
NON-CONSUMPTIVE USE

Concern

Need populations of wild animals that are not afraid of people (hunters).

Integrated plans such as this tend to focus on harvesting and it is important to recognize that wild animals have a far greater value to our societies than as food. These include social and spiritual values which is another aspect of respect that is not related to hunting ethics but viewing humans and animals as all part of a natural system. Opportunities must be provided for people to enjoy animals in ways other than hunting.

Solution

Establish areas where wildlife viewing and enjoyment is the priority.

This principle has already been employed to a degree in the Ni'iinlii'njik (Fishing Branch) Wilderness Preserve and Habitat Protection Area and there is interest in further extending this approach for particular species in certain areas.

Actions

Responsible parties, Time line

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Identify opportunities where the chief value of wildlife is something other than hunting.

The objective here is to restrict hunting in certain areas so that wildlife are less afraid of people and can be viewed more easily. Some suggestions were:

- a) prohibit grizzly bear hunting in the Ni'iinlii'njik (Fishing Branch) Wilderness Preserve
- b) work with the Yukon government to designate certain areas for wildlife viewing like "Horseshoe" (VGFN Category A land on Dempster Highway).

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Peregrine Falcon

