

Enhanced North Slave
Wolf Harvest Incentive Program

Field Guide for Harvesters



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This updated guide includes information for harvesters on the 2019/20 North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area and associated increased incentives for wolf harvesting in the North Slave Region.

To help ENR evaluate this program, all wolf hunters, whether or not they harvested a wolf, are asked to fill out a short survey at the end of their trip. The survey will be available at ENR patrol stations. It will ask questions like:

- How many wolves, wolverines or caribou did you see?
- How far did you travel?
- How did weather affect your trip?

Return your completed survey to a patrol station for a \$25 gift card.

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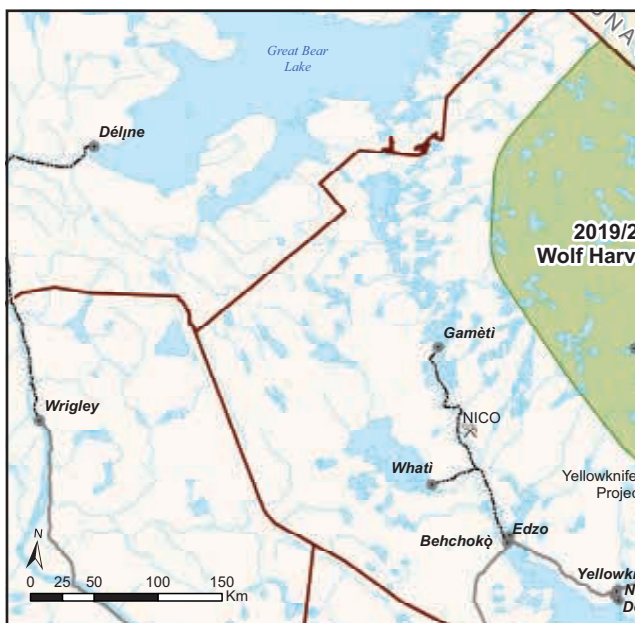
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North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area

The North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area has been updated for the 2019/20 winter season.

This area overlaps with the current wintering range of the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds.



North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area

Increased incentives will be offered for wolves harvested within this area.



How do I participate?

Wolf harvesters going into the Wolf Harvest Incentive Area need to register at the patrol station at Gordon Lake or Wekweètì prior to hunting. Wolf tags are now available at no cost to all hunters.

Hunters who successfully harvest a wolf in the Wolf Harvest Incentive Area will be required to bring the carcass back to a patrol station, where the carcass will be uniquely marked and the harvester will receive a receipt from patrol station staff.

The harvester will then have the option of either taking the carcass (skinned or unskinned) home for pelt preparation or leaving it with patrol station staff, who will arrange for skilled skinners to prepare the pelt and securely store the carcass until it can be transported for necropsy and scientific analysis.



How do I participate?

The harvester will be able to cash the carcass receipt at North Slave Regional ENR offices in Yellowknife or Behchokò.

Satellite collars help ENR track wildlife migration. Do not shoot collared wolves. If you accidentally shoot a collared wolf, return the collar to your local or regional ENR office.



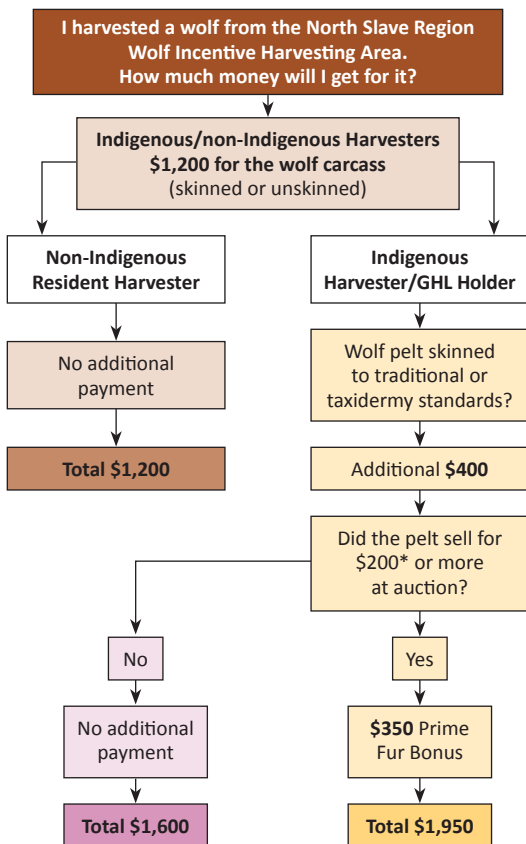
What are the enhanced wolf harvesting incentives?

Indigenous and resident hunters may receive a payment of \$1,200 per carcass for wolves harvested in the Wolf Harvest Incentive Area.

Indigenous harvesters and harvesters with a General Hunting Licence are eligible for an additional \$400 if the pelt is prepared to traditional standards, and \$350 more if the pelt meets the requirement of the prime fur bonus as part of the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program.



What are the enhanced wolf harvesting incentives?



* If the pelt sells for more than \$400 at auction, you will get the difference above the \$400 advance.

Traditional vs. taxidermy standard

Traditional standard:

For trim:

- Pelt is split or cased.
- Feet can be cut off, head can be cut off, tail left on.
- Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried and cleaned.

For rug:

- Important to skin wolf as soon as possible to avoid taints and hair slippage.
- Pelt is split or cased.
- Pay close attention to leave enough material around, eyes, ears and lips.
- Skin down to the last knuckle on the feet, leaving intact.
- Wash out any blood or dirt before drying the pelt.
- Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried and cleaned.

Traditional vs. taxidermy standard

Taxidermy standard:

- Important to skin wolf as soon as possible to avoid taints and hair slippage.
- Pelt is split or cased.
- Pay close attention to leave enough material around, eyes, ears, lips and anal opening.
- Nose must be carefully skinned and complete, and the lips must be carefully skinned close to the jawline and split to allow the complete lip to dry properly.



Traditional vs. taxidermy standard

- Skin down to the last knuckle on the each toe, leaving pads and claws intact. The main pads on each foot must be cleaned of all the fat. Best to make a pouch with the claws and pads.
- Allow the paws one day of drying and then turn out and fill it with borax or sawdust until dry. You can stuff the foot with paper towels to keep the shape, but remove when dry.
- Flesh, stretch and board pelt to dry, and pay attention to remove any raw materials in ears and paws.



Traditional vs. taxidermy standard

- Ears must be complete, with the ear cartilage separated.
- Wash out any blood or dirt before drying the pelt.
- Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried and cleaned.



Know the law:

Illegal caribou harvesting and harassment

The North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area overlaps with the Mobile Core Bathurst Caribou Management Zone (Mobile Zone).

It is illegal to hunt caribou inside the Mobile Zone.

It is also illegal to unnecessarily chase, fatigue, disturb, torment or otherwise harass wildlife, including caribou, under the NWT *Wildlife Act*.

ENR officers will be increasing the frequency of aerial and ground enforcement patrols to minimize the risk of illegal caribou hunting or harassment in the Mobile Zone.



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Documented cases of illegally harvesting or harassing caribou will be prosecuted under the *Wildlife Act*.

The location of the Mobile Zone is updated weekly. It is your responsibility to be aware of the most up-to-date coordinates and ensure you are not hunting in the Mobile Zone.

To view the current Mobile Zone, visit www.enr.gov.nt.ca.



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