

Porcupine Caribou
Annual Harvest Meeting
Update 2015/16

Yukon Government
February 2017

Licensed Harvest

- ▶ Licensed hunters (Resident and Non-Resident):
 - restricted to 2 bulls
 - harvest reporting is mandatory
- ▶ Total licensed harvest 2015/16
 - 226 bulls
 - 6 cows (seized)

YT non-resident harvest

- ▶ Outfitted: 5 bulls
 - 4 outfitters access PCH (3 on quota)
- ▶ Special guided: 10 bulls
 - Yukon residents can guide a non-Yukon Canadian
 - Similar opportunities in Provinces and Alaska
 - 100 licences for caribou or moose and black bear, wolf, coyote for the whole Yukon
 - Only in areas where residents are not limited

Status of Regulation Changes

Joint proposals with the PCMB:

1. Hart River Oct 31 closure (licensed hunt)
 2. HMP licenced harvest bag limit
- ▶ Jointly recommended by YFWMB and PCMB, supported by the Minister
 - ▶ Working with Justice on legal drafting
 - ▶ Timeline depends on the Order In Council approval process

PCH research and monitoring

- ▶ Computer population model: back casting completed
- ▶ Working with researchers to look at PCH habitat
- ▶ Updating Sensitive Habitats document
- ▶ Continuing full suite of monitoring

Hunter Education

- ▶ Check station 2015/2016 but not in 2016/2017 (no need)
- ▶ Redrafting Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures for review by Parties
- ▶ Hart River Caribou Overlap
 - improving communications including new signs for Dempster (Eagle Plains, km 140, Dempster Corner)

Fall 2016 Harvest Observations

- ▶ Some harvest in the Old Crow area in early winter (November 2016 – January 2017)
 - 4 occurrences in Old Crow area related to abandoned caribou (6): one warning issued
- ▶ Some harvest along Yukon coastline in early winter (November – December 2016)
 - 2 occurrences during the coastal hunt
- ▶ Most hunters report caribou are in good shape

Upcoming Activities

- ▶ Finalize Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures
- ▶ Review/install Dempster signs (Hart caribou)
- ▶ Continue working with Aklavik on muskox and muskox-caribou interactions

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- ▶ Collaborate with PCTC and researchers to assess PCH habitat
- ▶ Continue to work with PCMB, Parties, & communities on best harvesting practices, harvest reporting, and monitoring using all sources of knowledge

Questions?

