

# Carmacks Renewable Resources Council

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Dear Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review Committee,

## **Re: CRRC recommendations to the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review**

Thank-you for this opportunity to provide local information to the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan review. We appreciate the Committee's visit to our community on April 11 and applaud the efforts to incorporate local knowledge in management plan reviews.

For this review, we are bringing forward four main issues.

First, the Carmacks Renewable Resources Council (CRRC) feels strongly that all good decisions in fish & wildlife management come from the combination of local, traditional and scientific knowledge. We are seeking the inclusion of co-management as the basis for all decision making in the new management plan.

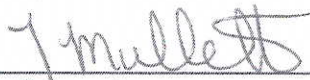
Second, the CRRC believes that all sound decision making comes from using accurate information. The need for accurate population numbers and habitat mapping is critical for moose, caribou, wolf and bears prior to decision making. Population estimates must be collected over multiple years by all co-management agencies to collect the necessary knowledge and to develop effective and collaborative management plans. Ongoing research and monitoring of population and harvest should be improved and expanded.

Third, there was strong support for community planning and initiatives to address wolf management concerns. Program funding to be locally developed and administered by the RRC and/or the First Nation are believed to be the most cost effective and appropriate method to target specific wolf packs in emergency ungulate recovery programs. No other option is recommended for emergency wolf reduction programs.

Finally, the issue of safety was raised a number of times as a growing belief that children are no longer safe to walk and play in their community. An improved process developed at a local level to address this issue is required before tragedy occurs. The process should also look at attacks on local dogs and habitual use of the landfill. The plan review should recommend resources be directed for community planning initiatives to address these concerns.

Again, we thank-you for the exhaustive efforts the Review Committee has invested in gathering information at a local level. We are certain this process will assist in the development of a wolf management and conservation plan that accurately reflects the appropriate co-management decision making process.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jordan Mullett", written over a horizontal line.

Jordan Mullett

Co-Chair, Carmacks Renewable Resources Council

cc LSCFN Lands Dept