

TRAPPING

Concern

People want incentives to trap.

Trapping activity in the area has decreased over the years because the expense to trap is too high. However, removal of beaver dams is still often necessary for improving creek flows and fish passage in streams. Instead of paying people to remove dams, an opportunity exists for trappers to take beavers on their traplines. If trappers were offered a financial incentive to trap beavers and address stream blockage problems, traplines would be used, and the beavers could be removed. There may be some community support for a similar program for local wolf and coyote management. The LSCFN is currently considering a long-term plan to support trapping activities, but it is not yet established.

Solution

More information is needed about Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board Fur Committee's consideration of incentives.

Trapping incentives have been raised as an issue in many other communities as a way to encourage and support trapping. With low fur prices worldwide, it has become more and more difficult to earn money trapping. The YFWMB established a special "fur committee" to consider questions about the Yukon's trapping industry. This committee's work may provide direction to address the local concerns in Carmacks.

Commitment

By who? By when?

CRRC
2004

CRRC will contact the YFWMB Fur Committee to learn about options for incentives. [68] The CRRC will follow-up with the Fur Committee, seeking both information and to participate in any ongoing consideration of alternatives.

Concern

Wolf predation in and around Carmacks has been high in recent years.

In 2002, wolves took a number of dogs in the community of Carmacks, and, since then, residents have reported a number of moose kills around the community. Consequently, wolf numbers remain a concern for area residents.

Solution

Use community-based trapping to manage local wolf populations.

Training key individuals in the community who have the interest and are likely to continue trapping wolves has been an effective local management technique in other Yukon communities.

Commitment

By who? By when?

YTG, CRRC, LSCFN
2005

Train wolf trappers. [69]

YTG, LSCFN and CRRC will host a wolf-trapping workshop for a limited number of interested individuals. The three-day workshops are typically held from mid-October to the end of November, in the community, and include additional one- to three-day trapline visits to practice skills from the workshop. The Mount Nansen/Freegold area was suggested as an area to start snaring wolves.