



GNWT Report

February 2017

Northwest Territories

Environment and
Natural Resources

NWT Resident Harvest

- Current Resident Regulations:
 - - Require hunting license
 - - can purchase 2 bull only tags per year
 - Season 15 Aug to 30 April
 - PCH only area in Inuvik region where residents can harvest caribou
- Data based on:
 - - Licensing system record of hunters/tags sold
 - Mail in (3 wave) resident survey (15/16 still in progress)
 - Phone around to those not reporting through mail out to increase reporting
 - Check station data (fall 2009, 2010, 2011 2012 2013 2014)



| Season | Tags Sold (# hunters) | Reported tags (hunters) | Bulls taken (hunters) | Estimated Total Harvest ³ | Max Harvest ⁴ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 2008/ 2009 | 86 (46) | 40 (23) | 17 (11) ¹ | 35.7 (38) | 63 |
| 2009/ 2010 | 85 (52) | 56 (39) | 14 (12) ¹ | 21.3 (20) | 43 |
| 2010/ 2011 | 90 (56) | 25 (18) ¹ | 8 (7) ¹ | 28.8 (5) | 73 |
| 2011/ 2012 | 95 (50) | 22 (13) | 4 (4) | ⁵ (26) | 77 |
| 2012/ 2013 | 80 (44) | 41 (20) | 7 (4) | ⁵ (12) | 46 |
| 2013/ 2014 | 60 (36) ² | 24 (15) | 4 (3) | ⁵ (10) | 40 |
| 2014/ 2015 | 55 (34) ² | 18 (13) | 1 (1) | ⁵ (3) | 38 |
| 2015/ 2016 | 67 (41) | | | | |



NWT Resident Harvest

- **Maximum harvest assumes all unreported tags were used**
- **addressing issue with Box numbers**
- **ENR working on increasing reporting rates**
- **Due to closures of other areas, need to continue to look at data from other regions as well. Zone U/BC/01 (Beverly/Ahaik Herds) opened in December 2013**



Check Station

- **Will monitor on Dempster when necessary.**
 - **In 2016 there was no check station operated**



Body Condition Samples

- PCTC reporting the data
- working on increasing sample size – depends on number of caribou harvested
- hunters collecting samples



Sight-in-your-rifle

- **Event was held in Tuktoyaktuk March 2016**
- **Event planned for Inuvik in 2017**

Signs

- **Highway signs at up at the start of the Dempster and on the south side of the Peel river**
- **Sign up in Aklavik as well**



Habitat

- a few very small fires in the NWT range of PCH in 2016
- snow depth station data collected annually at 8 sites along the Dempster (Between James Creek and Inuvik)



ENR plans to:

- **Continue to work with co-management partners and other Parties to implement the plan**
- **Work with partners to improve harvest data collection**
- **Continue hunter education work – building on messages**
 - **Maximize bull harvest in the fall when bulls are in best shape**
 - **Report harvest data**
 - **Sight in your rifle**

