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Yukon Outfitters Association and Yukon Trappers Association Partner to Support Ungulate Enhancement Through Wolf Pelt Funding

Whitehorse, Yukon - The Yukon Outfitters Association (YOA), in partnership with the Yukon Trappers Association (YTA), is pleased to promote the ongoing **YOA Ungulate Enhancement Program**, a long-standing initiative that supports Yukon trappers while contributing to healthy ungulate populations across the territory.

Administered by the YOA, the Ungulate Enhancement Program has provided consistent financial support to Yukon trappers through a per-wolf pelt payout, recognizing the respective role wolf harvesting plays in ungulate management and conservation.

For the 2025/2026 trapping season, the YOA has secured \$60,000 USD from the Wild Sheep Foundation to fund the program, offering a \$400 payment per wolf pelt. The program's only eligibility requirement is that participating trappers hold a valid membership with the Yukon Trappers Association.

"This program reflects decades of collaboration between outfitters and trappers in support of wildlife stewardship," said YOA Executive Member Matthew Carpenter. "By continuing to invest directly in Yukon trappers, we are supporting both remote livelihoods and long-term ungulate enhancement."

The Yukon Trappers Association echoed the importance of the partnership, noting that the program helps offset the costs of trapping while encouraging increased participation.

"This funding recognizes the important work trappers do on the land," said YTA President Robert Stitt. "The YOA Ungulate Enhancement Program is a practical, Yukon-made approach that benefits trappers, wildlife, and communities."

Funds distributed through the program directly support local trappers and remain in Yukon communities. The YOA and YTA encourage eligible trappers to participate and help advance shared goals of conservation, sustainable harvesting, and ungulate enhancement.

For more information about eligibility or participation in the YOA Ungulate Enhancement Program, trappers are encouraged to contact the Yukon Outfitters Association directly at conservation@yukonoutfittersassociation.com. Trappers must submit a copy of their Yukon Furbearer Sealing Certificate by April 30, 2026, to be eligible for program participation.

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