

## **Sale of Wildlife Policy – “Movement of Big Game Antlers”**

To address a backlog of antlers that people may have collected over the last number of years the department is making a temporary adjustment to the current Sale of Wildlife Policy affecting movement of big game antlers.

The department has established an amnesty period from April 1 to September 1, 2004 where a person may, without a sale of wildlife permit, sell big game antlers, separated from the skull plate (antlers cut off above or immediately below the burr to form two distinct antlers), that were lawfully taken but the seller cannot produce the hunting licence under which the animal was taken.

This temporary provision does not apply to big game antlers attached to the skull plate that are taken under hunting licence nor to antlers taken under Aboriginal hunting rights.

### **After September 1, 2004 any person wishing to sell big game antlers should be aware of the following:**

- A sale of wildlife permit is not required to sell naturally shed big game antlers.
- Big game antlers attached to the skull plate that are taken under authority of a hunting licence may be sold with a sale of wildlife permit.
- Big game antlers that are separated from the skull plate (antlers cut off above or immediately below the burr to form two distinct antlers) may be sold without a sale of wildlife permit provided the seller can produce the hunting licence under which the animal was taken. If a hunting licence cannot be produced a sale of wildlife permit is required to sell these antlers.
- Antlers acquired by an Aboriginal person, under his/her Aboriginal hunting right, can be sold without a sale of wildlife permit provided that the antlers have been separated from the skull and have been processed into a form of artwork (carved or altered into a specialty product). Antlers legally acquired by non-Aboriginal people can also be sold without a sale of wildlife permit provided that the antlers have been separated from the skull and have been processed into a form of artwork (carved or altered into a specialty product).