



Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia

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WHY BE A MEMBER OF GOABC?

Why should I be a member of GOABC?

We are your industry association, addressing the issues you face and working for the betterment of the guide outfitting industry. It is our goal to create increased certainty for guide outfitters and their families.

If I am not a member, will GOABC do its advocacy anyway?

Absolutely – but we'd rather do it *with* you! It is important to have strong industry representation on stakeholder committees and government meetings and be presenting a united voice to government and industry partners. Plus, being a member gives you a vote in which areas the association's resources are spent.

Today we represent 60-70% of the guide outfitter industry which is approximately 170 family businesses generating approximately \$116 million annually.

How much has GOABC invested in wildlife stewardship?

Since 2009, we've dedicated over \$270,000 to wildlife stewardship initiatives in BC. In 2015, GOABC launched the Wildlife Stewardship Partner Program, designed to help drive local habitat enhancement and wildlife projects throughout the province. We dedicate \$50,000 per year for these types of local projects. If you have a great idea, we'd love to hear from you!

How do I ensure GOABC is focused on the right issues?

Members are free to bring forward issues to the Board of Directors at any time. The board diligently reviews and debates these topics to develop our position, actions and allies. There are many important files that we work on simultaneously, with input from our various focused task forces and advisory groups. Many members chose to participate in these committees, providing valuable insights and wisdom.

Provide examples of where GOABC represents me.

- Provincial Angling Advisory Team
- Off Road Vehicle
- Natural Resource Road Act
- Border Crossing
- Land Use Planning
- Mid-term Timber Supply
- Wildlife Act Review
- NE BC Provincial Development
- Joint Steering Committee
- Grizzly Bear Committee
- Provincial Hunting & Trapping Advisor Team
- Species at Risk Act
- Temporary Foreign Worker Program
- Forest & Range
- Habitat Features
- Transport Canada
- Forest Steward Plans
- Electronic Licenses and Permits
- Special Permits Committee
- Management Plans

What has GOABC done to control excess logging in pine beetle areas?

The association has made submissions on many Forest Stewardship Plans, commented on the Professional Reliance Review, made presentations to the Provincial Forestry Forum and The Standing Committee on Finance. We continue to advocate for putting a value on wildlife so that they are considered in resource-extraction decisions.

What has GOABC done to control the increasing wolf populations in BC?

1. We commented on the provincial Wolf Management Plan.
2. We publically supported the wolf cull.
3. We pushed for increased hunting seasons and bag limits.
4. We support ungulate enhancement programs through the BC Trappers Association.
5. We are opposed to primary prey theory.
6. We advocate for a balance of populations on the landscape.

Does GOABC want to rebuild the relationship with the BCWF?

Absolutely. Building relationships with resident hunters is important. With increasing pressure on hunting, and a vast majority (approx. 70%) of British Columbians indicating they are “undecided” about hunting, it is becoming increasingly important that the hunting sector is united.

What has GOABC done to mitigate resource development interrupting guide outfitting businesses?

We have met with and made presentations to multiple representatives of the pipeline, oil and gas, windmill, and other industries to help them understand the needs of the outfitting community. We continue to stay involved and when our membership is impacted by these industries, we push for compensation.

What are “Certainty Needs”?

We are constantly working to reduce “red tape” and improve business certainty within the guide outfitting industry. We are in ongoing conversations with government regarding specific action items that will give business owners in our sector more confidence that their needs are being taken into consideration when government makes decisions.

What are some additional benefits of membership?

- Security Bond Coverage - Membership provides automatic coverage under the security bond required for any improvements on Crown land.
- Liability Insurance - Our liability insurance program is custom-designed for the outfitting industry by HUB International, a leading insurance provider in North America. Volume buying and low-claims history provide insurance at the lowest cost available.
- Marketing
 - www.GOABC.org is a high-ranking website that provides a portal to our members’ websites. Potential clients looking to book a hunt or find an outfitter have three options:
 1. Search by outfitter or company name.
 2. Find members by using the provincial maps.
 3. Post their desired hunt details on the Hunt Finder.
 - Mountain Hunter™ Magazine is our flagship publication, featuring photos and stories of hunts hosted by our members. The magazine is produced three times per year at no charge to our members and is a powerful tool for communicating with prospective and returning hunting clients. Guides Gallery photos and stories are published at no charge; advertisements can be purchased at competitive rates in varying sizes. Mountain Hunter™ is distributed through direct mail subscription and via various Cabela’s and Bass Pro Shops locations in Canada and the USA.

Who can I talk to about membership?

Feel free to call the office at 604-541-6332– we’d love to hear from you!