



Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review Committee
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Dear Review Committee Members,

The Alsek Renewable Resource Council attended the public meeting held here in Haines Junction February 28, 2011. The meeting was well attended and the discussion enlightening.

The main concerns the ARRC heard were

1. Lack of trapping activity on traplines in the Champagne Aishihik Traditional Territory
2. Lack of trapline availability
3. Lack of information regarding predator populations
4. Habitat enhancement needs to be addressed
5. Knowledge, traditional and local, needs to be sought and incorporated into planning.

The Council agrees that community based management is the best course of action. The community wants to be involved, is a point that we heard clearly. Funds need to be set aside to encourage trapping. Education and encouragement of trapline utilization is important, culturally, and as a means of balancing out of the ecosystem from which many of us harvest food. Perhaps trapping regulations as we know them need to be revisited and molded to work with and fit the times, especially now that land claims have been settled in the lions share of the territory. The governments need to work closely on this to help make local trappers successful. The trapline compensation process(at least in the CAFN Traditional Territory) we believe also has been a great hindrance, and this process also needs to be completed.

The plan as it stands is quite dated and other methods of wolf management can and should be used to address issues. We have read through many of the comments and meeting notes from individuals, and other RRCs and agree with much of what we have read. We work to manage for abundance, and hope that this is a great start to fulfill that goal.

We look forward to reviewing the draft plan, and thank you for the chance to comment on this plan

Yours truly,

Wade Istchenko
Chair