

Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation 2024 Annual Report to members



2024 AGM

The Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation is dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep. As a chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, our membership is united in its mission to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain.

2023/2024 Annual Report

1.0 2023-24 YWSF Board of Directors - Current as of AGM

NAME	POSITION
Spencer Wallace – Term to 2024	President
Clint Walker – Term to 2024	Vice-President
Joseph Humphries – to November 26, 2024	Secretary-Treasurer
Aaron Pettitt – Term to 2025	Director
Michael Abbot – Term to 2025	Director
Charles Shewen – Term to 2025	Director
Steve Hossack – Term to 2025	Director
Mark Dainton – Term to 2024	Director
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President's Message by Spencer Wallace

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Presidents Report 2023-2024

Dear Yukon Wild Sheep Members,

I hope this message finds you well. We want to provide an update on several key initiatives and actions that are crucial to the health and conservation of wild sheep in the Yukon, as well as to share an exciting opportunity for those who wish to become more involved.

Prescribed Burns for Sheep Habitat:

We have engaged in preliminary discussions with Yukon Wildland regarding the potential for prescribed burns in sheep habitat areas for the spring of 2025. These controlled burns are a key strategy for habitat restoration and will help ensure that critical areas remain suitable for wild sheep, supporting both their health and long-term viability. We will continue to monitor these discussions and will keep you updated on their progress. The YWSF board has hired wildfire scientist Dr. Sonja Leverkus and her company, Shifting Mosaics Consulting. The goal is for her and her team to develop a long term burn management plan which will include a burn checklist for conducting prescribed burns safely, identifying areas that will benefit Yukon wild sheep, etc.

M.ovi Sampling and Research Commitments:

In line with our commitment to ongoing research and monitoring, we have made significant strides in M.ovi sampling. To date, we have sampled hundreds of Wild Sheep, and our efforts are having a positive impact on understanding the health and disease dynamics affecting our wild sheep populations. You can view the full report from the AHU (Animal Health Unit) on our website, which details the findings from our sampling efforts. These contributions are making a real difference, not only in tracking the health of sheep in the Yukon but also in developing strategies to keep them thriving in their natural habitats.

As sheep conservationists, it is our responsibility to promote and support these critical research efforts and to ensure that we continue making strides in understanding and protecting our sheep populations. The work we are doing is directly contributing to the health and longevity of wild sheep in the Yukon, and your ongoing support plays a key role in our success.

As we continue to grow and advance our conservation mission, we are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation's Board of Directors. If you are interested in supporting this mission of putting and keeping wild sheep on the mountain, we would love to hear from you. Your experience and commitment could make a significant impact. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the future of wild sheep in the Yukon. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

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President, Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation.

Membership Report

Chair: Joe Humphries

155 Active members as of April 30, 2024.

During the 2023/2024 Fiscal year we had 63 memberships purchase amounting to 16-Renewals or Upgrades and 47-New Memberships of which:

7 – 1-Year Memberships

1 – 3-Year Memberships

0 – 1-Year Family membership

38 New – Life Memberships, with 4 upgraded.

A continued big Thank You to the WSF Chapters & Affiliates who contributed to the Life Membership drive at the 2023 C&A Summit.

An additional shout out to WSF Membership Manager Maddie Richards for all of her assistance over the past year.