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Sent: June 22, 2021 5:27 PM
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Subject: RE: Request Amendments to WR Permit # WL500830 - Wolf Collaring
Attachments: NWT WCC 2020-14 Mulders Protocol Review Form - Approved.pdf

Thanks Jody, the WCC approved the wolf collaring amendment in March (attached for your reference). However, due to staff constraints we will not be collaring wolves over the summer. We'll be sure to notify you and your staff when we aim to resume the collaring program to get those last 5 wolf collars deployed and we're happy to answer any questions in the interim.

Take care,
karin

From: jpellissey@wrrb.ca [mailto:jpellissey@wrrb.ca]
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Thank you for the response, Robert.

Please note that the WRRB requires WCC approval for the entire amendment before final support, i.e. collaring of wolves using net guns and/or chemical immobilization. The Board appreciates the additional information provided below, and, pending WCC review and acceptance of your statements, the WRRB supports the WRP application amendment.

Have a good week!
JODY

From: Robert Mulders <Robert_Mulders@gov.nt.ca>
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Subject: RE: Request Amendments to WR Permit # WL500830 - Wolf Collaring

Hi Jody,

Thank you for recently providing your comments. I'd like to briefly address the concerns you raise.

Concerns over handling pregnant diga in June or July shouldn't be an issue, if we accept the view that parturition on the central barrens typically takes place during the second half of May (Dean Cluff, pers comm).

If we also accept the view that pups begin to consume meat at 4 weeks, and are weaned in 6-8 weeks, it's unlikely that pups would still be lactating by mid-July (Dean Cluff, pers comm).

I have a GN Wildlife Research Permit, authorizing me to collar wolves within the Kitikmeot region until August 31st, 2021.

My current NWT Wildlife Care Committee permit is valid until August 31st, 2021.

Yes, I understand that if I wish to use immobilization drugs this summer, I will require approval from the WCC. However, I believe that wolf captures can be carried without the use of immobilization drugs.

Hopefully this provides clarification to the concerns you raised.

Sincerely,

Robert Mulders

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Hello Robert,

The WRRB has reviewed your WRP Application amendment and provides the attached comments.

Thanks,
JODY

From: Robert Mulders <Robert_Mulders@gov.nt.ca>

Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 6:27 PM

To: Jody Pellisey (jpellissey@wrrb.ca) (jpellissey@wrrb.ca) <jpellissey@wrrb.ca>

Subject: Request Amendments to WR Permit # WL500830 - Wolf Collaring

Hi Jody,

I'm seeking support to make several minor amendments to Wildlife Research Permit #WL500830 - for our continuing wolf collaring efforts in the North Slave Region.

As of the end of March, we've collared an additional 18 wolves, bringing our current total to 25 active collars. Within the next couple of months, I'd like to deploy several additional collars to bring the total number of active collars up to 30.

As out-lined in the attached "revised" WR Application, I'm essentially seeking support for more latitude on when and how wolf collaring can be carried out. The key changes involve:

- a. Flexibility to also deploy GPS collars on wolves during other months of the year, including from mid-June/July, in late summer, or in the fall.
- b. Include the option to also use chemical immobilization, in addition to net-gunning, for the capture of wolves.
- c. Include the option of occasionally setting up trail cameras at den sites, in order to assess pup production.
- d. Confirming that this wolf collaring data will be used for research and monitoring, and that every effort will be made to avoid the removal of collared wolves and their pack mates.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about these proposed changes. I've also attached a Recommendation Form to provide any comments or concerns.

We are currently drafting a brief field summary of this winter's collaring efforts, and will forward next week.

Sincerely,

Robert Mulders

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Recommendation / Recommandation

- The animal handling protocol described in this application is recommended for approval.
Le protocole de manipulation des animaux décrit dans cette demande est recommandé pour approbation.
- The animal handling protocol described in this application is recommended for approval on the condition that the changes recommended above are incorporated into the project protocol and resubmitted by the project leader.
Le protocole de manipulation des animaux décrit dans cette demande est recommandé pour approbation, à condition que les changements recommandés ci-dessus soient intégrés au protocole du projet et soumis de nouveau par le chef de projet.
- The animal handling protocol described in this application is not recommended for approval.
Le protocole de manipulation des animaux décrit dans cette demande n'est pas recommandé pour approbation.

Reasons / Motifs :

- There is insufficient information for the committee to provide a recommendation on the application.
Les renseignements fournis ne sont pas suffisants pour que le comité puisse émettre une recommandation en faveur de cette demande.

Naima Jutha

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Chair, Wildlife Care Committee / Président, comité de protection de la faune

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