for a calendar year is valid from the date of payment up to and including 31 December of the same year. Fishing license D is only valid for tourist companies with a valid license that engage in paid fishing for non-quota species.

(3) In the case of payment via payment slip, the date stamp is valid as documentation of the time of payment, cf. subsection (2).

(4) In the case of payment by bank transfer, it is the receipt for this that is valid as documentation of the time of payment, cf. subsection (2).

(5) In the case of payment by web-based payment, it is the receipt for this that is valid as documentation of the time of payment, cf. subsection 2.

(6) The Ministry of Fisheries may instruct the municipalities to carry out the necessary administrative administration of paid fishing, just as the Department may authorise institutions, post offices and tourist offices or similar to be responsible for the distribution of fishing licenses.

§ 5. When issuing a fishing license, a fee is charged for 1 day, 1 week or 1 month of fishing, respectively. The fee for Fishing License D corresponds to the fee for Fishing License A per person. The amount of the tax is determined in the Inatsisartut Act on the Finance Act.

(2) The tax accrues to the national treasury.

Chapter 3

Paid hunting of quota species, non-quota species and small game

Setting and allocating quotas and determining hunting periods and hunting areas

§ 6. The Government of Greenland with responsibility for hunting may, taking into account biological advice, set quotas, hunting periods and hunting areas for paid hunting of quota species and non-quota species for up to 3 years at a time, cf. subsection (2).

(2) Pay-per-view hunting organisers, members of the Hunting Council, commercial hunters' organisations and associations, as well as stakeholders, must be consulted before setting quotas, hunting periods and hunting areas, and public consultation must be carried out.

(3) The Department of Hunting may divide a set quota into smaller quotas, which may be caught in specified areas and periods, and which may be divided by sex and age.

§ 7. The Department of Catch allocates the quotas on application, cf. Section 6(1) to those who have obtained authorisation in accordance with Section 8.

- (2) When allocating the set quotas, the Department may place emphasis on the applicant's knowledge of the hunting area, experience with paid hunting, previously awarded and used licenses, fulfilment of the reporting obligation, timely payment of license fees and compliance with rules relating to hunting.
- (3) The Department may impose restrictions on the number of paid hunting operators who may obtain licences within the same hunting area.
- (4) The Department may divide a hunting area into smaller sub-areas and exclude new paid hunting operators from using their licences in a defined area.

Authorisation for organiser of paid hunts

§ 8. The Ministry of Hunting grants authorisation to organisers of paid hunts.

(2) Paid hunting of quota species, non-quota species and small game may only be arranged by persons who have obtained authorisation to do so by the Ministry of Hunting, cf. however, section 22(3).

(3) Authorisation may be granted as applicable to:

- (a) single or more quota species;
- (b) single or several non-quota species;
- (c) less game, and
- (d) a specific hunting area, management area and for a specific hunting period in accordance with the determination of quotas, hunting areas and hunting periods for paid hunting.

§ 9. Authorisation to organise paid hunting only gives the right to organise paid hunting in the areas covered by the holder's authorisation.

(2) Paid hunting must follow the rules laid down in other legislation for paid hunting for the species in question.

(3) Authorisation to arrange paid hunting for quota species, non-quota species and small game may be granted to an individual or individuals who are personally and directly liable and who meet the conditions of section 10.

Authorization of individuals

§ 10. Individuals who apply for authorisation as paid hunting organisers, cf. section 9(3), must meet the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant must be the holder of a valid commercial or recreational hunting license in Greenland and have had a valid license continuously for the past 5 years prior to the date of application.
- 2) The applicant must have documented experience with hunting of the species in question and handling the game after hunting for at least the last 2 years prior to the time of application.
- 3) The applicant must be able to document practical experience in the relevant hunting area for at least 2 calendar years prior to the date of application.
- 4) The applicant must:
 - a) be the outfitter,
 - b) have documentation of passing the trophy preparation course approved by the Department of Hunting, or
 - c) be able to document equivalent knowledge as an outfitter and trophy repairer as well as at least 2 years of experience in commercial hunting, paid hunting or tourism.

