Wildlife Biology

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Appendix 1

Interview guide

Background

Tell me about yourself (job, where from, education, county of residence)

Hunter proficiency course/test

Why do you want to take the hunter proficiency test? (develop motives, why)

What type of education? (intensive 1–3 days, normal 10–16 weeks)

Which organization was responsible?

If interviewee has taken a course: why did you take this specific course?

If interviewee has not taken a course: why did you choose not to take a course?

What was the best part of the course? Anything particularly interesting?

Why right now (this time in life)?

What will be most useful to you afterwards?

Did you discuss (during the course) what the state-owned hunting license is and what it is used for?

What do you look forward to after finishing the test?

Relation to hunting

Do you have any previous experience with hunting? (Participated, family members hunt)

Do you know someone who hunts? Who? (household, friends, relatives)

Has anyone taught you how to hunt? (e.g. when growing up)

Is hunting important to you? Why?

Access to hunting ground?

Are you planning to participate in hunting the coming hunting year (2017/2018)?

What and where are you planning to hunt?

Why do you think people in general starts to hunt?

Wildlife management

What do you think of when you hear the word wildlife management?

Do you have an opinion on how wildlife management today in Sweden is working? Positive/negative?

What should be the main task for the management, according to you?

Which is the role of the hunters in the management?

How should management be financed? By whom? Why?

How do you see your own role as a hunter? Do you wish to contribute to wildlife management? Why/why not?

What should the money from the state-owned hunting license be used for, in your opinion?

Finale

Today we see a trend in Sweden where more people are taking the hunter proficiency test at the same time as fewer hunters choose to pay the state-owned hunting license. Why do you think that is?

What hinders people from hunting even if they have an interest for it?

Is there a need for additional knowledge on what it takes to be a hunter? (e.g. needing to pay the state-owned hunting license, other?)