



COMPTON TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS

Compton Traditional Bowhunters Crossbow and Airbow Policy Position Statement

Compton Traditional Bowhunters was founded to promote bowhunting with recurves, longbows and self-bows and to record for posterity the outstanding examples of North American big game animals taken solely with a traditional hunting bow.

For the purpose of Compton Traditional Bowhunters, a bow shall be defined as a longbow, recurve bow or self-bow that is hand-held and hand-drawn with a single string, and that has no mechanical device to enable the hunter to lock the bow at full or partial draw. Other than the energy stored by the drawn bow, no device to propel the arrow will be permitted.

Consequently, Compton Traditional Bowhunters does not consider the compound bow, crossbow or airbow to be a traditional hunting bow and will not accept any trophies collected by these weapons. Further, Compton Traditional Bowhunters considers the use of crossbows and airbows during bowhunting seasons to be a serious threat to the future of bowhunting.

Compton Traditional Bow hunters therefore recommends the crossbow and airbow should not be considered for use in any bowhunting only season. Also, Compton Traditional Bowhunters strongly recommends that crossbow hunting be abolished from all exist ing bowhunting only seasons. We encourage all states and provinces which desire to allow use of crossbows and airbow for hunting big game, to require their use in a general gun season with mandatory crossbow and airbow specific education, licensing, and reporting requirements.