

**Summary of
Community Engagement Meetings
and Comments Received on the**

**July 2008
Draft**

**Harvest Management Plan for the
Porcupine Caribou Herd in Canada**

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Introduction

In February 2007, eight parties signed the Protocol Agreement Respecting the Development of a Harvest Management Strategy in the Canadian Range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. These eight parties each appointed representatives to a Working Group which was tasked with developing a Harvest Management Plan for the herd. After several meetings, the Working Group and facilitator drafted a version of the Plan that would go out to the public for feedback. This first draft included numerous specific questions to which the Working Group wanted feedback from shareholders.

A team of three people (Marsha Branigan, Dorothy Cooley and Deana Lemke) were asked to tour Porcupine caribou herd communities to present the draft plan on behalf of the Working Group. This document summarizes the feedback received in summer and fall 2008.

Methods

In July 2008, the draft plan was distributed by mail or personal delivery to offices in the communities (First Nation offices and RRC/HTC offices and other shareholder groups) (see Appendix 1). Questionnaires containing the eight specific questions in the draft plan were also developed to accompany the plan. Additional copies were sent to anyone who requested them and the plan was available on the PCMB website. The Plan was also sent to groups in Alaska in October (see Appendix 2)

There were 14 meetings held to solicit feedback from User Groups. Various meetings were arranged through the local RRC/HTC, and/or the Working Group member. An attempt was made to organize a second public meeting in Ft. McPherson because of low turn out at the first meeting and some communication issues about the meeting. Unfortunately this was not possible before the Working Group meeting but is still being organized. Meetings were publicized with posters announcing the meeting date and place. In the NWT communities, information about the meetings was announced on the radio station during the noon show and newspaper ads were in the paper. For the Whitehorse public meeting, a public service announcement was made on local radio stations and in the newspaper.

There were also three other meetings; one with the North Yukon RRC (July 15) to discuss exactly how the RRC would conduct one-on-one interviews, one with GY staff to discuss technical issues (Sept 25) and one to the Yukon College Renewable Resources Management program students (Oct 22). Notes from these three meetings are not included here in the summary.

A PowerPoint presentation was developed to explain the contents of the draft plan and the eight specific questions within the draft. At each meeting (except for the Gwich'in Gathering), the presentation typically took about 40 minutes to complete. The meeting was then opened for discussion and questions. Copies of the draft plan and a questionnaire containing the eight questions was distributed to meeting attendees. Often additional copies were left in the community.

Community	Meeting type	Date	People
Old Crow	Gwichin Gathering	14-Jul-08	52
Mayo	Public	4-Sep-08	7
Old Crow	Public	8-Sep-08	19
Tsiigehtchic	Public	10-Sep-08	13
GRRB	Board\public	11-Sep-08	15
Fort McPherson	Public	11-Sep-08	12
Tuktoyaktuk	Public	16-Sep-08	12
Inuvik	Public	17-Sep-08	21
Aklavik	Public	18-Sep-08	24
WMAC NS & NWT	Council	21-Sep-08	16
Whitehorse	Public	25-Sep-08	24
Inuvialuit Game Council	Council	27-Sep-08	9
Yukon Regional RRCs	RRC	29-Sep-08	approx. 25
Dawson City	Public	15-Oct-08	20
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board	Board	23-Oct-08	11
Ft. McPherson 2	Public		

For the Gwich'in Gathering, copies of the plan and questionnaire were bumped from the plane into Old Crow and were not available at the meeting. The North Yukon RRC, in cooperation with the Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation later distributed the plan and coordinated one-on-one interviews in the community to complete the questionnaires.

Meeting notes (not verbatim transcripts) were made at each meeting. An Excel file was created with separate spreadsheets for each issue and relevant phrases from the meeting notes were pasted under the appropriate issue. Meeting notes were assigned line numbers. Each of the 44 completed questionnaires or written submissions that were received were given an identifying reference number. These numbers were used to identify the source of all entries in the Excel file. All spreadsheets were then compiled into one spreadsheet (Appendix 3) and a digital copy of the file is presented in the event that Working Group members wish to search all comments for key words.

When taken from meeting notes, comments were entered directly into the spreadsheet. When we used direct quotes from the questionnaires or submissions, these are identified with quotation marks. When we paraphrased from questionnaires or submissions, no quotation marks were used. In some cases where the context was uncertain when the comment was extracted from the submission, we entered key words in square brackets.

It is important to note that this document summarizes all information received as of 31 October 2008. Although a deadline of 31 October 2008 was given, it is expected that there will be submissions arriving after this date.

In addition to this summary report, the Working Group was also provided

- An information package containing:
 - o A hard copy of the HMP presentation
 - o a document that presents the meeting notes recorded at all meetings
 - o copies original documents submitted (questionnaires and written submissions)
- A USB flash drive containing digital copies of:
 - o this summary report
 - o the HMP presentation
 - o the collation of all meeting notes
 - o the collation of all submissions
 - o an Excel spreadsheet containing all comments received
 - o the draft Harvest Management Plan and the questionnaire distributed

The three authors prepared a very brief summary of the information in an attempt to provide the Working Group with the overall tone and common themes we heard. Although this summary report is intended to help the Working Group at their November meeting to quickly learn and appreciate the feedback received, members are **strongly encouraged** to read for themselves at least Appendix 3 of this report, the listing of all comments received, or preferably all of the submissions and meeting notes recorded as provided in the information package.

Summary of comments received

This section very briefly summarizes the responses to the eight questions asked and other common themes that we heard during the meetings and read in the questionnaires. We assigned a topic to comments submitted.

Q1. Color chart

“What management actions do you think should be applied to the harvest now and in the near future?”

There were 124 comments received. Many of the comments suggested that the respondents either were supportive of the plan or thought that more needed to be done, sooner, including stopping cow hunting now. There were several concerns expressed about hunting bulls in the rut. There were 11 responses about limitations to licensed hunters (Residents and Non-residents). Nine respondents thought the thresholds between color zones should be higher. There were several comments about the importance of harvest reporting and the ability of First Nations to regulate their hunters.

Q2. Indicators

“Can you think of other things that should be included when deciding the zone the herd is in and the TAH?”

There were 23 comments received. Several suggested the list was good. Suggested additions to the list of indicators include photos (remote sensing or photography), radio collars, development, diseases, forest fires and weather.

Q3. Allocation and TAH

“Do you think the allocation should be based on the historical harvest levels or based on some other criteria?”

There were 57 comments received. Most people who gave suggestions thought that using past harvest data (sometimes in conjunction with other information) was the appropriate way to determine allocation. Others most frequently thought that the needs per family (5 responses) and the needs of communities (6 responses) were appropriate.

Q4. Leaders

“Do you think hunting from the Dempster Highway has any impact on caribou movements? If yes, what are they? And how would you take steps to make sure caribou are not bothered by the highway?”

There were 41 comments received. The majority of people thought that the highway had some effect on caribou (25 respondents). Of these, most said they thought that hunting should be closed. There were 9 respondents who thought that that highway had no effect on caribou or there should be no closure. One of these people said that if a no hunting corridor was to be implemented, it should apply to all portions of the migration.

Q5. Vehicles

“Do you think that motor vehicles damage caribou habitat when there is not enough snow cover? If yes how would you prevent this?”

There were 45 comments received. The majority of respondents (31) who expressed an opinion thought that motor vehicles did damage the tundra, six thought that no damage occurred and one person said that ATVs cause damage but skidoos do not. Other concerns expressed were of disturbance and harassment to caribou, and pollution. Six people specifically mention to make restriction enforceable.

Q6. Corridor

“Do you think the 500m public safety corridor is a good idea or not and why? If it is a good idea, how should it be enforced?”

There were 45 comments received. Twelve respondents disagreed that a corridor is a good idea, one specifically for elders. Various reasons were given; it’s hard for hunters to know where 500 meters is, courts have already overturned the concept, and a corridor does not improve hunter safety. There were 29 respondents who indicated it was a good idea, based on public safety. There were a couple who thought the corridor should be widened, and one who thought it should be 100 meters.

Q7. Blaze Orange

“Do you think that hunters on the Dempster Highway should be made to wear orange vests? If yes, how would you make it mandatory?”

There were 42 comments received. There were 4 comments that suggested that they didn’t support the use of blaze orange, 9 who thought it should be voluntary, one person who thought it should be mandatory after the kill only, and 29 thought orange should be mandatory. One person thought that a toque or hat was sufficient. There were many who thought this was a hunter safety issue and the law should be strictly enforced with hefty penalties for violation.

Q8. Sale

(1) Have you heard about [sale of caribou]? Do think it happens a lot or not much?

There were 39 responses to this question. There were 34 responses that said people had heard of sales although some noted that it didn’t happen in their community. Eighteen thought sales happened “lots”. Most people also heard about dry meat being sold as well meat.

(2) How would you stop the sale of Porcupine Caribou and still make it possible for a hunter to receive compensation for gas, shells and other expenses for getting a caribou for needy people?

There were 41 comments. Most people thought that organizations (First Nation, governments or RRCs) could be organizing hunts which would provide meat to needy families in the community (thus eliminating the need for hunting by individuals who would sell meat). Some thought that people should share meat without any expectation of compensation.

(3) *How would you define a needy person?*

There were 36 responses. By far the most common suggestions were that single parents, elders, disabled persons and people who are unable to hunt for themselves be considered “needy”.

Definition	# of responses
single mothers	18
Elders	17
Disabled	12
Unable to go hunting due to work, sickness	12
People lacking equipment to go out hunting	8
Low income / on Social Assistance	7
Widows	7
Orphans	1
Dependants	1
Lack experience on how to hunt	1

(4) *What are reasonable expenses?*

There were 35 responses. Most people see provision of gas/oil and ammunition as reasonable expenses.

Type of Expense	Number of responses
Gas / oil	20
Ammunition	16
Food for the hunt	9
Wear and tear on vehicle/boat	4
Equipment (clothes, knives, orange vests etc)	3
Honoraria	2
Cost of the hunt	1
Should not exceed \$100	1

Other comments

There were 322 comments other than replies to the 8 questions received. The most common were regarding the process for the plan and implementation, predation, and enforcement.

There were 49 comments that we grouped into process. These included questions and comments on process and implementation of the plan, and encouraging cooperation between users.

There were 29 comments on predators with most people calling for more action regarding predators in the plan.

There were 46 comments on enforcement. Many of the comments called for stricter controls on any laws and harsher penalties for violations.

Other comments: Most commonly people commented on the involvement of Alaska in this plan, education of youth and the general public, and communication with the public on a variety of topics. Other comments recorded ranged from climate change, to food mail, to elder leadership, to traditional practices.

Questions:

We also tried to keep track of questions that were asked to look at areas our presentation lacked or that we need more public education on.

Appendix 1: Distribution of plan and questionnaire in July in NWT/YT and plan in October to Alaska

Charles Furlong	Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council
Johnny Kay	Tetlit Gwich'in Council
Herbert Blake	Nihtat Gwich'in Council
Peter Ross	Gwichya Gwich'in Council
Karen Baltgailis	Yukon Conservation Society
Gord Zealand	Yukon Fish and Game Association
Don Hutton	Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board
Tim Mervyn	Yukon Outfitters Association
Kelvin Leary	Department of Environment, YTG
Gary Bohnet	Department of Environment and Natural Resources GNWT
Robert Bruce	North Yukon RRC
Norm Snow	Joint Secretariat
Robert Charlie	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Richard Nerysoo	Gwich'in Tribal Council
Lindsay Staples	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)
Liz Hansen	Nihtat RRC
William Storr	Aklavik HTC
Will Fellers and Linda Taylor	Dawson District RRC
Frank Pokiak	Inuvialuit Game Council
James Pokiak	Tuktoyaktuk HTC
Mike Dehn	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Yukon
Simon Mervyn	First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun
Frank Patterson	Mayo District RRC
Joe Linklater	Vutut Gwitchin First Nation
James Cardinal Sr.	Gwichya Gwich'in RRC
Roy Ipana	Inuvik HTC
Fanny Greenland	Ehdiitat Gwich'in RRC
Wanda Pascal	Tetlit Gwich'in RRC
Darren Taylor	Tr'ondek Hwech'in

Appendix 2: Distribution of plan in October to Alaska

Loraine Tritt	Arctic Village Council
Larry Nathaniel	Circle tribal Council
William Salmon	Chalkyitsik Tribal Council
Ben Stevens	Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments
Selina Petruska	Beaver Tribal Council
Taqulik Hepa	North Slope Borough
Fenton Rexford	Native Village of Kaktovik
Beth Lenart	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Commissioner of F&G	State of Alaska
Regional Director	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Richard Voss	Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
Kathy Tritt	Venetie Village Council
Eddie James	Birch Creek Tribal Council
Luci Beach	Gwich'in Steering Committee
Randy Mayo	Stevens Village Tribal Council
Julian Roberts	Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government
Dacho Alexander	Gwichyaa Zhee Tribal Government
Bruce Thomas	CATG, DNR
John Jonas	Canyon Village Council
Ted Solomon	Gwichyaa Zhee Tribal Government
Sue Entsminger	Eastern Interior Regional & Advisory Council
Harry K. Brower Jr.	North Slope Regional Advisory Council
Larry Williams	Yukon Flats Advisory Council

Appendix 3. Collation of all comments received

Note: all of these comments are also available in digital form

Topic / Question

Question 1. Color chart

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Message
Color chart	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	284	Don't have issue with 75K.	All is good
Color chart	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	66	Concept of color chart? Good place to start	All is good
Color chart	S52 P2	Old Crow		"Yes, harvesting amounts are good. Wolf control (to help the herd)."	All is good
Color chart	S70 P3	Old Crow		"Yes it's good"	All is good
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	522	What population at now?; MB: we think about 100K, still going down, but not sure.; Can you use percentages? MB: of what? Highest it's ever been?; Richard: go ahead and use these numbers, change in the future. This is starting point.	All is good
Color chart	S6 P2	Dawson		I think the Plan covers the main actions that will help the management of the herd	All is good
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	102	[JT- We are creating a harvest strategy, like they have a fire chart. What do you think about that?] Sounds good – has to be protected some way.	All is good
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	530	Numbers [chart] are visual – people can understand it.	All is good
Color chart	S65 P2	Old Crow		"Yes, bulls only, not to shoot calves and not to shoot a lot for just one family"	Bull only
Color chart	S69 P2	Old Crow		"To harvest younger bulls and not harvest cows. Each hunter knows what his family would need for the winter and should harvest accordingly.	Bull only
Color chart	S72 P3	Old Crow		"Now because it may be down. Families should get more than single person. Bulls only.	Bull only
Color chart	S8 P2	Old Crow		The plan you have in place. Harvesting bull only is a good plan. Harvesters should make an estimate of how many they need for their winter use.	Bull only, harvester needs
Color chart	S60 P3	Old Crow		"In Old Crow the hunters only hunt bulls when they migrate to their calving grounds. And permits should be given to any first nations for caribou that they can harvest, depending on the size of their families. I would say a data base should be set up to analyze what's out there to manage." P5: "As I said, each hunter should apply for hunting permits (free for first nations) and the amount of caribou should be reported to the respected first nations renewable resources for data analysis so that we know how much caribou is left out there for our future generations."	Bull only, licenses for all
Color chart	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	95	At different times like this gathering, weddings, funeral, should be acceptable to kill caribou. We lived on it for a long time, sounds like we're getting scared.	Ceremonial purposes
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	143	Once these measures are implemented, need to have check stations on both ends of the highways, count vehicles, count hunters, check the hunting.	Check stations

Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	514	MB: concerns about the color zones and numbers we are using – too high, low?; Put yellow and orange together maybe.; MB: we started out with three then added another color.	Combine yellow and orange
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	120	Based on these past two comments, there needs to be a lot of communicating with the users, the Board, the RRCs hammering the numbers in. Hammering how it should be handled, taking what they need, sharing what they have, using all the parts. Glad there is education component. The main ones aren't here.	Communication
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	112	The main killers, you never see them around a meeting, they don't know what is going on. There is just a hand full of us wanting to protect the caribou. Those guys don't want to come up.	Communication
Color chart	S58 P1	Old Crow		"Community hunts - this tradition has been going on for years from the NWT, they get paid to hunt. In the Yukon it is our own expense. What we need to address here is how should it be monitored? The Government of NWT needs to be aware of how their money is spent on harvesting, how are they going to address this."	Community hunts
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	260	Think that Robert Alexie and Herbert Firth knows about this. In our days, the Game Warden stepped in and put a quota on moose – 1 per year. In those days, you could not buy any meat in the store, did it with beaver and marten as well. Couldn't find a moose track in a 100 miles, lucky if you got a moose. At that time, had no input into it. Now we have all our organizations working together and now today you see the moose are pretty healthy, there are a lot of beavers, lot of martens. If they didn't do that at that time, it wouldn't be here. I speak on behalf of Tsiigehtchic.	Conservation
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	379	Since last census, could be way out of whack. What if find steep climb in population? MB: then we move to the green zone, doing good.	Conservation
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	276	Glad this is happening now, could help the users of this herd. If it's going to be sustainable over next 50 years – it's good now because Gwich'in are main users of herd. Anyone impacted is going to be them.	Conservation
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	175	If we don't do anything now, we are going to be in the same boat as Bluenose West. I don't want to get there.	Conservation
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	294	Comment re the chart – without anything else to base our experience on, it is a good first step, it's a work in progress, we can change it as we go along, may have to take drastic action, if it doesn't work. Education is key, Land Claim objectives are key. We want to be the ones to initiate action and not have government come down on us. Don't want that – message has to be out there. Communications is key. Everyone at these meetings has to go out and let the community know about it. As we go along have to readjust the plan.	Cooperation
Color chart	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	36	There are concerns that the PCH will be used more because of NWT limitations, this is already happening. That is why we are here today; need to figure this out ahead of time	Cooperation
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	112	A bull would sire many cows. If you shoot the bulls you will have less calves?	Effect of bull only?

Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	197	Last year, in the winter some time. The meetings were terrible. Asked someone why don't they just completely shut the Dempster Highway down for hunting, he said you can't do it, there is no way. Now the caribou, we never had trouble before the Dempster Highway. This time of year, with the highway in, that's all the trouble. You cannot close the Dempster Highway for hunting caribou, you know it will pick up if they stop hunting on the Dempster Highway, absolutely closed. In the 60's my father-in-law walked up the seismic trail on Stony when the ice was starting to move, with dogs, believe that could be done yet. The caribou – you know any laws on that. Richard Nerysoo told me you can't do it (close hunting on the Dempster Highway). Is it law to be able to hunt on the highway.	Dempster management
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	302	Focus seems to be on the highway but the harvesting practices are throughout the areas. Others are doing the same things, not just NWT. We need to be clear about the number taken by Alaska.	Dempster management
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	594	Education – bull only harvest. Some education needs to be taught to some hunters about how to identify bulls – bulls have horns. In different seasons there can be no horns. Even in spring, bulls lose hair on neck.	Education
Color chart	Meeting	YFWMB	153	Before it gets to TAH, wonder if we get some kind of elders council in there to decide if that's the way to go.	Elders council
Color chart	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"It was noted that the green section of the chart be eliminated as possible false hope and that if the population ever did return to the + 125,000 numbers it may initiate future non-compliance with the Plan. The Plan could put more emphasis or raise the orange section of the chart to strengthen the pro-active stance the Plan is designed for."	Eliminate green zone
Color chart	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		"There was a strong emphasis placed on the need for 1st Nations to take up the self regulation process. Native Harvest agreements must be set up with each user groups approached separately to identify its individual needs and approaches to carrying through the Plan. The larger user groups will be most affected by cut backs therefore their cooperation and control is key to this plans success or failure."	FN self regulate
Color chart	S75 P4	Dawson City		"If we are to harvest bulls only, all the First Nations hunters should agree to this concept"	FN self regulate
Color chart	S77 P2	Dawson City		"I am Tr'ondek Hwech'in citizen. TH have their Wildlife Act in place and have the ability to manage wildlife within its Traditional Territory.	FN self regulate
Color chart	S76 P3	TKC		"At any rate, one management action that needs to be implemented is mandatory harvest reporting, either to the respective FN or territorial government or aboriginal organization. By establishing harvest levels we can work towards conservation principles. Finally if there are harvest restrictions needed, then aboriginal harvests should be the last ones to be affected, ie. limit resident and non-resident first."	Harvest reporting
Color chart	S13 P3	Whitehorse		"Accuracy of hunter harvest reports for kill # information. Poor harvest reporting, [lower] color zoning."	Harvest reporting
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	256	Ask ferries to record harvest; one of your guys could be on the ferry.	Harvest reporting

Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik		You're right, it's voluntary for hunters to provide info. If they were made to stop and provide that info it would help everybody. I am young but I do a lot of hunting. I respect caribou and take what I need. It's up to all users. Let's not wait five years for something to happen with this plan. Help the herd now to get back up, to help the caribou out. There are lots of different ways. We shouldn't wait five years.	Harvest reporting
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	91	You try to give us data best you can but we don't have Alaska data, outfitters who are allowed a couple tags each, for example. We should be getting the Alaska side data too.	Harvest reporting
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	285	Get harvest data. People started harvesting before check station trailer there. Need to get better information from communities. Marsha: Concerned people think check station is going to be be-all end all for collecting harvest data. The guy has to sleep. Role of station is awareness and education. Will not give us harvest data.; Marsha: Concerned people think check station is going to be be-all end all for collecting harvest data. The guy has to sleep. Role of station is awareness and education. Will not give us harvest data.; Marsha: it will help	Harvest reporting
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	302	People have to know that the info they are providing would be very valuable. Some don't like to give it for person reasons. They have to know it is not going to negatively affect them.	Harvest reporting
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	306	Many people in past never reported their harvest for fear something was going to happen. Some in Tuk never reported. We talked about reasons it may be important – ie for compensation. The persons said, gee, I didn't know. Then it could backfire because others over report. Should be explained better to get real information.	Harvest reporting
Color chart	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"The 'bull only' sections should also read 'not in rut'".	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	S53 P2	Old Crow		"No harvesting large bulls. No hunting during rutting season. P8: I've seen herds in rut - one big bull is the prime breeder. No hunting of it. All groups need to conserve and look at feeding places - some burned out spots - that affects the pattern of change. They need to designate feeding places for no hunting. It's ok to shoot bulls in the spring but they breed in the fall."	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	S53 P3	Old Crow		"Complete ban during rutting season. Should be able to amend depending on the situation."	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	S56 P2	Old Crow		"Yes. Limit people in hunting for bulls only."	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	S66 P8	Old Crow		"Shoot bull before rut. Sooner or later people will start getting cows during rut. Hunting should be shut down during the rut. Everybody should have limit on even bulls."	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	307	Now is the time to get the bulls before they start mating. Once mating starts, stop hunting altogether. That is another way. It's just an idea. There is all kinds of ways, have to have the public out.	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	603	After freeze-up nothing tastes good on bull.	Hunting bulls in rut
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	195	Bulls stink so you don't shoot them, then they go after cows. Like shooting yourself in foot.	Hunting bulls in rut

Color chart	Meeting	IGC	60	What point resident hunters would be cut off from harvesting? Marsha said that it is not an easy answer on the Yukon side, but on the NWT side as soon as there is a TAH in place resident hunting would stop.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	93	Maybe also cut sport hunting here and keep harvest for beneficiaries	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	125	If setting quotas down road, would be good model to go by – excluding resident and non-resident hunters.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	Yukon RRC	75	You've got a management plan and process working now, but there are other issues from hunting perspective of Dempster – have issue with six month hunt. Anywhere else in Yukon is 3 months. Also harvest limit of 2 per hunter. We are looking at being in the orange zone with a limit of bulls, but haven't heard any discussion about reducing the harvest time and limiting to one bull.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	218	Wondering, way pie chart, 10 percent are non-aboriginal. Seems to me that FNs have most to lose if hunting is restricted. Has WG considered making harvest thresholds different for non-aboriginals?	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	45	How come you have no mention of seasons in there? All these numbers and percentages, no one understands that. Seasons work. Season while bulls good, close when not. You talked for two hours, no one understands that. Seasons would be simple.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	S10 P8	Dawson City		"If the herd declines substantially, outfitters (non-Canadians) should not be allowed to hunt"	Licensed hunters
Color chart	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Outfitters should not be allowed to hunt mature bulls in which meat is not good to eat and only the antlers are kept for a trophy, this is wrong and should be addressed. The successful hunter must be forced to take his meat with him!"	Licensed hunters
Color chart	S74 P2	Dawson City		"Resident hunters should have mandatory bulls only in the yellow zone. There should be no non-resident harvest in the yellow zone or a reduction in quota."	Licensed hunters
Color chart	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		All non aboriginal hunting should stop immediately (until new count). Taking bull only is a minor solution. All players need to abide by the same enforcement policy. Strict enforcement by government must be applied.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	296	No mention of outfitters' harvest and numbers they are taking, special guide harvesting.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	456	Under Yukon non-resident, you have been using guides and outfitters for hunting caribou. DC: two kinds of outfitters.; That was something all land claims fought strictly against. Should not be a sale of caribou. Should not be doing that with PCH. That was something they didn't want to happen. Yukon is still allowing that.	Licensed hunters
Color chart	S58 P1	Old Crow		"I do not see harvest from Outfitters and Special Guiding Licenses and Yukon natives that are not signatories to the PCMB but can harvest caribou included in this plan - they take just as much and pay money."	Licensed hunters, non-PCMA FN

Color chart	S60 P1	Old Crow		"Every individual/hunters should mandatory, fill out an applications and hand in to renewable resources department on a certain date. And, if no responses from any individuals with hunting licences, whether they harvested caribou or not, they should be fined. With respect to the first nations, hunting permits should be issued for free, under circumstances that they report their harvest to their respective self government."	Licenses for all
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	552	DC: any suggestions on what we could be doing in zones?; Depends. Hard to say with numbers now, but we can say they are declining now. More information to help with the numbers – check stops and that. But it's up to the individuals to give that information. Color sign from Esau is good idea.	like sign
Color chart	S67 P2	Old Crow		"In Yellow zone each person should be allowed five bull caribou each and make sure you enforce the law. If they break it, they are not allowed to hunt for one year for not respecting the law. Because they're killing it, income money is involved, they are selling. ... Five caribou a year for person in yellow zone.	Limit in yellow zone
Color chart	Meeting	YFWMB	263	Want to look at your model – different option. Everything seems to bottom out before you reach the TAH, right? What about mandatory bull harvest instead of voluntary? How work with licensed and FNs now? If not working as well as it should, what about initiating bull only harvest before taking action to eliminate harvest?	Model
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	145	We see more Inuvialuit going there now.	More taken these days
Color chart	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	42	[after discussion of harvest numbers] should have more accurate number before we move forward with this plan. A: precautionary principle, yes we need that number but if we wait to get it, we might be too late. We want to move forward in the process.	Need better harvest data before we act
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	107	[JT– Do you think, if we said that the caribou are getting too low, how would people respond if we said today, no more hunting?] Don't think people will agree if they don't understand with the management. We will need really close monitoring, so that people that are over-harvesting are spoken to. Last year, there were so many times when I bought store meat, and other people were harvesting caribou and not sharing it. Will have to monitor it closely	Need close monitoring
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	71	Need to make management actions sooner. 65 percent of harvest in NWT; user groups must reduce overall harvest. We can't legislate because hasn't worked before re enforcing. Even though all user groups sign, more like a voluntary agreement.	Need to act sooner
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	126	I have similar concerns with respect to the zones. We are in the yellow but it's not enough, not fast enough; we are still seeing herd decline. Something needs to happen much faster than it is now.	Need to act sooner
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	187	This is a HMP but it sounds more like a recovery plan. We wait until it hits so low and then we do something. We need to do something now. I understand about buy-in but we need to be stronger now. We have the decline. To turn that around will be more difficult when it gets lower. I would like to see the bull only in a zone sooner. Will you fluctuate between yellow and green continuously?	Need to act sooner

Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	347	Reason I mentioned it is because it's an ecosystem approach. A healthy ecosystem needs to have 100K caribou in the range to be productive. Is the goal to make sure the caribou is healthy or that there is a harvest? Those are two different things. I would like to see the management actions moved up. Other things are at play here.	Need to act sooner
Color chart	Meeting	WMAC NS NWT	106	If we don't do anything other than harvest reduction and switch to bulls, will still be a decline. Need something more aggressive to happen now.	Need to do more
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	116	If we don't do enough we will still be in the decline. We have to stop that slide; sooner the better for the herd. Whether that means legislation for resident hunters and outfitters now, maybe that has to be looked at.	Need to do more
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	145	Also have to look at the recovery programs when the caribou was so low and stringent measures were put in place to do recovery program. We are there now – we need to do conservation and protection and recovery for the PCH. Even if we follow this measure, it will still be on a decline.	Need to do more
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	258	I go along with Norma, this is more emergency than people want to admit. There is responsibility to do things that will have an effect first.	Need to do more
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	364	Having the arrow in yellow is giving opposite message. It's saying we are okay and it should say we are in trouble. I agree with everyone who has spoken. This is too little too late if implemented this way. Very serious action needs to be taken. Many factors are unknown. We know climate change is happening and will have a negative effect on herd. This document shows the best case scenario and it's not realistic.	Need to do more
Color chart	S5 P2	Unknown		"Let the caribou grow if is under 50,000 then they should stop the hunting so the caribou can grow up again."	No hunting under 50,000
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	73	We should be taking precautionary measures and take other wildlife and fish.	Other species
Color chart	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	323	What we are trying to achieve is to level the herd off until it starts to grow again. Is this what are we doing? What we are doing now is we have to convince all other users to do this too? A: yes, that's the whole point of this plan. That's the urgency. We are doing some things already.	Question re goal of plan
Color chart	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	355	There was a graph showing 1972 [bought up slide] What's with the 1972 population size? DC: Same method since 1972. Yes herd has grown from 105,000 caribou but also has been shown to decline from 178000 MB: that's the reason why I advocated the low of 50,000 before instituting TAH. We know it can recover from 100 or 105,000 caribou with no regulated management actions. The 1972 estimates are not on the other graphs because there was not enough data to feed into the modeling back then.	Question re herd growth
Color chart	S73 P3	Old Crow		"When people go hunting try not to kill too much."	Reduce harvest
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	302	Before the government goes that far to shut it down, they have to at least put it 3 caribou or something.	Reduce harvest
Color chart	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	223	Should be limit on caribou [harvest]. In December, when caribou doesn't have food they starve, there is bigger impact. Even a suggested limit based on population.	reduce harvest
Color chart	S57 P2	Old Crow		"Yes, bulls only and cutting back on harvest amounts is a good idea. Try staying in the yellow zone.	Reduce harvest, bull only
Color chart	S59 P2	Old Crow		"Most definitely cut back and shoot bulls only."	Reduce harvest,

					bull only
Color chart	S66 P2	Old Crow		"Cut back your harvest - around 3 bulls is good enough to live - don't have it over due it. If everybody gets a lot then they will go down."	Reduce harvest, bull only
Color chart	S79 P2	Dawson City		"I'll choose the yellow zone that hunter may harvest bulls only. For the future if the herd keep declining we can all stop hunting." P3: "If the herd declined to the red zone, I think all hunting should be stop."	Reduce harvest, bull only
Color chart	S80 P2	Dawson City		"Bulls only, until the herd recover. P3: If worst comes to worst we can always voluntarily stop hunting. This applies to natives and non-natives alike."	Reduce harvest, bull only
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	242	That one percent is only 40 caribou. Taking non-residents right away is 40 off your books right away.	Reduce nonresidents
Color chart	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Hunters in general should be more selective in their harvest and take bulls only. I've seen harvest by NWT hunters and they are not selective and will take whatever they can get. NWT Hunters that cross over into Yukon should have mandatory reporting. They should also have to account for whom and where the meat is going"	Selective when hunting
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	229	I want to make comment that part of the harvest gathering – people with trucks are main harvesters in communities. People who don't have trucks usually don't get anything. Gone are days when there was sharing. We live out of Northern. People who are getting the caribou are the ones who can afford the gas for their trucks. The number of trucks determines the number of hunters.	Sharing
Color chart	S60 P1	Old Crow		"One should not harvest caribou or moose from a boat until the animal is on the shore. This practice should apply to snow machines too.	Shoot from motor vehicle
Color chart	Meeting	YFWMB	167	Words for different cows – elders would identify. Where people get this idea about bulls only, I don't know. They did that with moose and now there's no moose. Bull caribou mate with 30-35 cows. When you shoot bull, you are actually killing 30-35 caribou. I encourage people to shoot cows. Simple thing to figure out.	Should hunt cows
Color chart	S68 P3	Old Crow		"Make sure there is plywood signs with color coded in all traditional overlap, secondary use areas of Dempster Highway and in communities so hunters and community members know before going out hunting"	Signs
Color chart	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	398	Q: everything I heard here goes back to WG, TH act when gets into orange zone. Should be stopping shooting cows right now.	Stop cow hunting now
Color chart	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	93	In fall we don't have to tell everybody to harvest bulls; that's what they're going to do. We have to educate people and help each other to try not to kill too many cow caribou.	Stop cow hunting now
Color chart	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	116	Another matter is the model jumps from 75K to 125K and then....need to rework as technical committee. There was no restriction on cows and we are here today. Look at having a minimum restriction on cows and maximum restriction on cows – even in good years. ... Should be reducing cows even in good years.	Stop cow hunting now
Color chart	S10 P2	Dawson City		"At 'NO' point should we be harvesting female caribou. We should have a mandatory 'bull only' harvest at all times even when the herd is doing well" P8: "The harvesting of female cows should be stopped immediately. ... Subsistence means someone living off the land who could be first nation or non-first nation"	Stop cow hunting now
Color chart	S51 P2	Old Crow		"Be consistent caribou count annually. Continue promoting of not hunting cows and	Stop cow

				calf."	hunting now
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	206	I think they should seriously stop hunting caribou in springtime because too many cows are being killed. They need to give birth. We see a lot of caribou being taken in springtime; wrong time to hunt caribou for me.	Stop spring hunt
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	94	Have to go to a tag system.	Tag system
Color chart	Meeting	Inuvik	576	I think we need to use tags; Marsha: even in the yellow zone?; Why not – it's a way of finding out how many caribou are harvested.; That's what I thought. It's a way of recording harvest.	Tag system
Color chart	S54 P2	Old Crow		"Take what they need - don't play around with it and take too much. I've seen it all my life - taking all more they need in the fall and they throw it away in the spring."	Take only what you need
Color chart	S55 P2	Old Crow		"Yes, get what you need. Make sure you kill what you shoot, not to walk off with wounds. Report anything that you see."	Take only what you need
Color chart	S66 P8	Old Crow		"Sometime we ran into 20 bulls and shoot it all and we don't need it all. My grandfather said "just shoot what we need". Used to see thousands of caribou."	Take only what you need
Color chart	S73 P3	Old Crow		"Yes. Look after the herd is to not kill too much of the caribou."	Take only what you need
Color chart	S2 P2	Laberge RRC		"The herd has declined by perhaps 50% over the last 20 years and appears to be still declining. The management of the herd has become a conservation issue! Most people want a healthy herd as was the case in the 1970's, they don't want a herd of a few thousand, which might still assure their survival, but would not allow any hunting. The objective of this management planning is not only to adjust the harvest to prevent further declines, but to bring about the herd's recovery. The Board or committee should set a goal for herd size - in our opinion 150,000, and adjust or restrict harvest accordingly. A total allowable harvest should be implemented immediately, and if that fails to bring about herd growth, then stop hunting except for ceremonial purposes."	Target herd size
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	92	I was part of workshop re the plan. 75K figure threw me off. I thought the yellow was closer to 90K than 75K.	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	323	We could be in orange already – I'm concerned about where color zones are (re numbers). If we take too long to initiate management actions and other things happen that are unexpected, we will be past the point of no return. The numbers need to be adjusted for the zones. In Old Crow, I remember hearing 100K number to initiate management actions, and a phased-in approach re who gets preferential harvesting rights. For example a lottery system for residents, if got low, for those in need. This HMP shows 50K and no one hunts. Where do the results from those other discussions come in re a phased in approach? Where are the confidence levels in the model?	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	404	The numbers are pretty low re the zones. They should be higher for all the zones.	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	278	When take a look at green area, fact we are here today talking about this and cows can still be harvested, that blows my mind. Number of 125K should be raised to 150K.	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	129	What is tipping point for caribou – at what point can't they recover? Interesting to know that. Be more conservative with numbers – the more conservative you are, the more chances you will have to ensure there are caribou in the future.	Thresholds higher

Color chart	S51 P8	Old Crow		"If the herd is estimated at little more than 75,000 they should cut off hunting for couple years."	Thresholds higher
Color chart	S69 P3	Old Crow		"I think the numbers should be higher. Increase each zone by 3000 animals."	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	70	We are in the yellow - it looks like we might need to be in the orange.	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	Fort McPherson	321	Already said how I felt about it, don't want to wait until 75,000, think the plan should go into place right now.	Thresholds higher
Color chart	Meeting	IGC	170	75K is a lot to start to limit harvest. Think it should be lower – 50K from our point of view. After 50K that's when mandatory harvest of bulls only should come into place. If our overall take is only 4K animals, to stop hunting once goes under 50K. Feel it should be lower – maybe around 40K or 35K animals.	Thresholds lower
Color chart	S3 P2	Gwichin beneficiary		"Following traditional hunting rights / the allowance of only taking what you need. Combine modern law re: harvesting with traditional hunting rights / combine the two. ELDERS / part of management. Use their traditional knowledge / skill. Young people - do not 'LISTEN WELL'. They may have been taught traditionally / or updated hunting skills. The end result they make up their own minds about harvesting. Have young people participate in the harvesting. They need to respect the best of both worlds."	Traditional laws
Color chart	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"Council questioned what penalties/repercussion for infractions had been discussed by the Working Group."	Violations
Color chart	Meeting	Whitehorse public	246	Question for Don: what would happen if we closed all hunting on Dempster and decommericalized hunting on NWT side. Don Russell: Theoretically there is no commercial harvest on PCH. We played around with that scenario and go to green in about 10 years. Q: Would that have a positive effect? Don Russell: Yes, in terms of what we can control. Some people are confident they are coming back and in 2016 there will be a lot of caribou. Based on elders comments, they will go back.	
Color chart	S10 P2	Dawson City		"Hunting should be fair and reasonable"	

Question 2. Indicators

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Topic
Indicators	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Oil and gas exploration in herds range"	Development
Indicators	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Diseases"	Diseases
Indicators	S51 P3	Old Crow		"Large pictures where you count from the sky. Caribou collars. Report from hunters."	Photos, collars, LTK
Indicators	S52 P3	Old Crow		"Local count on river"	Count
Indicators	S55 P3	Old Crow		"Radio collars. Keep track of what they see. Within 5 years in what they see. Surveys like this."	Collars, LTK
Indicators	S56 P3	Old Crow		"Really do another count of the herd. Estimate from that."	Census
Indicators	S57 P3	Old Crow		"Can't think of anything."	List is good

Indicators	S58 P2	Old Crow		"Again the focus is on hunters what about other indicators that is contributing, climate change. What if the caribou is in real distress who will compensate for this?"	Other
Indicators	S59 P3	Old Crow		"Pictures of herds"	Photos
Indicators	S65 P3	Old Crow		"Things like what technology brings to the world today."	
Indicators	S66 P3	Old Crow		"Using that is good, back fat is pretty good now. I brought in samples before. This is the best shape they've been in for a while."	Condition
Indicators	S70 P3	Old Crow		"Take pictures"	Photos
Indicators	S71 P3	Old Crow		"All important information is covered here"	List is good
Indicators	S72 P3	Old Crow		"Everything here"	List is good
Indicators	S76 P3	TKC		"no"	List is good
Indicators	S2 P3	Laberge RRC		"The factors are needed, but they are at least 1 yrs old when the hunting season starts. For instance calf recruitment varies greatly from year to year and so does female survival, calf production, body conditions and weather factors. It is suggested that we use the precautionary principle and fix a very conservative allowable harvest, which can be enhanced the following year if it was too conservative."	
Indicators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	124	Disease monitoring should be included in the indicators assessed annually.	Diseases
Indicators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	126	Weather conditions should be part of the indicator list.	Weather
Indicators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	128	Also forest fires should be looked at.	Forest fires
Indicators	S8 P3	Old Crow		Elders have spoken about the time when they had hard times. With this information people are eager to kill or harvest when caribou are near. Caribou should be used for human use only. Not to feed their dogs. There's fish in the river nearby.	
Indicators	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		door to door study on hunting of the PCH (or other herds in the area). Provide good indication of how many caribou are being taken. Educating users on the decline - aired on local media - educate educate educate	Harvest
Indicators	Meeting	IGC	107	Going back to census – would this be idea? When you can't go somewhere, you still want pictures, some kind of data – video and time lapsed photos over traditional trails and valleys, motion sensitive to animals passing. We have traditional trails and see where caribou go. They will pass by there at some point in time. So if you can't get pics from census, you could still get valuable data from these other cameras	migration on trails
Indicators	Meeting	IGC	200	Getting census is harder – some information from communities when you don't have true census – got to start somewhere. Can count caribou at different times of year. It's up to you guys but you don't listen.	Count

Question 3. Total Allowable Harvest and allocation

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Topic
Allocation	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	232	Clarification on page 23, indicate allocation by NWT would be according to IFA, also include recognition of the Inuvialuit hunt in Yukon.	
Allocation	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	100	[TAH and allocation] Best to decide based on what has been taken. More difficult now with more people from Inuvik hunting.	past harvest