(2) When granting authorisation for paid hunting, emphasis is placed on the following:

- 1) that the applicant owns the necessary means of transport, accommodation facilities and equipment to carry out paid hunting events,
 - 2) that the applicant has the will and ability to create local jobs and use local suppliers for contracts, deliveries and services,
 - 3) that the applicant has experience in the tourism industry, and
 - 4) that the applicant has a connection to the local area.
- (3) The Department of Hunting may require documentation that the conditions in subsection (1) are met.

§ 11. Authorisations of paid hunting operators can be granted for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years.

(2) An authorisation pursuant to subsection (1) must be taken into use within 1 year after the authorisation has been issued, otherwise the authorisation will lapse.

Authorisations may be extended for a maximum period of 5 years at a time upon application and approval.

(3) The authorisation must state which species and which areas it applies to, as well as other conditions and restrictions stipulated in accordance with this Executive Order.

(4) Authorizations are personal and may not be transferred, sold, rented or loaned.

Requirements for guides when hunting for quota species, non-quota species and smaller game

§ 12. If the pay-per-view hunt organiser uses a guide when carrying out pay-per-view hunting for quota species, non-quota species or smaller game, the guide must meet the following requirements:

- 1) have a permanent connection to Greenlandic society,
- 2) have a permanent residence in Greenland,
- 3) be the holder of a valid commercial or recreational hunting license in Greenland,
- 4) have experience with hunting and handling the game after hunting the species in question,
- 5) have hunting-related knowledge of the species in question in Greenland, and
- 6) be able to conduct paid hunting in a safe manner.

(2) When hunting for quota species or non-quota species, at least 1 participating guide must have passed the trophy preparation course for trophy hunting guides approved by the Ministry of Hunting, or be able to document that they have acquired equivalent knowledge in guiding and trophy preparation in some other way.

(3) The Department of Hunting may require documentation that the conditions in subsections (1) and (2) are met.

§ 13. Before the hunt starts, the paid hunt organiser or guide must ensure that the weapon to be used in connection with the hunt is inserted and meets the requirements for hunting the specific species, and that the customer has the necessary permits to use the weapon.

(2) Organizers or guides must bring a rifle for killing shot animals.

(3) Organisers or guides associated with a paid hunting event are not allowed to hunt themselves in connection with paid hunting events, except in the case of killing a shot animal.

(4) Organizers or guides must ensure that all meat, skins and other usable parts from trapped animals are taken home immediately after the end of the hunt, and that the hunting area is cleared of leftovers.

The Ministry of Hunting may grant exemptions from the conditions of section 10(1) in the event of generational change or when the person in question has temporarily resided outside Greenland for educational purposes or similar during the mentioned periods. This must be documented to the Ministry.

(2) The Ministry of Hunting may grant exemptions from the conditions of section 12(1) when the person in question has temporarily resided outside Greenland during the mentioned periods in connection with education or the like. This must be documented to the Ministry.

(3) The Department of Hunting may grant exemptions to official guests from the provisions of the Executive Order on fishing licenses, cf. Section 4, licences, cf. section 16, and reporting, cf. section 17. The relevant departments must notify the Department of Hunting in writing as early as possible and before the arrival of the guests of the official guests and whether the exemption is applied for regarding fishing, hunting or both.

§ 15. The Government of Greenland, with responsibility for Hunting, may grant exemptions for one calendar year to persons employed by the Arctic Command in Greenland for non-commercial fishing for non-quota fish species and small game hunting for private consumption.

(2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) shall, at the request of the hunting officer or fisheries inspector, document their employment with the Arctic Command.

(3) Upon application, the Arctic Command must submit a list of names to the Department of Hunting in January and send an updated list in the event of changes for persons covered by subsection 1.

(4) A report of the previous year's catches must be sent to the Ministry of Catches. The report must be received by the Ministry no later than 15 January.

(5) Exemption pursuant to subsection (1) is personal and may not be transferred, sold, rented out or loaned.

Chapter 5

Licenses and reporting

Licenses

§ On October 16, 2019, Authorised paid hunting organisers must apply for licences for the hunting areas for which they are authorised when paying for quota species and non-quota species. The Department of Hunting shall set a time limit for this. The department issues licences with associated catch reporting for the hunt as well as trophy certificates.

