

Appendix 1

Interview guide (English version)

1. Introduction (Welcome, thank you, information about the study and asking for a consent to take part in the study and to record the interview) .
2. Questions:
 - 1) Since how long have you been interested in European bison/moose/wolf management?
 - 2) Were you involved into the discussions connected with: the protection of the European bison/the moose management/ the protection of the wolf in the 1990s? What was your position? Why? Were you taking any actions to influence this process?
 - 3) Do you remember what contributed to: the protection of the European bison/the moose management/the protection of the wolf in the 1990s? Which societal groups were supporting particular decisions on this issue and which were opposing it? Why? Which arguments were used to support or oppose particular wildlife measures discussed?
 - 4) In your opinion, which groups of social actors had the greatest influence on: the protection of the European bison/the moose management/the decision to protect the wolf? What was the role in this process of: (a) wildlife biologists; (b) non-governmental organizations; (c) hunters; (d) foresters; (e) other groups suggested by the interviewee? What made some groups more influential than others? Can you name particular individuals who considerably influenced: the protection of the European bison/the moose management/the decision to protect the wolf in 1998? Which actions each of the group took to support/prevent particular wildlife measures discussed?
 - 5) What is your assessment of: the current protection of the European bison nowadays/the current moose management /the decision to protect the wolf?
3. Thank you for participating in the study.