



WILDLIFE RESEARCH PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

If you are researching, observing, and/or handling wildlife in the Northwest Territories (NWT) you need to have the proper permits and licences. This applies to everyone, including government agencies, and is intended to avoid harm to NWT natural, social and cultural environments.

Your application must include:

- ✓ Cover letter, which includes:
 - Project title
 - One-line summary
 - Wildlife species that will be studied, observed or manipulated
 - Location of study area
 - Signature and contact information
- ✓ Completed permit application
- ✓ Signed recommendation form(s)
- ✓ Supporting notes and correspondence detailing consultation process

For further instructions and how to submit your application, go to: www.enr.gov.nt.ca. If more space is required, please attach additional pages.

FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE DE PERMIS DE RECHERCHE SUR LA FAUNE

Si vous faites des recherches sur la faune, de l'observation ou de la manipulation d'animaux sauvages aux Territoires du Nord-Ouest (TNO), vous devez détenir les licences et les permis appropriés. Cette mesure s'applique à tout le monde, y compris aux organismes gouvernementaux, et vise à éviter les dommages qui pourraient être causés aux milieux naturels, sociaux et culturels des TNO.

Votre demande doit comprendre :

- ✓ Une lettre de présentation indiquant :
 - Le titre du projet;
 - Un résumé d'une ligne;
 - Les espèces sauvages qui seront étudiées, observées ou manipulées;
 - L'emplacement de la zone d'étude;
 - Votre signature et vos coordonnées.
- ✓ La demande de permis dûment remplie.
- ✓ Le(s) formulaire(s) de recommandation signé(s).
- ✓ Pièces justificatives et correspondance décrivant en détail le processus de consultation.

Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur la façon de présenter votre demande, accédez au site Web suivant : www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/français. Si vous avez besoin de plus d'espace, veuillez ajouter les pages nécessaires.

Check One / Cochez une seule réponse : ☐ New Project / Nouveau projet ☒ Ongoing Project / Projet en cours

Address: (Include name, phone number and e-mail)

Adresse : (Inclure votre nom, numéro de téléphone et l'adresse courriel)

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Sponsor(s): (Organizations supporting your work)

Commanditaire(s) : (organismes qui soutiennent votre travail)

GNWT - Environment and Natural Resources

Funding Source(s): (Organizations providing financial help to work)

Source(s) de financement : (organismes qui vous apportent une aide financière)

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Additional Licences Required:

Licences supplémentaires requises :

NWT Wildlife Care Committee Permit to Handle Wildlife

Project Title: (10 words or less)

Titre du projet : (10 mots ou moins)

Wolf collaring in the North Slave Region

Rationale: (100 words or less)

Explication : (100 mots ou moins)

Wolves are the primary predator of barren-ground caribou. The impact that wolves have on declining caribou herds is of critical management and community interest for caribou recovery efforts. Barren-ground caribou are migratory as are the wolves that follow them. This complicates our understanding of the dynamics despite it being largely a one predator-one prey system. While wolves tend to show fidelity to den sites, they move with caribou afterwards in late fall, and throughout the winter. Wolves also have large dispersal tendencies. How wolves move with or remain associated with a given caribou herd is poorly understood, especially during winters when caribou show extensive range overlap. This has implications for changing wolf abundance associated with a caribou herd and effectiveness of any wolf removal actions. The use of collared wolves allows us to track their movements throughout the year and assess their relationship with adjacent caribou herds.

Time Period:

June 2021 to June 2025 (monitoring to extend over 4 years)

Durée :

Location and Nearest Community: (Provide latitude and longitude if applicable)

Emplacement et collectivité la plus près : (indiquer la latitude et la longitude, le cas échéant)

The research will occur throughout the North Slave Region on the ranges of the Bathurst, Bluenose-East, and Beverly caribou herds. Nearest communities include Wekweètì, Gametì, Yellowknife, N'Dilo/Dettah, and Lutsel K'e.

Species Studied:

Wolf (*Canis lupus*)

Espèces étudiées :

Project Leader:

Robert Mulders

Chef de projet :

Project Personnel: (Include people who would actually do the work in the NWT, volunteers included)

Participants au projet : (inscrire les personnes qui accompliraient le travail aux TNO, y compris les bénévoles)

Contracted helicopter capture crew.