(2) If the entire trophy quota is not distributed in the first distribution round, the remaining licenses will be distributed to the authorized paid hunting organizers who contact them first.

(3) Licenses are personal and may not be transferred, sold, rented or loaned.

(4) Licences issued pursuant to paragraph 1 shall indicate the number of animals permitted, the animals, the hunting period and the hunting area.

Reporting

§ 17. Paid hunting organisers must submit a report to the Ministry of Hunting no later than 1 month after the end of each hunting period with the following information:

- 1) A statement of all licences granted, used and unused issued to the pay-hunting organiser by the Department.
 - 2) The paid hunt organiser's use of guides, calculated by number of guides, periods, recruitment of guides and the guides' competences.
 - 3) The location of camps by the pay hunt organiser, including information on:
 - (a) facilities and technical installations in the camps, and
 - b) transport used to and from the camps.
 - 4) Map of the paid hunting operator's used hunting areas.
 - 5) The paid hunt organiser's transport of meat and trophy out of the hunting area.
 - (6) The use of the meat of the catch.
 - 7) The hunt organiser's hunting-related use of motorised means of transport within the hunting area.
- (2) Pay-per-view hunt organisers who have had customers for pay-per-view fishing in accordance with Category D must send a completed form with the required information in accordance with subsection (1) per quarter to the Department.

Chapter 6

Controls, measures and withdrawal of authorisation

Control

§ 18. Game wardens and fisheries inspectors or other persons authorised by the Department of Hunting shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

Actions

§ 19. A fine is imposed in accordance with the rules of the Criminal Code for Greenland to anyone who:

- 1) Violates the provisions on a valid fishing license in section 3(1) and (2).
- (2) Not to present documentation as referred to in section 3(4) on request.
- 3) Fishing with other gear than permitted under section 4(2).
- 4) Fishing outside the period of validity of the fishing license in section 4(2).
- 5) Arranges paid hunting without having obtained authorisation to do so, cf. section 8(2).
- 6) Arranges a paid hunt in violation of the terms, conditions or restrictions of the authorisation as stipulated in accordance with section 11(3).
- 7) Violates the rules on authorisations for paid hunting in section 11(3).
- 8) Use a guide when conducting paid hunting in violation of section 12(1) or (2).
- 9) Violates the rules for organizers and guides in section 13(1)-(4).
- 10) Utilises an exemption pursuant to section 15(1) without presenting documentation as described in section 15(2) on request.
- 11) Violates the terms of a licence issued pursuant to section 16(1).

Revocation of permission

§ 20. The Department of Hunting may revoke a licence to offer paid hunting or stop the issuance of licences to a paid hunting organiser if:

- 1) The pay-as-you-go hunt organiser no longer fulfils the conditions set out in section 10,
- 2) The pay-per-view hunt organiser uses guides in violation of the requirements of section 12,

- 3) The pay-per-view hunt organiser has not arranged a pay-per-view hunt for a continuous period of 12 months,
- 4) The pay-per-view hunt organiser, his guide or customer in connection with a pay-per-view hunt event repeatedly violates the provisions of this Executive Order, applicable hunting and conservation regulations, or rules laid down in the Firearms Act,
- 5) The pay-per-view hunt organiser, his guide or customer violates the rules of the Species Ordinance if the offence is directly related to the practice of pay-per-view hunting,
- 6) The pay-as-you-go hunt organiser does not submit used and unused licences and a report in accordance with section 17, or
- 7) The pay-as-you-go event organiser does not pay fees stipulated in the Finance Act.

§ 21. The Department of Hunting may revoke or reduce a quota if the conservation and reproduction of the catch resources so requires. The revocation must be announced at the same time as the announcement of the year's quotas and before the year's licences are distributed.

Entry into force, repeal and transitional provisions

§ 22. The executive order will enter into force on 1 July 2026.

(2) At the same time, the Home Rule Government's Executive Order No. 22 of 19 August 2002 on paid hunting and fishing is repealed.

(3) Valid authorisations to arrange paid hunting issued on the basis of previous legislation on paid hunting and fishing, cf. subsection (2), remain valid until they expire.

(4) Valid authorisations, cf. subsection (3), cannot be extended, but the pay-per-view organiser may apply for authorisation in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order instead.

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