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## **Former outfitter pleads guilty to Wildlife Act offences**

### ***Penalties include monetary fine and creative sentencing***

*Edmonton...* A former outfitter-guide has pleaded guilty to hunting without a licence and unlawful possession of wildlife. Under the creative sentencing provisions of the Wildlife Act, he is prohibited from being an outfitter-guide for two years and will have certain reporting requirements for an additional three years. In addition, his hunting licence is suspended for two years, and he must pay a \$55,200 fine within six months, or face 10 months in jail.

The guilty pleas were part of a plea agreement that resulted in several other charges being withdrawn.

In January of 2008, Fish and Wildlife officers in Peace River received information from hunters who were concerned about being guided to hunt in areas outside of where their licences were valid. A subsequent investigation revealed 31 clients were guided and had harvested in areas where they were not licensed.

Anyone with information that would assist in solving any wildlife crime in Alberta is asked to contact a local Fish and Wildlife Division office of Sustainable Resource Development or call the toll-free Report A Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800. The Report A Poacher line is open 24 hours, and anyone who provides information can remain anonymous and could qualify for a reward.

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