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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Concern

#### Elders' information is not being transferred to youth.

Teachings from elders are an important way for youth to learn about bush life and traditional ways. Elders are concerned that youth are not interested in listening, that traditional ways will be lost, and that youth will not learn important messages about bush life.

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### Solution

#### Involve elders and youth in traditional activities.

Hunts that involve elders and youth provide the opportunity for elders to teach kids about traditional ways. School bison hunts have proven to be effective in getting kids out on the land. Elders could use similar programs to teach traditional activities to youth. Involvement of the CRRC with youth is an important part of its role in the community.

### Commitment

By who? By when?

LSCFN, CRRC  
2004-2009

The LSCFN and CRRC will jointly identify opportunities for elders and youth to participate in traditional activities. [59]

The LSCFN needs to provide guidance and find ways to involve elders with youth. This guidance will help the CRRC to carry out community initiatives or programs that may help to transfer traditional ways from elders to kids. It is important that this work continue throughout plan implementation.

### Concern

#### Results of technical studies need to be better communicated with the community.

This concern was raised specifically in relation to bison and elk management, but also more generally. Communicating the results of fish and wildlife surveys, technical reports, and sharing new information about wildlife management is important and must be ongoing throughout the plan implementation.

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### Solution

#### Provide information about wildlife management to the community.

Community meetings, newsletters, columns in the local paper, or use of a website can provide this information to the community.

### Commitment

By who? By when?

YTG, CRRC, LSCFN  
2004-2009

YTG to work with the CRRC and LSCFN to ensure the community receives information. [60]

Depending on the issue or information to be shared, the most effective method may vary. YTG will rely on the CRRC and LSCFN to provide advice on how best to share information on a regular basis.

**Concern****Identifying increasing wildlife populations in the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary booklet directs hunting pressure to these areas.**

This booklet is a good source of annual information for hunters. However, publishing positive survey results in the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary attracts hunters to these areas and in doing so, limits local hunting opportunities. People recognize that wildlife is a public resource in the Yukon and YTG is obligated to share its survey information with the public.

**Solution Information about wildlife should be available to the public, but not specifically worded to focus harvest effort on specific areas or populations.**

The Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary can generally indicate if wildlife populations are increasing or decreasing without focusing harvest pressure.

**Commitment**

By who? By when?

YTG  
2004-2009

Provide general wildlife population status information in the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary booklet, and provide opportunities for the public to access more detailed information if needed. [61]

YTG will continue to produce the booklet with general information about the status of regional wildlife populations. Information that is more detailed will be made available through technical reports or on the government's website.

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