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Honorable Nils Clarke
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by email: Nils.Clarke@yukon.ca

Dear Honorable Clarke,

RE: Bringing Yukon's *Wildlife Act* into conformity with the *Yukon First Nations Final Agreements*


The Yukon Wildlife Act is a key legal instrument that manages human actions to conserve, protect, and maintain healthy wildlife populations. The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Board consistently hears feedback from First Nations, Renewable Resources Councils, and public that the language and restrictions contained within the Wildlife Act are antiquated. For example, the Umbrella Final Agreement, individual First nation Final Agreements, and the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and Renewable Resources Councils are not mentioned anywhere within the Wildlife Act, as it is currently written.

Carcross/Tagish First Nation is supporting this initiative in modernizing the Yukon Wildlife Act, which is a treaty obligation of Yukon Government. We are requesting that the Minister recommend to the Yukon Legislative Assembly to amend the Wildlife Act, R.S.Y. 1986, c. 178 to enable the Council to establish bylaws under the Wildlife Act, R.S.Y. 1986, c. 178 pursuant to 16.6.10.6, which is within the First Nation Final Agreements as per, 16.6.13 of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA).

In addition, the Act does not recognize section 16.6.10.6 (UFA), which states [each Council], "may establish bylaws under the Wildlife Act, R.S.Y. 1986, c. 178, in accordance with 16.11.0, for the management of Furbearers".

In closing, I want to thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please contact my assistant @ (867) 821-4251 ext 8209.

Gunalchéesh (Thank you),



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Government of Carcross/Tagish First Nation

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