
**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT BOARD**



April 28, 2020

Honourable Minister Pauline Frost
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Minister Frost,

Thank you for your response letter, sent to the Board on March 19, 2020, with regards to the Board's previous correspondence on the pressing matter of Eurasian Wild Boar.

Before moving ahead, we would like to clarify that the Board **did not** receive a letter from your office in December of 2019, acknowledging the Board's initial recommendations, as you have mentioned. We only received this letter in the spring of 2020.

We are not sure where or how this letter was delivered, but we have no receipt of it with any staff or Board members. Perhaps you can clarify how this letter was delivered in another correspondence. It would be helpful to sort out where this lapse in communication occurred, to ensure it doesn't happen again.

We acknowledge that our previous recommendations, which were originally made in November 2019, following a presentation provided by Dr. Mary Vanderkop at the RRC Annual General Workshop, have now been "set aside".

Again, we would like to accentuate the fact that these recommendations come from the Board, as well as **all** the Renewable Resources Councils across the territory, effectively representing every community in Yukon.

Thank you for confirming that our recommendations are being considered while developing the new regime.

We would, however, like to ask for clarity on the wording of your previous letter, sent March 19, 2020, wherein it states that the new regime will "enable conditions and requirements for keeping high-risk animals such as Eurasian Wild Boar".

To our Board, this wording suggests that the new animal protection and control laws may consider allowing Eurasian Wild Boar to continue to be allowed in the territory.

To be quite clear, any new legislation allowing Wild Boar to continue to exist in Yukon would go against important recommendations previously made by the Board, as well as all the Renewable Resources Councils.

Finally, we respectfully request a timeline with regards to the development and implementation of the new animal protection and control laws.

It is the opinion of this Board, and all RRCs, that this matter should be dealt with as swiftly as possible, and that the new legislation bans Eurasian Wild Boar from being permitted to be grown, kept, or sold in the Yukon.

Thank you again for your time and continued dedication to this critical matter.

We look forward to continuing positive discussions, in the spirit of collaboration, in the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

John Burdek