

To the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Committee:

The Yukon needs the ability to maintain a steady management on the wolf population. It is necessary to keep the numbers in a check and to avoid the need for big culls and then nothing done for years. It is critical to avoid the huge fluctuations in the wolf population. Using aircraft to harvest wolves, increasing the harvest limit on wolves for residents and non-residents and increasing the harvest season will all help to control the wolf population.

Other regions are successfully using aircraft to assist in the management of wolves and other predators. I am in favour of utilizing this alternative in the Yukon. Areas that are successfully utilizing aircraft are Alaska for Wolves, Texas for Coyote and Hogs and New Mexico for Coyotes.

Other jurisdictions have open hunting season for wolves during all big game seasons. The Yukon should have an unlimited harvest limit on wolves and the season should be open from August 1 to June 21st.

It would be beneficial to permit trapping by other trappers on traplines that are not being trapped. Some of the remote areas are not currently being trapped and have not been trapped for years.

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