



RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING KWANLIN DUN CULTURE CENTRE - 2015

Resolution #2015-03

Title: Wild/Domestic Sheep and Goats: Legislated Separation

WHEREAS;

- Wild sheep in North America and domestic sheep are closely related genetically but they have vastly different reactions to respiratory diseases.
- Wild sheep herds across BC, Alberta, and the western United States have suffered catastrophic die-offs and long-term chronic effects from respiratory infections that domestic sheep and goats carry.
- Research is ongoing but it is widely recognized that there are no current effective treatments or preventative measures other than physical separation from domestic sheep and goats.
- Farm-by-farm mitigation efforts (e.g., fencing projects on private land) without overarching legislation is expensive and prone to abuse by landowners.
- Options are available through the Yukon Animal Health Act to enable overarching Territorial legislation that limits or excludes domestic sheep and goat farms from specific high risk areas while still supporting a viable domestic sheep/goat industry in the Yukon.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Yukon government must enable overarching legislation (e.g. Animal Health Act) that will provide for effective means of separation between wild and domestic sheep and goats to ensure healthy wild sheep populations in the long-term and the sustainability of the sustenance, hunting and commercial opportunities Yukon's wild sheep provide.

Mover: Dan Reynolds (Dawson District Renewable Resources Council)

Seconded: Don Toews (Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council)

Decision: Passed by full consensus - Yes