Allocation	S10 P3	Dawson City		"If a group of hunters from a community abuses the hunt and this fact is proven, then their allocation for the next year or years should be reduced as a penalty. This would apply to first nations and non first nations people ie lead by example"	
Allocation	S10 P4	Dawson City		"Base the harvest on population and the number of approximate subsistence hunters. Note: we must keep in mind that subsistence hunters can be native or non-native"	Pop size, people
Allocation	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Harvest levels should be based on First Nation subsistence harvest. Before the gold rush, natives lived off the land peacefully, and are now forced to fight for harvesting in a traditional lifestyle and try and save a declining herd."	
Allocation	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"A suggestion was put forth regarding hunting allocation. Numbers could be determined by jurisdictional divisions; harvest proportions and group socio economic dynamics."	past harvest, socio economic
Allocation	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		"Council questioned if the annual allowable harvest would be reduced."	
Allocation	S51 P4	Old Crow		"Based on some other criteria."	Other criteria
Allocation	S52 P4	Old Crow		"Needs of families, need to cut back. Traditional ???? Taking too much."	
Allocation	S53 P4	Old Crow		"Historic harvest levels - based on time period. No hunting during rut."	past harvest
Allocation	S54 P4	Old Crow		"Old Crow used to take all they want. Historical levels may not work because we don't harvest like we used to anymore."	Other criteria
Allocation	S55 P4	Old Crow		"Yes, that is a good idea. Not to limit people."	past harvest
Allocation	S56 P4	Old Crow		"Go by what the community needs."	community needs
Allocation	S57 P4	Old Crow		"Be good if caribou can be cut back and go by community's used before."	past harvest
Allocation	S59 P4	Old Crow		"Most likely based on what they did before..."	past harvest
Allocation	S65 P4	Old Crow		"yes should be divided. Can't get greedy and take everything."	Sharing
Allocation	S66 P4	Old Crow		"Good idea to use numbers from previous years."	past harvest
Allocation	S68 P4	Old Crow		"Prior to migration of PCH, member from Gwichin Nation should meet and set quota #s for their communities so there won't be over killing and caribou can be distributed evenly and to all who needs caribou for subsistence use 'not for sale'"	community needs
Allocation	S69 P4	Old Crow		"The allocation should be based on the needs of each family. Harvest levels differ now than even a few years ago."	community needs
Allocation	S70 P4	Old Crow		"Some other criteria"	Other criteria
Allocation	S71 P4	Old Crow		"Since the information on historical harvest levels is not always accurate, it might be wise to base decision on another criteria, especially for Old Crow"	Other criteria
Allocation	S72 P4	Old Crow		"Historical levels are good."	past harvest
Allocation	S73 P4	Old Crow		"Definitely"	past harvest
Allocation	S76 P4	TKC		"It is my understanding that there are no historical harvest levels currently on record, or if there are then they aren't reliable. In the absence of this information, it is appropriate to identify and agree to other criteria. This should include community basic needs levels, which would include community population size, estimates of harvest etc. Other criteria could be the abundance of other country game in the region and remoteness of community."	community needs, people, other game

Allocation	S78 P4	Dawson City		"The TAL harvest should include population, remoteness and be based on need. The TAL should be only FN or aboriginal people. There should be no non-resident in the Yellow Zone."	community need, people, remoteness
Allocation	S79 P3	Dawson City		"Total animal harvest should be one bull per family."	Family need
Allocation	S80 P3	Dawson City		"Yes, I believe allocation should be divided based on all First Nation final agreements. For example Bulls should be harvested for each family members."	Family need
Allocation	S13 P4	Whitehorse		"Historical harvest levels as well as responsible hunting ie irresponsible harvesting practices = lower allocation the following year."	past harvest, good practices
Allocation	S2 P4	Laberge RRC		"No! This would condone the NWT hunters! Disregard for Yukon regulation and reward them for their disrespect. First Nations' and other Agreements cannot be violated, but so-called traditional subsistence harvesters will have to be quantities and managed through a quota. We will not agree that a Dawson native family get only 2 caribou f.i., which a family in Fort McPherson may get 6 to 8 caribou. There has to be ___ fairness in the system, particularly if we worry about herd decline. The following factors should be considered in a quota: 1) The money a given jurisdiction spends for the management of the herd 2) the amount of habitat used by those caribou in a given jurisdiction and 3) for traditional/subsistence harvesting should be directly proportional to the number. Native people in the 3 jurisdictions F.i a family in Alaska, Yukon and NWT, if it has 5 members should be entitled to the same number of caribou."	Other criteria
Allocation	S3 P4	Gwichin beneficiary		"Based on historical harvest. We always shared with each other. Based on our true cultural practices. Please do not base it on ownership/greediness of individuals/groups. This is not our way!! Tell me I am 64 years old. I know what I am speaking about. I have the best of both worlds and intend to use. Respect of all mankind."	past harvest
Allocation	S5 P2	Unknown		"Let the group get together and the communities know so they can let the others know what they plan in the future."	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	49	If we want to save the herd we have to put a quota on it. (talked about past when quota on moose beaver marten). Now is the time when the herd is declining to focus on saving it. All communities must work together and say let's put a quota on it.	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	66	We brought up the quota system years ago and nothing happened with it. I've been saying this for years.	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	77	If you want to make a decision on how many caribou our people take must consider all the other users native and non-native	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	84	Do survey properly, come back to communities and say how much is out there and how much communities can take, from Old Crow to Tuk. This is old news to me. I would like to see something happen like that.	Community needs
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	91	Community hunt would be a good idea. Special reasons, for feast, etc to get their meat and come back home.	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	95	Not hard to try to figure out who should get tags between Gwich'in communities – we gave all ours to Inuvik for the Bluenose.	
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	129	Harvest allocation should be based on percentage of users. The more users, the more tags.	People

Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	131	Should go by the percentages outlined in the "Harvest Information" pie chart presented.	past harvest
Allocation	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	135	The percentage may go up for Inuvialuit since they can't hunt other herds now.	
Allocation	Meeting	Fort McPherson	125	[q What else could it be based on?] [MB answered]; Gwich'in lost out with BW but harvest wasn't that high. Based on historic harvest Gwich'in will get most	
Allocation	Meeting	Fort McPherson	159	Maybe should have a table showing the different scenarios / options – Gwich'in minimum needs level, Yukon harvest levels, then have to come up with something for everyone.	
Allocation	Meeting	Fort McPherson	289	If we got together and said would take 5 caribou in the fall, that would be good, but there are people from other communities who don't follow. People on the ferry see who is not obeying. There are 5 or 6 people who don't give a hoot. Maybe can bring them to a meeting. Have to get together to get something done.	
Allocation	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	78	3% resident harvest is taking food out of the freezer [the land is our freezer]. That is our bank out there. Can't afford food from the Northern – it costs too much"	
Allocation	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	86	Non-aboriginal harvest should go [when TAH is instituted and can't meet aboriginal needs]	
Allocation	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	187	People are always concerned about caribou. We hear we can't do any commercial activity. PCH plan should be no commercial activity for all over [range]. Caribou forever; we should not be sport hunting.	
Allocation	Meeting	Inuvik	187	You're asking native people to reduce harvest. Traditionally, this is our food. At least put something in plan that says take away from others who didn't traditionally use it.	
Allocation	Meeting	Inuvik	584	10 tags for the year for a family, then if they can't use, let someone have tag. Maybe someone from another community.	Family need
Allocation	Meeting	Inuvik	625	Use historical data; since the highway opened	past harvest
Allocation	S6	Dawson	P4	It would be hard to base it on historical harvest levels because they are not accurate and much of the harvest is done for personal gain i.e. sale	Other criteria
Allocation	S7	?	P4	NWT appears to be taking a lot of caribou - what the heck is up?	
Allocation	S7	?	P4	Curtail non-resident and non-first nations hunting <u>before</u> impacting first nations numbers. Hunting is how first nations people engage their culture. That should be protected first.	
Allocation	S8	Old Crow	P4	We have no control of caribou as to where they will travel except to calving grounds. Times are changing so you need to use some other criteria. With disturbance with planes, helicopters. Snow machines, trucks, four wheelers ATV etc. to the Porcupine caribou who knows what we're up against.	
Allocation	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Historical use is important but consideration must be given to the aboriginal communities that rely on this resource. Let the local HTC or HTA decide allocation after the number of the herd is determined.	Past harvest, current people
Allocation	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Migratory species so difficult to allocate the species by historical use. PCH is used by Canada and Americans. Ensure proper consultations are done to the aboriginal groups.	
Allocation	Radio	Aklavik public	303	When people go out, they should take two or three caribou per family, not too many. Or at least they should share.	Per family

Allocation	S63 P8	Old Crow		"If we are going to shoot only bulls, how many bulls per person? If the population is going down and bulls only, harvest limit will be hard on this community. If they start to put limit he figures 5 fall time and 5 in spring. Could be a good number. He agrees with limit would be good and population could come back up."	Per family
Allocation	Meeting Meeting	GRRB GRRB	57 57	Feel that each person has to hunt, not for people from somewhere else. not for people from somewhere else	Sharing

Question 4. Let the Leaders Pass

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Support?
Leaders	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	79	Q: Has it been defined what the leaders are? A: Really interesting question because that is the key. Who the caribou leaders are and how we can protect them is important. When doing interviews, we got different answers all the time to that question.	
Leaders	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	85	[question was about criteria for implementing the closure] A: Implemented on Yukon side was based on when the big groups hit the highway, somewhere in that group is the leaders. On NWT side, it was based on 200 hitting the highway.	
Leaders	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	82	Q: Still so confusing when they reroute, take turn and go away – maybe better feeding pasture, route. Don't believe Dempster Hwy has impact. See in your picture. A: Dorothy: That was actually taken during closure. Q: With trucks and stuff, more of a danger to truck drivers crashing into them.	No
Leaders	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	25	Closure of hunting on Dempster – thought that was a really good idea. I listen to radio all the time; big invitation put out by the government (game department, I imagine), big invitation for people to go up to Dempster and take pics when caribou crossing. Find that very disturbing. Didn't agree with that, that they should open whole area up to tourists, think that's interference with natural movements of caribou. Why would they do that; government said whole area is open now for hunting again, whereas there was that closed period for that? Why did that happen?	Yes
Leaders	S10 P8	Dawson City		"The leaders of the herd must be allowed to pass 'every' year"	Yes
Leaders	S11 P1	Dawson City		"Human activities (hunting) along the Dempster Highway is a huge and important environmental stressor to the Porcupine Caribou. Once hunted solely for subsistence, they are not sought commercially by outfitters and NWT hunters along the highway. With declining herds in southern Yukon, resident hunters now travel north to seek the PC herd, which is usually in rut. I believe that the Dempster Highway has hugely contributed to the decline of the PC herd and threatens its very existence. The only suggestions that I would make is that there shouldn't be hunting from the start of the rutting season until the end and ask for First Nations to voluntary not hunt the PC during the rut, to allow for the harvest of males at the end and allow females to regenerate the herd, unless selective harvest of young immature males (2 years old) could be harvested, but the hunter must take the time and effort to do so.	Yes
Leaders	S50 P5	Old Crow		"Have a permanent law no hunting on highway Yukon/NT. Heavy fines, equipment taken away."	Yes
Leaders	S51 P5	Old Crow		"Yes, huge impact. Too many caribou are being killed on one hunt. Ex. One hunter can get up to 40 caribou."	Yes
Leaders	S52 P5	Old Crow		"Some impact."	Yes

Leaders	S53 P5	Old Crow	"Traffic changes migration. Disturbs them when they go to feeding areas. Spring migration routes - no hunting around it during movement."	Yes
Leaders	S54 P5	Old Crow	"yes, they know the rules but they still break the rules. All people from McPherson do is jump in a truck and get caribou - also Dawson and Whitehorse."	Yes
Leaders	S55 P5	Old Crow	"Yes, some people shoot the leaders and takes the hold on the migration."	Yes
Leaders	S56 P5	Old Crow	"Band [ban] all people from hunting on the highway."	Yes
Leaders	S57 P5	Old Crow	"Less caribou to go migrate"	
Leaders	S58 P2	Old Crow	"You need to shut down the highway for two weeks - completely, no traffic, you will see people work for their caribou."	Yes
Leaders	S59 P5	Old Crow	"Apparently from what I hear it does affect the routes."	Yes
Leaders	S65 P5	Old Crow	"Yes, should not kill the leaders."	Yes
Leaders	S66 P5	Old Crow	"Hunting from road is hard on caribou when they're moving. You could shoot from the road and the bullet could travel a long way and wound caribou."	Yes
Leaders	S67 P5	Old Crow	"Only impact Dempster Highway has hunters on it, easy killing and drive shooting"	
Leaders	S68 P5	Old Crow	"Keep monitors on highway during fall and informing daily of activities to FN and RRC's also informing tourists to drive slowly thru migrating areas, post signs:"	
Leaders	S69 P5	Old Crow	"Hunters must be stopped to shoot caribou from their trucks on the highway. This practice prevents the leaders to pass freely"	Yes
Leaders	S70 P5	Old Crow	"I don't think so"	No
Leaders	S71 P5	Old Crow	"I believe hunting on the Dempster Highway is one of the most major impacts on the herd - with the number of caribou harvested and also if cows are taken - we may need our own Gwitchin 'Caribou Monitors' to assist in making sure responsibility is followed."	Yes
Leaders	S72 P5	Old Crow	"Yes, the movements are different and they didn't do that before"	Yes
Leaders	S73 P5	Old Crow	"Yes, kill lots of caribou on the highway, it's easy for them"	Yes
Leaders	S74 P5	Dawson City	"Each governing organization should make their own laws if need be. No, if it did the caribou would not return. Trucks kill more caribou than anything. Maybe the highway should be closed to commercial traffic during the darkness. This question has been dealt with respect should be provided to FN Governments and people."	No
Leaders	S76 P5	TKC	"If this concept is to be purported to be necessary for management purposes, then it must be broadened to include all routes hunters use to access the migrating caribou, including waterways. As soon as it's perceived that the caribou are leaving their calving grounds and migrating towards their winter grounds, then there should be zoned that are closed for week-long periods all the way down. If the caribou reach the Porcupine River, then that area should be closed to let the leaders pass and so on and on until they reach their wintering grounds. All travel routes have an effect on caribou if hunters use those routes to hunt. In recent years, the caribou have not migrated near to the Dempster Highway in great numbers, which suggests their migratory routes have changed. Perhaps this let the leaders pass concept is no longer necessary, but it if is deemed to be necessary, again, it has to be done throughout the range:"	No
Leaders	S77 P5	Dawson City	"Caribou are not bothered by the hi-way."	No
Leaders	S79 P5	Dawson City	"No! I don't think hunting from the Dempster highway has any impact on the herd. I was out there on the highway all they do was look at the vehicle and continue with their grazing."	No

Leaders	S80 P5	Dawson City		"No. I don't think the Dempster highway has any impact on the caribou. If a person happens to see the herd crossing the highway, stop and watch them."	No
Leaders	S13 P5	Whitehorse		"Yes, I definitely do! Not only human access and disturbance but 'ease' of motor vehicle hunting access. We need to find a realistic way to curb skidoo, quad and truck use and make people use their 'bodies' for hunting access if we 'really' want to help the herd's numbers."	Yes
Leaders	S2 P5	Laberge RRC		"Caribou are not bothered by the highway as long as they are not shot at or harassed by skidoos and other ORV's. If we want to maintain migration across the road we have to re-instate the one week closure or stop all hunting till noon (12") everyday, but let hunters do their thing after noon."	Yes
Leaders	S2 P5	Gwichin beneficiary		"Traffic / development / noise has impact on our herds. Yes the Dempster Highway has a huge impact on the Porcupine Management Herd. A-Traffic Control B-Monitoring C-Environmentalists hired for pollution control D- Elders used for patrolling E- Educating young re traditional modern day hunting skills."	Yes
Leaders	S5 P2	Unknown		"Let the leaders pass so the herd can follow each other not get lost in little bunch. P5: It is good idea too; let the leaders pass, so we can have more caribou in the future."	Yes
Leaders	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	147	Let the leaders pass – if we don't they will change their path. They don't have a choice anymore. The only place they have to go is east.	Yes
Leaders	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	149	When road closed for hunters, should be closed for traffic for one week to allow the leaders to pass. When big trucks pass the caribou stay way off. Everyone can prepare for one week closure.	Yes
Leaders	Meeting	Inuvik	299	If we shut down highway for leaders to pass, should also shut down for hunting. Treaty rights trump land claim agreements. We should look at seriously closing highway for hunting [to allow for hunting], then reduce negative comments.	
Leaders	S7	?	P5	From what I understand no, it doesn't impact caribou movements.	No
Leaders	S8	Old Crow	P5	Yes, too much traffic disrupting the migration route. Yes! I think you need to close the migrating area when caribou is in the area.	Yes
Leaders	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Any development, whether it's the Dempster highway, will have an effect on all migratory animals. All one can do is try to minimize and mitigate the impact by putting restrictions and regulations for the users. Enforcement, enforcement, and enforcement will deter users from doing the wrong thing.	Yes?
Leaders	Meeting	IGC	181	Times of harvest – traditionally, people in Aklavik and McPherson harvest bulls in fall time. I do a lot of hunting on highway also. Just go up sometimes to watch and see what everyone else is doing. Those people calling for closure were those up there shooting caribou. Time they close is the time they get bulls for family. Some people would go out and 6 bulls – but they closed highway and when opened, the bulls were rutting. Would need to take 12-13 cows; maybe 90 percent pregnant. Like killing 20 caribou instead of six. We tried to tell them that, but they wanted to let leaders cross on closure. If they want to go to the other side they would at night when no cars. Management needs to go to bulls only. 20 cows is a lot of caribou. Always going to be enough bulls to impregnate the cows anyway.	No

Question 5. Dempster motorized vehicles

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Damage?	Enforceable?
Vehicles	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	69	Q: closure for hunting on Dempster, you don't close to traffic. Perhaps that affects the caribou too. A: The concern when board heard it in 1993 was people were concerned that it was the hunting activity, not the traffic. Traffic doesn't deter them from crossing.		
Vehicles	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	155	People are tearing up the feeding area in our hunting area. No one walks in; they take in their ATVs and skidoos; they are swamp areas now. No issues raised about that.	Yes	
Vehicles	S10 P2	Dawson City		"Using ATV's etc on the tundra may add stress to the caribou's environment"	Yes	
Vehicles	S10 P5	Dawson City		"Snowmachines have the potential to damage the caribou's main food source: caribou (white) lichen. Lichen takes a long time to grow and is easily damaged"	Yes	
Vehicles	S10 P5	Dawson City		"Increase the requirement from 6 inches to 10 or 12 inches"	Yes	
Vehicles	S11 P2	Dawson City		"Yes I think that motor vehicles damage habitat when there is not enough snow cover. I think that harvest of caribou should be done on foot and then retrieved by motor vehicle to lessen the impact. I also feel that is harassment to caribou in general to be chased by skidoo's and herded toward the highway and then shot"	Yes	
Vehicles	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"Use of motorized vehicle prior to designated snow level does cause habitat destruction."	Yes	
Vehicles	S50 P5	Old Crow		"Strongly yes [vehicles damage habitat]. This happens from highways, roads, trails near community and should have restriction. Going off-road leave vehicles on road and walk 500 m, if we want to protect the herds, we need to make as much bylaws as possible, fines. this will give hunters less interest to go hunting, knowing the law."	Yes	
Vehicles	S51 P5	Old Crow		"Yes. Educate the public about what the vehicles are doing to the habitat. Take pics and show them. Be more respectful of habitat."	Yes	
Vehicles	S52 P5	Old Crow		"Don't think so."	No	
Vehicles	S53 P5	Old Crow		"Wait for deep snow - six inches is not enough. They can follow skidoo trails and hunting is easy. Disturbs feeding pattern and wolves on the trails."	Yes	
Vehicles	S54 P5	Old Crow		"Don't know."		
Vehicles	S55 P5	Old Crow		"Depending where they take it. Not driving all over the place. Noise pollution."	Yes	
Vehicles	S56 P5	Old Crow		"Yes [damage happens]. Not allowing any vehicles around where they [caribou] travel."	Yes	
Vehicles	S57 P5	Old Crow		"No I don't think it hurts the caribou habitat"	No	
Vehicles	S58 P2	Old Crow		"You need to walk for your caribou. Yukon FN can make their own laws prohibiting the use of vehicles on their traditional territory - simple as that. You have harvesting rights but you do not have the right to damage the habitat."		
Vehicles	S59 P5	Old Crow		"I don't think so."	No	

Vehicles	S60 P1	Old Crow		"My concern is that when harvesting PCH on the Dempster Highway the use of Snow Machines should not be used, as the machines will affect vegetations, water and the wildlife itself."	Yes	
Vehicles	S60 P6	Old Crow		"Of course, motor vehicles, especially snowmachines are disturbing the herd, thus burning their fat and energy up by being chased. ... Well, I personally don't care about motor vehicles, that could be fixed, but when dealing with habitat there is no replacement."		
Vehicles	S65 P5	Old Crow		"Yes because the caribou will get scared off and change direction."	Yes	
Vehicles	S66 P5	Old Crow		"We use ATV here too so if we prohibit use on Dempster it may come up to do the same thing with vehicles on the Crow Mountain."		
Vehicles	S67 P5	Old Crow		"ATV should not be allowed off road because they damage the ground. Leaking fuel and oil."	Yes	
Vehicles	S68 P5	Old Crow		"Restrict use of ATV's during all hunting except on roads, not off roads. This will cut down on harvest #'s and won't damage caribou food plus disturb their migrating pattern"	Yes	
Vehicles	S69 P5	Old Crow		"Yes, snow depth should be a little bit more"	Yes	
Vehicles	S70 P5	Old Crow		"Not really"	No	
Vehicles	S71 P5	Old Crow		"Yes, vehicles are known to damage habitat areas, the environment is sensitive to this, for prevention again, all user communities should be asked to continue to follow this law and use their traditional knowledge and expertise skills to be responsible."	Yes	
Vehicles	S72 P5	Old Crow		"Some people don't listen to that."		
Vehicles	S73 P5	Old Crow		"Yes, esp. when chase caribou with skidoo"	Yes	
Vehicles	S74 P5	Dawson City		"Yes, such as cats, loaders, graders and off road if they are used in the same section repeatedly. I don't see off-road causing damage if they are there to retrieve harvest and leave again. This could be a potential to limit Harvesting Rights for Aboriginals so there would require a lot of studies and justification."	No	
Vehicles	S76 P5	TKC		"As I understand it, there was a winter road that was constructed in the Eagle Plains area in order for Northern Cross to obtain access to oil and gas wells. It seems unreasonable that if there were conservation concerns, especially when put forward by YTG, that YTG would provide opportunities - and even encourage more opportunities - for oil and gas exploration in regions that are known to be sensitive caribou habitat. Yes, undoubtedly motor vehicles, especially those designed to destroy sensitive habitat and construct access roads, damage habitat. I suspect that the Land Use Planning process, when used as it was intended to be used, would be one way to prevent this from happening."	Yes	
Vehicles	S77 P5	Dawson City		"No."	No	
Vehicles	S79 P5	Dawson City		"Yes, I do believe they damage the sensitive tundra. As stated above wait until the snow is six inches or more."	Yes	
Vehicles	S80 P5	Dawson City		"Of course, if there's not enough snow cover, motor vehicles do damage the tundra. As stated above it should be six inches or more."	Yes	

