

Initial Study Report Meeting

Study 10.20 Wildlife Harvest Analysis

March 29, 2016

Prepared by

ABR, Inc.—Environmental Research
& Services



Study 10.20 Status

ISR Documents (ISR Part D Overview):

- Initial Study Report Parts A, B, and C (June 3, 2014)

Status:

- **No work has been initiated on this study.**
- The study involves the use of existing data and can be completed in one study year.

Study 10.20 Objectives

- Summarize past and current **harvest effort, harvest locations, and access modes and routes for large and small game, including furbearers.**
- **Compare current harvest locations** of large and small game, including furbearers, **with data on the seasonal distribution, abundance, and movements of harvested species,** using results from other Project studies of big game and furbearer species (Studies 10.5–10.11).
- **Provide harvest data** for use in analyses to be conducted for the recreation and subsistence resources (Studies 12.5 and 14.5, respectively).

Study 10.20 Components

- Compilation and analysis of ADF&G harvest database records.
- Review of ADF&G game management reports.
- Review of ADF&G trapper questionnaires.
- Review of ADF&G small game outlook and harvest surveys.
- Review of ADF&G and USFWS subsistence surveys and harvest reports.
- Interviews with regional biologists.
- Comparison of harvest patterns with the current distribution of game mammals and birds and development plans in the Project area.

Study 10.20 Variances

- Rather than being initiated in 2013, as proposed in the Study Plan (RSP Section 10.20.10), this study was deferred to a future year.
- The study involves the use of existing data and can be completed in one study year.

Study 10.20 Summary of Results

(ISR Part A, Section 5)

- No work has been initiated on this study; the study will be completed in a future year and the findings will be reported in the USR.

AEA's Proposed Modifications to Study 10.20

(ISR Part C, Section 7.1.2)

- No modifications to the Study Plan are needed to complete this study and meet the Study Plan objectives.

Steps to Complete Study 10.20

(ISR Part D, Section 8)

- Compile and analyze ADF&G harvest database records.
- Review ADF&G game management reports.
- Review ADF&G trapper questionnaires.
- Review ADF&G small game outlook and harvest surveys.
- Review ADF&G and USFWS subsistence surveys and harvest reports.
- Interview regional biologists.
- Compare harvest patterns with the current distribution of game mammals and birds and development plans in the Project area.

Licensing Participants' Comments and Proposed Modifications to Study 10.20?

- Agencies
- CIRWG members and Ahtna
- Public