



# GUIDE FOR HARVESTERS: ENHANCED NORTH SLAVE WOLF HARVEST INCENTIVE PROGRAM

## North Slave Wolf Harvest Incentive Area

This area has been updated for the 2024 winter season. It overlaps with the current wintering range of the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds.

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

## Incentives

Indigenous harvesters, General Hunting Licence holders (GHL), and NWT residents (with a wolf tag) that have a wolf carcass from the Incentive Area (skinned or unskinned) = **\$1,200**

Indigenous harvesters and GHL holders can get an additional **\$400** if the pelt is prepared to traditional standards and **\$350** more if the pelt meets the Prime Fur Bonus requirements = **\$1,950 total**

NOTE: Non-resident hunters and non-resident aliens (outfitters) do not receive the incentive.

## How do I participate?

Before hunting in that area, please register at a **patrol stat on at Gordon Lake or Wekweèt**. Wolf tags are available at no cost to all hunters. You will receive a questionnaire that must be filled out for each day of your hunting trip.

If you successfully harvest a wolf in this area, you will need to bring the full female carcass or just the skull and baculum (penis bone) from male wolves back to a patrol station (or the North Slave Regional Environment and Climate Change (ECC) office). The wolf will be marked and a receipt will be given.

You then have the option to:

- take the wolf home for pelt preparation or,
- leave it with the patrol station staff who will arrange for a skilled skinner to prepare the pelt and securely store the carcass until it can be transported for scientific analysis.

Take your receipt to the North Slave Regional ECC office in Yellowknife or in Behchokò for payment.



### Know the law

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

ECC officers patrol by air and land to reduce the risk of illegal caribou hunting in the Mobile Zone.

The location of the Mobile Zone is updated weekly. It is your responsibility to be aware of the coordinates. Visit [www.gov.nt.ca/ecc/en](http://www.gov.nt.ca/ecc/en) for the most up to date map.

### Collared wolves

Satellite collars help track wildlife movements. Do not shoot a collared wolf. If you accidentally do, please return the collar to your local ECC office.

### Survey for a \$50 gift card!

Even if you didn't harvest a wolf on your trip, please submit your questionnaire to the patrol station (or the North Slave Regional ECC office). Your answers will help ECC programs and you'll be given a gift card.

Traditional standards for trim	Traditional standards for rugs	Taxidermy standards
Pelt is split or cased.	Pelt is split or cased.	Pelt is split or cased.
Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried, and cleaned.	Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried, and cleaned.	Pelt must be properly fleshed, stretched, dried, and cleaned.
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Wash out any blood or dirt before drying pelt.	Wash out any blood or dirt before drying pelt.	Wash out any blood or dirt before drying pelt. Flesh, stretch and board pelt to dry, and remove any raw materials in ears and paws.
Feet can be cut off, head can be cut off, tail left on.	Skin down to the last knuckle on the feet, leaving intact.	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 1 day to dry 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.
	Leave enough material around eyes, ears, and lips.	Leave enough material around eyes, ears, lips, and anal opening. Nose must be carefully skinned and complete. Carefully skin lips close to jawline and split to allow them to dry properly.