



**2022 NORTH AMERICAN POLICY STATEMENT:
HUNTING LICENSE ALLOCATION**

Purpose: The intent of policy statements are to provide a formal mechanism for Backcountry Hunters & Anglers to engage in specific conservation issues while establishing clear policy direction that not only defines the parameters of our position statements but the relevance to our mission. As declarations of policy, statements do not direct specific actions, establish policy priorities or allocate BHA resources.

Sponsored by: Originally proposed by the Kansas, Montana, and New Mexico Chapters of BHA, this statement reflects revisions made by the North American Board of Directors.

North American Board Action: Adopted on May 13, 2022

North American Policy Statement:

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers upholds the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation which states that "government allocates access to wildlife without regard for wealth, prestige, or land ownership," and that wild game hunting opportunity must be allocated in a fair and equitable manner.

BHA does not support the allocation of state, provincial, or territorial issued transferable and/or saleable hunting licenses or authorizations for any wild game species as compensation. Entitlement to wild game hunting licenses, tags or other authorizations that monetize opportunities on public trust resources for private gain should be disallowed.

We urge wildlife management agencies to avoid policies and regulations that establish transactional circumstances that monetize wild game hunting opportunity and compromise equity in access to public trust resources.