



Study specifics

Region: Game Management
Zone 7 East

Survey respondent target:
284 hunters who obtained a sheep
permit in GMZ 7 East in 2020 or
2021

Survey time period:
2020 and 2021 hunting seasons

Survey responses received : 202

Response rate: 71%

Project partners

- Yukon Bureau of Statistics,
Government of Yukon
- Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management
Board
- Yukon Fish and Game Association

Sheep hunter survey for Game Management Zone 7 East 2020-2021

Survey objectives

The purpose of this survey was to give sheep hunters the chance to share information about their hunting effort, observations, and views on regulatory changes to sheep hunting in Game Management Zone 7 East. The results will help to evaluate the effectiveness of changes to the sheep hunting regime for the area and adjust the permit allocation.

Survey background

For the past 40 years, the Government of Yukon has regularly surveyed hunters to gather data on hunting patterns and hunters' perceptions of harvest management. Wildlife managers use these surveys as a tool to "take the pulse" of the Yukon's hunting community.

In 2020, the Government of Yukon made regulatory changes in the allocation and administration of sheep hunting in Game Management Zone 7 East. This led to the Government of Yukon releasing this survey to consider the hunters' experience in the area in the 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons.

The Government of Yukon developed the survey in collaboration with the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Yukon Fish and Game Association.

Survey design

The survey was delivered by email to licensed hunters who held a Permit Hunt Authorization (PHA) for sheep in Game Management Zone 7 East during the 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons. The email asked the hunters to complete their survey online. The online survey was open for two stages: July 21 to September 13, 2021 for hunters who got their sheep PHA in the 2020 season; and November 1 to November 30, 2021 for hunters who got their PHA in the 2021 season.

The Yukon Bureau of Statistics managed and compiled the completed surveys.

The survey focused on hunter demographics, hunter experiences and effort, how hunters were accessing the area, observations of sheep numbers and hunting parties, and opinions on regulatory and management changes.

Key findings

Over half the respondents (51%) disagreed that the regulatory changes were positive for sheep hunters, and 45% thought it did not benefit sheep populations in GMZ 7 East.

Most respondents (67%) said that they will likely apply for a permit in GMZ 7 East in the future.



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