Vehicles	S13 P5	Whitehorse		"Yes! We should consider drastic measures to help the herd's health. In my honest opinion, the best way to do this, with regards to harvest strategies is to disallow or control (by a lot) the use of motorized vehicles when hunting animals of this herd."	Yes	yes
Vehicles	S2 P5	Laberge RRC		"We really agree with not allowing all-terrain vehicle use until the snow is at least six inches deep. This provision should be extended to many other sensitive habitat types such as alpine and subalpine plant communities as well as wetlands. Snow packed down by these vehicles will result in this snow melting slower and shortening the growing season of the vegetation inside which is already fairly short."	Yes	
Vehicles	S2 P5	Gwichin beneficiary		"Yes, stop traffic when the caribou is crossing. Skidoos / 4 wheelers damaging our herds, kill them faster. Slaughters happen when you have better access to them. Modern Day Technology."	Yes	
Vehicles	S5 P5	Unknown		"Yes it damages the habitat in the land. Let the snow thicken before they used the snowmobile."	Yes	
Vehicles	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	155	From experience, using ATV does a lot of damage for caribou habitat. Not like snowmobile – you can't find your trail. ATVs rip up the land. I see it all over the mountains on the tundra; the tracks.	ATV yes, Skidoo no	
Vehicles	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	158	Yukon is not managing caribou on your side – need the regulations re snow cover for snowmachine use; 8 km corridor.	Yes	yes
Vehicles	S6	Dawson	P5	A corridor that is enforceable to all hunter and restrictions on motor vehicle use in the corridor until proper snow depth would help significantly.	Yes	yes
Vehicles	S6	Dawson	P5	Yes there needs to be enforceable rules against motor vehicle use for <u>all</u> hunters. It is not a rights thing. It is about proper protection of the habitat.	Yes	yes
Vehicles	S7	?	P5	Yes, fines	Yes	yes
Vehicles	S8	Old crow	P5	I would think that snow machine packs down the snow or confuses the caribou to the natural route and too much noise. Caribou has no chance with snow machines at their tail.	Yes	
Vehicles	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Any mobile equipment will disturb any habitat (even when you walk on virgin ground.) Government already have restrictions so get the officials to apply the policy. Enforce the restriction and should someone get caught and not follow the restrictions should be prosecuted accordingly. Wildlife officials should apply the policy if not why impose restrictions.	Yes	yes
Vehicles	Meeting	Whitehorse public	264	Q: They won't be doing that with four wheelers, trucks, etc. A: What? Q: They would have to walk in. A: Saying they shouldn't be able to use snow mobiles on highway but they should on other parts of range? A: Yes	Yes	
Vehicles	Meeting	IGC	56	felt that use of motorized vehicles off the highway should be totally banned. People are already using vehicles to get out there.	Yes	

Question 6. Dempster Safety Corridor

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Support?
Corridor	S1 P6			Educate about safety. "People who care what they hunt should be the ones who are tied to the decisions".	No
Corridor	S10 P6	Dawson City		"The corridor is a 'great' idea. Enforcement is challenging but not impossible. Increase the amt of monitors/CO;s to ensure the rules are being followed"	Yes
Corridor	S11 P2	Dawson City		"I don't agree with the 500 m safety corridor as I believe that it poses more of a threat while hunting. When hunting close to the road, it's easier to see other hunters, but after you start walking out on the tundra, there can be slight dips that cause you to lose sight of other hunters in the area, thus making it more dangerous. It also creates the chance that hunters may not know the configuration of the Dempster Highway and unknowingly shoot back towards the highway. I don't understand what should be enforced? Public safety? If so, it should have already been enforced through the Yukon Hunter Education Ethics Program and ensuring that hunters have a valid PAL to prove they are safe hunters and handlers of guns"	No
Corridor	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"A 'No Shooting' corridor along the Highway needs to be in place but with clear distinction. This corridor would create a 'safety/think' time zone for hunters."	Yes
Corridor	S50 P6	Old Crow		"Many users were just getting used to this policy and was taken out, it will be very hard to convince users if put back in action. It needs to become a law on all highway (public) NO HUNTING within 500 m corridor both Yukon and NT."	Yes
Corridor	S51 P6	Old Crow		"It's a good idea for the safety of other hunters."	Yes
Corridor	S52 P6	Old Crow		"Yeah, it's good."	Yes
Corridor	S53 P6	Old Crow		"500 m is too close - they should extend it to at least 1000 m because of public safety and 500 m is still close to make it easy to hunt. Designate trails to get to 1000 m."	Yes
Corridor	S54 P6	Old Crow		"It is a good idea because it helps to make sure people are safe and people know there is a corridor so they aren't afraid to to out past the corridor."	Yes
Corridor	S55 P6	Old Crow		"Yes, think it is a good idea."	Yes
Corridor	S56 P6	Old Crow		"Not a good idea."	No
Corridor	S57 P6	Old Crow		"I think the 500 m corridor is a good idea"	Yes
Corridor	S58 P2	Old Crow		"We know this did not work in the past, leave as is, it works fine for me."	No
Corridor	S59 P6	Old Crow		"It would probably be a good idea to make it longer due to safety."	Yes
Corridor	S60 P7	Old Crow		"According to the wildlife act, one can go hunting along a highway but cannot shoot across the highway/road and be at least one km away from a homestead."	
Corridor	S65 P6	Old Crow		"Yes, it's a good idea. Should think of safety first when out on the land."	Yes
Corridor	S66 P6	Old Crow		"Corridor is a good idea. Too much easy access to harvest from vehicle - good to keep people safe"	Yes
Corridor	S67 P6	Old Crow		"They should enforce the five hundred metre corridor because hunting from the vehicles such as pickup truck while wait for caribou to cross, they stay warm in the vehicles. Too easy."	Yes
Corridor	S68 P6	Old Crow		"It is very important that the law stays in place and hunters that break the law and is caught can lose their hunting gear for a specific period of time. It is important for monitors/game guardian and conservation officers to be on road at all times during migration."	Yes

Corridor	S69 P6	Old Crow		"The corridor is a good idea; however it should be increased to 1000 m. This corridor should never be lifted unless all parties agree to the lift for very good reasons.:"	Yes
Corridor	S70 P6	Old Crow		"Yes I think it's a good idea and maybe make it longer for safety reason"	Yes
Corridor	S71 P6	Old Crow		"I think the 500 metre corridor is a good idea if it can be enforced all along the highway for safety reasons especially when/during caribou hunting."	Yes
Corridor	S72 P6	Old Crow		"Good idea"	Yes
Corridor	S73 P6	Old Crow		"Not really to safe. Danger for vehicle; when they see caribou they get excited don't know where they're shooting"	Yes
Corridor	S75 P6	Dawson City		"No! I don't think it's a good idea since NWT don't have a corridor in place - Yukon shouldn't have one."	No
Corridor	S76 P6	TKC		"The 500 meter public safety corridor is not a good idea at all. In fact, it is a bad idea. Again, if there is a prevailing sentiment from the users of the herd that it is necessary, then it is only fair and reasonable to ensure that there are similar corridors along other travel routes, including the Porcupine River, where, I am sure there is a lot of harvest activity that takes place which increases public safety concerns."	No
Corridor	S77 P6	Dawson City		"To certain extent. 500 m does not prevent safety."	Yes and no
Corridor	S78 P6	Dawson City		"This has been through the courts, why bring it up again. Leave it alone. If YG has a concern they can always put the hunting corridor back to 2km or 8 km as it once was. Aboriginals can also make a law if they feel it's necessary. The 500 metre corridor is too much of a safety issue for everybody. It is an infringement on Aboriginal rights with justification. Respect each other's Traditional Territories and laws."	no
Corridor	S80 P6	Dawson City		"If this corridor is not in place in NWT, I don't think it should be in place in the Yukon especially for the older hunters. Just recently, I saw a non-native shoot a caribou from the edge of the highway. Conservation officer was parked near-by no questions asked."	No
Corridor	S13 P6	Whitehorse		"Yes, it is an excellent idea. Yes, it should be enforced rigorously."	Yes
Corridor	S2 P6	Laberge RRC		"The Dempster Highway is the most important reason why the harvest has increased so much in recent decades. The 500 meter no-hunting zone is absolutely essential to maintain the migration of caribou across the road. Not enforcing it last year was wrong and set a very bad example. Two 'wrongs' will not make things right, but make things worse!"	Yes
Corridor	S2 P6	Gwichin beneficiary		"Is is a bad idea. Traditional knowledge if the animal appears, belief is that Creator has provided your food. Hunters need to be taught how to respect at this time when the animal appears."	No
Corridor	S5 P6	Unknown		"Is is a good idea because the snow is six inch and a snow mobile can be used to get the caribou to the road."	Yes
Corridor	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	76	They should have left the corridor in the highway - not safe for people	Yes
Corridor	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	86	Disappearance of corridor is sad news – that's not hunting, it's not safe. Put something there in place so we know we can control that	Yes
Corridor	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	160	How can you enforce hunting within the 500 m corridor? Pace it out? A: this is for public safety, not caribou conservation.	
Corridor	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	162	How far does a bullet go? A: a lot further than 500 m.	

Corridor	Meeting	Fort McPherson	211	Suggest no hunting on the Dempster Highway	Yes
Corridor	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	55	People use vehicles and trailers, easy access on Dempster. Should be reduced in the future	Yes
Corridor	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	293	Shooting caribou 100 feet from road should be illegal.	Yes
Corridor	S6	Dawson	P6	Yes I think it is a good idea but if it can't be enforced and will be challenged in court then it is a waste of money	Yes
Corridor	S7	?	P6	No. Conceivably a hunter 501m off the road could shoot <u>back</u> towards the road = danger. The highway is the <u>best</u> education and enforcement tool. Signs are easily posted on the road and hunters just off the road are easily checked. Recognize the opportunity the road presents.	No
Corridor	S8	Old Crow	P6	It is a good idea for all. Safety and for the caribou to escape. They are already in danger in their natural life, lack of food, hard season, natural death & other dangerous animals living of the herd (wolves)	Yes
Corridor	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		No because having such a restriction would give the impression by hunters it is to shoot after they pass the line. The Dempster corridor is huge and no one knows if one is out hunting.	No
Corridor	Meeting	IGC	68	Talked about older hunters go out to harvest and they have to follow the Dempster 500 meter corridor, which can be a long way to pack an animal. He wondered if there could be an exemption to this rule for elders. Dorothy said that this was discussed in the original talk about the corridor, but it was felt to be a public safety issue and they ended up deciding to not have any exemptions. Marsha pointed out that on the NWT side the corridor is not in legislation.	no for elders

Question 7. Dempster Blaze Orange

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Comment	Support?
Orange	S1 P6			Radios should be used to report people who are not wearing orange. Highway workers always vests.	Yes
Orange	S10 P6	Dawson City		"Yes, orange vests should be mandatory. Anyone not wearing a vest could receive a hefty fine ie: 100 - 300 dollars". Note We should be wearing vests at all times when hunting. Safety first!"	Yes
Orange	S11 P2	Dawson City		"I think that this preference should be left to the individual hunter. I would also think that large groups of hunters should think about the chance of being shot at during the peak hunting season by inexperienced hunters. While cleaning your harvested caribou, I would also consider wearing a vest for your own safety. I think that it would be more important to carry binoculars or a spotting scope to view images far off the highway, rather than try and look for an orange vest, there are people who hunt that are color blind."	Voluntary
Orange	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"Orange hunting vests should be mandatory for ALL hunters."	Yes
Orange	S50 P6	Old Crow		"I strongly feel this will be part of safety. If we don't have a corridor on the highway we may have hunter's that don't carry a permit for firearm - that means it could become much more serious than what we think."	Yes
Orange	S51 P6	Old Crow		"I think they should be able to wear what they want and have a choice."	Voluntary
Orange	S52 P6	Old Crow		"Voluntary"	Voluntary

Orange	S53 P6	Old Crow		"Enforcement by Conservation Officer. They know what hunting too if they pass out vests and get them returned. Visible for public safety. If they extend the corridor, the orange will be more visible - should be mandatory."	Yes
Orange	S54 P6	Old Crow		"The way they hunt around there they should wear the vests. When I grew up there were no regulation. The old people told you what to do and the young people listened. The young people now don't listen to the older people."	Yes
Orange	S55 P6	Old Crow		"Safety reasons yes. Make sure no hunting accidents."	Yes
Orange	S56 P6	Old Crow		"They should wear something bright for safety."	Yes
Orange	S57 P6	Old Crow		"It's good as it is"	Voluntary
Orange	S58 P2	Old Crow		"Like the current system."	Voluntary
Orange	S59 P6	Old Crow		"They shouldn't be made to wear anything. I think its up to them whether they want to or not"	Voluntary
Orange	S60 P7	Old Crow		"Yes, except that the orange vest should be issued with hunting license and paid by the government. Or if it's a hunter from first nations government these vests should be provided by that respective first nations."	Yes
Orange	S65 P6	Old Crow		"No because when you hunt, you would want to sneak up on the animal and they would see you"	No
Orange	S66 P6	Old Crow		"It should be mandatory, should have to wear when hunting anywhere. People need training on safety and gun safety. Even if there is a just an orange hat is good. It is dangerous to shoot - could deflect from antlers. Good for safety and young people shooting may not think as much as older hunters. To make it mandatory it could go through the band or chief or government COs and game guardians can make sure people wear it. You can see hunter orange a long way.	Yes
Orange	S67 P6	Old Crow		"Don't let them hunt if they don't have one."	Yes
Orange	S68 P6	Old Crow		"Safety reasons, make it legal on traditional territories, legislate it."	Yes
Orange	S69 P6	Old Crow		"A toque/hat would be sufficient. Make it mandatory like other ___???"	Yes
Orange	S70 P6	Old Crow		"Voluntary is good. They shouldn't be made to wear anything"	Voluntary
Orange	S71 P6	Old Crow		"The orange vests will be helpful for safety reasons, hunters should wear orange vests when hunting on the dempster - it should be enforced people/hunters can be informed thru info sessions and long-term education process till they get it."	Yes
Orange	S72 P6	Old Crow		"Yes, good idea - could prevent accidents. I've seen someone get shot on the north Canol Road - I was scared to drive along the road."	Yes
Orange	S73 P6	Old Crow		"Yes for sure! They have to wear it. Should be fined."	Yes
Orange	S75 P6	Dawson City		"Since life jackets are mandatory on all river boats I believe this should apply to orange vests"	Yes
Orange	S76 P6	TKC		"No, this should never be made to be mandatory. Further to that, it seems to me that this question has already been decided. In fact, most of these questions have already been decided. I would request that those who are putting forward and recycling these questions respect the decisions already made and the input from the user communities on these matters."	No
Orange	S77 P6	Dawson City		"Orange vest can be used after the kill so other people can see you while you are dressing	After the kill

				the caribou."	
Orange	S78 P6	Dawson City		"No, it's a nice volunteer approach. Resident hunter should stop at the check station on their way up the Dempster to borrow a vest."	Voluntary
Orange	S80 P6	Dawson City		"Just as life-jackets are made mandatory on all river boats or seat belts on vehicles. I think this should be done with the orange vests."	Yes
Orange	S13 P6	Whitehorse		"No, I think it should be strongly encouraged but not required."	Voluntary
Orange	S2 P6	Laberge RRC		"Yes, this is done in many other jurisdictions both to protect hunters from being shot at and also for conservation officers to detect hunters in the field."	Yes
Orange	S2 P6	Gwichin beneficiary		"Yes they should be made orange vests. Some tragedies almost happen on the highway eg some many hunters shooting, someone almost shot some. You need bright color clothes so one will know it's a human being not a caribou. Hunters now a days 'Trigger Happy'."	Yes
Orange	S5 P6	Unknown		"They have to used orange to let them know they are there. ... Yes, they should use orange vest so people can see them before they shoot."	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	163	Blaze orange is a good idea. Sometimes the fall come up and waiting for the caribou; when you see the bright orange vest on hunters, you stop right now.	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	165	Should mail blaze orange vests to each harvesters home.	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	166	Should have hunter safety hats – orange ones. A: PCMB produces those toques. Vests can be loaned out at the check station. Right now, it's voluntary for hunters to wear them	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	355	orange not needed here. Good idea for highway though.	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Inuvik	468	Under requirements for orange vest, why not just make available at check points, pick up and drop off, not an expense for hunters.; DC: PCMB makes vests and toques, we send everywhere. On south check station there are vests there to borrow and drop off.; MB: we have a couple at check station in north too, trying to promote. But should it be mandatory on Dempster or not? Anyone can voluntarily wear.; Can see pretty easy if wear orange. ; DC: caribou can't see orange; hunters see for safety.; Need to explain that better so we understand.	Yes
Orange	Meeting	Inuvik	484	Q: for me, methods of hunting has changed. Everybody evolves. I see a lot of people who go out on snow machines. We are always talking about highway, but on coast they use snow machines. I use boat too. It's a regulation on highway, why can't it be regulation on coast?; MB: It can be if you want it to.; Makes sense. We can see orange but explain caribou can't.	Yes
Orange	S6	Dawson	P6	No the problem is overharvest of caribou not overharvest of people	No
Orange	S8	Old Crow	P6	Yes, wear it or not allowed to hunt. Own personal safety. If you need caribou for family then wear your orange vest. Common sense.	Yes
Orange	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		No, how would this be enforced? Will you charge a hunter for not wearing an orange vest.	No

Question 8: Sale of Caribou

Question	Source	Community	Line #	Question	Answer; comment
Sale	S1 P7			Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, happens sometimes
Sale	S1 P7			How to stop?	Lots of work, need brainstorming, ideas
Sale	S1 P7			Define needy person	"You know your community. People who have the money could and should buy. People who have nothing should have help"
Sale	S1 P7			Reasonable costs?	Large caribou - \$280, medium \$250, small \$180.
Sale	S1 P7			Other comment	People need money for food and gas to go and harvest. Others sell caribou for money for gambling and drugs
Sale	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	107	Other comment	Under no circumstances meat should be sold. We hear that is happening. Old Crow until now has been good, but we don't want to start because others do that (applause).
Sale	Radio	Aklavik public	293	Other comment	Hunters are going down the river every two days – the same young people taking a lot of caribou. I think it is being sold. Can we do anything about that? Can you please encourage the people to not take too much?
Sale	S10 P7	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	No. [Happens] sometimes; "I am not familiar with this topic"
Sale	S10 P7	Dawson City		Define Needy Person	"A needy person is a low income person or someone who is experienced 'life altering' circumstances"
Sale	S10 P7	Dawson City		Reasonable Costs?	"Should not exceed 100 dollars"
Sale	S10 P7	Dawson City		How to stop?	"I would educate the public through the media that the sale is illegal and buyers could be charged as well (?). Use an honor system for compensation"
Sale	S11 P3	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	YES; LOTS Yes, you can see this in the airport in Inuvik. I've also heard of it being shipped down south to places as far as Alberta."
Sale	S11 P3	Dawson City		How to stop?	"To stop the sale of caribou and have it regulated, each NWT First Nation should be required to write letters to hunters that are taking more than 3 caribou and give them an expense account. This could be recorded by check stop stations and help control the illegal harvest of caribou. These letters would have to be carried by harvesters' that are collecting compensation. It seems like a stretch, but harvest of caribou for a net profit is morally wrong."

Sale	S11 P3	Dawson City		Define Needy person	"I would define a need person as an elder who is not capable of going out on the land anymore and able to get their own meat for subsistence. Special needs people such as sever FAS, etc. A list of these needy people should be written down and then an exact number for harvest could be given, which complements the question answered above for people to receive compensation."
Sale	S11 P3	Dawson City		Reasonable expenses	Gas. Time and effort. Wear and tear on personal vehicle/snow machine/ATV. Food
Sale	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		Other comments	"There has been talk of meat sales and compensation for the 'needy' hunter."
Sale	S50 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	I sure did. [Happens} too many times; "I personally respect what I get but seeing other people sell dry meat is very upsetting - or even dry fish. Good example I was over to NT and I personally bought dry fish from FN land."
Sale	S50 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"I could see any FN government putting a hunting group together to hunt for needy people by going through the Social Dept by request from our members and size of the family will give a good idea of what is needed per family."
Sale	S50 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"I think I explain that in question # 2"
Sale	S50 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"It all depends on where the PCH is crossing and time of moth when hunting. For most part you could easily spend 3 - 5 hundred dollars one hunt."
Sale	S51 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Yea, they sell dry meat"
Sale	S51 P7	Old Crow		How to stop	"Traditional Pursuits Program with a voucher"
Sale	S51 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Income level, single parent, elderly"
Sale	S51 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells, food, some clothing items (winter), oil, hunting tools (knife, axe etc)."
Sale	S52 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "yes"
Sale	S52 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Set a program for hunters, funding for gas and other stuff."
Sale	S52 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy Person	"Out of work, no hunting equipment, disabled, widow, single mothers."
Sale	S52 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Shells, gas"
Sale	S53 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; Yes, dry meat
Sale	S53 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"If people hunt for people it's ok to buy gas and shells and that's it."

