

Bison Hunter Effort Survey FAQ

Q. Why am I receiving this survey?

A. A mail-out questionnaire will be distributed to a random sample of residents from all Yukon communities who obtained a bison seal in 2014/15. Telephone interviews will be conducted with respondents who do not return the questionnaire prior to the June 12, 2015 deadline.

Q. Who will be conducting the phone interviews?

A. Phone interviews will be conducted by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

Q. What is being done with this information?

A. The information gathered from this survey will be used to assist future management recommendations. Only the Yukon Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Environment will have access to the data, which will not be shared beyond these departments. Individual responses will be kept confidential.

Q. What if I do not wish to participate?

A. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

Q. What if I purchased a seal but did not go hunting?

A. This information is important to Environment Yukon. The department is interested in information from Yukon bison seal holders, regardless of whether or not they went hunting or were successful in harvesting a bison during the 2014/15 hunting season.

Q. Have you sent out a survey like this before?

A. Environment Yukon has distributed a number of surveys over the years; however, this is the first time the department has conducted a bison hunter effort survey. A moose hunter survey was conducted in early 2015.

Q. Will these surveys be sent out annually?

A. Environment Yukon plans to conduct hunter effort surveys on a regular basis, rotating between key species of management and hunter interest. Surveys may occur annually while individual species may be revisited on a 5 year rotation. Environment Yukon is currently exploring plan for a 2016 survey related to big game species.