



PROCESSING OF WINTER TRACK COUNT DATA AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, AND ITS DISTINCTIONS IN 2010

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Winter track counts (WTC) is one of the principal methods for estimating the resources of game mammals and sedentary game birds. Owing to years of experience of WTC implementation and primary material processing in Republic of Karelia we managed to evaluate the confidence level and quality of the work.

The paper considers the new “Manual on organization, implementation and processing of the data of winter track counts of game in Russia” (2009) prepared by the State Information Analysis and Control Centre for Game and Their Environment (Tsentrokhontrol’). Positive, arguable, and erroneous provisions of the “Manual” are analysed relying on examples from WTC practices in Karelia in 2010.



ESTIMATING MORTALITY IN WILLOW PTARMIGAN (*LAGOPUS LAGOPUS*) USING THE RESULTS OF COUNTS OF LIVE BIRDS AND DEAD BIRD REMAINS IN SOBTYENAN RIVER WATERSHED (WESTERN SIBERIA)

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The transect count of Willow Ptarmigan, its snow burrows and dead bird remains was carried out in northern taiga of Yamalo-Nenetsky