

Wild Harvest Initiative® Releases Results of Wyoming Wild Meat Sharing Survey

Results of the Wild Harvest Initiative's Wild Meat Sharing and Consumption Survey show the benefits of hunters' food sharing traditions in Wyoming

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND (NL), CANADA, November 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In 2021-22, the Wild Harvest Initiative®, a program of Conservation Visions®, in partnership with Wyoming Game and Fish Department, conducted the Wyoming Wild Meat Sharing and Consumption Survey. The survey was designed to gather information about the amount of food annually harvested in Wyoming by recreational hunters and to explore how this food is shared with other community members, including non-hunters and community food-sharing organizations.

Survey results show that 93.5% of successful hunters in Wyoming share a significant portion of the food they harvest with others. More than half of beneficiaries are community members living outside the hunter's household, illustrating that the societal benefits of recreational hunting extend beyond the hunter and the hunter's household to positively impact the larger community.

"Recreational hunters in Wyoming have a unique tradition of food sharing that should be quantified and celebrated," says Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director, Brian Nesvik. "The results of our recent survey underscore this truth."

Conservation Visions, through its Wild Harvest Initiative® program, aims to quantify the benefits of wild meat sharing in the United States and Canada, thus creating a social sharing index.



Future survey implementation is planned in partnership with other state and provincial wildlife agencies.

“The average nonhunter has, in the past, been unaware of the massive community-wide benefits – including in terms of food security and health – of sustainable wild meat harvests,” says Conservation Visions’ President, Shane Mahoney. “The Wild Harvest Initiative[®], with committed partners like Wyoming Game and Fish Department, is working to change this; to prove the value of hunting in ways that matter to everyone, whether or not they choose to hunt.”

[A summary of survey results is available here.](#) The full report is available upon request.

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