Sale	S53 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy Person	"Elders, single parents, I don't have boat but I go with someone. If you go with someone, you may take less."
Sale	S53 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable expenses	"Shells and gas"
Sale	S53 P7	Old Crow		Other comment	"Not too much of that. Steady - put pressure on hunting."
Sale	S54 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes in NWT, not sure how much; Not around here at least
Sale	S54 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Don't know. When I was growing up we used to just give to people."
Sale	S54 P7	Old Crow		Define needy person	"In my days if someone get caribou, they just drop it off - no gas used then and it may take only one bullet. Too lazy."
Sale	S54 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Don't know, hard to say. Everyone complains about what they spent. They do more riding around town than what gas they use to go to Crow Point."
Sale	S55 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot, way too much; "dry meat, fish, salmon strips."
Sale	S55 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"For the Chief and Council and community to put funding through."
Sale	S55 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Single mothers, elders."
Sale	S55 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Shells and fuel are the main."
Sale	S55 P7	Old Crow		Other comments	P8 "Personally meat should not be sold"
Sale	S56 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "The whole caribou".
Sale	S56 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Buy gas and shells for the hunter"
Sale	S56 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Who can't go out and hunt for their self. Single parent, elders."
Sale	S56 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	Gas, shell, boat rental
Sale	S57 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	No, not much; "Yes"
Sale	S57 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Get the needy people of offer compensation to the hunters"
Sale	S57 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Elders, disabled, single woman (mothers)"
Sale	S57 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells, food."
Sale	S58 P2	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes
Sale	S58 P2	Old Crow		How to stop?	"You cannot stop the sale of caribou meat when it is legal in the NWT, people in Yukon do not sell caribou, there is only compensation. What about the outfitters is this sale - they pay a lot of money for one caribou, same idea."

Sale	S58 P2	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Single parents with or without children, elders, someone that can't hunt due to medical or handicap."
Sale	S58 P2	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Giving gas, shells (tradition) and pay for the packaging."
Sale	S59 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Nothing more than dry meat"
Sale	S59 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"I think VG Chief and Council should help out with this sort of thing or organize funding for boys who go hunting for needy people"
Sale	S59 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	Widow, single mothers, disabled, elderly
Sale	S59 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Pretty much shells and gas"
Sale	S60 P9	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, lot; "Yes, a lot of people sell their harvest (maybe partering etc) because they done have income sources, or for instances, buy ammunitions to hunt for them."
Sale	S60 P9	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Like I said, if you want caribou meat for the winter for your families, then provide the hunters for \$\$ for gas, etc."
Sale	S60 P9	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"A needy person would be a single mother with children that do not have any income, including people with FAS and disabilities."
Sale	S60 P9	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"It depends on negotiators, families and relatives"
Sale	S65 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Just know of dry meat"
Sale	S65 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Just to buy gas because it is getting expensive [expensive]"
Sale	S65 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Widow, single mothers, elders"
Sale	S65 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Fuel, shells"
Sale	S65 P7	Old Crow		Other comments	"Selling of meat is highly wrong!"
Sale	S66 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Not in Old Crow, in McPherson. [Happens] when needed - could be quite a bit; "Dry meat been sold here and there"
Sale	S66 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"I used to give gas to someone who had a boat and we'd share the caribou. We used to give shells to people to get caribou for us. Held each other. Spread the word."
Sale	S66 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Anyone - if someone offers me gas. Girls stay alone"
Sale	S66 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	Shells, gas, no money. Free trade and barter is good."
Sale	S66 P7	Old Crow		Other comments	P8: I wouldn't want to buy meat. Sometimes they might sell meat in McPherson for alcohol."

Sale	S68 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Very much so, too much; "Yes which is wrong not only by NWT but by our own community as well. Dry meat that is"
Sale	S68 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Premiers, territorial govt leaders should meet and discuss and try a year or so about not selling PCH meat and see how it is after that. It can be up for review."
Sale	S68 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Widow, disability, not being able to hunt due to injury, has a lot of kids, elders, no equipment to go out."
Sale	S68 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	Gas, oil, shells, lunch wear and tear on motors
Sale	S69 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, not much; "A lot of dry meat is sold mostly by a few women (\$50 for 1 large Ziploc full) during caribou season, mainly in the fall."
Sale	S69 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"Make it clear it is against a section in the VGFN Land Claims Agreement. We are not allowed to sell caribou meat and tell them there is a penalty"
Sale	S69 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Low income family, single parents, on social assistance, elderly people on fixed income, unemployed people, disabled people, people who cannot afford the means to hunt for food"
Sale	S69 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"To be able to provide a sufficient supply of caribou for a family for the winter."
Sale	S70 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, not much; "Most likely dog meat"
Sale	S70 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"funding for this kind of thing"
Sale	S70 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Single parents, elders, disabled"
Sale	S70 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells, food"
Sale	S71 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Drymeat is being sold in all user communities"
Sale	S71 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"This is and would be a personal decision - taking responsibility and to be vocal about it. To report those that sell drymeat, offer gas chips, shell or items that hunter may heed.:"
Sale	S71 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"A person who is not able to harvest for themselves - elder - single parent with children - persons with disability"
Sale	S71 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells, food, items of use for hunting, warm clothing etc"
Sale	S72 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Not here, yes. [Happens] a lot; "Sometimes people give me shells for hunting for them."
Sale	S72 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Anyone if they can't hunt. Transitory people in town"

Sale	S72 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells"
Sale	S73 P7	Old Crow		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Yes"
Sale	S73 P7	Old Crow		How to stop?	"People buy their own gas. Band should take care of it. Get boys to hunt for them:
Sale	S73 P7	Old Crow		Define Needy person	"Elders, widow"
Sale	S73 P7	Old Crow		Reasonable costs?	"Gas, shells"
Sale	S74 P7	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, not much, can't say; "I've heard of caribou being sold in Aklavik and Inuvik and dry meat in Old Crow"
Sale	S74 P7	Dawson City		How to stop?	"We strongly believe in the old ways, we never sell meat, it's a lack of respect to the animals, showing any kind of disrespect to anything will only bring bad luck for that thing, barter should be for gas and that all. Give honorarium to 2 hunters they get lots of caribou, cut it in half and give to the needy."
Sale	S74 P7	Dawson City		Define Needy person	"Single mother, elder, disabled, dependant
Sale	S74 P7	Dawson City		Reasonable costs?	"Gas money if they are going hunting anyways. Gas and food money if they are requested to go:
Sale	S76 P7	TKC		How to stop?	"Tracking harvest levels is a good indication, then following up with the hunter to see where the meat went. Also, creating forums to educate and promote moral and culturally sensitive values are good approaches, too. The community hunts as coordinating by Daryl English, for example, are excellent opportunities to pass on good hunting ethics to younger generations."
Sale	S76 P7	TKC		Define Needy person	"I would define the needs to be single parent households, the elderly, the sick, the poor and the infirmed."
Sale	S76 P7	TKC		Reasonable costs?	"Honoraria to cover time and energy and meals, as well as gas and oil expenses are reasonable expenses for which compensation may be due."
Sale	S76 P7	TKC		Other comment	"Hearsay, conjecture and anecdotal evidence really have no place in these discussions. If we are to make management decisions, those decisions need to be based on fact, not on whether somebody heard from somebody else that a few people may or may not have sold caribou for profit last week or the week before or whatever."
Sale	S77 P7	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	No – gossip; "We have no right to make judgments on other harvesters. I know where this is coming from."
Sale	S77 P7	Dawson City		How to stop?	This should be determined by other user groups."
Sale	S77 P7	Dawson City		Define Needy person	"I'm needy. I rely on food from the land."

Sale	S77 P7	Dawson City		Reasonable costs?	"I don't understand this? It should be made more clear.:"
Sale	S79 P7	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot; "Yes I have heard of dry meat been sold"
Sale	S79 P7	Dawson City		How to stop?	"Go to the people and tell them it's not a good practice to sell wild animal meat to others. What's the matter with the word sharing."
Sale	S79 P7	Dawson City		Define Needy person	"An individual who don't possess firearms, vehicle or hunting equipment. An individual that depend on Social Assistance."
Sale	S79 P7	Dawson City		Reasonable costs?	I'll pay about two - four dollars.
Sale	S80 P7	Dawson City		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes; "Yes - NWT"
Sale	S80 P7	Dawson City		How to stop?	"Have a patrol at the boarder up NWT"
Sale	S80 P7	Dawson City		Define Needy person	"People that don't have car, money. Needy and single parents is who I'm concern about. Help them out."
Sale	S80 P7	Dawson City		Reasonable costs?	"I would just go out and get meat for them. Single parent or needy. Won't charge expense"
Sale	S13 P7	Whitehorse		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, quite often (NWT!)
Sale	S13 P7	Whitehorse		How to stop?	"This is a tricky one... I'm not sure except by going to a quota system where each FN individual gets a set number of harvest tags to use on their own or provide to another to harvest for them."
Sale	S13 P7	Whitehorse		Reasonable expenses?	"Someone physically unable to go out and provide for themselves."
Sale	S2 P7	Laberge RRC		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	No; "I don't know"
Sale	S2 P7	Laberge RRC		How to stop?	"Any hunt for needy people should be carried out by government or by relatives of the needy people, who retain some of the meat as compensation."
Sale	S2 P7	Laberge RRC		Define Needy person	"A person who is too old or is handicapped to hunt by himself. It would also include single mothers, who need meat for their family."
Sale	S2 P7	Laberge RRC		Reasonable costs?	"gas, ammuniton, food for the hunt"
Sale	S3 P7	Gwitchin beneficiary		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes; "yes, dry meat, now individuals has modern day technology, caribou, sausages sold as well. Cured jerkies, sausages, dry meat sold. Usage of modern day technology Other (Caucasian) outsiders. We do have some Gwitchin with modern tools also."

Sale	S3 P7	Gwitchin beneficiary		How to stop?	Traditional way of dealing, you are given caribou by a sharing hunter. Traditional practice money was given to them to pay for their costs endured during their hunt. Today it is still being practices (Human Rights). 'This is not a sale transaction!' Individuals who do issue do not understand this traditional practice, interpret this in this fashion. If you know not why this is ongoing, stay out of our business or have an opinion about it. This is not your area to comment on 'Leave it alone'.
Sale	S3 P7	Gwitchin beneficiary		Define Needy person	"Elderly, disabled, single mothers, orphans, widows, working people, a non-hunter"
Sale	S3 P7	Gwitchin beneficiary		Reasonable costs?	"Shells, gas, vests/coats (orange), traditional hunting bags!! For lunch, plates, cups, salt/pepper etc. \$\$ exchange - agreement between giver / taker. MYOB Mind Your Own Business"
Sale	S5 P7	Unknown		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	"I have heard about it but I have never heard in the Dawson area."
Sale	S5 P7	Unknown		How to stop?	"It is a good idea so the people can get something out of it they can used out in the land."
Sale	S5 P7	Unknown		Define Needy person	"To define a needy person is that he is short of job and has no income, the way the costs in the communities are now."
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	52	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes; dry meat
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic		Other comment	Some people are overharvesting. We know who is selling meat and dry meat.
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	169	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Sale of caribou is a big problem. You hear things going on in different towns. One caribou is going for \$500 in some places. That's enough incentive to send people out. Selling for actual profit should be illegal. A: Board is trying to figure out how to draw line – widowers/mothers who need meat; cover gas.
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	177	How to stop?	Should go door to door about this. Elders spending \$250 a caribou; they didn't know they weren't supposed to buy them. They need to have regulations explained to them. Really good way to educate them.
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	180	How to stop?	Used to be traditional community hunts; that kind of harvesting was meant for single people with families or those without ability to hunt. With that, there is less wastage. RRC could organize it, as has been done in the past.
Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	173	How to stop?	That's different. Cash should not be used. If they want to chip in for gas, that's different. Then give a portion of meat. Different than a load of caribou in back, knocking on door and trying to sell meat. It's all arranged before they go hunting – that's where the slaughters come in. If people want it, they go out and get it.

Sale	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	173	Define Needy person	Yes, that's for the needy. Issues with not enough gas. RRC could help with communication if going door to door. We're such a small community – ask for a few dollars to help
Sale	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	283	Reasonable costs?	I have seen hunters go through with truckload of caribou – he's gotta be selling it. Can't be eating it all.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	238	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Sale of caribou happens because there is no sharing anymore.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	238	Reasonable costs?	That's a way to get more gas. That's fine.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	414	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Sale of meat question – confusing. Some orgs buy meat from caribou – not just one or two, it's 20 or 30 for widows and people without vehicles in communities. ; This has been going on for a long time. Dorothy: want them to stop? No, just lower price.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	414	How to stop?	They [orgs buying meat] set precedent on price. Some people don't meet criteria for free caribou. Unfair. If I don't meet requirements I am going to buy it. Orgs shouldn't be able to do that. Incentive is good but not fair for others. Is that going to be allowed for other orgs to buy caribou for whatever reasons?
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	414	How to stop?	Here you are saying that they shouldn't make a profit, but these orgs are paying a profit.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	445	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	What about community hunts?
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	445	How to stop?	Jozef: there should be no commercial sale. Would like all parties to come together to revise the PCMA to define expenses.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	445	Reasonable costs?	Does that mean you do away with community hunt? Jozef: we would have to define that if PCMA revised. Should be shared freely.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	562	How to stop?	If somebody hunts 5 caribou – maybe suggest they give up portion of their harvest to local HTC's. This would get away from prices, paying \$500 or \$1,000, get away from profit but going back to sharing. Going to elders and single moms. Then the HTC's and RRC's would have more to give. Then the hunter would leave because there was no profit. Community hunt can be costly for HTC's as well. This will get away from that altogether.
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	569	How to stop?	I get what I need and a little more because people back home are always asking. You can only do so much. There is a lack of people being shown how to hunt, where to go, etc. You always see a handful of people going out hunting, asked all the time to keep going. In end you get tired, just can't please everybody. Sometimes you have to say no.

Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	587, 592	Reasonable costs?	Gas costs money – hunter gave caribou to elders. I suggested HTC or RRC could assist. We want to go again to helping others
Sale	Meeting	Inuvik	587, 592	Other comment	Hard to have someone do something for nothing, it costs a lot for gas now.
Sale	S6	Dawson	P7	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes, a lot in NWT; Where do the caribou hamburgers come from at the restaurants? I don't know maybe it isn't Porcupine.
Sale	S6	Dawson	P7	How to stop?	provide receipts of expenses; have a set rate that is agreed upon for price of caribou
Sale	S6	Dawson	P7	Define Needy person	someone who needs
Sale	S6	Dawson	P7	Reasonable costs?	cost and wear and tear on vehicle; should be pretty easy to figure out
Sale	S7	?	P7	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Not really; perhaps in the NWT
Sale	S7	?	P7	How to stop?	Selling caribou for profit is wrong. Hunters should provide caribou to needy people for free. They'll get theirs some other way.
Sale	S7	?	P7	Define Needy person	Someone who needs food and doesn't have the means to get it themselves
Sale	S8	Old Crow	P7	Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes ; yes [lots]; dry meat - I make in spring and fall and people are always asking to buy
Sale	S8	Old Crow	P7	How to stop?	We do not compensate in the Yukon and do not sell.
Sale	S8	Old Crow	P7	Define Needy person	A person who is a widow or single parent. Medical patients, elderly person who has no motor & boat, skidoo or gun.
Sale	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Heard about sales? Other products sold?	Yes a lot
Sale	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		How to stop?	Yes mainly because of economic reasons to enable the hunter to provide other food source for the family i.e milk. What can you do? What do you call sport hunts, a tag is sold to a sport hunter. We can only hope that the PCH is used for bartering purposes, as an example PC for muktuk between aboriginal communities in need. The sale of an wildlife is difficult to enforce because we all need other necessities in life.
Sale	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Define Needy person	The cost of preparing to conduct a hunt. As an example, this fall it cost me nearly \$750 to do a fall hunt. This does not include the unnecessary need of a helicopter flying around and disturbing the caribou as they migrated
Sale	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Reasonable costs?	One who has no means of providing for the family (ie single parent). Even if one is rich could be considered a needy person because they lack the experience to provide traditional food for their family.

Process, cooperation

Topic	Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	97	the PCTC reporting to the PCMB and then PCMB to WMACs. Think it will be different in Yukon. PCMB make recommendation to GY and all other governments, not to the WMACs.
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	107	PCTC recommendation to PCMB every year might not be practical – may not have all the data. Perhaps meet every two or three years.
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	109	PCMA will also need to be updated, but not sidetrack this discussion. Signatories would have to initiate the renegotiation of PCMA.
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	251	IGC has to sign, as recommended by WMAC NWT.
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	302	should not be another round of community meetings by WG with revised draft. It should be left up to the PCMB to recommend to parties and then they can discuss and decide.
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	93	If wait until January to gather comments, process will be lengthy, making adjustments, etc. When you look at caribou calculator, in 2009, will be below 75K, in orange zone. Will be mandatory harvest, etc. next fall. Can't get there to put that in place. Herd will continue to decline for next 5-6 years. How far does it go down? If we get harvest limit, bull only by 2010, could be looking at 65K animals. Don't know how you can step up process so that by Aug. 1 in Yukon we can put bulls only harvest in with a limit. Groups have to sit down and come to agreement on that – it's a huge, huge task. We know what it took to get here and how long it takes for government to regulate. In 2.5 years, will be in a lot more trouble.
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	125	This is a big step for the PCMB to be taking now. Should have happened much longer ago than this.
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	140	Concerned this is too slow. When did land claims ever supersede the conservation of the PCH? Never seen that before.
Process	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	77	If no consensus reached by user groups, is there a level this can go above the PCMB agreement to engage in agreement by governments, concerned chiefs of user groups. What are next steps – concerned about lack of consensus building on this issue.
Process	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	81	Conservation is number one issue – if consensus can't be reached; conservation is critical – agreement by governments, not much cooperation between some native governments; can take legal actions (VGFN can pressure YTG to take action).
Process	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		"Once finalized, ALL groups MUST trust and accept PCMB's Harvest Plan."
Process	S53 P8	Old Crow		"Gov need to enforce plus people need to accept it and voluntary follow it."
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	141	There was a Dene National Assembly in Fort McPherson where the aboriginals were not going to comply with the quota systems set with respect to their herds. That is also a concern. If that is the discussion there, there will be tremendous difficulty to enforce this and even come to consensus.
Process	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	110	I was involved in getting the agreement finalized. Not an easy job. As long as acknowledgement of international agreement, good enough on that issue. Remind them an agreement is in place. International agreement has say in allocation; need to make that decision at some time.

Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	55	if some communities don't cooperate, how will that affect other communities?
Process	Meeting	Yukon RRC	34	I hope this doesn't end up like fish. We've been through this with fish. AK doesn't listen. We've been through this with salmon – hope it doesn't turn into that. If these people don't come on board, what happens then? They are notorious for not signing anything. They go along with everything but don't agree with anything. How do you deal with that?
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	309	What is overall goal of HMP? What is trying to achieve? A: Sustainable harvest of the herd. Q: Are we drafting a HMP to ensure a harvest or a healthy herd? A: There needs to be healthy herd to harvest.
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	383	Political will is challenge to success of this program. Governments have vested interest in outcome but discussion has been about community engagement. All this costs a lot of money – science, education programs – what is commitment from various governments and resources that go along with it? There is a very large public process but what about the science and teaching in communities to switch? In BC would not be likely to get something like this to advance (HMP). Have you secured funding to move this forward? This is not a two-year program.
Process	Meeting	Whitehorse public	353	Hunting pressure is from across the border in NWT. I would like to see more of the FN governments across Yukon and NWT work together to implement programs that will work for all of us to help us in the future. This is another enforcement program that needs to be serious. Need to get FNs involved and part of the enforcement and make it work;
Process	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	197	Leaders have to work with their people. They need to take the lead on this.
Process	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	136	This is an eye opener for what might be down the road. Each community must work to come to a solution and then come together and decide where we should be sitting, and work things out. I don't want somebody else to make these rules and laws, I want to see us make our own.
Process	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	73	Jurisdictions have to work together – issue here is what about Alaska and what is going to happen there if and when we adopt this management plan.
Process	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	156	I say to NWT, Dawson, all the users, got to work together on this issue; no more fighting over this. We don't need to be bad friends over this; work together because some day it's going to leave us; the world is changing. Thanks for trying to do something; people have to be involved in it.
Process	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	157	Marsha: Is this plan doable? (lots of nods in audience) Marsha: Do we need it? (lots of nods in audience)
Process	Meeting	YFWMB	84	Maybe we in Yukon will have considerable leverage at sometime in the future when they want to build a pipeline. Strikes me you would want to be prepared, poised, and maybe try to use that. That's what Americans and Alaskans understand. They put themselves first always. In a case like this, they would understand that clearly. Maybe want to have big club, not necessarily shutting down ANWR but other ways, start asking questions that get filtered up. Money drives everything. They're talking about the largest agreement in North America, maybe talk about a transboundary agreement.
Process	S71 P8	Old Crow		"We are in a critical time in regards to protection and conservation of the porcupine Caribou - it is up to community members in all user communities to take full responsibility to make sure we are doing our utmost to ensure that as harvesters we take only what we need - to take bulls only - with no wounding. We all need to be 'watch dogs' to ensure all the steps are followed and enforced - when we are well informed, well educated, on the restrictions/steps then this will work."

