

**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD**



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Yukon Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
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To Yukon Backcountry Hunters and Angler

**Re: Moose Harvest Management Framework, Version 2, May 2019**

Thank you for your response to our mail-out notification regarding the Moose Harvest Management Framework and our desire to modernize moose harvest management in the territory.

As you may know, the original guidelines date back to 2002 and our desire is to modernize this document through a multi-step process, which includes valuable input from First Nation Governments, Renewable Resources Councils, Yukon Hunting and Fishing Association/Organizations and of course a broad spectrum of Yukoners.

It is important to acknowledge that this document is a “toolbox” approach to management, whereby wildlife managers driven by moose management needs can select an appropriate means to address a conservation concern with an agreed-upon set of tools. Tools which are reviewed, assessed and selected by all Yukoners.

Much has changed since the original document was drafted. With the advent of new technology, access management issues, a growing population, and the rise in moose conservation concerns across the territory, it is agreeable that an update to the existing guidelines is needed.

As your organization and a few others have requested an extension, the Board and the Department are happy to extend our deadline for comment on the first round of review for this document. It should also be noted that the Renewable Resources Council Annual General Workshop will be held this year in Dawson City on November 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. At that time, a half-day will be dedicated specifically to this review. As this meeting is open to the public, the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers may send a delegate or two, so your representatives can observe community concerns and solutions to moose harvest management issues across the Territory.

Further, the Board would like to invite the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers to present at our upcoming Board meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 24<sup>th</sup>. We would be happy to set aside an hour to allow for a proper introduction between your group and the Board. The Board acts in the public interest and as a new organization, we are keen to develop a strong relationship and maintain open channels of communication to ensure that your views, and the views of your representatives are heard.

Thank you for your interest in the Board and the Moose Harvest Management Guideline review and if you have any questions please contact our Executive Director, Graham Van Tighem, at (867) 667-5835.

Sincerely,



John Burdek,  
YFWMB Chair