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## **Funding announced for fish and wildlife research and monitoring projects**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will invest more than \$1 million in 2015/16 to monitor the health and status of important fish and wildlife populations.

"The Yukon government is committed to ensuring healthy wildlife populations across the territory," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "The knowledge gained from these projects will provide economic benefits and support Yukon's unique lifestyle by enabling the sustainable use of fish and wildlife resources by anglers, hunters and trappers."

With this investment, which is subject to legislative approval, the Yukon government will fund more than 30 fish and wildlife-related projects, including:

- ungulate projects on bison, caribou, moose, sheep, elk, and deer populations to update knowledge about herd size, location and offspring;
- fisheries projects that will look at the population status and trends of key lake trout, lake whitefish, and burbot populations and at movement patterns of lake trout in the Southern Lakes system; and
- projects that will provide information about grouse, sheep and caribou habitat across the territory.

Biodiversity projects will also take place in 2015/16 to establish the status and trends of species such as bats, wolverines, snowshoe hares, ground squirrels, collared pikas and sharp tailed grouse.

The projects will also inform decisions for setting sustainable harvest levels and provide baseline information for areas where development may occur.

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