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Title:

Feasibility study investigating the microbiological hazards associated with meat and poultry hunted by the First Nation community of Fort Albany, Ontario

Speaker:

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Abstract:

A study was carried out in Fort Albany First Nation investigating the prevalence of bacterial and viral pathogens in hunted meat and game. Sampling took place during the spring and fall hunts. Samples were taken from a variety of animals and birds typically hunted by this First Nation Community. Samples were tested for Salmonella, Campylobacter, E. coli O157 and avian influenza.

Biography:

Dr. Richard Meldrum is Associate Director of the School of Occupational & Public Health, Ryerson University. He joined the School in 2010, after spending ten years working for a UK public health agency. He is author or co-author of 70 peer-reviewed publications and was awarded the Ryerson University, Faculty of Community Services Dean's Award for Scholarly, Research and Creative activities in 2017. He holds an undergraduate degree from Strathclyde University, a Masters from Cardiff University and a PhD from the University of Hull. He is an elected Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health.