

Vuntut Gwitchin

Natural Resources department

2015 PCMB AHM Inuvik, NWT

North Yukon Projects 2015

- BBC and The Great Race
- Contaminants in caribou
- Community hunts
- Native User Agreement VG,TH and NND
- Harvesting and data program

BBC : the great race

- Flying distances with helicopter
 - Vuntut National Park/Ivavik National Park guidelines
- Long distance cameras, drones, field crew
- Collaring with Alaska fish and game
- Base camps in Old Crow and Sheep creek (ivavik)
- Currently in yesab process (preparing recommendation)

Contaminants in caribou

- Gamberg consulting
- Sample collection (mike suitor)
 - Low 2014 sample collection
 - Samples needed: Front teeth, kidneys and liver
 - Cadmium levels
- Jaw bones and getting hunters involved(protein/fat)
- Community presentation from Gamberg consulting

Native User Agreement

- Harvest management plan
 - Lays out % of allocation for NWT, Yukon and Alaska
 - PCMA
- TH, NND and VGG (chair)
 - Agree to terms of reference
 - Making future decisions
 - Roles
 - Commitment to working together
 - Create work plan along with facilitator
 - Discuss % of allocation for each community
 - NUA consist of?

Community Hunt

- Volunteer based. No wildlife act/ lands act
- Youth engagement
- Limit boat traffic (weekends)
- Efficient harvest
- Youth learning proper hunting techniques
- Allow citizenship of area

Observations

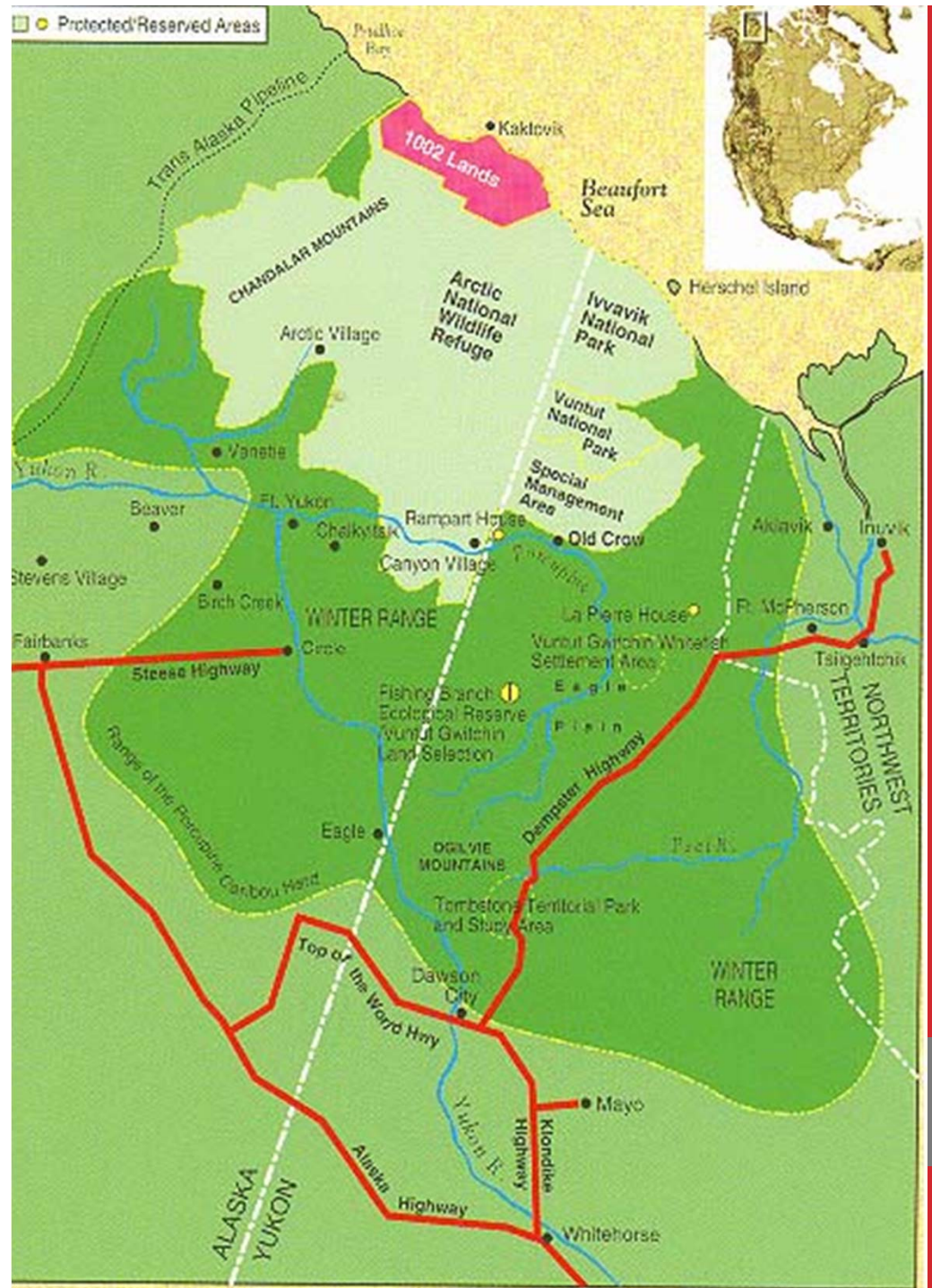
- Low numbers of caribou on the porcupine
- Most harvesting in the old crow flats
- Healthy body conditions
- Concerns around to much development and activity in winter range.
 - Northern cross 3D seismic
 - Dempster highway
 - High boat traffic (porcupine river)
- Weather
 - Early spring melt and break up
 - High snow depths 2014/2015
 - Freezing rain

Harvesting

- Data base program
- Update hunter list
- Add vg questions/TK
- Cross border YT/AK
 - J treaty

2013-2014 Old Crow data

- Interviewed 63 hunters
- 40 hunters/23 key hunters
- Total harvest:473
- 14.8% cow harvest



Priority's within VGG

- Native user Agreement
 - Agree to terms of reference
 - Create work plan along with facilitator
- Community hunt guidelines
 - Present voluntary guidelines and get community input.
 - Designating roles
 - Youth involvement
- Harvest reporting and data base
 - Study data base
 - Work alongside YTG
 - Develop relationship with the harvester
 - Traditional knowledge questions

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