

# NORTH AMERICAN BOWHUNTING COALITION

## CHARTER

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The North American Bowhunting Coalition, comprised of state, provincial and national bowhunting organizations, works on behalf of current and future generations of bowhunters to promote, preserve and defend the ideals of bowhunting. The NABC will proactively maintain a strong voice through an effective communications link, organized structure and definitive strategies on important bowhunting issues.

### NEED

North America's bowhunting traditions are being pulled in multiple directions by diverse factors such as demographic change, urbanization, loss of available hunting land, the anti-hunting movement, competition with other leisure time activities and a societal structure that is increasingly disconnected from the natural world. The social environment today is constantly challenging the very fabric of bowhunting's heritage and creates escalating perils. The North American Bowhunting Coalition's challenge is to bring the state, provincial and national organizational parties together, utilizing its collective strength, to work the various issues as a strong and cohesive group, taking an active lead in managing bowhunting's destiny.

### PURPOSE

1. Build unity among coalition organizations and increase collective effectiveness.
2. Maintain a democratic process/structure whereby important bowhunting issues will be identified and efficiently pursued.
3. Provide a strong force advocating for the future welfare of bowhunting in the United States and Canada.
4. Share information in an effective and immediate way through the NABC information network to enable coalition groups to benefit from the knowledge and experiences of their peers.
5. Work with state/federal wildlife agencies and other entities on bowhunting/wildlife issues.

### RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

1. All state, provincial and national-level bowhunting organizations are automatically members of the NABC by virtue of their status as a state, provincial, or national group. All coalition organizations must have bowhunting as its primary focus. The

national NABC organizations are the Pope and Young Club, Professional Bowhunters Society and Compton Traditional Bowhunters.

2. Each coalition member retains its organizational autonomy.
3. Differences are respected and no pressure is asserted to conform.
4. Each coalition member will have a minimum of one NABC representative designated by the individual organizations.
5. Each coalition organization has one vote, of equal value, on applicable issues presented to the group through the steering committee.
6. Recommended objectives to be pursued can be brought forward to the steering committee by any coalition organization.
7. Active engagement by coalition members is strongly encouraged. Direct participation determines the strength and success of NABC initiatives or programs.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

A Steering Committee consists of the NABC chairman, a facilitator and regional chairmen representing the four NABC regions. This committee will plan, organize, direct and coordinate the activities of the NABC. The committee will insure that timely and comprehensive communications occur between the committee and the coalition organizational representatives.

#### MEETINGS

The NABC will meet annually. During those years when the Pope and Young Club will hold its biennial convention, the NABC shall meet following the convention on the same site. Off-year meeting sites and dates shall be determined by the steering committee. Separate regional meetings will be conducted in conjunction with the annual meetings.

#### COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

Established as needed by the steering committee. Membership is voluntary with active participation encouraged. Committees/task forces will be created to pursue important issues in support of the NABC mission with the goal of developing NABC policy, recommendations and/or support material for the coalition organizations.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Clerical, meeting minutes, bookkeeping and like kinds of support to be provided by the Pope and Young Club.

#### FUNDING

Although not required, an annual contribution of \$100 per coalition organization is suggested.

