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**FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT TRUST  
KLUANE FIRST NATION WILDLIFE MONITOR PROJECT  
FINAL REPORT - MARCH 2008**

Kluane First Nation would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust for their financial contributions, without this contribution we would not have been able to have the Wildlife Monitor position.

**Project Activities:**

During the project year the following activities were completed:

- Field work on the ground – seasonal
- Aircraft survey with Parks Canada – Sheep – Sheep Mountain to Congdon Creek to Boulder Creek (June 2007)
- On and Off Road Patrols – records of sightings and activities
- Training – Parks – the only training component would be the aircraft survey and they would teach the proper way of spotting for animals
- Conduct Harvest Questionnaires – there is reported harvest on the patrol form summary and we have some questionnaires that were filled out by the hunters that requested permission to hunt in KFN's Traditional Territory
- Ride Along Component – Parks – the only opportunity was the Aircraft survey
- Investigate Reports of harvesting within the corridor – this is done when the Wildlife Monitor is out on patrol.

The activities contributed to our goals and objectives by allowing us to gather data while patrolling the land to help us in our future management regime and provide us with information and harvest data to share with the Dan Keyi Renewable Resource Council, Parks Canada and YTG – Department of Environment Office in Haines Junction. The Wildlife Monitor position is very important to the First Nation because it gives us the presence on the land. The Lands, Resources and Heritage Department staff are not on the land all the time due to our busy schedules. Just on a side note, some of the information for the patrol forms was truthed at a Spruce Bark Beetle Workshop that was

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held in Whitehorse on March 12, 2008, there was a researcher that did a presentation and she talked about the decrease of some birds which came about because of the spruce bark beetle and I thought that was pretty interesting because the Wildlife Monitor was noticing a decrease in birds.

The effects our activities will have on the welfare of fish, wildlife and/or their habitat is, if and when there are guidelines set out and decisions made on conservation projects to be carried out with the Sheep Hunt funds, all of the data collected will be utilized in the process. This year our department has planned to conduct some aerial surveys to gather population data, and make observations of habitat alienations occurring on the land in the KFN Traditional Territory. Hopefully, all will go as planned. Also, the information gathered during this project was shared Parks Canada, Dan Keyi Renewable Resource Council and YTG – Department of Environment Office in Haines Junction to be utilized for their management responsibilities.

Some positive results from the Wildlife Monitor Project that were unexpected is there are citizens and the general public reporting information to the Wildlife Monitor as you can see in his reports. No negative results have occurred.

In the proposed workplan the educational components were not completed. There were no educational material developed except for the harvest questionnaire and this questionnaire was only handed out to the individuals that requested permission to hunt in KFN's Traditional Territory. There were no opportunities for education workshops or a school presentation during the year. There was some education of the general public conducted while on patrols and you can see this because there a citizens and the public reporting their sightings to the Wildlife Monitor. The collection of coyote scats was not done, currently we do not have anything in place to do this work and then to have them analyzed for information.

An additional activity that was not in the workplan, we had the Wildlife Monitor participate in the information workshop on the Proposed Yukon Wildlife Act Amendments Required for Consistency with Yukon First Nation and Gwich'in Final Agreements held in Whitehorse on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. There was a lot of background information shared at this workshop by some of the First Nation's staff and previous Negotiators as to the intent of some of the provisions in Chapter 16.

There was some variance to our workplan as talked about above we did not do the coyote scat collection, the education component, and to some degree the harvest questionnaires. We have the harvest questionnaires drafted and we will have to utilize them fully this year.

Our work is contributing to the protection, enhancement or restoration of fish, wildlife or their habitat by ensuring that the citizens and public are aware of the "No Hunting Corridor" and the two "No Harvesting Areas" in the Kluane National Park and Reserve. These no harvesting and hunting areas concepts

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help to give the wildlife a chance at survival if they are in these areas. Eventually our work will help us to develop management regimes to govern our actions and the land alienations that are occurring regardless of what we voice in our responses to their applications.

### **Communications:**

Our results of the Wildlife Monitor Patrol Forms were shared with the Dan Keyi Renewable Resource Council, Parks Canada and YTG - Department of Environment Office in Haines Junction.

The F&WET was recognized for their contributions at the Kluane First Nation General Assembly in the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department report. The report will be attached to the Minutes and remain part of that record for years to come.

### **Applicant Suggestions:**

I learned that there were some workplan tasks that we could not do like the coyote scat collection - we could do the collection but not the analysis. I learned that the Wildlife Monitor Patrol Forms should be compiled monthly and then printed off at the end of the year.

The needs that still exist are on going monitoring, and reminding people of the no harvest zones and no hunting corridor, since the highway reconstruction is continuing at Sheep Mountain.

We always like working with the Enhancement Trust and its staff. I especially like the reminders that are given when reporting is required and I appreciate their patience with receipt of my final report.

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## **KLUANE FIRST NATION WILDLIFE MONITOR PATROL FORMS SUMMARY**

### **APRIL 2007**

#### **PATROLLED FIVE (5) DAYS**

#### **DAY 1: EDITH CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, DUKE RIVER, KLUANE RIVER (SIDE ROAD), PICKHANDLE LAKE**

2 Moose – Pickhandle Lake  
1 Moose – Duke River  
Not many muskrats  
Still cold

#### **DAY 2: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, BOCKS BROOK, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN**

8 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
81 Sheep (ewes and lambs) & 2 (rams) – Cultas Bay Mountain  
1 Swan flying by the first swan this spring  
2 Gophers – Cultas Bay Mountain  
No Sheep – Thorsens Bay Mountain or 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
No moose sign

#### **DAY 3: TALBOT ARM, RAFT CREEK**

14 Sheep – Talbot Arm  
5 Sheep – (ewes and lambs) – Raft Creek  
Starting to warm up

#### **DAY 4: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER, EDITH CREEK**

2 Moose – Duke River  
16 Sheep – Below Donjek Bridge  
1 Coyote – Edith Creek (Creek is open)

Gopher numbers are low

**DAY 5: SILVER CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CONGDON CREEK, NINES CREEK, BURWASH UPLANDS, DUKE RIVER BAR**

2 Moose (Bulls) – Duke River Flats  
4 Caribou – Quill Creek Road  
Grizzly droppings – Burwash Uplands Road  
KFN workers saw 5 moose Donjek River

**HARVEST:**

2 Moose (Bulls)  
1 Bison  
1 Sheep (Ram) GMZ 6:09

**MAY 2007**

**PATROLLED EIGHT (8) DAYS**

**DAY 1: SILVER CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CONGDON POINT, COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK**

96 Sheep (3 lambs) – Sheep Mountain  
13 Moose  
9 Grizzly Bears – 2 Sows and 3 cubs each

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, CONGDON CREEK, NINES CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN**

1 Grizzly Bear – Copper Joe Creek  
1 Moose (Bull) – Copper Joe Creek  
9 Sheep – Copper Joe Creek – left side of creek  
93 Sheep (2 lambs) – Sheep Mountain  
Counted 5 lambs at Cultas Bay

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER, EDITH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER**

3 Moose – Kluane River  
1 Grizzly Bear – Kluane River  
2 Moose – Nines Creek  
1 Moose (cow) – Rifle Range  
12 Sheep – 1118 – Kluane Wilderness Lodge  
1 Grizzly Bear – DONJEK PUMPSTATION  
No moose calves yet.

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CULTAS BAY**

12 Sheep – Bock's Brook  
138 Sheep (ewes and rams) – Sheep Mountain  
77 Sheep – (5 lambs) – Cultas Bay  
1 Moose – Cultas Bay  
2 Bison – Cultas Bay  
Cultas Bay Sheep seem to lamb before Sheep Mountain Sheep

**DAY 5: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CHRISTMAS CREEK**

144 Sheep (6 rams) – Sheep Mountain  
2 Moose – Christmas Creek  
1 Grizzly Bear – Inlet Creek  
Christmas Bay is still frozen – no ducks  
No snow but still cold  
KFN members seen bears in the Park at Slims River  
Seen more moose sign at Dutch Harbor and Nines Creek

**DAY 6: DUKE RIVER, KLUANE RIVER, QUILL CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, EDITH CREEK, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE**

1 Moose (Bull) – Donjek – Bob's turn off  
2 Moose (Cow & Calf) – 1137 – other side of Donjek River  
1 Moose – Andrew Atlin Lake  
1 Grizzly Bear – Donjek River Bridge  
Catching fish at Lake Creek  
Grayling running at Edith Creek  
Not many birds

**DAY 7: SILVER CREEK, CHRISTMAS CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CONGDON CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, NINES CREEK, COPPER JOE**

1 Moose (Bull) – Silver Creek  
1 Grizzly Bear – Silver Creek  
163 Sheep (mostly ewes)  
1 Deer – Nines Creek  
More moose have been spotted along the roads by KFN members and employees report seeing moose

**DAY 8: DUKE MEADOW (SPRING CREEK), KLUANE RIVER OUTLET, BURWASH UPLANDS, QUILL CREEK, KLUANE RIVER (SIDE ROAD), DONJEK PUMPSTATION**

1 Deer – Down Below  
1 Moose (Bull) – Duke Meadow

Grizzly Bear sign - Burwash Uplands  
2 Moose (Cow & calf) - Swede Johnson Creek  
Fresh moose tracks - Quill Creek  
Some lakes are opening up - not much muskrat sign - lots of rabbits  
Owls seem to be prowling in numbers

**HARVEST:**

1 Moose (Bull)

**JUNE 2007**

**PATROLLED SIX (6) DAYS**

**DAY 1: COPPER JOE, CONGDON, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

3 Sheep - Printers Pass  
No sheep at Cultas Bay Mountain this time of year  
Bison left the Bay  
Some moose sign on Cultas Bay Road  
Not much bear sign - Cultas Bay Road  
No deer sign - Cultas Bay Road  
5 Bear sightings - Sims River (Park)

**DAY 2: KLUANE NATIONAL PARK SHEEP COUNT WITH WARDEN**

250 Sheep (ewes/lambs/rams) from Sheep Mountain to Congdon Creek to Boulder Creek - Kluane Park Sheep Count  
1 wolf

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, KLUANE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER, QUILL CREEK**

1 Black bear - Donjek Pump station  
3 Caribou (cows) - Young Duke River  
Bridge Construction crew saw 1 Moose (Bull) at Swede Johnson Creek

See more coyote and lynx along the patrol area

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY, THORSENS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

3 Sheep - Cultas Bay  
36 Sheep - Painters Pass - couldn't count lambs too far away  
1 Grizzly Bear - Inlet Creek  
few moose sign along the road ways

**DAY 5: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, DONJEK PUMPSTATION, DONJEK RIVER**

A few moose tracks down Young Duke Road  
Not many sightings by KFN members

**DAY 6: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CHRISTMAS BAY, INLET CREEK**

54 Sheep - no lambs - Sheep Mountain

**JULY 2007**

**PATROLLED SEVEN (7) DAYS**

**DAY 1: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH UPLANDS, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER OVERLOOK AND KLUANE RIVER SIDE ROAD, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK PUMPSTATION, DONJEK RIVER**

1 Moose (cow) - Kluane River - overlook  
1 Moose (bull) - Donjek Pump station  
A few tracks at Burwash Uplands

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CHRISTMAS CREEK, SILVER CREEK**

Sheep Mountain - no sheep due to blasting  
1 Grizzly Bear - Nines Creek  
1 Grizzly Bear and two cubs - Burwash Heights turnoff  
1 Grizzly Bear tracks by Peter Johnson's house in Burwash

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK**

KFN Sheep Hunt - 1 ram  
1 Black Bear - Donjek River

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

14 Sheep (ewes) - Sheep Mountain - come in the morning and leave due to blasting  
1 Moose (2 Year Old Bull) - Inlet Creek  
12 Sheep (ewes and 6 lambs) - Cultas Bay Mountain  
1 Moose (Bull) - 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
A few deer tracks around the bay at Cultas

**DAY 5: DUKE RIVER, QUILL CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, PICKHANDLE LAKE**

2 Moose – Pickhandle Lake  
1 Grizzly Bear – Pickhandle Lake  
1 Moose – 1124 lake  
A few moose at Donjek River Bar

**DAY 6: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CULTAS BAY, INLET CREEK, THORSENS BAY**

No Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
No Sheep – Cultas gone until September  
Bison tracks – Cultas Bay Road and 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Black bear shot at Pine Valley, it came into camp

**DAY 7: DUKE RIVER, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, QUILL CREEK**

Never saw anything

**HARVEST:**

1 Sheep (Ram) – 6:08  
1 Black Bear  
1 Sheep (Ram) – KFN Sheep Hunt - 6:08

Wildlife Monitor on Holidays for the month of August

**SEPTEMBER 2007**

**PATROLLED ELEVEN (11) DAYS**

**DAY 1: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER**

2 Moose (Bull) across Kluane River

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, THORSENS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, CULTAS BAY**

70 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Sheep Mountain  
7 Sheep (rams) – Cultas Bay  
6 Sheep (rams) – Printers Pass  
42 Sheep (ewes and lambs) Cultas Bay Mountain  
Lots of non First Nations hunting – shooting up Printers Pass by young people  
– said they were trying to scare a black bear away but scared the sheep all but

one - the sheep was crippled

**DAY 3: CULTAS BAY, QUILL CREEK, MAPLE CREEK**

30 Sheep (rams) - Quill Creek  
2 Moose - Coon Creek

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CHRISTMAS CREEK, CULTAS BAY**

79 Sheep (ewes) 9 (rams) - Sheep Mountain  
41 Sheep (ewes) - Cultas Bay  
5 Sheep (ewes & lambs) - Printers Pass  
2 Moose (cow & calf) - Thorsen's Bay  
ATV's running all over Cultas Bay Mountain  
15 hikers climbing Cultas Bay Mountain

**DAY 5: NINES CREEK, COPPER JOE, BURWASH UPLANDS, DUKE RIVER, DUKE RIVER BAR, QUILL CREEK**

2 Moose (Bulls) - Coon Creek

**DAY 6: NINES CREEK, COPPER JOE, DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, KLUANE RIVER SIDE ROAD**

Never saw anything

**DAY 7: DUKE RIVER BAR, YOUNG DUKE, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER, EDITH CREEK**

2 Moose (cow & calf) - Swede Johnson Creek

**DAY 8: CULTAS BAY, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CONGDON POINT, NINES CREEK, COPPER JOE CREEK**

2 Moose (cow & calf) - Nines Creek  
54 Sheep - Sheep Mountain  
2 Deer (bucks) - Duke Meadow - KFN Members Report  
3 Grizzly Bears (sow & 2 cubs)

**DAY 9: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY**

42 Sheep - Sheep Mountain  
6 Sheep (rams) Congdon Creek  
81 sheep (ewes and lambs) - South side  
46 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 10 (rams) - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road Mountain - first mountain on the left

2 Wolves (one black and one grey) – Cultas Bay Mountain  
2 Porcupines  
2 Bison – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road – 2 km in from Cultas Bay  
1 Wolf – Inlet Creek

**DAY 10: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE OVERLOOK, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

1 Grizzly Bear – Kluane River  
2 Deer (Bucks) – Duke Meadow

**DAY 11: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK MINE, ARCH CREEK**

Seen the following tracks – grizzly bear, wolverine, fox, lynx – Quill Creek Road  
1 Grizzly Bear – Rifle Range – KFN Members Report

**HARVEST:**

1 Moose (sex?) Burwash Uplands – someone shot it and left it.  
11 Moose (Bulls)  
2 Moose (Bulls) Non-Native  
1 Moose (Cow)  
1 Sheep (Ram) 5:38

**OCTOBER 2007**

**PATROLLED TWELVE (12) DAYS**

**DAY 1: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY (6 KM IN)**

69 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
46 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Inlet Creek  
8 Sheep (rams) – 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Seen two sets of moose tracks

**DAY 2: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER SIDE ROAD, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE**

1 Moose (cow) – Donjek Pump station  
Lots of ducks – Pothole Lake this side of Andrew Atlin Lake – No ducks on the lake itself  
Storming all day  
Swans on Kluane River

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH UPLANDS, QUILL CREEK MINING ROAD, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK**

Never saw anything

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON POINT, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, UP SHEEP CREEK SUMMIT**

1 Grizzly Bear - Destruction Bay Subdivision  
43 Sheep (ewes) 11 (rams) - Sheep Mountain  
3 Grizzly Bears - Sheep Creek  
2 Goats - Sheep Creek

**DAY 5: COPPER JOE CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CULTAS BAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ROAD**

54 Sheep (ewes) 7 (rams) - Sheep Mountain  
1 Bison (bull) - Inlet to Cultas Bay  
50 Sheep 6 (smaller rams) - Cultas Bay

**DAY 6: COPPER JOE CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ROAD**

46 Sheep - Sheep Mountain  
60 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 12 (rams) - Cultas Bay Mountain  
1 Bison (bull) - Cultas Bay

**DAY 7: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK MINING ROAD, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK**

3 Grizzly Bears tracks ( sow and 2 cubs) - Quill Creek Road  
Sheep are mixing up getting ready for rut

**DAY 8: DUKE MEADOW, SPRING CREEK, COPPER JOE CREEK, KLUANE RIVER OUTLET**

22 Swans - Kluane River Outlet

**DAY 9: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, EDITH CREEK, PICKHANDLE LAKE**

9 Sheep (rams) - Donjek River below the bridge  
Muskrat houses at Andrew Atlin Lake, Pickhandle Lake and Longs Creek and the lake by Longs Creek  
Seen a flock of swans flying south

**DAY 10: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CHRISTMAS CREEK**

112 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
2 Moose (cows) – no calves – KFN member report  
2 Goats (billies) – Boulder Creek canyon

**DAY 11: DUKE RIVER, DUKE MEADOW, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK MINE SITE, ARCH CREEK**

Just seen tracks – moose, wolves and coyote

**DAY 12: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CHRISTMAS CREEK, BURWASH UPLANDS, DUKE MEADOW**

58 Sheep – Sheep Mountain

**HARVEST:**

2 Sheep (rams) – Park

**NOVEMBER 2007**

**PATROLLED TEN (10) DAYS**

**DAY 1: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, CULTAS ROAD TO CHRISTMAS CREEK**

104 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
2 Coyotes – Congdon Point

**DAY 2: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, DONJEK RIVER**

Never seen anything

**DAY 3: DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK, INLET CREEK**

62 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
1 Coyote – Inlet Creek

Lots of squirrels and rabbits this year – food for lynx  
Hardly any chickadees

**DAY 4: DUKE RIVER BAR, DUKE MEADOW, BURWASH UPLANDS, QUILL CREEK**

14 Sheep – Quill Creek Road – left side of the creek

**DAY 5: DUKE RIVER, DUKE MEADOW, CASINO ROAD, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK MINING ROAD, GLACIER CREEK, KLUANE RIVER**

20 Bald Eagles along Kluane River eating salmon

10 Moose (cows) Below the Bridge at Duke River – no bulls – KFN member report

**DAY 6: DUKE RIVER BAR, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

Never saw anything

**DAY 7: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, BOCKS BROOK, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN**

14 Sheep (ewes) 6 (rams) – Sheep Mountain

Kluane Lake is still open past Destruction Bay. It is frozen around Burwash

1 Wolf – crossed the lake by the Campground – KFN member reported

1 Moose (bull) – Duke River

**DAY 8: COPPER JOE, DUKE MEADOW, DUKE RIVER BAR, BURWASH UPLANDS**

Never saw anything

**DAY 9: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CASINO ROAD, DUKE MEADOW**

Never saw anything

**DAY 10: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY**

34 Sheep – Sheep Mountain

154 Sheep – Cultas Bay Mountain

**DECEMBER 2007**

**PATROLLED EIGHT (8) DAYS**

**DAY 1: BURWASH UPLANDS, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, GLACIER CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK PUMPSTATION, DONJEK RIVER**

Never saw anything

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN**

2 Moose – Copper Joe Creek  
1 Moose – crossing Dutch Harbor  
12 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Sheep Mountain

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, KLUANE RIVER, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

2 Moose (cows) – Donjek Pump station

**DAY 4: COPPER JOE CREEK, NINES CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK**

The magpies and camp robbers are lower in numbers then last year

**DAY 5: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH UPLANDS, KLUANE RIVER, QUILL CREEK, 1118 LODGE, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK**

Never saw anything

**DAY 6: (SOUTH) FROM BURWASH TO INLET CREEK, CULTAS BAY ROAD**

1 Coyote – Destruction Bay  
1 Coyote – Congdon Creek  
22 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 5 (rams) – Sheep Mountain

**DAY 7: EDITH CREEK, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, DONJEK RIVER, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, PICKHANDLE LAKE**

1 Moose (cow) – Donjek Pump station  
27 Rat houses – Andrew Atlin Lake – South end and North end 32 Rat Houses  
Hardly any snow on the land if it turns cold without snow it will be cold on animals they need snow to lay down on

**DAY 8: SOUTH COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, INLET CREEK**

57 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 9 (rams) – Sheep Mountain – rut is just about over  
A few young rams are butting each other. Most of the sheep are heading for their winter range  
Deer – Silver Creek – KFN member report

## **HARVEST:**

1 Moose (bull)

## **JANUARY 2008**

### **PATROLLED TEN (10) DAYS**

#### **DAY 1: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH UPLAND, DUKE RIVER BAR, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

Never saw anything but tracks

#### **DAY 2: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK**

2 Moose (cow and calf) – Lewes Creek  
24 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Sheep Mountain  
1 Coyote – on the lake at Congdon Point

#### **DAY 3: BURWASH UPLANDS, DUKE MEADOW, CASINO ROAD, QUILL CREEK, KLUANE RIVER (SIDE POND)**

3 Moose – Duke River Bar  
1 Wolverine – Duke River Bar  
Kluane River is still open below Quill Creek pull off  
Lots of rabbits, lynx and coyote  
Not many birds around – magpies, camp robbers and chickadees – their numbers are declining

#### **DAY 4: CASINO ROAD, DUKE MEADOW, BURWASH UPLAND ROAD, DUKE RIVER, YOUNG DUKE**

Never saw anything but tracks

#### **DAY 5: COPPER JOE CREEK, BOCKS BROOK, NINES CREEK, DUTCH HARBOR, CONGDON CREEK**

1 Coyote – Congdon Creek  
9 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Sheep Mountain  
Cold for the last ten (10) days ranging between – 20° to 35°  
Construction started on the bridge

#### **DAY 6: DUKE RIVER, KLUANE RIVER, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, EDITH CREEK**

4 Moose – Glacier Creek  
1 Coyote – Donjek Pump station

Not many tracks along the highway - 28°

**DAY 7: COPPER JOE, CONGDON POINT, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CULTAS BAY**

46 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Sheep Mountain

56 Sheep (ewes and lambs) – Cultas Bay

Wolf sign at Sheep Mountain

**DAY 8: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREK, QUILL CREEK, GLACIER CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, 1124 LAKE, DONJEK PUMPSTATION, DONJEK RIVER**

The watchman at Burwash Creek saw a cow and calf and they have a fox living by their camp

**DAY 9: COON CREEK BACK TRAIL, BIG ARM**

Saw cougar tracks at Big Arm – they sure have big tracks

No deer tracks

Maybe the cougar is living on sheep since no deer or rabbits

**DAY 10: BURWASH UPLANDS, DUKE RIVER**

Seen moose tracks

No sign of Ptarmigan

Not many mice or voles

Don't hear many owls

Climate change is affecting us – new animals are moving in

**FEBRUARY 2008**

**PATROLLED NINE (9) DAYS**

**DAY 1: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, EDITH CREEK**

2 Coyotes – Andrew Atlin Lake

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK**

16 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 7 (rams) – Sheep Mountain

3 Coyotes – Kluane Lake

1 Moose (cow) – Silver Creek – KFN member report

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, BURWASH CREEK, QUILL CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON, DONJEK RIVER, ANDREW ATLIN LAKE, EDITH CREEK**

Never saw anything, just tracks at Duke Gravel Pit

**DAY 4: TALBOT ARM, AND SKIDOO TRAIL UNDER THE MOUNTAIN TO BLACK POINT**

Never saw anything

**DAY 5: COPPER JOE, DUTCH HARBOR, CONGDON CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK**

1 Coyote – Dutch Harbor

18 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 8 (rams) – Sheep Mountain

Wolf tracks – Sheep Mountain

Don't seem to be many sheep at Sheep Mountain the numbers stay about the same

**DAY 6: DUKE MEADOW, DUKE RIVER BAR**

Moose tracks around Duke gravel pit – Duke River and Young Duke

Coyote and lynx tracks on Burwash Uplands Road

One set of cougar tracks on the Casino Road

A cougar was seen by Destruction Bay resident, it walked through their yard

The resident said the conservation officer was to come out and set up cameras.

The resident thinks that there are two cougars – mother and kitten

**DAY 7: CULTAS BAY**

91 Sheep (ewes and lambs) 5 (rams) – Cultas Bay

3 sets of wolf tracks – the wolves must put lots of pressure on the sheep maybe that is the same wolves at Sheep Mountain

**DAY 8: LITTLE ARM, MINERAL CREEK**

Saw one set of otter tracks on Brooks Creek

7 Sheep on Mineral Creek Mountain

**DAY 9: DUKE MEADOW, CASINO ROAD, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

Never saw anything

**MARCH 2008**

**PATROLLED NINE (9) DAYS**

**DAY 1: DUKE RIVER, QUILL CREEK, SWEDE JOHNSON, DONJEK PUMPSTATION**

Saw old moose tracks at Young Duke River and Swede Johnson  
Lots of lynx tracks and coyote tracks  
Counted muskrat houses by Donjek Pump station – 17 muskrat houses the most along the patrol area

**DAY 2: COPPER JOE, NINES CREEK, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

54 Sheep – Sheep Mountain  
2 Coyotes – Christmas Creek  
38 Sheep – Cultas Bay  
12 Sheep – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road

Cultas Bay has more sheep through the winter than Sheep Mountain. Just about every winter for the last 10 years and always see wolf tracks around Sheep Mountain. Wolves always live around Cultas Bay area – living on sheep

**DAY 3: DUKE RIVER, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER, WOLVERINE CREEK AND WOLVERINE PLATEAU**

Left Burwash 7 a.m. and returned 9 p.m. – we saw lots of moose and sheep today – 24 rams and 22 ewes Lynx Creek Mountain  
Saw 4 cows and 3 calves  
Wolverine Creek Men's Camp saw three black wolves and a few caribou tracks crossing Wolverine Creek  
Old Moose tracks on the Wolverine plateau  
6 Moose – Duke River Bar and Young Duke – KFN member reported  
Weather is warm for a week now and cool at night – melting during the day

**DAY 4: NINES CREEK, CULTAS BAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ROAD**

86 Sheep (ewes) 6 (rams) – Cultas Bay  
Seen where 1 Bison was killed by Cultas Bay Inlet on a land selection – seen Bison about three weeks ago on February 26, 2008 (bull)

**DAY 5: DUKE RIVER, SWEDE JOHNSON CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

Seen lots of old moose sign – no fresh sign in the fresh snow last night  
2 Coyote – Duke River

**DAY 6: EDITH CREEK, BIG ARM (TALBOT)**

Just saw old moose tracks along the highway  
Coyote sign and lynx tracks

Still lots of rabbits – the numbers should drop this year – this is the third year the rabbit numbers are up  
Lots of game sign – small game – Talbot Arm  
Hardly any tracks on the lake anywhere

**DAY 7: COPPER JOE CREEK, CONGDON POINT, SHEEP MOUNTAIN, SILVER CREEK**

2 Coyotes – Congdon Point  
101 Sheep – Sheep Mountain – this is the most sheep I seen since last summer around July, 2007, counted over 150 sheep at that time  
Never seen any sign of the cougar – just that once across the lake – Talbot Arm and Casino Road  
Hardly seen any wolverine sign this winter

**DAY 8: BURWASH UPLANDS, AMPITHEATER MOUNTAIN**

Moose sign on the road to the Halferdal Camp and lower half of Burwash Upland Flats  
Lots of lynx sign on Burwash Upland Flat and coyote, wolf and lynx sign on the road  
Sheep on Burwash Creek Canyon 6 (rams)

**DAY 9: SHEEP MOUNTAIN, CONGDON CREEK, NINES CREEK, DUKE RIVER, QUILL CREEK, DONJEK RIVER**

10 Sheep – Sheep Mountain and seen one wolf could be more because all the sheep I seen a few days ago was 101 sheep – I think the wolves put pressure on the sheep and they move  
Up North to Donjek just saw old moose sign  
A few lynx sign on fresh snow  
I think the rabbit numbers are going down – not as many tracks as last year.

**HARVEST:**

1 Moose (bull) – 6:09  
1 Moose (cow) – 5:21

**FINAL REPORT BUDGET SHEET  
KLUANE FIRST NATION WILDLIFE MONITOR**

<b>Expenditure Categories</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>	<b>Receipts Included</b>
<b>1. Capital Expenses</b> (equipment, machinery)				
<b>2. Wages, Contract Services</b>  (benefits)	Field Work On & Off Road Patrols Harvest Honorarium	<b>\$20, 125.00</b>  <b>\$2,415.00</b>	\$16,975.00  \$1,200.00  \$ 287.98	
<b>3. Office &amp; Admin Expenses</b> (telephone, printing, postage)				
<b>4. Travel Expenses</b> (accommodation, food, transportation)	Vehicle Allowance Travel Hotel	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	\$3,450.00 \$ 417.71 \$ 280.35	
<b>5. Materials &amp; Supplies</b>				
<b>6. Facility Expenses</b>				
<b>7. Other</b>	Vehicle Signs		212.63	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$26,540.00*</b>	<b>\$22,823.67</b>	

\* This total includes the Parks Canada Contribution of \$5,000.00.