



## **The Regulation Change Process**

Please read this section before filling out the regulation change proposal form.

### **Introduction**

Regulations govern how we manage fish and wildlife populations in the Yukon. They support conservation efforts and help to ensure resilience and sustainability over time.

The regulation change process allows the public to be directly involved in the sustainable management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations in the Yukon. It ensures that Yukoners' voices, experiences, and knowledge are included in decisions and processes related to managing natural resources.

### **Joint Authority**

Chapter 16 of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA 16.7.0 to 16.7.16) empowers the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (the Board) to be involved in the regulation change process and make recommendations to Ministers, Yukon First Nations, and the Renewable Resources Councils on all aspects of fish and wildlife management.

The Government of Yukon's Department of Environment also plays a critical role in guiding this process as the primary regulatory and implementation body. The Department of Environment also ensures that the process includes meaningful Consultation with Indigenous governments and groups.

Under this joint authority, the Board and the Department of Environment collaborate to manage the fish and wildlife regulation change process. This is accomplished, in part, by the Review Committee.

### **The Review Committee**

The Review Committee consists of an equal number of members from the Board and Environment to ensure a balanced approach.

The Review Committee evaluates all incoming proposals fairly and consistently, provides opportunities for proponents to receive feedback and seek clarification, and recommends to the Board which proposals are ready to advance to the public engagement and review phase.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a regulation?**

A regulation is a type of law governed by an Act. The Legislature passes Acts. However, regulations are typically approved by the Cabinet. Generally, the Act sets up the main policy framework and allows for the creation of regulations, which provide the detailed rules that implement the policy.

For example, the Wildlife Act outlines the general rules for trapping in Yukon, while the trapping regulations specify details like the trapping season dates, the methods used, and the species that can be trapped.

### **Which regulations can I propose to change?**

You can submit a proposal to change:

- Wildlife Regulations – under the Yukon’s Wildlife Act
- Trapping Regulations – under the Yukon’s Wildlife Act
- Yukon Territorial Fishing Regulations – under the federal Fisheries Act

### **What is a regulation change proposal?**

Proposals must recommend changes, additions, or removals of regulations to one of the Acts mentioned above.

However, some proposals may highlight issues related to fish and wildlife that can be better addressed through education, new programs, or service changes. These proposals are not classified as regulation changes and, consequently, cannot be accepted in this process.

