

Program

The objectives of the Yukon Outfitters Associations Wolf Pelt Handling Incentive Program are:

- 1) Facilitate Trapping as a recognized economic and cultural activity,
- 2) Increase survivability options for ungulates,
- 3) Promote trappers capacity to be active on their concessions.

The subject of this report was program support of the 2012-13 trapping season.

Listed below are the criteria for application to the program:

A) Wolf pelts must be harvested under a valid Yukon Trappers License

B) Wolf Pelts must be:

- *Harvested during the 2012/2013 trapping season*

Trappers will be required to supply the Yukon Outfitters Association with:

a) Valid Yukon Trappers License

b) Valid Yukon Furbearer Sealing Certificate from the Yukon Department of Environment. (Form # YG(3361) NC3 Rev.02/2005)

Education about the Program was shared with all trappers through direct contact, indirect through Conservation Officers and the YG Trapping Coordinator. The Yukon Trappers Association and the Trappers Cache also facilitated information and acted as collection points.

The program accepted applications for the duration of the trapping season (01 Nov 12-31 March 2013) plus 30 days to allow trappers time to process their harvest.

Overview

A total of \$20,200 was distributed to eligible trappers comprising 101 pelts at \$200 incentive per pelt. The first \$100 was from the YOA and the remaining \$100 from the Enhancement Trust Fund. The YOA supported this program by providing administrative support, management time, promotions and communications. The Executive Director, supported by the YOA Office Assistant oversaw the program through the direct reporting relationship to the YOA Board of Directors. No Incentives were disbursed without two signing authority signatures from the Board.

Mapping

See Appendix B;

Improvements

It remains unclear whether most trappers are aware of this incentive even after a number of effective program years. We look forward to continuing the communication relationship with the Yukon Trappers Association to promote this program. Educating applicants on the paperwork process and the need for legible documents continues to be a focus.

YOA performed due diligence by submitting the names of all program applicant trappers to the Department of Environment to ensure validity.

Statistics Table 1 Program Cost Estimates and Actual

Expenditure Categories	Budget Item	Projected Cost	Other Funding Source(s) (Potential or Confirmed) (In Kind or Monetary)	Funding Agreement Contributions to date	Actual Costs
1. Capital Expenses <i>(equipment, machinery)</i>	1. 2. 3. etc.				
2. Wages, Contract Services	Program Management Cost Office Assistant wage	20hrs @\$40/hr=\$800 30hrs@\$20/hr=\$600	YOA: \$1400.00		\$1400.00
3. Office & Admin Expenses <i>(telephone, printing, postage)</i>	Based on 5% increase with this Program	\$190.00	YOA: \$190.00		\$225.00
4. Travel Expenses <i>(Accommodation, food, trans)</i>	One trip to Wolf Trapping Workshop to promote Program, Fuel, Food, 1 night accoms	\$300.00	YOA: \$300.00		
5. Materials & Supplies					
6. Facility Expenses					
7. Other	Incentive Amount to disburse to Trapper per wolf pelt.	100 Pelts @ \$100/ea (\$10,000 estimate)		\$12,000	\$10,100.00

Table 2 Statistics Contribution breakdown

Number of Incentives Issued	Disbursement per Cheque	Total	YOA Contribution	Enhancement Trust Contribution Portion	Balance return due Enhancement Trust
101	200.00	20,200.00	101 pelts x \$100=\$10,100	101 pelts x \$100=\$10,100.00	\$1900.00

Table 3 Financial Disbursements

Concession	Licence	Sealing Certificate	Wolves	Cheque Total
193	7898	3685	3	\$600.00
95	1538	3827	5	\$1,000.00
104	1150	3505	2	\$400.00
137	7854	3811	1	\$200.00
405	1596	2981 2979	2	\$400.00
270	1410	3678	1	\$200.00
373	1493	3799 3809	3	\$600.00
269	1409	3691	1	\$200.00
265	7882	2175	1	\$200.00
216	1400	3841	1	\$200.00
305	8245 7693	3810	1	\$200.00
178	1424	3693	1	\$200.00

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308	1471	3886	1	\$200.00
327	7998	3801	1	\$200.00
345	0989	3954 3959	2	\$400.00
405	7267	2992	2	\$400.00
61	0878	2459	2	\$400.00
344	0988	3963	3	\$600.00
333	7813	3953		
372	7982	3272 3268	4	\$800.00
263	7980	3269		
373	7985	3261		
277	7942	3900	2	\$400.00
62	0866	2469	2	\$400.00
336	0986	3962	1	\$200.00
336	0987	3956 3961 3964	6	\$1,200.00
294	1544	3899 3815 3839	3	\$600.00
04	0873	2466	3	\$600.00
182	1489	3896	7	\$1,400.00
224	8001	3895	1	\$200.00
114	1417	3882	1	\$200.00

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205	8241	3550	2	\$400.00
113	1534	3524	2	\$400.00
164	8092 7844	4180 3732 3479	10	\$2,000.00
219	8013	3521	1	\$200.00
150	1460	0809 '0817	5	\$1,000.00
127 404	1556 1602 8233	3836 3898 3835 4176	6	\$1,200.00
284	4999	3848	7	\$1,400.00
261	7973	3270	1	\$200.00
367 414	7961 7960	3601 3265 3259 3271	4	\$800.00
			Total Wolves	Incentive Payout
			101	\$20,200.00

Summary

The Yukon Outfitters Association was pleased to host this program. It should be recognized that YOA is a not for profit society that raises funds privately through memberships and fund generation by donations. The YOA does not receive Yukon Government funding.

The feedback from the “field” indicates the program is appreciated by the trapping community. While the low number of wolves harvested may not approach the threshold to change the predation balance or impact wolf populations significantly, it does support the intent of Wolf management goals¹ in Yukon as follows:

- “Manage the harvest of wolves in recognition of their social, cultural and economic importance to all Yukoners.”
- “Use wolf harvest as a management tool to reduce predation rates of moose and caribou in local areas.”
- “Integrate ungulate management with wolf management goals.”
- “Manage wolves to address human-wildlife conflict.”

The number of applications was down 33% this year over last. Numbers of total harvest were unavailable from Department of Environment in the weeks preceding this final report therefore comparative analysis of overall wolves harvested by trapping versus the number that were engaged in this program remains unclear for 2012/2013.

YOA intends to continue to support the program in 2013/14 trapping season subject to fiscal allowances.

¹ Yukon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan 2012 “Wolf management goals” Page 3

Appendix A Trapping by Community 2012.

Note: This chart represents only wolf harvests that were subjects of YOA Pelt Incentive Handling Program



