

Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting Update 2017-2018

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Licensed Harvest

- Licensed hunters (Resident and Non-Resident):
 - restricted to 2 bulls
 - harvest reporting is mandatory
- Total licensed harvest 2017/18
 - 2 bulls (1 Non-resident, 1 Special-guided)
- PCH mostly unavailable in fall 2018, one licensed harvest to date



PCH Research and Monitoring

- Working with several researchers to look at several aspects of PCH habitat
- Finalizing Sensitive Habitats publications
- Continuing full suite of monitoring
- Provided funding to help initiate PCMB led TK study
- Facilitated workshop and contract to summarize impacts and vulnerability of PCH to 1002 development



Hunter Education

- Check station not needed in 2017/18 or this year
- Working with Parties to incorporate feedback on Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures
- Hart River Caribou Overlap
 - improving communications including new signs for Dempster (Eagle Plains, km 140, Dempster Corner)



Status of Regulation Changes

Joint proposals with the PCMB:

1. Hart River Herd: Oct 31 closure in effect
2. HMP licensed harvest bag limit in effect
3. Ability to open/close a partial subzone (i.e. GMS 227 at Windy Pass) – awaiting final legislative approval, should be in effect by 2019



Upcoming Activities

- Finalize Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures
- Review/install Dempster signs (Hart caribou)
 - Posts are installed!
- Continue working with Aklavik on muskox and muskox-caribou interactions
- Continue working on PCH habitat (e.g., lichen, diet, shrub change and greening)



Upcoming Activities

- Work with PCTC to help identify technical ways forward with respect to PCH monitoring should leasing of 1002 proceed
- Continue to work with PCMB, Parties, & communities on best harvesting practices, harvest reporting, and monitoring using all sources of knowledge

Questions?

