

Hi Gord here is a letter I sent to this American hunter who had a You Tube hunting video about hunted Woodland Caribou in Middle Ridge N.L. We really have to fix this. This really wrong!

Hi Steve,

I am commenting on your You Tube video concerning your Newfoundland Woodland Caribou hunt in Middle Ridge N.L in 2017. It was great to see that you made the right choice to take that old bull caribou with the broken leg. That bull caribou was highly likely coyote feed anyway and would have suffered a cruel death. That was okay! However, you mentioned Newfoundland's (no fly and shoot restrictions) that is where the problem is. Fair chase means not knowing where the caribou or any land mammal is traveling one day to the next. It is giving the animal you are trying to harvest a level playing field and a chance to elude his pursuer. Just because you never shot a trophy bull from a chopper doesn't mean it is fair chase. In essence, if you truly don't practice fair chase hunting from the time you leave your base camp, to the time you fire the shot, then it really is a false hunt. Ethical questions arise here everywhere as I watched your chopper fly over the caribou herd in Middle Ridge where I have harvested caribou there myself. I my friend had to fend for myself, knowing all to well that there was a reasonable chance I would not find them and that they had a chance to elude me. This 21st century style hunting is getting more distorted one generation after the other and if we don't soon teach our children what fair chase truly is than this hunting culture is going up in smoke. No fly and shoot restrictions is anti conservative and a joke anywhere in the world. Flying over any land mammal and spotting approximately where they are, in any kind of air craft is completely wrong and a travesty. In a true harvest we really don't have these high-tech toys to find the game we are after. We fend for ourselves. Here is a copy of my letter I sent to the Newfoundland government pertaining to this issue. We definitely have to change this mind set and legislation!

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary