

Elk Permit Hunt 2011-2012: Frequently Asked Questions

1) Why are there only cow permits being offered this year?

We need to focus on cows to reduce numbers and to return to a more natural sex ratio.

The elk harvest strategy identified that the herd size needed to be reduced in two to three years to reflect the estimated population in 2007. This is the third year of harvest on elk in Yukon that has been very successful for bulls and less so for cows. The sex ratio has become significantly skewed.

2) Is this a normal way to manage wildlife populations?

No. We are deliberately trying to reduce the number of elk.

Once the herd reduction objective has been met, Yukon elk will be managed in a way that is much more consistent with the sustainable management practices used for other hunted species.

3) Why is there a late season hunt and when does it take place?

If harvest success is too low during the first two months, additional permits may be drawn from the Permit Hunt list to help meet the population management objective.

Additional season permits will also ensure that there are hunters available to help with elk/land use conflicts.

4) How will I find out whether I have a late season elk permit?

Near the end of October, if additional late season permits are available, Environment Yukon staff will go down the original permit draw list and call prospective hunters in order.

5) What is informed Consent?

If you wish to be contacted by landholders in your permit area to access an elk on their land, you can elect to give Environment Yukon permission to provide your contact information.

6) Can I hunt bulls in the Exclusion Area?

Yes. The Exclusion area remains open for elk of either sex but you must have a Wildlife Act Permit **and** an elk tag. The season runs from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 unless sooner cancelled.

7) What has Environment Yukon learned about ticks on Yukon wildlife?

Please see the summary of FAQs about ticks on the Environment Yukon Website.

For further information, please go to the Environment Yukon Website at www.env.gov.yk.ca/huntingtrapping/