
HARVEST MONITORING

Harvest monitoring is conducted by the Yukon government for licensed Yukon resident and non-resident hunters. Over the past four years, VGFN has participated in the establishment of a coordinated harvest monitoring system for the Yukon which includes contributing basic harvest information to a website operated by the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board. A Yukon government condition of the joint Memorandum of Understanding for the integrated plan is the understanding that VGFN will collect harvest information that can be used in the plan.

Concern

Wildlife harvests not recorded for VGFN hunters.

Harvest information for all hunters in VGFN traditional territory is essential to wildlife management. Due to its remoteness, harvesting by VGFN hunters constitutes the bulk of most wildlife harvesting in this traditional territory. Without the VGFN component, harvest information will have little value for managing wildlife in this area. NWT Gwich'in and Inuvialuit also hunt in VGFN traditional territory for caribou (and must have permission or an agreement to hunt other species) and this information is also necessary for management.

Solution: Keep track of fish and wildlife harvests by Gwitchin and other First Nations.

Harvest information from Vuntut Gwitchin and NWT Inuvialuit and Gwich'in will be added to Yukon government information to provide total harvests for each species. VGFN information can also provide freshwater fish harvest information that the Yukon government does not.

Actions

Responsible parties, Time line

VGFN/YG
2001/02

Begin harvest monitoring in Vuntut Gwitchin traditional territory, coordinated with the Yukon government.

First Nation fish and wildlife harvests will be recorded by the VGFN Game Guardian along with a variety of related information. Basic components of this data will be contributed to the FTP (file transfer protocol) site operated by the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board. This site is password protected and permits government staff to combine harvest information from all sources to get a truer picture of how many animals are being harvested in a particular area. The Yukon government will contribute licenced harvest information to this site. [2001-NY-AI-28]