ENR staff, including Dean Cluff, Stefan Goodman and Judy Williams will provide project support.

Objectives: (Please use point form)

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1. Determine how wolves travel among caribou (ekwò) on their winter ranges.
2. Determine broader wolf (dìga) movement patterns across caribou ranges on an annual and multi-year basis.
3. Determine fidelity of wolves to den sites and caribou herd ranges.
4. Assist in the evaluation of wolf (dìga) management actions in the NWT.

Methods: (100 words or less) (Cite references, if applicable)

Méthodes : (100 mots ou moins) (veuillez citer vos références, le cas échéant)

Wolves will be captured via net-gunning from a helicopter and fitted with a GPS collar. Small fixed-wing aircraft support may be used to help locate wolves for collaring. Although netting will provide the primary means of restraint, chemical immobilization may also be used to facilitate capture and collaring. Up to 30 GPS collars will be deployed on wolves at any one time, targeting wolves associated with the Bathurst, Bluenose East and Beverly caribou ranges. One wolf will be collared per pack with the breeding female preferred. Captured wolves will also be weighed and measured, body condition assessed, ear-tagged, and blood and hair samples will be collected.

In addition to collaring wolves on the Bluenose-East and Bathurst caribou winter ranges (Jan-April), capture efforts may also be carried out in June or July near active den areas, or on other areas of the range in late summer or during the fall. Some additional collaring is expected to occur in each of the four years, in order to maintain 30 active collars on wolves each year.

Trail cameras may be set up at select den sites, and will serve to obtain data on pup production and survival rates. Efforts will be made to minimize disturbance. As well, trail cameras may be set up on the winter range provide insight into the relative abundance of wolves. Depending on the GPS collar model, collars are programmed to operate for a period ranging from 24-48 months, and will automatically drop off.

The primary purpose of these collars is to address research and monitoring objectives. Every effort will be made to avoid the removal of collared wolves and their pack mates.

Current Consultation: (List all contacts you have already consulted; append all recommendation forms to submission)

Consultation actuelle : (veuillez dresser la liste de toutes les personnes que vous avez déjà consultées et annexer à votre demande tous les formulaires de recommandation)

Consultation on the wolf management proposal was initiated with the Tłıchq Government during Fall 2019. Consultation letters on the wolf management proposal were sent out by ENR to affected communities in February 2020. ENR sent an earlier version of this WRP application for this study in January 2020.

Future Community Consultation: (List anticipated consultation activities, e.g. posters, presentations, meetings, letters)

Consultations de la collectivité à venir : (veuillez dresser la liste de toutes les activités de consultation prévues, c'est-à-dire les affiches, les présentations, les rencontres, les lettres, etc.)

Using the Wildlife Research Permit process, further consultation will include the Tłıchq Government, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Lutsel K'e First Nation, and the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB). ENR will explore opportunities for collaborative trail camera monitoring efforts with the Ekwò Nàxoède Kè Project. Future consultation is anticipated to include periodic meetings and presentations, as well as annual reports which will summarize wolf research, monitoring and management efforts.

Opportunities for Local Participation:

Possibilités de participation locale :

Opportunity for local participation will be limited, because collars will be deployed by a highly experienced contracted capture crew.

Management or Recovery Plans: (If your project is part of accepted wildlife management plans or recovery plans, list them as appropriate)

Plans de gestion ou de rétablissement : (si votre projet fait partie de plans de gestion de la faune approuvés ou de plans de rétablissement, veuillez en dresser la liste, s'il y a lieu)

- The Bluenose East Caribou Action Plan prepared by the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM) identifies that research and monitoring of predators needs to be considered.
- Wolf Management Proposal
- The Beverly/Qamaniruaq Caribou Management Plan (2013-2022) has an objective to promote research to assess the impacts of predation on the herds.

Follow-up Report / Rapport de suivi

Check One / Cochez une seule réponse : ☐ Previously Submitted ☐ Attached ☐ Not Applicable
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2021/04/30

Name / Nom

Signature

Date (YY/MM/DD) / Date (AA-MM-JJ)

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