



Why Should You Care?

The GRRB is beginning consultations to make this determination. **The Board wants to hear input from Gwich'in Participants and traditional aboriginal Trading Partners** on the difference between traditional sharing and commercial use of wildlife meat*.

The GRRB's determination of commercial use may change how Gwich'in participants can use wildlife as new regulations may be the result of the GRRB's final decision. This consultation is a first step.

When do you think traditional sharing crosses a line into commercial use? Tell the GRRB what you think!

How Can You Give Your Opinion and Input?

- **Come to a GRRB consultation meeting** in your community this fall to learn more and to tell the GRRB what you think.
- **Fill out this survey** and return it to the GRRB by December 14, 2018.
- **Contact the GRRB** directly by mail, email, fax or phone.

**Note that fish are dealt with separately under existing regulations for commercial use. This consultation is about use of wildlife other than fish.*



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For details on your community consultation meeting, watch for posters this fall and contact the GRRB or your local Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council:

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How is Gwich'in Traditional Sharing different than Commercial Use of Wildlife?



What is this about?

Concerns have been raised by the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Councils that there are **commercial sales of wildlife meat happening** in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA).

The Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA) provides for traditional sharing by Gwich'in participants for personal consumption (section 12.4.16), but **this is not to be done in a way that is considered to be commercial.**

The NWT Wildlife Act requires the commercial use of wildlife to be defined before enforcement of a new regulation can take place in the GSA.

The Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB) is the main instrument of wildlife, fish, and forest management in the Gwich'in Settlement Area. **The GCLCA gives the GRRB the power to determine what is commercial use of wildlife.**





Gwich'in Participants, help us to understand.

The GRRB is asking Gwich'in Participants (16 years and older) and traditional aboriginal Trading Partners to complete this survey to help the GRRB understand when Gwich'in traditional sharing crosses a line into commercial use. Please include examples when possible. This is a first step for the GRRB to define commercial use based on Gwich'in practices. Please share your thoughts.



Traditional Sharing

Help us define this. What traditional sharing activities are okay? These have always been done. It is part of the culture:

Examples of things to think about:

- Community hunts
- If money is involved and the amount of money
- Selling wildlife meat at a community carnival
- Selling wildlife meat on facebook
- Selling to the public
- How it was hunted
- Who it was hunted for, and what that person plans to do with it
- The amount of meat or number of animals
- What kind of wildlife species is considered
- If the species is at risk

Commercial Use

Help us define this. What activities are not okay? What activities should be illegal? What activities are commercial? They are not the traditional way:

Do you think the commercial sale of wildlife is an issue in the GSA?

Circle one: Yes No Uncertain

Other Comments:

(please attach additional pages of comments if desired)

Name:

I am a: Gwich'in Participant

Aboriginal Resident of the NWT with rights to hunt wildlife in the NWT

Aboriginal Resident of the Yukon & Member of a Yukon First Nation

Other: _____

I have completed & returned this form (circle): 1 2 3 __ times.

Hai Cho! Mahsi Cho!