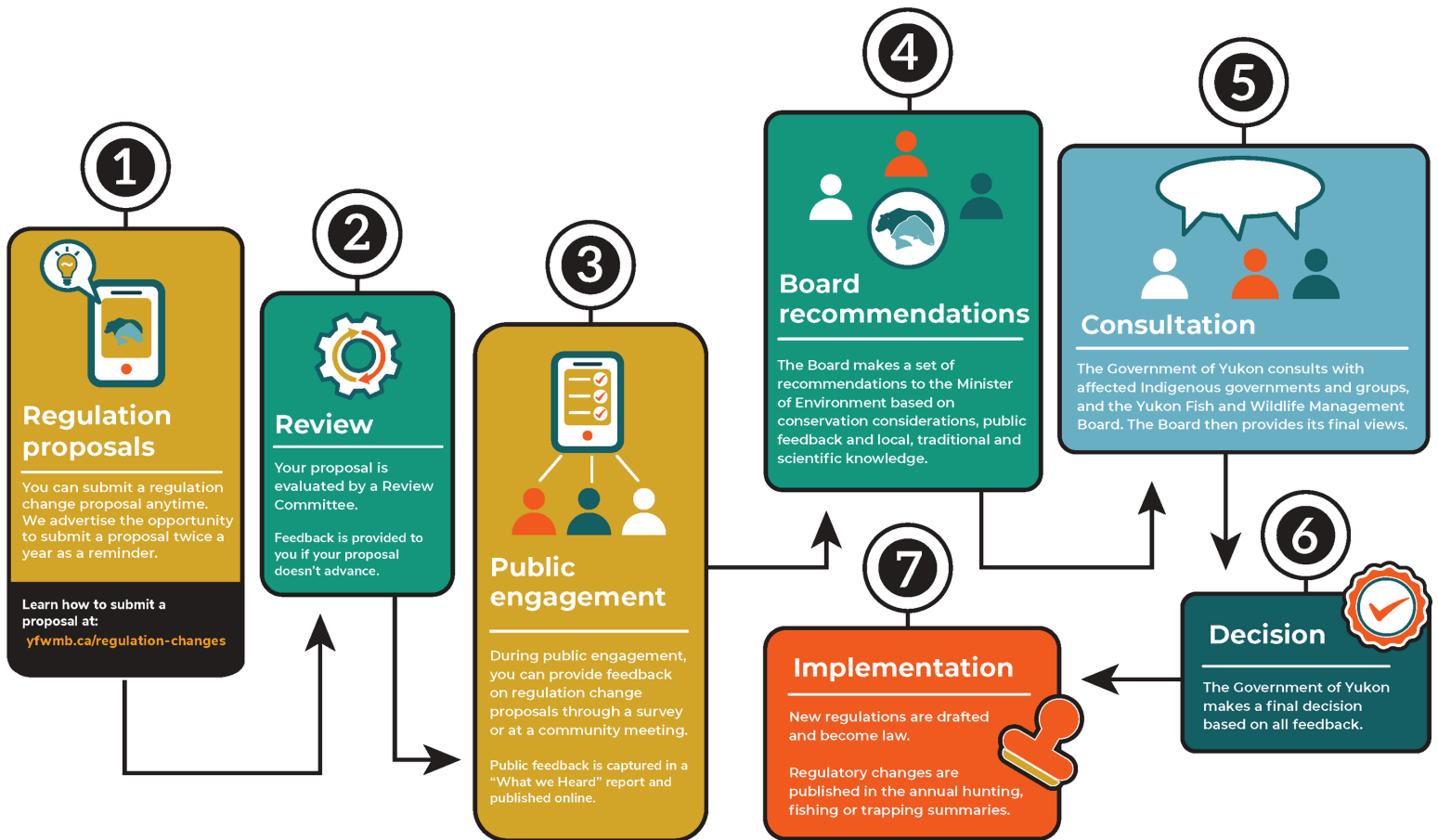
### **Who can propose a regulation change?**

Any Yukon resident, group, or government can submit a proposal to this regulation change process.

### **When can I submit a proposal?**

Regulation change proposals can be submitted at any time. However, proposals received after May 1st, 2025, will be automatically put forward for consideration during the next regulation change review cycle in 2027.

# The Regulation Change Process: An Infographic Overview of How Regulation Changes are Made



For more information visit:  
<https://yfwmb.ca/regulation-changes/>



# Regulation Change Proposal Form:

## Yukon's *Wildlife Act* Regulations & the *Yukon Territory Fisheries Regulations*

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

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**Organization (if applicable):**

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**Partners/ collaborators (if applicable):**

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**Date of Submission:**

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**Proposal Title:**

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**1. TOPIC**

**What do you propose to change?**

Please explain the issue or interest you are addressing in this proposal. If possible, identify or summarize which regulation you want to see changed.



## 2. RATIONALE

### **Why do you think this change is important?**

Please explain the reason for your proposed change. If possible, describe how this change may positively affect conservation efforts.



### **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **What evidence or experiences support your proposal?**

You can include scientific data, local information, or Traditional Knowledge. Please provide as much detail as you can. If your proposal is based on Traditional Knowledge, contact the Review Committee for more details.



#### **4. OUTCOMES**

**What specific outcomes do you intend to achieve?**

Please outline your goals for this proposed change.





## 5. RESUBMISSION

**Has this proposal been submitted before? If so, please explain why it should be reconsidered. If not, please skip this section.**

Factors such as changes in the environment or fish and wildlife populations, technical updates, human development, access issues, community support, or economic viability may justify another review.