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First of its Kind Wildlife Viewing Workshop Set for Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE – A wide range of Yukon interests are being invited to a one-day workshop in Whitehorse March 12 to discuss wildlife viewing programs and opportunities, Environment Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"The wildlife viewing program has delivered an amazing range of programs over the years for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors. Weekly campground talks, special tours and speaking engagements, the Celebration of Swans, the work with Faro and the Fannin Sheep viewing, and the butterfly hike in July in Keno are just some of the many programs that have inspired thousands to appreciate our natural environment," Taylor said.

As well as extending invitations to Yukon First Nations, communities, organizations and agencies to attend, the department has invited Michael F. O'Malley, the program coordinator for the Watchable Wildlife Program at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. O'Malley is credited with coordinating one of the most successful watchable wildlife workshops in North America.

The Yukon workshop is designed to raise awareness of wildlife viewing opportunities, programs and events. As well, it will provide an opportunity for partners to communicate, network and discuss their wildlife viewing ideas. Speakers and participants will discuss wildlife viewing management in Yukon, including the opportunities, successes and future direction.

For more information regarding the conference, telephone Wildlife Viewing Biologist Bruce Bennett at 867-667-5331.

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