

# FIORDLAND WAPITI FOUNDATION

Te Anau NZ



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## HUNTER DATA RETURN

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This information is vital to the future management of the Wapiti herd. We encourage your support on this. The Wapiti ballot is the only controlled harvest of Trophy bulls taken each season enabling us to retrieve consistent data to monitor improvements in the herd.

**PLEASE NOTE!** YOUR PARTY may become **EXEMPT** from future ballots if this return is not received by **31st MAY 2010**. This will remain the responsibility of the party leader but will affect all party members in future ballots.

A brief explanation follows of what we require.

### BULL

**1. *Photos of your bull's head, body and rump.***

WHY? These will be compared against other bulls from the herd, for example, to assess/record antler configuration and, over time, monitor changes in antler quality (improvements or declines). Attributing factors of this can be both genetic makeup and the quality of nutrition. The photos also provide visual characteristics to identify mature Trophy bulls which will assist future trophy hunter's assessment.

**2. *Head measurements - length and spread. (DS sheet preferable - Contact FWF for your closest qualified Douglas scorer).***

WHY? Your bull will be entered into the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation records of trophy history - accessible to FWF members.

**3. *The jaw***

WHY? This enables us to accurately age the bull. Then we are better able to assess the age structure of the mature bull component of the herd as a whole and compare individual bulls with others in their applicable age classes.

**4. *Area taken***

WHY? This allows assessment of changes in bull quality relative to the management undertaken in different areas, including the numbers of animals removed and the selection criteria of those animals that have been deliberately left.

### SIGHTINGS

The number of animals sighted reflects on the abundance of quality nutrition available for Trophy bull development and the all-round health of the breeding cow component of the herd.

### SHOT ANIMALS

The number of animals taken by recreational hunters contributes significantly to the annual kill return data from the wapiti area.

# HUNTER DATA/CHECK SHEET

Block .....

Period 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>

Party Leader .....

Hunter .....

Days in block .....

## BULL

1. Photos of your bull's head   
(*email accepted*) body   
rump
  
2. Head measurements length left ..... right .....   
spread .....   
Douglas score sheet preferable
  
3. The jaw (one side of lower only)
  
4. Area taken (watershed)

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( Data required from each Trophy bull secured )

## SIGHTINGS (Animals seen and not shot)

Bulls \_\_\_ Cows\_\_\_

Please note some sighting can be in other blocks. If so, please state.

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## SHOT ANIMALS

Bulls \_\_\_ Cows\_\_\_

Do you consent to your return being used publicly by FWF? Yes/No

Signed by party leader .....

## DROP OFF OPTIONS FOR JAW AND DATA RETURNS

### OPTION ONE:

FIORDLAND FRONTIER OUTFITTERS  
1 THE LANE  
MAIN SHOPPING AREA TE ANAU

### OPTION TWO:

POST TO : NATHAN MIRFIN  
HERD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
53 LUXMORE DRIVE  
TE ANAU 9600

### PLEASE EMAIL PHOTOS TO:

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QUERIES WELCOMED ON

03 249 4019 – Nathan.

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**DEADLINE 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2010**

## Comments