Process	S78 P8	Dawson City		"It's about time the PCMB starts respecting Aboriginal and First Nation laws and governments. YG and NWT Government and Alaska should start putting more money to Aboriginals and First Nations for education programs. The Harvest Plan is a good thing, it's being done before it gets worse."
Process	S76 P8	TKC		"I have to admit to a level of frustration with these questions. As mentioned previously this is recycled material. If the government is not satisfied with the response obtained from these exercises in the past, that's too bad. The prevailing sentiments have been voiced and YTG and the PCMB should respect the decisions that have been made. It seems to me that there is an agenda here to enact regulations under the veil of public comment when really it's personalities within the government itself that wish to see these measures in place. If that's the case, then this isn't a democratic process at all and undermines the very principles behind public consultation. If this isn't the case, then I'm happy to observe the regulations provided they meets the tests as contained in the treaties Yukon First Nation peoples have with both the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	146	Suggest that you put really firm timelines in the plan rather than just rolling it out. It seems like there is some urgency to complete it and let the communities know.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	152	In the situation where you come to a community and no one shows up, you have to take a stand and move ahead.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	184	In Old Crow and McPherson, they never get anything done because of the fighting. Can't get anything done because of the fighting. Old Crow don't want to come here. When we want to do something about it. Tuktoyaktuk should be here too. The only time we see them is when they are in the muskeg skinning caribou, have to start getting along good.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	249	Seems like the communication can't get out the users. Seems like we could put out a package, what time does the government step in and say no more hunting. Should be doing the management ourselves – at what stage will they do that? Maybe if you get a pamphlet out, inform the people that if we don't do something right away, the government will step in.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	268	Have to get everyone working together.
Process	Meeting	Fort McPherson	273	Could look at that way of informing the people, if we don't get this running now, government may step in and stop hunting altogether. Have to try and inform the public so they come out and have their input. We're concerned, want to save the herd.
Process	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	32	what happens if we run into a situation eg Bluenose where Inuvialuit and Gwich'in agree but Sahtu doesn't A: hopefully worked out ahead of time by this plan
Process	Meeting	Inuvik	266	How does this affect aboriginal rights? In land claim book, option of management. If individual told not to hunt anything, then goes up to hunt because he doesn't have any food, that's his right to hunt. MB: Land claim gives GRRB authority to restrict harvesting for conservation or safety. At what point is it a conservation issue that we need to take serious management actions for in order to stop the decline?
Process	Meeting	Inuvik	294	I've had this plan a couple weeks now and it appeared that it was another government document that deals with rights. We have to be extremely cautious, it's almost like legislation.
Process	Meeting	Inuvik	330	If going to keep talking about LCs, no WMAC, RRC here. Suggest you involve them more at every level. Can use for enforcement, consensus, put all in their hands. Would respect that more. I follow rules but some don't like the rules. If you want better, need to involve these orgs and local people right at beginning. If you don't do that, people aren't going to agree. That's why these groups exist. Caribou is important, that's why I'm here. I want my kids and everybody's kids – we need to use our organizations. Need to build up to capacity and then hand over. It's not all the government that can do this. We're the biggest users, but we have the smallest say. MB; decisions come from co-management boards. Co-management boards recommend decisions.

Process	Meeting	Inuvik		That last decision is not ours. MB: GRRB are here. They are all part of this – signatories are PCMA but other organizations are involved. Whole point we are here is to work together. GRRB wasn't consulted. MB: We can't get agreement with 100 people around the table. Protocol signed by signatories. All groups are definitely involved in this. This is first kick at can. This is first step. WG consists of 5 aboriginal groups and 3 governments.
Process	Meeting	Inuvik	532	Throughout the plan, can it be changed? Or is it going to be written in stone and then we have to take to court and fight?; Marsha: in plan, five year review. Could be other clauses, ie. If a party wants to change something....Plan is only as good as the paper it is written on and parties agreeing to it.
Process	Meeting	Inuvik	616	How get everyone to follow it? i.e. those in Sahtu; MB; we didn't have a plan. This is a new situation.
Process	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	225	Next big meeting, should invite all user groups to sit down together and work this out together, rather than just individual groups.
Process	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	227	After you're finished with this plan, should bring everyone together.
Process	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	231	We can't talk anymore; we have to start taking action now.
Process	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	232	Do you have a plan in place? I have a plan in place. I'm going to quit eating caribou meat and start eating hotdogs.
Process	S6 P8	Dawson		I am concerned that there won't be 100% buy-in by all the "users" and that will start a revolt from some of the users that do agree.
Process	S8 P8	Old Crow		We have to realize that people have slowly moved gradually from their traditional ways and cultural ways. People use to help needy people at no expense with caribou. Today changes have taken place as people with children need to stay in town to educate their children, climate change, high expenses. Overall people need to be employed in order to survive in today's society.
Process	S68 P2	Old Crow		"Make sure all RRC;s First Nation Gov't and Territorial Gov't, Arctic Borderlands, land use planning committee are all involve in talks and kept up to date on all issues."
Process	Meeting	IGC	42	A question arose about what would happen if one or two claimant groups decide to not sign the plan. Marsha answered that they plan would be dead and could not proceed if that happened. Marsha said she felt they've only got one try at putting something in place, and if it does not work then she feels the Yukon government might take action on its own
Process	Meeting	IGC	244	With regard to my earlier question: according to our claim, conservation and safety are reasons to restrict. Can using a model be used to prove there is a conservation issue? Marsha: Not using model alone, with other information as well. A lot of concern is coming from community re numbers down. What I'm getting at – in order to restrict Inuvialuit harvesting, would need to prove conservation issue. Marsha: We are asking collectively to users: when is it a conservation issue and when do we take management action? If we are at 75K animals and we are taking 4K harvest a year – sustainable harvest is an issue. Need to decide collectively when there is a conservation issue. Other meetings they said it should be sooner
Process	Meeting	IGC	271	Time for conservation is when people have issues and concerns. Doesn't have to be a number. When people have concerns, that's when. Agree but possibly one or two go out, get charged and then case is lost.
Process	Meeting	GRRB	62	Very good presentation - come a long way. Questionnaires are important - need to pass out so people can answer.

Predators

Topic	Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Predators	S1 P5			"Bears are an issue on the highway" [hunter safety concern]

Predators	Meeting	Yukon RRC	88	My question to you is – you come up with this HMP, you want to do this TAH – how much percentage is by predator harvest? We always get the axe, but you can't tell that to wolves, grizzlies. I get sick and tired of being told can't do it anymore. That should be in the plan – predators.
Predators	Meeting	Yukon RRC	127	They are decreasing because of the wolves. Why isn't there something done about that?
Predators	Meeting	Yukon RRC	183	According to chart, we've lost 20K more than have been harvested. I don't buy the theory that we don't know so we can deal with nothing other than hunters. It's too simplistic. In NWT, I sat in on the mountain caribou plan meeting to draft the strategy, there was a man who said 1K wolves trapped in NWT where there was a problem with declines. In 3 year time period he took out 1K wolves. That can be done – doesn't cost gov't a lot of money and we don't have to wait until public agrees. Just acknowledge there are things we can do. Why don't we ever go there?
Predators	Meeting	Yukon RRC	234	I'm tired of hearing about this caribou all the time. A lot of people are getting tired also. We have scientists that try to help find out what the caribou are doing – we have this large number of wolves people are complaining about. This Dempster highway was put in – solid footing for the wolves, road into Old Crow – the wolves are able to adapt. What kind of policy are we going to come up with to deal with the wolves? No one wants to listen. They are taking a lot of caribou and people are getting blames.
Predators	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	259	Q: Any talk about trying to control predators? Wolf control (predator) by gov't is not an option (Government of Yukon). Would need to be a community initiative. If they want to reduce predators would have to be done by community. The cost involved is also important to take into consideration – big range size. Trying to reduce wolves is huge effort, very costly. Would need to take about 80 percent of wolf population every year. We have heard this issue in many communities. In NWT we have been doing some wolf carcass collection to look at age/sex/diet/productivity. Haven't done data analysis yet. Driven based on concerns in communities re wolves/caribou.
Predators	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	326	Q: Wolves – why doesn't Government of Yukon open up season for grizzlies? High count 17-22. Can't even pick blueberries up there. They kill caribou. In couple hours, someone saw a grizzly get 4 caribou. One had a grizzly come between him and his truck. Issue with corridor.
Predators	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	180	What about bounties on bears and wolves too? A: Bounties are bad word. We do not talk about predators in this plan.
Predators	Meeting	YFWMB	186	You talked about predation – concern about leaving it in the community. What about resources? I think everybody has to get involved and try to work with that.
Predators	Meeting	YFWMB	221	With regards to predators and keeping it with the community, you are on right track. FWMB may be able to assist with this in future. May be avenue for board to assist.
Predators	S74 P3	Dawson City		"Something should be done about predation control and something really needs to be done about the grizzly bears around the Border."
Predators	S68 P8	Old Crow		"Wolves need to be snared and trapped in all areas of traditional territory and expenses funded thru either FN gov't and trapping assoc. Only to experience trappers to stay out a moth or more.
Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	38	how much impact are predators having; no one is harvesting, bigger packs more they eat, PCMB recommend open hunting of Grizzly and wolves; grizzlies here for thousand of years
Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	81	We're no the only ones taking he caribou. Also wolves and bears. One wolf takes 2 caribou a week. They keep disappearing by the packs of wolves. Need to get rid of wolves; need management to control the destiny of the herd.
Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	102	Hunters take grizzly bear pkgs [tag kits] for safety. Then they open them and see all the information that is requested – it's so much
Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	125	Predators concerns could be a community-led initiative.
Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	228	Bears are getting nasty.

Predators	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	229	Bears hear shots and start coming down to see. They're getting very aggressive. A: Grizzly bear tags should be utilized – some are never used by the communities.
Predators	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	48	That is one step to take: predator control. Good if user groups would consider that option
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	58	In terms of predator control what are your results to compare what you support in terms of predator control and what has been done and what the level is today. Predators are non-selective. Common belief is that predators go after the weak and we know otherwise. We have seen examples of that: Banks Island, Victoria Island, etc. We know predators are taking all kinds of animals. How do we say how many predators we should get? They are living off the herd; we are as well. We also make the voluntary decision to go after bulls only certain times a year.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	73	That is happening in NWT and Yukon, you can hear it daily. Dogs are being nabbed out of their communities. Bear population on Dempster has increased.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	117	I need clarification re grizzly – increasing bear population. Your solution is giving out tags and killing animals. Example of hunters giving up caribou because it becomes the grizzly's property. When we get into red zone, restriction on how much caribou able to harvest – if grizzly took their two allocated, can kill bear if attack them, but could they go back out and get their two caribou after that?
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	135	That's [bears] something affecting our caribou.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	179	I think it's dangerous to talk about going up there and shooting bears. It can get out of hand even now; more dangerous and we could have wounded bears out there.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	185	If going to open that area, don't agree with that. It's an area – yes, a lot of bears, but can't just open it up to anybody. Traditionally, that's what people didn't do. Can't just issue tag.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	219	Well, it should be part of plan – it's all part of harvesting. It's all part of the decline of caribou. Trying to keep at sustainable level.
Predators	Meeting	Inuvik	198	I understand – it's dangerous to use predator control. Traditionally, there are animals that ___[could not hear]___ – must consult. Can't say we're going to go and start killing grizzlies.
Predators	S52 P2	Old Crow		"Yes, harvesting amounts are good. Wolf control (to help the herd)."
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	Predation – grizzlies always around water. Between border and Arctic Circle, at least 14 grizzlies seen on one trip. People shoot caribou and grizzly is there within 10 mins, then they have to shoot another one. They've been doing that for past 10 years, pushing people off meat. Not allowed to shoot them. Good to think about those things.
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	Grizzly instincts – May when calves born they are aggressive, kill whatever they can. In fall, they need to get fat. When we hunt caribou – they will come to get that meat. If you set seal aside for them, better option than to lose meat. They will kill anything vulnerable.
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	Try to count when people start seeing them. Dorothy: we started trying to count the numbers that crossed the highway – very hard to determine that. Would need to enlists all hunters to keep track of where they are and help count That idea has come up before.
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	If bear learns he can take carcass away, he will do in continually.
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	Was talking with Billy Archie he said grizzly was chasing two vehicles with caribou. Dorothy: getting to be an issue for sure.
Predators	Meeting	IGC	316	Grizzly jumped in back of someone's truck because of caribou – hard time getting out of there. Marsha: we need to hear about these things. Get people to call our offices to know how serious situation is there and send conservation officers where there are aggressive bears. Can kill them in defense of life and property. Something is going to happen there in short order and then we're going to be sorry. Need to report these things.

Predators	Meeting	GRRB	64	Lots of people hunting now - lots of grizzlies. Wolf population is high now; get \$100 for carcass; bears and wolves take a part of harvest.
Predators	Meeting	GRRB	70	Think it is time to include predator control

Enforcement

Topic	Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Enforcement	S1 P6			"Charge people for throwing caribou meat away in the garbage".
Enforcement	Meeting	Whitehorse public	74	Enforcement will be an issue. Must be some sort of way to penalize a user group. Right now, they do whatever they want to do because there is no legislation and enforcement.
Enforcement	Meeting	Whitehorse public	231	Be stronger, faster – it reminds me of another enforcement issue in 1970s with seat belts. Certain number wearing already, certain number who will listen to stats and start wearing, a number who need a fine and then will start wearing them. Need to approach it similarly. Those buying in is like preaching to choir. Need to control the others. COs in Yukon are minimal. We have more people working at Canadian Tire than there are COs in Yukon.
Enforcement	S10 P2	Dawson City		"We need more conservation enforcement along the Dempster Highway. Special Constables (Deputy CO's) could assist full time officers during the harvest season" P8: "Enforcement should be increased."
Enforcement	S55 P8	Old Crow		"Game Guardian should be seen more on the Dempster Highway."
Enforcement	S58 P1	Old Crow		"I always said the monitoring or enforcement should be managed by the First Nations of the YT and NWT. We know and it is a true fact that the current system is not working, we have non-FN Conservation Officers working and enforcing what regulations on the Dempster and they do not have a presence on the highway full time, and we have constant complaints. To be able to manage a population of over 80% native, we need Native Officers on the highway, so the enforcement should be subcontracted out to the User Communities and have them manage their own traditional territory and the Porcupine Caribou, after all this the traditional territory we are talking about. We need to lobby the PCMB to have an All Native Enforcement Officers. There are many of us out there that have the training and experience." {This respondent reiterated these comments in the Other Comments section]
Enforcement	S60 P1	Old Crow		"I also think that a first nation conservation officer who knows the country out of Dawson City should be put on the job to conserve the Dempster Highway at all times."
Enforcement	S71 P8	Old Crow		"Hunting on the Dempster needs to be monitored by concerned community members.
Enforcement	S10 P2	Dawson City		"Poachers and abusers of the hunt have more opportunity because of the Dempster Highway. This makes for challenging enforcement (but not impossible"
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	79	white people hunting in July - I seen it [season opens August 1]
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	107	Are there going to be more officers on the NWT side?
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	135	You have to watch the Inuvialuit – they should take it all back, not leave it out there. I saw them leave 6 caribou out there. I told them to pick them up and they did. It has to be managed. If hunters go out in parties someone has to go along with them. Somebody from here should accompany them. If you want to look after something, you have to manage it.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	141	How often Yukon officers go in the mountains? A: Not often; focus is Dempster since that is where the focus of the hunting is.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	196	Enforcement will be critical otherwise plan won't be worth paper it is printed on. Communication and education will be important. A: community responsibility is critical. If that's done at a community level, enforcement requirements

				will be minimal.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	200	There is a difference between being serious with your mouth and being serious by getting down to the dirt and doing something about it. The chiefs and leadership, if they think it's important, will be going up and down the highway. All they do sometimes is talk, it could happen for another 10 years if there is no enforcement.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	204	Sometimes the work is put on you when the work is coming up – maybe be creative and hire a CO on the local level here. You could pay them, they're qualified. A: that's what we're doing.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	207	Jozef: We're hiring them, paying them. A: we gave money to the tribal council.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	212	Nobody has talked about caribou wastage at garbage dump.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	213	Nobody talks about how I get offered old meat every year.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	214	There is wastage of caribou meat and fish every spring. This must be considered as well.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	216	That happens in Inuvik and all communities.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	217	RRC has lots of pictures of that. I reported it to Tim Devine. All this meat was being thrown out at the dump. You can throw whole caribou away except hind legs. [This is not true - misunderstanding] We reviewed the Wildlife Act and that's what it says. We need workshop to understand the Wildlife Act.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	221	Steve Baryluk said he was making note of that because there will be revisions to the Wildlife Act.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	223	Revisions need to be done at the community level, with consultations.
Enforcement	Meeting	Fort McPherson	216	That is why I think we need monitors from both sides, monitors to get out and do it.
Enforcement	Meeting	Fort McPherson	218	Must monitor it.
Enforcement	Meeting	Fort McPherson	220	We are the spokespeople. If the main users are not going to participate, know that I represent the opinions of some of the women in the communities, heard about caribou at Midway Lake Festival, I was sick that people would start hunting then. Hope that I am gone long before the herd is gone. My decision now speaking on behalf of the people who are not here now, so that the Dempster Highway is monitored to see who is there and who is up there hunting.
Enforcement	Meeting	Fort McPherson	334	One more camera on the highway
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	227	All these changes, enforcement hard to do. There will always be people who don't comply – makes it hard for other people
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	241	enforcement; elders could be respecting rules but some young guy shooting around the corner. Really should try to work these things together (enforcement). Young people overloading their boats with 4 wheelers etc [they need to learn how to hunt properly]
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	246	MB; may be we should be put up more posters on Report-a-Poacher? A: as long as something is done about it [officer respond to reports]. MB; that is done [officer respond]. With report a poacher people can report anonymously. A: they want an officer to check it out. MB: they do but need more details [names etc] and people won't report that
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	253	I'd be pretty upset if someone here got charged for shooting a caribou yet somebody can buy caribou in a restaurant in Yellowknife.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	256	Rules are in place, should be more enforcement. Maybe that's what it takes to stop the few people that are breaking the rules. The anonymous phone line could work because people don't to leave names.

Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	260	What was intended is working. Majority of people are following the rules.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	262	Now that the [NWT] management plan is in place, regulations are in place. Up to ENR now to enforce.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	266	PCMB should know that enforcement is very important. In Alaska they have officers who are pilots – they fly around and are checking things out all the time.
Enforcement	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	287	Should up the surveillance on Dempster. If a guy's got 30 caribou he's gotta prove he's hunting for this person, that person etc. A: yes but right now there is no limitation on # of caribou. He can't be charged as long as he's not wasting meat. Q: Yea but other people suffer because they're doing that.
Enforcement	Meeting	Inuvik	245	People monitoring should be on highway before caribou get there. They came early this year. Should be monitors out there doing data gathering. No data gathering happened for two weeks.
Enforcement	Meeting	Inuvik	274	If an individual goes hunting when restrictions are in place, do you take them to court? MB: based on what happened with Bluenose-West, if we get into a TAH situation, only way to keep track of that is with tag system. GRRB and WMAC would have to recommend – agree with PCMB, that we will abide by this and all harvesters need tag, then written in Wildlife Act and enforceable.
Enforcement	Meeting	Inuvik	281	Don't want to see something challenged later. MB: that's why we're doing it this way. Can restrict based on conservation.
Enforcement	Meeting	Inuvik	285	Right after put restrictions on, charged guy quick, changed attitude about how to treat regulations and rules set out. Some of these guys were my friends from Tuk. Their attitude really changed when a guy got charged. It's a learning curve people have to go through.
Enforcement	Meeting	Inuvik	297	More focus on enforcement by Yukon COs who complain they don't have enough ability to enforce. We should contract out to users. Increased patrols, enforcement by our own. FNs can respond to their own a lot better.
Enforcement	S6	Dawson	P8	If the enforcement actions are not serious enough there will not be acceptance from the people that hunt them.
Enforcement	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		Strict enforcement of same policy. Government not doing their job?
Enforcement	S9	Tuktoyaktuk		In conclusion we all know the importance of any wildlife species. The departments must continue to do proper consultation before any restrictions takes place but more importantly if restrictions are imposed, get the wildlife officers to follow through. Don't place restrictions, if they can't be applied. Consult, Educate and Enforce. By doing this we will become the managers of our renewable resources
Enforcement	Meeting	GRRB	74	The only way we will get something done is to put it in a law.

Other comments / issues / suggestions

Topic	Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Alaska	Meeting	Whitehorse public	365	You are working with the Canadian side now – would like to also see Alaskans brought in. Even if not in the agreement – they need to be informed. If anything happens in the calving grounds and then something else is affected in the habitat to affect their nutrition, it will affect our calf and cow survival rate. This is really important to keep Alaskans informed, brought in at the table, informed ASAP.
Alaska	Meeting	Yukon RRC	57	In regard to user communities, would encourage involving AK people. Being in Arctic Village, they never had caribou for many years. I was there when a lot of the herd was there. They have a rule that there is no hunting around the community even when there is lots around the community. One time hunter came with toboggan load of caribou, he hunted from two days away. There are traditional laws followed.
Alaska	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	129	Also, how is the WG going to be – are you going to be going to AK to remote villages and speaking to people. Arctic Village is totally dependent on herd.

