

**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD**



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Honourable Pauline Frost, Minister of Environment  
Department of Environment  
Government of Yukon  
Box 2703 (V-3A)  
Whitehorse, Yukon

Minister Frost,

**Re: New regulation and Control Order for protecting wild sheep from disease**

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board would like to express our gratitude to both yourself and the Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources for the work your Departments have undertaken in the new Animal Health Act regulation (August 2018) and subsequently the Control Order for protecting wild sheep from disease (taking effect January 2020).

The Board is primarily concerned with the conservation of fish and wildlife in the territory and has been involved in the issue of wild sheep health and domestic sheep for quite some time. The Board has worked with the Yukon Government, as well as other concerned parties such as Renewable Resources Councils, the Yukon Fish and Game Association, and the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation, to advance the protection of our wild sheep and goat populations.

The Board submitted a letter to the Department of Environment in January 2017 outlining our concerns with wild sheep and domestic sheep health and management issues, specifically that proactive measures should be taken to regulate domestic sheep populations, that the transmission of the disease-causing pathogens should be prevented by enforcing separation measures, and that the lack of data on presence and distribution of domestic sheep needed to be addressed. The Board is pleased to see that our concerns have been heard and addressed in this new policy and Control Order.

We look forward to continuing to work with Yukon Government on protecting our wild sheep and goat populations, and we thank you for following through on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Burdek'.

John Burdek

Chair, Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Honourable Ranj Pillai, Yukon Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources