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Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board
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Dear Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board,

Yukon Conservation Society (YCS) is pleased to provide comments on proposed changes to the Yukon Wildlife Act Regulations, 2015.

Proposal 1, Motorized Vehicle Use In Game Management Zone 5: YCS **cautiously supports** this proposal. YCS has serious concerns with how ORVs are managed in Yukon. Essentially there are no regulations on most places about how ORVs can be used. YCS recommends that the YFWMB press for ORV regulations that would encompass this and similar situations.

Proposal 2: Prohibit Use And Possession Of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles While Hunting Wildlife: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposal 3, Fee Increase For Moose And Caribou Seals: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposal 4, Align Season Dates For Hart River Caribou Herd Game Management Subzones With Other Yukon Woodland Caribou Herds: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposal 5, Permit Hunt Authorization For Dall's Sheep In Game Management Zone 7 (East): YCS **opposes** this proposal. There appear to be reasons for increased harvest in this area. One is the unrestricted use of ORVs in the alpine; the other is the resumption of an outfitting concession. YCS recommends that the Board pushes for regulations on ORVs. Yukoners have been asking for regulations on ORVs for years, because of the fear of this exact situation. In the absence of territory wide ORV regulations that would prohibit the use of ORVs in the alpine, an emergency order prohibiting the use of ORVs in this area would be acceptable. If this proves too contentious, then the outfitter quota should be reduced so the harvest is sustainable. Harvest by resident licensed hunters should be prioritized over non-resident trophy hunters.

Proposal 6, Streamline Special Guiding Licence Application Process, Add An Allocation For Bison To List Of Eligible Species: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposal 7, Wood Bison – Special Hunt For Recognized Organizations Or Schools: YCS **supports** this proposal



Proposal 8, Proposal To Open Bison Hunting For Bow Hunting: YCS **opposes** this proposal because insufficient information about the proposal is supplied. YCS recommends the Archery Club reapply with additional detail about the type of equipment that would be contemplated.

Proposal 9, Modernize Standards For Archery Equipment: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposals 10-13, reducing catch and retention limits on selected lakes: YCS **supports** these proposals.

Proposal 14, Fishing Closure At Tower Bay On Dezadeash Lake: YCS **supports** this proposal.

Proposal 15, Carmacks Moose Hunt: YCS **opposes** this proposal. The most recent census was in 2007, not recent enough to provide confidence that moose numbers are high enough to support a resumed hunt. YCS does not oppose resuming hunting in the area, but recommends that a census be done before resuming hunting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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