



Local Knowledge of Carnivore Populations in Northern Alaska

A participatory study organized by the Wildlife Conservation Society

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Project was presented to Regional Advisory Councils and Subsistence Resource Commissions in Winter and Spring 2022

Seeking up to 5 people with knowledge about bears, wolverines, wolves, and fox for 1-hour discussions and mapping activities in each of the following villages (honoraria available):

Utqiagvik

Nuiqsut

Atqasuk

Kaktovik

Wainwright

Point Lay

Point Hope

Anaktuvuk Pass

Wiseman

Arctic Village

Kivalina

Noatak

Kotzebue

Shishmaref

Deering

Selawik

Kiana

Shungnak

Ambler

Kobuk



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Key Considerations:

- Subsistence rights of your community will not be affected.
- While we welcome discussion of harvest activities, this is not the focus of our project. We want to learn more generally about carnivore populations and their behaviors.
- Local experts can contribute a lot of knowledge about these animals that ecological research cannot easily capture.
- Each participant will be provided \$100 for a 1-2 hour interview.
- We will provide additional compensation later for participants to review summary reports and identify any sensitive or proprietary information that they do not want to be shared.
- We are happy to share these reports with village leadership to identify additional information that should be excluded or revised.



Example map of carnivore activity generated from an interview in Utqiagvik, Jan 2023.

Sharing findings:

- We plan to share findings back with each community.
- We would like to know what format would be most useful for you.
- Example formats include a community meeting, a brief report, a brochure, or a Story Map.
- Non-sensitive, anonymous results will also be shared through publications and technical reports.