

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Environment

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, (Member) \_\_\_\_\_

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of Hansard
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. \_\_\_\_\_
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. \_\_\_\_\_

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane \_\_\_\_\_ on November 24, 2020 related to:

Bill No. 205  Second Reading  Third Reading  
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 52  
 Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ RE: Bison Harvest  
 at page(s) 2025 of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

Mr. Istchenko: "How many bison were harvested last year?"

The number of bison hunting permits issued by the Department of Environment has gradually increased year over year with a corresponding increase in the number of bison harvested.

Last year (2019/20), harvest of bison in Yukon was the highest over the past five years, at 237.

Harvest Year	Number of Bison Hunting Permits Issued	Number of Bison Harvested
2019-2020	1843 237	2018-2019 1726 160
2017-2018	1664 225	2016-2017 1654 200
2015-2016	1483 177	

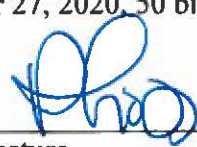
Interest in bison hunting opportunities continues to increase in Yukon and bison has become an important big game species similar to moose and caribou.

Government of Yukon comprehensively manage bison through implementation of an adaptive management regime, mandatory reporting of all bison harvest, oversight by the Bison Technical Team, and annual monitoring of this population.

Hunter success rates can be highly variable each year depending on winter weather, ice and snow conditions.

So far this season between September 1 and November 27, 2020, 50 bison have been reported harvested by Yukoners.

December 4, 2020  
Date

  
Signature