

Concern**Are there opportunities to earn money for fish and wildlife projects by offering special hunts?**

This proposal was raised in connection with the opportunity to hunt a large ram from the Deadman Creek band which occupies a subzone that is closed to sheep hunting. (The ram may travel outside of this area in the winter. See section on sheep, page 7.) The hunt would be raffled outside the Yukon (likely by the Federation of North American Wild Sheep). It would be a specially guided hunt, the proceeds of which would go to fish and wildlife programs in the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory.

Solution See if funds can be raised through special hunting opportunities

This kind of project would require some tinkering with the *Wildlife Act* regulations before it could proceed. The steps include: seeing what it would take to implement such a hunt, seeing if the community is interested in this option, and choosing a species and location.

Action

Responsible parties, Time line

TTC, RRC
2003/04

Investigate the acceptability of fundraising from hunts or other activities

There are few precedents in the Yukon for fundraising from special hunts. Bison would be a good example where funds from ticket sales for the permit lottery are contributed to a special account maintained by the YFWMB for bison research, as recommended by the Yukon Bison Management Plan. The first year that bison hunting was permitted, the local outfitter donated the proceeds from the first hunt to the fund. The workshop discussions indicated a broad range of opinions on this proposal which has relevance to social, cultural, legal and economic principles. Given the need for considerable public input, it was agreed to first have the YFWMB investigate this on a territory-wide basis. Then, based on these consultations, the TTC and RRC can decide whether or not to proceed with the action in the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory. [2001-Tes-AI-33]

RECOMMENDATION 6

[2001-Tes-Rec-6]

To: Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board**Re:** fundraising from special hunts**That the YFWMB look into all aspects of fundraising from special hunts, including social, cultural, legal and economic considerations, and report to the RRCs, First Nations, Yukon government and appropriate non-government organizations**

Rationale: Fundraising from special hunting opportunities has been suggested as a way to raise money for fish and wildlife research and management. A precedent for this was established through ticket sales for the first bison permit hunt. At that time, an outfitter also donated proceeds from the first outfitted bison hunt. Special opportunities for hunting sheep in several Yukon locations may also provide such funding. In order for any such proposals to be implemented, a territory-wide public consultation is required to determine the acceptability of this concept. This is necessary to make community-based decisions on such proposals in the future.