

**From:** [Weir, Rich ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** ["Guinotte, John"](#)  
**Cc:** [Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Wolverine and trapping  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2017 2:55:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [BC\\_gulo\\_harvest\\_2007-2015.zpp](#)

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Hi John,

Sorry for the extreme delay in getting this to you. I had to re-analyse the data when I found a glitch in my analysis and haven't had much time to dedicate to this until recently.

Attached is the wolverine harvest since 2007 for southern BC wildlife management units. You will need to convert the .zpp file to .zip then decompress to get the shapefiles.

Rich

**NOTE:** new phone number!

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**From:** Guinotte, John [mailto:[john\\_guinotte@fws.gov](mailto:john_guinotte@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 06:14  
**To:** Weir, Rich ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wolverine and trapping

Hi Rich,

Sorry to hassle you again, but we are getting pressed for time. Any idea when you will be able to send me the BC trapping data?

Thanks John

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From: **Guinotte, John** <[john\\_guinotte@fws.gov](mailto:john_guinotte@fws.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 10:30 AM  
Subject: Re: Wolverine and trapping  
To: "Weir, Rich ENV:EX" <[Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca)>

Hi Rich,

Do you have any updates on when you think you'll be able to send over the BC trapping data?  
The Alberta data came in last week.

Many thanks, John

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 1:24 PM, Weir, Rich ENV:EX <[Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
Sure, I will be around tomorrow if you want to chat. I've included the proposal outline for our population genetics project to give you a bit more background on what we are hoping to achieve. Bill Harrower (cc'd) is helping run the analysis.

Cheers,

Rich

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**From:** Guinotte, John [mailto:[john\\_guinotte@fws.gov](mailto:john_guinotte@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 13:48  
**To:** Weir, Rich ENV:EX; Betty Grizzle  
**Subject:** Re: Wolverine and trapping

Hi Rich,

Do you have some time to talk this week with Betty Grizzle and I about your genetics results from the 300 pelts? Betty is the lead biologist for us on the SSA we are working on.

Thanks John

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 12:31 PM, Weir, Rich ENV:EX <[Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rich.Weir@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
You are in luck – I just finished collating and compiling the wolverine harvest data for the province for 2007-2015. Let me know what you are looking for and I can probably help you out. It is public information, so easily share-able.

Rich

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**From:** Shevenell Webb [mailto:[Shevenell.Webb@ab-conservation.com](mailto:Shevenell.Webb@ab-conservation.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:01  
**To:** Guinotte, John  
**Cc:** Weir, Rich ENV:EX; Mowat, Garth FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Wolverine and trapping

Hi John,

I'm just checking with the Alberta government about releasing the data. I will get back to you once I can find out more. I don't know if there is a B.C. Furbearer Biologist, but Richard Weir or Garth Mowat might know how you could get B.C. wolverine harvest locations.

cheers, Shevenell

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**From:** Guinotte, John <[john\\_guinotte@fws.gov](mailto:john_guinotte@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** Shevenell Webb  
**Cc:** Betty Grizzle  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wolverine and trapping

Dear Shevenell,

We are currently involved in a species status assessment for the wolverine in the lower 48 states and are trying to obtain all occurrence records, den sites, and trapline information for Alberta and BC. Would you be able to provide this information from your 2016 paper? And do you know who I should contact to obtain this information for BC? Happy to chat on the phone

if you prefer.

Many thanks,  
John

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From: **Doherty, Kevin** <[kevin\\_doherty@fws.gov](mailto:kevin_doherty@fws.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 6:54 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Wolverine and trapping  
To: Stephen Torbit <[stephen\\_torbit@fws.gov](mailto:stephen_torbit@fws.gov)>, "Guinotte, John" <[john\\_guinotte@fws.gov](mailto:john_guinotte@fws.gov)>

see below from Boyce. Two names for trap line. No effort data. Low density pops and little harvest is the short story from his experience.

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From: **Mark Boyce** <[boyce@ualberta.ca](mailto:boyce@ualberta.ca)>  
Date: Sun, Feb 26, 2017 at 10:44 PM  
Subject: Re: Wolverine and trapping  
To: "Doherty, Kevin" <[kevin\\_doherty@fws.gov](mailto:kevin_doherty@fws.gov)>

Hi Kevin:

On Crown land (govt land in mtns) all trapping is restricted to registered traplines in Alberta. Although there has been an attempt to compile effort data, e.g., trap nights, it has not happened yet. On average about 50% of traplines are actively trapped in any particular year. Harvests of wolverines are rare in southern Alberta and BC. We know that they can move quite a long distance, especially young males, so there will be no surprise when wolverines are captured in southern Alberta and BC, but generally the densities are very low. I have a trapline at Nordegg and I had a wolverine ravaging my marten sets last year (2015). But it did not stick around and I never had an opportunity to trap him/her. We have a quota of 1 wolverine per trapline per year but I've never caught one.

Shevenell has compiled all wolverine harvest records from registered trapline fur reports, and I believe that these data would be the best available for Alberta. Similar records exist for BC.

I'm not sure that I told you anything new--we do not have records on trapping effort. And I doubt that trappers in southern areas are likely to be making many sets for wolverines. Most would be caught in wolf or lynx sets.

Cheers,

Mark

On Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 1:04 PM, Doherty, Kevin <[kevin\\_doherty@fws.gov](mailto:kevin_doherty@fws.gov)> wrote:

Mark,

Some folks in the USFWS asked if I would reach out to you about your opinion on a potential Canada and United States boundary effect for Wolverine. Specifically, there is a desire to understand if there is any data on trapping effort and harvest totals for wolverines in southern B.C. and Alberta. From your Alberta Wolverine paper in JWM it appeared that wolverine trapping was low in the trapping record from Southern Alberta. So a couple questions:

Is there an information base that would include trapping effort and trapping success for wolverines that could be used to understand the potential effects of movement on Wolverine between the US and Canada?

If there is data, who would we need to contact to discuss getting access to the data?  
Please let me know if you would like to discuss via the phone.

Cheers

Kevin

p.s. We have met a long time ago at the wildlife society meetings in Calgary, when I was a brand new Ph.D. student. When I was googling your information I saw that we were co-authors in Google Scholar, but could not figure out what the paper was. It looked this morning at my pubs, and it was Krissy Bush's Sage-grouse Genetics work.

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