Alaska	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		"Alaska sign on is critical."
Alaska	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	186	Are they implementing strategy on the Alaska side? A: Not yet, but the PCTC know this is happening and the Alaskans will be informed; we're sending copies of the draft HMP to them.
Alaska	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	71	why not include Alaska right away? Don't make sense not to talk to them right away.
ANWR	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	272	We need to be thinking about the lobbying effort happening to keep development out of ANWR. If we don't take management actions if the herd falls, say below 60K animals, how is that going to look? We won't be able to defend our lobbying if that happens.
ANWR	Meeting	YFWMB	188	What about the lobby effort? How is that working out?
Avalanches	Radio	Aklavik public	312	What about climate change? Higher snowfalls are in the Richardson Mountains and we are getting more avalanches. Maybe more caribou are dying in avalanches.
Bears	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	374	Q: Bears [on Dempster] – if get control – maybe make money by taking people in there, in controlled manner. Bears are an issue.
Behaviour studies	Meeting	IGC	210	Aside from all that data re tagging, how big they are, where they go – any studies on behaviour of animals. Why they migrate where, what they do in the herd. If there is a dominant cow, she will push others aside and forces other animals to try to search again for food. Dominant animal will overtake other ones.
Behaviour studies	Meeting	IGC	232	Native people told them they do see that happening, driving off smaller cows and calves. Question is really important – maybe should have follow up with the Alaskans to see what is driving them off.
Census	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	170	Q: some elderly people spoke of – because of climate change we won't see caribou in large numbers anymore. That's TK. Won't get a count again. Need to find other ways.
Census	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	193	Q: wondering if they looked into heat sensing infrared camera?
Census	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	87	find it hard when in 1991 there was less money floating around than today, but really in fairness, I would like to know how we can say that caribou – all have an idea – but how can we say the caribou herd is less now although we haven't had a recent count?
Census	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	126	Any chance of – if don't get a census – that PCMB can make recommendation to try another time of year when caribou are heading to calving grounds? Sometimes we do flying around, see mountain tops are black from caribou migrating north. May be an idea to consider in future.
Check stations	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	246	Need manned check points all the time.
Clean kill	S73 P8	Old Crow		"Younger people to keep the area clean when they kill caribou. Look after guts and caribou skin. See it everywhere. Not nice to see that.:"
Climate change	Meeting	Whitehorse public	203	When we are talking about HMP, hard to not keep in your mind that harvest is not what is driving the herd down. We have a bigger problem: climate change. There is a change in treeline and tundra that affects the caribou. How much effect can 4K harvest really have on population? Minimal. It would be great to see PCMB working with other organizations to bring issues to international stage (UN). I like this HMP initiative but I would like to see more work done at various levels. Would be great to work more with you (Climate change).
Climate change	S10 P2	Dawson City		"PCMB should continue to monitor the effects of climate change" P8: "We should continue to carefully monitor climate change"
Climate change	S58 P2	Old Crow		"There is no mention on climate change and the habitat? The plan only focus on bad hunting practices but there are other indicators to stress of the caribou."

Communications	Meeting	Fort McPherson	330	should get statements from communities you have been to, so that can show that to the next communities you go to. Might spur agreement.
Communications	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	51	Years back before caribou problem, ENR used to give collar info and everyone knows where they used to park at James creek – giving that info was really hard on the population
Communications	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	117	New slogan "THAT'S NO BULL"
Communications	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	230	Wish you guys success in this but stress that the more people at our meetings, the better. Need elders, leaders there. Need questions like should elders be able to shoot 1 or 2? One area we really missed out on is hearing from elders. We are always told to listen to our elders. If they have big concern, they should come to our meetings to let us know. Once this is regulated, we'll hear more and more of this [concerns]. It's hard for the elders to be regulated. Meeting such as this, open to whole community.
Communications	Meeting	Inuvik	493	Would you consider having open show on CBC?; MB: call-in show?; Everybody talks to the media to get your point out. You talk about education; we are visual learners; need to show us some pretty pictures. That's how we learn, we see something. APTN is popular channel, powerful tool.
communications	Meeting	IGC	149	AT some point in time, you have to start listening to user groups. ?????
Community hunts	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	210	re community hunts – will that be addressed in plan? Might be issue down the road. If doing a community hunt, need to address how it should be managed.
Computer model	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	286	Q: If don't have census, still use model? A: Yes, still get estimate from model. Q: Could be challenged. A: anything could be challenged. That's the best info we have.
Conservation	Meeting	Whitehorse public	399	You guys have same debate as we have in BC re conservation. FNs have ability to harvest and sustain themselves vs. conservation. The PCH is not going extinct here; they might be at low levels. Everyone wants access to animals. We struggle with same issues of conservation; not get hung up on that.
Cost of living	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	263	Cost of harvesting in this community is extremely high and it would be very difficult if limitations were put on harvest. For instance, if a family got two tags and it cost \$900 to get to the coast (compared to \$300 to go down the highway from Inuvik). There is a significant cost differential.
Cultural impact	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	47	How much discussion revolved around social and cultural impacts around limiting harvesting. Nursing mothers, others who can't get the meat they need, affected nutritionally. One question in plan should be to harvesters and users: when get to certain level (i.e. 50k), special occasions, when else may be necessary to hunt the caribou?
Cumulative Effects	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	88	There are also disasters, fires. We have to start thinking about all these things. It not just the almighty gun by man, it's the predators too.
Cumulative Effects	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	152	When drilling, caribou stay way off there; they wouldn't even come near there. I saw it – four different places they were drilling from camps on Dempster. Eagle Plains to past Ogilvie – they were just going up that Rock River.
Cumulative Effects	Meeting	Fort McPherson	240	170,000 caribou herd, and it shows that it is declining, there is a heavy duty on the harvesting, seem to get the blame for it. In the past, the guys that went last year, they just turned around and shot back again, there is a lot of forest fire in the country, in the Yukon, you look and there is a fire there every summer. Last winter the caribou turned around – asked the reason why that is. Why don't they go up and check the forest fire how much it burned and see what burned. Should charter a plane and look up there. Harvest caribou in the last couple of years, people were getting some and then caribou went back to Alaska. Forest fires might have something to do with it.

Cumulative Effects	Meeting	Fort McPherson	270	If we get it in the NWT, I'm quite concerned, seeing the chart there (population chart), it's going down steady, with all the forest fires, may get a bad fall or bad spring, freezing rain. Look what happened to the Muskox in Sachs Harbour a few years ago – they died off when they could not feed.
Cumulative Effects	Meeting	IGC	204	Industries doing activity there, why didn't you tell us this beforehand.
Dempster hunting	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	186	Hunting on highway – easy to go out there with four-wheel truck and hunt but it's not the old way of hunting caribou. We need to include Dempster in plan somehow. More people are out there, better access, better machines. If there is a decline, takes a longer time to increase. Highway system gives access. Dempster is big issue, has been for a long time. Maybe we should close hunting on Dempster for good.
Dempster hunting	S12 P1	Mayo RRC		"Council commented that the Dempster Highway is a bother to the herd as it presents an opportunity for a shooting gallery style hunt."
Dempster hunting	Meeting	GRRB	58	More signs on the highway about caribou - between James Creek and Border people should not stop - even for pictures
Dempster hunting	Meeting	GRRB	73	One of the biggest headaches we have is the Dempster Highway. At one time, no one used to hunt in the summer time.
Educating youth	S1 P2			Train youth [to manage and monitor the caribou]
Educating youth	S1 P3			Have elders provide hunter training to youth
Educating youth	S1 P8			Have youth involved in this group so we can make sure they are set for the future
Educating youth	Meeting	Whitehorse public	357	we need to train our kids and educate them in conservation and science and have them involved in managing our caribou. Need to include our young people and work with the users of that caribou.
Educating youth	Meeting	YFWMB	157	When you say education and regulation, I think we need to educate our young people on the caribou. There's not only bull and cow, there are 8 different names and categories for caribou. I know all those names. ... We need to do that with young people and teach them how to approach animals, dress them, that's up to the grandparents and parents to do that, don't need a lot of money.
Educating youth	Meeting	Inuvik	507	Would like to see this questionnaire sent to the schools – high school students. This will affect their lives and maybe you would hear other comments. Next time you have something set up like this, use microphone.
Education	Meeting	YFWMB	199	Big heavy education process that has to take place. Different hunting practices in NWT than Yukon. Education is really critical. People sometimes carry on and they don't realize they are doing something wrong. Unless somebody comes and tells you you're making a mistake and pointing out what you might look at – then you change your behaviour. Education is important.
Education	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	234	People really don't know the land so the only place they can really hunt is the Dempster. They have to be shown how to hunt on the land.
Education	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	236	Like to see taking kids out on the land, to the mountain. A: If RRC wants to do an on-the-land program, can contact Darryl English from GNWT. We have funding for public information, hunter education.
Education	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	208	should have an annual gun site-in project for all the four Gwich'in communities to come together in one place or in each community. Target practice should be done.
Education	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	210	Also should have harvesting workshops.
Education	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	211	Make sure you have your FAC and your legal gun before you do any practice.
Education	Meeting	Fort McPherson	227	Another thing, is the size of shells you use. I use 130 grain at Northern and Coop – it is too small. 30-30 used to be 170 grain. The shot is too small. Should check into that.

Education	Meeting	Fort McPherson	311	The discussion we are having here on harvesting seems like it is out of control. With boys sitting here, when we were young, our parents were out there with us, hunting, trapping, with our parents. Everybody in the Delta my age still talks about it. When we were young people hunting, me and my brother hunting muskrat, we would go June 15 at 12 o'clock, took shells out of the gun and went home. Clean the gun and don't use the gun until September. That is the way we were brought up. Since then everything is out of control. This is where we are now. If we had the education way back, maybe it would be working today. Boys talk about harvesting caribou, get this thing over and do something about it now.
Education	Meeting	Fort McPherson	322	Education in the schools, if we can educate the younger people, it's important, they are hunting now and need to realize they can't over kill and not waste.
Education	S71 P3	Old Crow		"Information to harvesters and community members would be helpful. Education for young hunters and within the schools is key. This has to be done now and in all user communities - the message has to be heard and if few attend the information sessions then continue the door to door process"
Elder leadership	Meeting	YFWMB	149	I'm probably last generation when we were involved, elders involved. Can't start hunting until elders started talking to you, who is going to do shooting? There are 10 of us there. Not everyone gets to shoot. They tell us how much you need, how much you can shoot, how it will go.
Elders	S3 P3	Gwichin beneficiary		"Listen to the Elders. Have them be part of the decision making process. Traditional knowledge if not difficult to combine with scientific information. Scientific show respect and accept the knowledge of all ELDERS. It is difficult because you don't respect their knowledge/wisdom. I lived, talked and sat with them. Heard their stories. They are _____."
Elders and education	S3 P8	Gwichin beneficiary		"Utilize elders (hunters / women) to sit on management boards. Utilize elders to develop hunting curriculum for young people. Start teaching young population via news media, radio, newspaper, APTN/CHON/FM/CKLB/FM/CBC. Education in the schools immediately upcoming hunters. Traditional medicine practices to be taught as well. You are doing a great job, keep it up. All of you!!
FAC	Meeting	Whitehorse public	406	how many harvesters have a valid FAC? That should be added as part of your harvest enforcement program. I'm a user from NWT – Fort McPherson. I've harvested caribou, helped people. I don't have a valid FAC so I can't shoot.
Food Mail	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	229	Feds are currently reviewing food mail order thing; because of the island caribou, should be expanded to include communities that depend on caribou and make affordable and easier to access; take pressure off other caribou. Help people have easy access for other types of food.
Habitat	Meeting	YFWMB	187	What about the condition of the habitat – I don't know what condition the caribou are in.
Harvest studies	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	175	Q: What info do you have for the spatial distribution of harvest over range? A: We have done some harvest studies. A: harvest is recorded by subzone in Yukon.
Harvest studies	Meeting	Whitehorse public	49	Key point is to ensure good numbers to work from; some communities look at not cooperating and providing info on the other caribou herds (Colville Lake ie giving notice they will not be providing harvest info). How deal with that issue?
Harvest studies	Meeting	Whitehorse public	152	Harvesting data won't come from a lot of the communities. They just don't want to come forth. Has to be some real, honest effort. Time for the powers that be step in and do something now.
Harvest studies	Meeting	Whitehorse public	360	Harvest reporting will be big part of the plan. It's not working now.
Hunter education	Meeting	IGC	225	Sometimes you have to shoot dominant bull and dominant cow. Dorothy: we have heard that before. Important to include points like that in the hunter education pkg still being worked on. Marsha: will come to this group (hunter ed pkg).

Hunting areas	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	227	Q: if you're saying we have to get ready for this, if the Inuvialuit want to do hunt down the road, would this be agreed to that we could hunt on Dempster? A: Perhaps be in Native User Agrmt.
Hunting areas	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	241	as plan is currently laid out with respect to managing harvest by areas, looking at management in certain areas? Harvest pressure being redistributed? Contemplated using that as tool?
Hunting other species	Meeting	YFWMB	98	In plan, when population reaches certain level, encouraging hunters to hunt other species like moose? We feel we are walking the fence re moose harvest now. Issue with asking to hunt moose. ... concern about seeing it encouraged in the plan.
Involve elders	Meeting	Inuvik	600	Involve elders in meetings like this. They have knowledge, not just the HTCs. That's where we get our TK.
Meat in dump	S52 P8	Old Crow		"Waste of meat ending up in dump needs to stop. Feeding it to dogs."
Movements	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	150	I see changes in caribou herd, in migration; it's a lot faster, sometimes late, and a lot less time. This year only five days, very small herd; years before it used to be 2-3 weeks. In previous years, cows usually came through first and then big bulls; now turned around, hardly see cows, older bulls mixed with younger ones.
Movements	S1 P6			"Let the caribou come down to the river" {don't interfere with movement}
Movements	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	142	We've been living in north long time; herds decline and then come back and leave again. We were always told when caribou started coming in region, they will leave again one day. Could be moving to different areas. We have hard time to explain that to researchers. We expect them to leave at times. For example, the Bluenose herd. We were fortunate to have it for over 30 years.
Movements	Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	223	Hard to understand about caribou. Living in bush, in my lifetime, needed to go far to get caribou. [move around to get caribou]. Caribou have been around forever, they just change their routes and stuff.
Muskox	Meeting	Inuvik	84, 89, 95, 111	What about invasive species like muskox? We see that as invasive species here. They are trampling snow, making hard for caribou to eat. We should have listened to TK long ago – prefer to kill muskox instead of caribou.
Muskox	Meeting	Inuvik	115	Each year I see them and they're increasing in the same area.
Muskox	Meeting	Inuvik	117	I have done a lot of hunting in Banks Island, etc. every time I see them out there, they are increasing, spread all over the place, walk all over the place. At times we hunt the Bluenose, right to the mainland and we see increasing amounts of muskox over the sea ice. Somehow they know how to cross and they're out there where they shouldn't be. We see increasing numbers on the mainland. Some area headed to other places. We see large herds. In terms of muskox chasing the caribou away we have seen that on Banks Island and Victoria Island. They both eat different vegetation. All the ground they [muskox] upturn like a rototiller takes time to rebuild (muskox). This is TK as we have seen it. They are pushing the caribou away. This is what we believe and what we know.
Other	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	392	Last fall saw hunters take 42 caribou – impressed with young ones skinning. Had to watch the 500 m caribou, they were shooting toward road; doesn't matter with 500 m corridor.
Other	S72 P8	Old Crow		"Used to trophy hunt in Carcross - can't do that"
Other	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	62	We can't keep talking about something like this while it's declining right under our eyes. It's time to regroup and lay down the law. Because in the end if you don't have caribou then what? Then you're going to start after the moose.
Other	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	224	Yes, you are going in the right direction. You have the okay stamp.
Other species	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	52	Is there going to be education in communities to encourage them to hunt moose, sheep, trap rabbits, reindeer? These are just as nutritional as caribou.

Other species	S80 P8	Dawson City		"If I have moose already, I would not take down a caribou because I have meat for the winter. Some people, take caribou down even they got meat."
PCMA	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	113	needs to be an explanation of why PCMA needs to be opened. Achieving agreement. This issue is complicated enough without dealing with the PCMA issue. Some don't like the fact that the PCMA trumps their land claim agreement but that is a separate issue from the management. Mistake to go through that door with this HMP.
PCMA	Meeting	Yukon RRC	204	Colour graph – how does that plan fit in with the PCMA? Will there be a conflict? In agreement, brings in steps how the user groups are faded out or back in – and non user groups. ... In sense, this chart would not be able to go into effect on Oct. 31 – the first step would be the PCMA?
Pipeline	Meeting	Yukon RRC	142	Are we prepared for pipeline? We need to be prepared for those animals. We are going to be losing more. We need to come together and talk about it. Need to go to the communities and talk about the depletion of our animals.
Population size	Meeting	Yukon RRC	120	Game dept and fish dept. don't let people know in enough advance time. I sit on the salmon board and it was the same way. Same way with caribou herd, not only with PCH, but here. ... I think you should put something in the paper and let the public know about that caribou, because it concerns us as FN people.
Pride	S1 P4	Aklavik		"We have to learn again how to have pride with the use of the caribou"
Public education	Meeting	Whitehorse public	352	Public education is part of a big strategy that should be included in plan.
Public education	Meeting	Whitehorse public	363	Education is important.
Public education	S10 P8	Dawson City		"We need to increase 'Public Education'".
Public education	S12 P2	Mayo RRC		"PCMB public education is good and should continue and can expand."
Reason for decline	Meeting	Yukon RRC	158	Hunters have been taking 4K – 90 percent is FN, been going on long before 1980. I don't see the herd declining because of harvest management. Are we not taking wolves anymore? What is the reason for decline? It's not harvest? All you're doing is looking at the herd from the view of the hunters – it's not them. FNs have been doing this for years – can't tell them not to do it and get beef from Alberta. You're not addressing the problem if you don't know what is causing the decline.
Recovery goal	S2 P8	Laberge RRC		"The plan repeatedly uses the term 'recovery' of the herd, but even on Chart # 4 - predicting the reaction of the herd if only 2000 bulls are taken, starting right now - the herd would only remain at its current level and would not increase. 'Recovers' means growth of the herd to some desired size, which is not mentioned. There should be a recovery goal, and the plan should strive to achieve it, similar to the recovery of the Southern Lakes Caribou Herd. About 20 years ago this herd has a size of 180 000 head. Therefore a recovery goal of 150 000 would not be unreasonable. The herd has declined by perhaps 50% over the past 20 years and apparently continues to decline! Obviously, the harvest has to be reduced immediately to 2000 bulls if we want to remain in the yellow zone, and should be reduced even more to bring about a recovery, which means getting back into the green zone."
Respect	S1 P4	Aklavik		"So long as we harvest with respect we can do a lot of things" [we can accomplish much]
Richardson Mountains	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	148	Picture to me is a highway issue – is that what we're addressing? Not really Aklavik they harvest at coastline at beginning of migration. Don't see monitoring how many taken and wounded on NS. When first snow comes, some from Aklavik will be in that area, running up with skidoo, young kids.
Rutting bulls	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	152	Bull caribou rutting will be shot. Goes back to community education.

Satellite locations	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	211	Since they stop putting caribou locations on PCMB site, anyone go to site anymore. Should put satellite information back on. ... Couldn't really see, because where dots are. ... No real attraction to the site anymore.
Sharing	S1 P5			Coordinate hunting effort within and between communities to ensure caribou are shared and reduce overall harvest
Sharing	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	352	Q: Inuvialuit harvesters, when their herds build up, maybe ask them to cut back more on PCH. If their herds are up to where they want it, are we going to be allowed to harvest the other herds? ... A: perhaps issue for Native User Agreement?
Skidoo disturbance	Radio	Aklavik public	321	I'm wondering if the caribou is declining because of the noise of the skidoos and the disturbance.
Skidoos in Richardsons	Radio	Aklavik public	306	Speaking of harassment of the caribou, why is it that people always have to use skidoos to hunt caribou in spring and fall? We should ban the use of skidoos at that time of the year because I see it happen. It chases the caribou back and they're not thinking about other people who don't have skidoos. Traditionally, when we hunted, we walked in and packed it out. Caribou will come close enough without skidoos.
Speed limits	S10 P2	Dawson City		Speed limits in some areas [on Dempster Highway] should be reduced
Tag system	Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	181	Problem with tags – possibly making criminals of those who can actually legally hunt caribou.
Tag system	Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	131	In some years we don't get caribou here; same thing for McPherson, like last year. Harvest was less because they didn't go in that area. Who knows what will happen in future? How would tags work?
TH First Hunt	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	107	We have good First Hunt program.
TH Wildlife Act	Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	101	TH has wildlife act in place. Don't feel – I have to look at these questions and sit as group with the committee to review. We do have wildlife act in place.
TH Wildlife Act	S75 P8	Dawson City		"Tr'ondek Hwech'in has its own fish and wildlife act. I think all Tr'ondek Hwech'in citizens should obey all rules and regulations under this act."
Tombstone Park	S10 P8	Dawson City		"Tombstone Territorial Park is without a management plan (clear mandate!)"
Traditional practices	S2 P6	Gwichin beneficiary		"Bears appear you only shoot if your life is in danger. There are traditional healing practices - bear grease use for medicinal practices so one knows they need and have it for medicine etc. Traditional knowledge. "
Use all parts of caribou	Radio	Aklavik public	340	I also want to know what the hunters do with hides. Also, elders like the inside of the stomach. Hunters should bring back the inside of stomach because every part of the caribou is important.
Use all parts of caribou	Meeting	GRRB	50	A lot of left-overs being left behind - people should be encouraged to bring hides and other parts home so others can use them
Use all parts of caribou	Meeting	GRRB	55	Since the highway came in, it changed hunting. Need to stop leaving heads, skin and guts
Vehicle collisions	S74 P3	Dawson City		"Something needs to be done about the caribou that gets wasted from truck or road kills. One truck (YG) hit 24 caribou and killed them all mostly cows. Traffic needs to slow down during caribou migration."
Vehicles	S13 P8	Whitehorse		"I am 'very' concerned about the overharvest of this herd! There are many factors threatening the herd but I agree that hunting is one of the ones we can directly control. As far as hunting, I firmly believe that motor vehicles (skidoos, quads, trucks) are one of the key elements to control. If we made people work harvest with their own bodies, and rely less on machinery to hunt and recover animals, then people would hunt more responsibly and fewer animals would be harvested. This would benefit the herd 'and' people's health."

