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Wildlife Sampling Program

A human health and ecological risk assessment (HHERA) has been commissioned by New Gold at the New Afton Site. As part of the study and to help understand the potential effects of mine activities on people who hunt, fish, and gather in the area around the mine, New Gold and the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation (SSN) are seeking a voluntary wild game sampling program.

If you decide to participate in this voluntary wild game sampling program, the information below provides guidance on how to provide the sample.

What size should the sample be?

Each flesh sample should be about the size of the palm of your hand if possible. However, samples around half a palm can also be sufficient. The samples should just be the flesh with as little bone as possible.

How should the sample be stored?

Each sample should be stored in a properly closed separate Ziploc freezer bag. The samples should be double bagged if possible. All samples should be frozen the day they are obtained. If you want to submit more than one sample then please make sure they are in separate bags.



How should the food/sample be labelled?

A label needs to be placed on the bag (so we know what is in each bag). Please use a black sharpie marker to write the following clearly on the outside of the zip-lock bag:





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Date collected: dd/mm/yy – approximate date works if exact date not known

Donated by: Full name of person who submitted the sample.

Received by: Full name of person who received the sample.

Location: approximate area where sample was obtained – can show on a map

Wild game type: i.e. deer, hare, mallard duck, etc.

Method: (gun, trap, etc.)

Comments: Any comments that are provided (example: old deer, meat given from near gunshot wound, etc.)

What else should I consider when collecting the sample?

New Gold will provide rubber gloves to any volunteers who are collecting samples. Gloves help to prevent any possible cross-contamination and eliminate any residues (metals, gun powder, etc) from impacting the sample results. Gloves can be picked up at 334 Chief Alex Thomas Way (Kamloops SSN office); please pre-arrange a pick up date and time with Amanda Watson, SSN Cultural Heritage Coordinator at 250-320-6624 or email: amanda@stkemlupsemc.ca.

Recommendation: Please provide a note as to whether steel shot or lead shot was used. Lead ammunition may result in lead values being elevated in samples. If lead shot was used please try to avoid the wounded area of animal when submitting samples.

Where do I drop off the sample?

Please drop off frozen samples to 334 Chief Alex Thomas Way (Kamloops SSN office); please pre-arrange a date and time with Amanda Watson, SSN Cultural Heritage Coordinator at 250-320-6624 or email: amanda@stkemlupsemc.ca.

Will I find out the results of my sample?

Yes. All samples will be delivered to the ALS lab in Kamloops for analysis and the results will be shared with the community once they are verified.

Kukwtsetsemc for your contribution to this study!

If you have any questions or comments about sample collection, please contact Ken Froese at 403-969-9716 or email: ken.froese@cannorth.com.



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