

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Alberta Remote Camera Steering Committee (RCSC) and the B.C. WildCAM Advisory Committee

Participating Organizations

The following parties are defined as the “Participating Organizations” throughout this MOU. See Appendix 1 for a list of the committee members for each participating organization.

Alberta Remote Camera Steering Committee

Whose vision is to enable collaboration, enable science and improve data management among remote camera users in Alberta and western Canada to advance wildlife conservation and management from local to regional scales.

B.C. WildCAM Advisory Committee

Whose vision is to establish a remote camera network driven by the needs and desires of our members, with an eye toward tackling large-scale challenges and questions in wildlife management that are too difficult for individual projects to address in isolation.

WHEREAS the Participating Organizations (Alberta Remote Camera Steering Committee and B.C. WildCAM, Advisory Committee) share core values, including:

- Science-based, data-driven solutions to wildlife conservation and management;
- Efficient provision of the best available information on species and ecosystems through data sharing and collaboration;
- Establishing coordinated communities of practice and networks of remote camera users to promote best practices and knowledge sharing;
- Development of standardized, rigorous data and analytical approaches for the use of camera traps; and
- Engaging citizens and sectors in camera trap science and its applications.

NOW THEREFORE the Participating Organizations hereby agree as follows:

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by the Participating Organizations for the purpose of establishing a network of camera trap users across Western Canada to improve wildlife and habitat stewardship. This includes regular communication between lead members of the Participating Organizations, jointly coordinated outreach and engagement efforts, and collaborative project scoping and scientific development.

Guidelines:

1. The Participating Organizations will collaborate and coordinate on efforts to build the scientific understanding and effectiveness of camera trap surveys to benefit a broader network of camera trap researchers and practitioners.
2. The Participating Organizations will maintain open lines of communication through ongoing committee meetings and a connected governance model that consists of shared membership between them (i.e. Committee Co-Chairs sit on both committees).
3. The Participating Organizations will seek out operational efficiencies that avoid duplication of effort related to coordination and engagement with camera user networks.
4. Annual meetings will be held to review this MOU, and Annual Engagement Plan (Appendix 2). Revisions will be made where necessary and the MOU will be re-signed if changes occur. Additional meetings can be held as needed.
5. Each organization is responsible for its own costs/expenses incurred in support of this Agreement.

Term of Agreement

This MOU will be reviewed and renewed (if desired by the Participating Organizations) 3 years as of the date signed by the Steering Committee Co-chairs. Either Participating Organization, in writing, may terminate their involvement in this agreement in whole, or in part, with 30 days' notice, at any time. This agreement in no way restricts any of the Participating Organizations from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Annual Engagement Plan

The Participating Organizations will develop an Annual Engagement Plan that identifies objectives, tactics, and an implementation plan for engagement with the broader camera trap community for the following year.

Upon approval of the plan, each Participating Organization will be responsible for implementation of their component of the plan, while keeping the other partner apprised of activities, and feedback received from the community. The Participating Organizations agree to maintain open lines of communication regarding the release of public-facing communications.

MOU Contacts

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I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the above conditions.

Alberta Remote Camera Steering Committee Anne Hubbs *Anne H. Hubbs* July 20, 2021
Please print name Signature Date

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Please print name Signature Date

BC Advisory Committee Cole Burton *Cole Burton* 30-July-2021
Please print name Signature Date

Andrew Day *Andrew Day* July 30, 2021
Please print name Signature Date

Each participant shall receive a copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Understanding. Each is deemed an original.

Appendix 1 – Membership of Participating Organizations

Membership list for 2021. To be reviewed and updated annually.

Alberta Remote Camera Steering Committee

Monica Kohler and Marcus Becker, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI)
Anne Hubbs, Dan Farr, and John Paczkowski, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)
Tyler Muhly, B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)
Jesse Whittington, Parks Canada (PC)
Erin Bayne and Stan Boutin, University of Alberta (UofA)
Cole Burton, Wildlife Coexistence Lab, University of British Columbia (UBC)
Jason Fisher, University of Victoria (UVic)

BC. Advisory Committee

Melanie Percy, B.C Parks
Tyler Muhly, B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)
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Cole Burton, Wildlife Coexistence Lab, University of British Columbia (UBC)
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