

**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE
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Honourable Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and
Resources Honourable Pauline Frost, Minister of
Environment Government of Yukon
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Minister Pillai and Minister Frost,

Re: Wild Boar/the *Animal Health* Act and 16.8 0 Process Under the UFA

As per 16.8.0 of the Umbrella Final Agreement, following a meeting with your Departments, the Board advanced two “official” recommendations regarding the removal of Wild Boar from the Yukon on November 18, 2019.

They are as follows:

- 1.1 The Departments work collaboratively to develop a long-term strategy that should include policy or legislation that would effectively ban Eurasian wild boar and prevent ownership, imports, and exports for farming and private ownership. This would include a ban on raising all Eurasian wild boar in the Yukon.**
- 1.2 Additionally, we recommend the immediate removal of Eurasian wild boar from the list of agriculture species permitted in Yukon.**

Consistent with 16.8.0 of the Umbrella Final Agreement, specifically within section 16.8.4

*“The Minister, **within 60 days** of the receipt of a recommendation or decision under 16.8.2, may accept, vary, set aside or replace the recommendation or decision. Any proposed variation, replacement or setting aside shall be **sent back to the Board** by the Minister with written reasons. The Minister may consider information and matters of public interest not considered by the Board”.*

The Board has received no response, request for an extension, or correspondence of any kind from either of your Departments on this matter. As per the 16.8.0 process, a response is now overdue by 40 days.

This is the second letter our Board has sent on the matter of wild boar. It is not customary for a recommendation of this Board to go without response; therefore, we are seeking a formal response from your Departments on our initial recommendations.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact our Executive Director, Graham Van Tighem, at 667-5835.

Sincerely,

John Burdek, Chair

cc: Dr. Mary Vanderkop, Chief Territorial Veterinarian
All Yukon Renewable Resources Councils