

RUSSIAN FEDERATION**FEDERAL LAW****ON WILDLIFE**

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Chapter VI.**TRADITIONAL METHODS OF PROTECTION AND ENJOYMENT OF WILDLIFE**

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Article 49. Preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife

Persons belonging to indigenous small-numbered peoples of Russia and other ethnic groups, whose distinctive culture and lifestyle include traditional practices of protection and use of wildlife, as well as their associations have preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife on territories of traditional inhabitation and economic activities of indigenous small-numbered peoples of Russia.

The preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife includes:

granting of preferential choice of areas for economic activities to persons belonging to groups mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present Article as well as to their associations;

privileges regarding periods and areas of harvesting wildlife, sex and age composition and amount of harvested wildlife as well products derived from it;

exclusive right to harvesting of particular wildlife and products derived from it;

other types of enjoyment of wildlife agreed with competent authorities of Russia on protection, control and regulation of enjoyment of wildlife and their environment.

Preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife is granted to persons belonging to groups mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present Article as well as to other persons residing on territory of traditional inhabitation and economic activities of indigenous small-numbered peoples of Russia and included, in accordance with law, in one of the groups, mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present Article.

In case one territory is traditionally inhabited and used for traditional economic activities by two or more groups, both mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present Article and others, these groups have the preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife. The scope of this right shall be determined upon agreement between the mentioned groups.

Assignment of the preferential right to enjoyment of wildlife to persons and legal entities not mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article 48 of the present Federal Law is prohibited.

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