

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO.135 POLICY

PREPARED BY: Joyce Sydnes	ADOPTED BY / Council	NUMBER: ASB - 5
TITLE: PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAM		SUPERSEDES:
DATE: October 9, 2001		
PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY: To provide policy and procedures for the control of livestock predators in the M.D. of Peace.		
<p>POLICY STATEMENT: The problem of livestock predation shall be addressed through extension and the distribution of control devices in a manner that is both agriculturally and environmentally sustainable.</p> <p>PROCEDURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratepayers requiring assistance with a livestock predation problem shall contact the Agricultural Fieldman. 2. Upon receiving the complaint, the Ag Fieldman shall instruct the producer to secure any carcass or remains, if possible. The Ag Fieldman will, as soon as possible, investigate the complaint to ensure that the death loss was actually caused by predation and not another health problem. 3. If the loss was the result of predation, the Ag Fieldman may then issue up a maximum of six 1080 pellets (Monosodium fluoracetate). The Ag Fieldman shall assist the producer in preparing and placing the baits. If further losses should take place at a later date, the Ag Fieldman may issue additional 1080 pellets (up to a total maximum of 12) to the producer to use on his own. 4. The Form 7, Permit to Use Control Material, are to be issued for a specific time period as determined by the Ag Fieldman (15 days) but to a maximum of 30 days. All unused pellets must be returned to the Ag Fieldman by the expiry date stipulated on the Form 7. 5. If in conducting his initial investigation, the Ag Fieldman determines that poor management was a contributing factor in the predation problem, he shall make recommendations to the producer on management changes that would reduce the chances of further predation. If the producer chooses to ignore recommendations and continue in his present management practices, the Ag Fieldman shall reserve the right to refuse further assistance through the distribution of 1080 pellets. 6. 1080 pellets are to be issued for coyote control. Potential predation due to wolves needs to be reported to the local Fish and Wildlife Department. 		