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YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD



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## Deadline for public comment extended to September 30

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Government of Yukon have extended the deadline for public comment on the draft *Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (2011)* to September 30 from August 31.

An extension was agreed to after receiving several requests for additional time to review and comment. As of August 31, a total of 23 written submissions were received.

"The board and the department appreciate those individuals and groups who took time to review and submit their comments on the draft *Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan*," board member Harvey Jessup said. "At the same time, we acknowledge there are many distractions at this time of year. By extending the deadline to September 30, for a total consultation period of 60 days, we will hopefully alleviate the concerns."

The Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review Committee began its work in December, 2010, with the goal of having a new plan ready by early fall 2011 in response to the request by many Renewable Resources Councils for an expedited review process.

The committee consulted extensively in advance of preparing the draft recommended plan: 14 community meetings were held, along with a workshop with boards and Renewable Resources Councils, and a workshop with Yukon First Nations. As well, 42 written submissions were received.

The draft Recommended Plan is available in printed form at Environment Yukon offices and the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YFWMB) office or can be viewed and downloaded from the <u>department's website</u> or the <u>YFWMB website</u>.

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