

January 19, 2024

Applicant c/o
Access and Privacy Officer
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

Final Response ATIPP Access Request 23-461

Decision

The Department of Environment has searched the Fish and Wildlife Branch and has identified information responsive to Access Request 23-461. The final response on the information is as follows:

Access Granted in Full

The Department of Environment has granted access in full to information relating to the request noted below:

Hi, As a concerned Yukon resident, I'm requesting access to all sheep survey data in the Yukon, categorized by sub-zone. This encompasses data from the earliest available vintage (1970 onward if possible). Additionally, I'm seeking harvest data for each sub-zone, classified by resident and non-resident. Thank you, I look forward to reviewing this data. Timeframe: January 1, 2013 – December 11, 2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1) ENVIRONMENT – Timelines. Do you want information from January 1, 2023 – December 8, 2023 as suggested in your timeline or do you want information dating back to 1970 as requested in the text of your request? Or do you want survey data from 1970 and harvest data from January 2023?
APPLICANT – I would like all the data going back as far as 1970 for both harvest and survey.

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- 2) ENVIRONMENT – Survey Data. Do you want the number of surveys and date conducted or do you want the sheep count for each survey?

APPLICANT – Can I get the number of surveys and date conducted as well as the sheep count for each.

- 3) ENVIRONMENT - A review of survey data shows that we can fairly consistently provide the following for sheep surveys conducted since 1970:

- a. The population sheep count. This is the count of adult sheep without lambs.
- b. The ram to nursery sheep ratio.

Will this information be sufficient for the needs of the applicant?

APPLICANT – Yes this will suffice, thank you.

Note that the Department of Environment has generated records providing the information requested. Information regarding thinhorn sheep harvest is stored in a departmental harvest database. Information in the database from 1995 to the present has been validated and confidence in its accuracy is high. Validation and reporting of harvest data prior to 1995 varied and the accuracy of the information may not be as robust. Page 47 is an original harvest report from the 1970s where some of the information it contains is not available in the harvest database.

Final Costs

There is no charge to the applicant.

Right to Complain

Pursuant to section 66 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3
E-mail: intake@yukonombudsman.ca
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

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Contact Person in Department

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Gwen Rempel, Designated Access Officer for Department of Environment at 867-471-0020 or env-atipp@yukon.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'By', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Briar Young
A/Deputy Minister