Wastage	S59 P8	Old Crow		"Waste of meat - hunters should be aware of how much meat they eat"
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Questions asked

Source	Community	Line #	Question	Answer given	Topic
Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	39	Have you been talking to the Alaskans about the decline?	Yes. They are aware of the decline; not sure what the community perspectives are. Also gave a presentation at the International Gwichin Gathering	Alaska
Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	50	Is there any studies done on Alaska side?	PCTC made up of people who also work on herd in Alaska, everything is cooperative in Alaska, count in March, etc. They give us that information. We have a good relationship with agencies.	Alaska
Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	91	How much of the total harvest occurs on Dempster?	Approximately 60%	Harvest
Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	202	Plan is very much numbers driven. Alaskan harvest is tagged?	Resident [yes]. Missing is the subsistence harvesters.	Harvest
Meeting	WMAC NS/NWT	206	When last effort for census?	[attempts each year since 2003]	Census
Meeting	Whitehorse public	107	Do we have a check station on north end of Dempster? Then we will get good idea of what is heading north to NWT. Maybe from people who can't harvest other herds.	Yes, there is a check station. There is additional pressure on PCH. The check station is not open 24/7; we are working with communities to get harvest data.	Harvest
Meeting	Whitehorse public	193	What measures are you taking to get herd to an incline? What are you planning to do to bring the herd's numbers up?	This is a model with a very low adult survival rate. When herd was increasing, adult female was higher; when declined, adult female changed too. We're hoping this will happen but we are looking at doing something re harvesting in the meantime. We do need something to happen in the population for it to recover. We can change our harvesting practices to help the herd recover faster. How long do we want to wait for the herd to recover to a green zone?	Actions
Meeting	Whitehorse public	211	Wondering about the models – are there other limiting factors in model?	Don Russell: this is a population projection. It keeps track of births and deaths and tries to mimic the census. There is no climate change other than making assumptions that it will turn to worse or better. If you look at all herds in North America, they are all going down. Some cycle dramatically. PCH is least productive and declines slower. This herd doesn't go up or down very fast. Prediction is that they will start coming up again. But there are a lot of changes since the last drop in the cycle. Are these herds going to be driven down unnaturally that low – then the cycles will be expanded and there will be scarce resources for longer. This model keeps track of births/deaths. Not making any assumptions about cycles. No one can know future.	Model

Meeting	Whitehorse public	236	Also noticed on harvest scale that Yukon is only place where non-resident harvest is allowed.	It is not prohibited in Alaska but it is quite hard to get to PCH range in Alaska. Very expensive, fly-in.	Harvest
Meeting	Whitehorse public	282	How many caribou on Yukon side are being taken by NWT hunters?	Large proportion. In end, does it matter? We are looking at overall harvest and reducing that. Doesn't matter how we're getting them and who is taking them. Pointing figures is bad.	Harvest
Meeting	Yukon RRC	19	How much faith do you have in your reporting system from AK? Those numbers look really skewed to me. I say that because what happens on the Dempster Hwy compared to the Steese Highway, it's a Sunday afternoon picnic compared to that. There are 700K people in AK, 32K in Yukon – include NWT and push to 50K to be liberal.	We are sort of comfortable with their stats. [more details re Alaska harvest]	Harvest
Meeting	Yukon RRC	96	What is predator rate on herd – impact?	Study on this heard in late 80s, early 90s, the numbers in model based on that study. When herd increasing, it was 2 percent higher. Population makes a difference. 260sq kms in range, would be difficult to do something about predators, even if public appetite was there. Wolves are the biggest predators.	Predators
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	38	Q: It seems there are a lot of caribou taken in NWT. Is it because they have a larger population or they harvest more animals per capita?	That is pretty much McPherson's main diet. They don't take much moose. Same for Inuvialuit. There is more pressure now because other areas are closed; more pressure on highway now as well, from Inuvik, Tuk. There is a larger population – Inuvik is approx 4500 – more people. Inuvik is 2/3 aboriginal. Now in NWT, resident hunters can only take 2 caribou, bulls. We can only hunt the PCH, no others which means increased pressure.	Harvest
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	65	Q: Collar caribou and monitor them – females, through pregnancy and calf survival rate – are you up on that? How healthy is it?	We've been monitoring birth rates since 1980s. Calf birth rate and survival have recovered and the decline since 1995 is unexplainable.	Survey
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	88	13 percent on Yukon native hunters – how much of that harvest is Old Crow harvest? Half or more?	[majority is Old Crow]	Harvest
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	110	Q: Do we know how many have been in herd over the last 100 years?	No way to know that for sure. CARMA studies herds and looking throughout that info, there is certainly a cycle. For northern barrenground caribou, the cycle is about 40 years. We don't have any good way of telling where we are re record high or low number of caribou. Some TK shows that there were times when caribou disappeared and people starved. This info helps us try to understand.	Trends
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	118	Q: What effect of climate change on herd other than icing up food source – is that a variable?	For sure – CARMA looking at different weather events. Low calf survival in every population in bad weather. Would have to capture it in population model – change calf survival in model. Currently the model is taking into	climate

				consideration the worst case scenario – low calf survival.	
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	243	Q: Any studies on predator population? Wolves increasing?	Dorothy: one study that looked at wolves on PCH. Predation rate calculated from that. Two types of wolves on PCH range - ones that follow the caribou and ones that are territorial. Wolves are largest predator because they hunt year-round. On calving grounds, golden eagles and grizzlies are greatest predators. That was only study done. We haven't monitored at all. Q: That study is 20 years old.	Predators
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	299	[how many caribou do you add in for stragglers not included in the photocensus?]	[About 5,000]	Census
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	309	[How did Fortymile Herd go from 5,000 to 60,000 - PCH mixing in]	[40Mile herd started at 23,000 not 5,000. We know there is some mixing but not enough to account for PCH decline or 40Mile growth. In NWT found mixing rate of about 2.5%]	other herds
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	345	What is situation on Bluenose herd?	It's actually 3-4 different herds (Bluenose) – management actions have been taken on Bluenose; recommendations made for tag system; harvest shut down on some. Have been serious management actions taken on two herds. Will look at in July and maybe readjust management actions.	other herds
Meeting	Dawson FN RRC public	401	Yukon non-residents, who are they?	outfitters – other Canadians or non-resident aliens. Most are outfitters in their outfitting areas. Three main ones have access to Porcupine Caribou. There are some special guided hunts by Yukon residents not limited to certain areas; under laws of general application.	Harvest
Meeting	Aklavik HTC RRC public	141	Percentages – how much percent do the wolves get?	Between 16 and 18 percent; that's already taken off before this.	Predators
Radio	Aklavik public	283	Do you think wolves and bears have an effect on the population going down?	Predators aren't part of plan. In draft plan, predators are not included, no actions related to predators are part of the plan. If it is a concern from the communities, must be community-driven initiative. Yes, wolves and bears take caribou, 16-18 percent per year taken by predators.	Predators
Meeting	YFWMB	32	What is the estimate on predation on herd? Predator control not an option for government – is this policy option from Government of Yukon?	was an estimate on predation in 1974, study on wolves north of Porcupine River. Unsure if predator control is govt policy - will check	Predators
Meeting	YFWMB	47	How confident are you in 4K harvest level?	Reported harvest is 2500 on average. 4K makes the model work. ... Feel very comfortable using that 4K figure.	Harvest
Meeting	YFWMB	55	What happens to model in plan if census is considerably different than model? How will that affect your plan? Is it adapted to where it can change immediately or do you have to go back to	If showed up different, would have to go back to consider. Would have more confidence in actual census rather than model.	Model

			the drawing board because it's not accurate?		
Meeting	YFWMB	77	Speaking of Alaskans, how factor into it? Are they willing to buy into it? What will happen when we get into orange, yellow and reds? What will happen over there?	Alaskans are aware of it, partly because at the Old Crow gathering it was presented. Operationally, they definitely are aware of it.	Alaska
Meeting	YFWMB	113	NWT takes bulk of caribou. Entity there that sells caribou legally?	No. Commercial tags for Bluenose herd are no longer available in Inuvik region. Reindeer meat sold.	Sale
S57 P8	Old Crow		"Do they know if there will be a caribou count in 2008?"		Census
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	35	What is the critical number before there is no return?	isn't really a critical number - model changes harvest	Model
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	94	What impact does the muskox have on the caribou?	This is classic case – scientists don't think there is any effect at all. Community members say differently – we don't agree. We've never studied it; it would be really hard and expensive. We know there is the group in the Richardson Mtns that has grown. In Ivavik Park they have stayed the same.	muskox
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	112	A bull would sire many cows. If you shoot the bulls you will have less calves?	no, it's the opposite. Only a small portion of bulls breed. The bulls can sire many cows and the cows have calves. Small bulls are best animals to take. Cows are incredibly important. The next important factor is calf survival.	bull only
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	116	Quite a few years ago, in 1986, doctors came around McPherson taking samples of people. They were getting that from the caribou. If you had so much, it caused cancer.	I think you're talking about Chernobyl disaster; they were monitoring for a radioactive chemical transferred through the atmosphere. They were worried it was being deposited over here. They were testing all across the north. Radio cesium – results from that showed almost zero effect; very little radio cesium coming over to here. We have researchers analyzing samples for contaminants such as cadmium. We are monitoring that.	Contaminants
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	133	Is the population higher in NWT than Yukon (First Nation harvesters)?	need to check	Harvest
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	189	Where did we get the harvest numbers?	A: we are in touch with Alaskans often and we get 12 different sources of information on harvest data. Only info we have is estimates from biologists around Alaska communities.	Harvest
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	192	Kits gave out, can one harvester take whole thing? Each harvester should have few bags.	A: check at check station and get bags. We haven't limited it in past.	Monitoring
Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	194	How long do monitors stay in check station?	A: depends. We are trying to lengthen it; trying to engage the GTC to assist because we don't have manpower in our office.	Monitoring

Meeting	Fort McPherson	34	[Where caribou wintered alst year and the number of caribou taken in Alaska]	Joe Tetlichy -Last year they started on the southern migration and 3rd week in September they were north of Aklavik then turned past Crow Flats and ended up around White Stone Fishing Branch. Some were around the Dempster Highway area. 12 collars were around Arctic Village. DC – They don't do harvest studies in Alaska, but it is a very small village, so they don't take that many.	Harvest
Meeting	Fort McPherson	46	[low harvest help population -gain on birthing?]	We figure about 4000 taken per year. The population estimate is about 100,000. In 89 it was 178,000. 2001 was 123,000 at the last count. DC – The birth rate wasn't that spectacular. There was a bit of hunting in the early part of the year, so there was less taken over the year. What wasn't harvested would have been gained, but about 25% of the calves die in the first month, 2/3 in the first year. That is usual all through the years.	Harvest
Meeting	Fort McPherson	72	[Reindeer last, interbreed, Tuktoyaktuk lost their caribou as well.] The reindeer have their calves in April at Swimming Point. Caribou up here at the coast in June. There is a big difference.	They found some and took them to Richards' Island for the summer. Probably in the Cape Bathurst area wandering around. JT– Sometimes they get swept into other herds. Met a guy in Alaska that was a reindeer herder. One day he had 6000 reindeer, the next day nothing because the Western Alaska herd took it all – never did get them back. MB – Don't know if we have a clear answer. The reindeer breed earlier than the caribou. MB— So they are breeding earlier in the fall.	Reindeer
Meeting	Fort McPherson	65	If there are 200 caribou west of Aklavik, you don't know what is happening today. All we want to know is what is happening. We would like to find out. It used to be September over at Rat River long ago, now it is end of July. It's pretty hard to figure out.	We hear about sightings of caribou where most of the caribou are somewhere else. Don't know why that is.	Migration
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	123	Do you know historically approximately a number of caribou in the past – they were higher in the past and they are coming back to normal? Do some elders say there are lots so not worry while others say the numbers are low	Old Crow elders remember times when there were no caribou and people were starving and other times when there were more. Don't really hear that but we hear that historically harvest was a lot higher – feed the dogs etc	Trends

Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	137	Do you know why the numbers are dropping –	No. Studies when the herd was increasing, adult cow survival was higher. Calf productivity and survival are important. 2000 and 2001 springs – calved south of Porcupine River. People don't remember that happening before – lots of snow, spring very late those years – very low calf survival. Ivvavik National Park was created to protect the Canadian side of the calving ground. 1990 and 1991 also low calf survival – started decline but can't account for decline continuing past 1995. Based on the model, we know that a couple of % change of adult female survival can cause a change in the model population from increase to decrease. Problem is we can't detect a change of 2%	Decline
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	151	Commercial caribou on the menu in Yellowknife – yet we have none. It is all the same herd – they mingle together	Regulations – yes there is still a commercial hunt – outfitters etc. in Yellowknife. In the NWT, herds are designated herds based on calving grounds. Between 1996-99 collared cow caribou migrated to same calving grounds. Since then to now we have seen a 2.5% exchange rate of collared cows between herds – many times, cow go to different areas and come back again. Some times the collar falls off or caribou dies and can't see for sure they come back. Not monitored to see if they're calving in other range. Hard to take but with the Bluenose herds, up here, co-management boards said to stop commercial hunting.	Sale
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	212	Outfitters still hunting in Yukon. Ironic because PCMA was set in IFA. We put that in the PCMA.	A: yes, ironic. One of reasons why the plan recommends to amend PCMA	Sale
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	216	Q: sooner or later, community needs to start saying no to regulations. Sooner or later we'll have limited ourselves out of resources – can't use any animals. What's the fairness in that?	A: you guys should be proud to be one of the first communities to take management actions to help the herds recover. Need to keep in mind that if we have no restrictions, we may not have any caribou to harvest.	Actions
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk	269	Of the 4,000 caribou harvested, how many people are being fed? It's about a ¼ caribou each person.	A: yes, it's not much each. One comment we've heard was to base TAH on # of people.	Harvest
Meeting	Tuktoyaktuk		could you break data down [# ca per hunter per year]?	A: yes we can for some of the data I.H.S., G.H.S.	Harvest
Meeting	Inuvik	40	Is there any data that tells what an adult wolf requires in a given year?	There were studies done that covered the northern part of the PCH range – two parts (one whole are and one NS in ISR). They estimated wolf predation rates and it supported number they have been using – natural mortality is about 16 percent. There have been two estimates of adult cow survival. When herd was increasing, higher than it is now. When decreasing, quite similar or lower. Good guess that more caribou being taken by predators.	Predators

Meeting	Inuvik	151	Can we get tag to shoot bear in Yukon?	No.	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	155	Can keep hide? [of a defense of life and property kill]	Skin out and report to officer – can ask to get hide back in Yukon [and NWT].	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	159	I'm not going to skin out and not benefit from it.	here, you are responsible to make sure hide doesn't spoil.	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	163	Too much work, not worth it.	Can voice concerns to RRC – recommend that season be opened. No harm in asking. Then you can go out and harvest. If that's a concern, let's bring it forward. Not everybody wants to hunt bears. If open [in Yukon], would probably be open to resident hunters too. Shouldn't matter who is doing it as long as it achieves our objective.	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	170	Estimate of grizzly bears across Yukon border?	They don't have an estimate.	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	174	I worked with Grizzlies in past.	There is population work happening on North Slope. On Dempster and at the border, no studies have been done; we don't know how many bears are there	Predators
Meeting	Inuvik	266	How does this affect aboriginal rights? In land claim book, option of management. If individual told not to hunt anything, then goes up to hunt because he doesn't have any food, that's his right to hunt.	Land claim gives GRRB authority to restrict harvesting for conservation or safety. At what point is it a conservation issue that we need to take serious management actions for in order to stop the decline?	Rights
Meeting	Inuvik	353	When do you plan to do another census?	we have been trying over the years. Need right condition on the coastal plain. Plane flies over.	Census
Meeting	Inuvik	358	Have you tried satellite data?	we have data. Only other remote sensing is Quickbird. Have to know where caribou are going to be when so you can order imagery in advance. Can't do that. The PCTC looking at other methods ie non-breeding females in calving grounds. Will be discussing this further. Many don't want us to go on sacred calving grounds, they don't want researchers there. Going to keep trying censuses.	Census
Meeting	Inuvik	383	How much affect can brucellosis have?	been monitoring diseases since 1972, brucellosis since 92, haven't seen big spikes. Most on the collared animals, blood samples. Really small sample size. Would like to get hunters to help sample.	Disease
Meeting	Inuvik	538	When we were doing the Bluenose one, we said PCH would be impacted. Is anyone keeping track of how many more hunters are there?	I have been working with RRCs and HTC's – I don't think we are there yet, we need to work with them to get better data. Check stations are asking those questions. Hopefully they are getting some of that info. More people are going down the highway, esp more residents.	Harvest

Meeting	IGC	33	Q: how long they have been trying to do a census? Q: suggested that they should look at alternative ways to get a population estimate.	Marsha said that they have been trying every year since 2003 [should be 2001], but have not been successful. Marsha indicated that the biologists have been discussing this already. Marsha mentioned that the Porcupine Caribou Technical Committee has been discussing what to do about getting a population estimate. They have discussed doing a breeding ground survey similar to what is done with the Bluenose herd, but weather is an issue for this. The Alaskans do a lot of the work. They are working on putting cameras on all their planes (rather than just one) so they have more planes available to do a census.	Census
Meeting	IGC	47	Q: how the allocation of a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) would be divided.	Marsha said that the IGC would be involved in division among user groups, and then would be responsible for allocating among the Inuvialuit communities.	TAH
Meeting	IGC	56	Q: asked about the use of satellite for taking images.	Marsha answered that they are testing this with the Cape Bathurst herd to see if it can even work. But it would be more difficult with the PC herd as they don't always calve in the same place. Getting an estimate is a high priority for the Canadian and Alaskan governments.	Census

Comments on the value of caribou

Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Meeting	Mayo	33	Northern people count on the herd for traditional knowledge, food supply, etc. I can see with agreeing with this for now, but things are always changing. For example, ticks could be an issue that needs to be addressed in the future. Smaller animals are carriers. Global warming will affect the wildlife and fish even more in the future. We are being told to not harvest as much as we usually do, but we will be impacted by that, and those who we fish and harvest for will be affected (such as elders).
Meeting	Whitehorse public	166	We must now protect the PCH so it can last for a long time for our children.
Meeting	Whitehorse public	223	Echoing sentiments of people here – not knowing where we are going with climate change, we should be doing whatever we can now to help the population grow. It's on a path of destruction.
Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	42	I live in southern Yukon; caribou used to cross on both sides in past, just like the PCH, to point now that whole area is closed to hunting caribou and moose for non-aboriginals. Think about your caribou; be deliberate in everything you do, because one day it may be closed to you, too. I hope not.
Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	124	Today, we can't just think for ourselves; need to think for our future generations. Leave something for the future.
S10 P8	Dawson City		"This herd isn't just a local treasure, it's a world treasure. We have a big responsibility to continue to protect the herd".
S56 P8	Old Crow		"Please save our caribou, we need it for our future people, spread the word."

S61 P8	Old Crow		"Lots of meat when I had dog team. 40 or 50 or 60 caribou for dog food and they'd go trapping and get caribou to each from. McPherson they'd come to hunt. Different world now - people live from the store now - probably only 4 to 6 caribou per person. Long ago they're trap toward Whitestone and Crow Flat and on the way out they'd get caribou. He came to Whitestone 1936. Caribou would come and they have to travel 2 days to get them. Moved back to Old Crow 15 years later - they'd get caribou for living from. Today young people - seems like people don't waste or take too many caribou and they share so that's good."
S62 P8	Old Crow		"We see lots of caribou on top the ice, they stay on it and suck the ice. Lots of animals dead on ice. Close to 10,000 caribou missing and they drowned. Could be 10 years, 15 years time maybe no caribou. Predator - grizzly, wolf, wolverine, hawk, eagles, kill the young caribou. From now on better to not kill cows, just bulls. Been involved with wildlife for a long time - caribou on ice - 2 helicopters chase them. That's why they're getting low because they're getting on the ice and going out to ocean. Just shoot big bull and keep track. Collars are good so they know where they go. They spend lots of money on caribou to do research."
S63 P8	Old Crow		"For a long time they used to run dogs and kill maybe 40 or 50 caribou, and 3000 fish but now is different. We should only shoot bull but we should be careful about that too. Fall time in rut - they would shoot bulls for dogs. Older people shoot cow. In spring they go across and meet the caribou with calf and they like the calf - maybe only a few cows. If we are going to shoot only bulls, how many bulls per person? If the population is going down and bulls only, harvest limit will be hard on this community. If they start to put limit he figures 5 fall time and 5 in spring. Could be a good number. He agrees with limit would be good and population could come back up. Before there's so much mosquitoes when they breed down south, they lose their calves. Before 1940 and 1950 use to caribou we and people from McPherson would come here to hunt but the forest has burned up etc. The caribou go in different place, Alaska/McPherson and not so many goes here because there is no food. Thanks RRC to work hard
S67 P8	Old Crow		"Bluenose and Forty mile Caribou herd almost extinct. If they don't take care same thing will happen to Porcupine Caribou Herd"
S76 P3	Dawson City		"In Yukon, salmon fisheries are abundance-based and aboriginal harvests are the priority. It is widely recognized that fish and wildlife are staple diets of Yukon First Nations peoples. Therefore, we must collectively work towards ensuring the longevity of those fish and wildlife populations as they in turn ensure the health and wellness of YFN peoples who depend on them. Of course in the absence of traditional diets, there are mounting health concerns that we can point to which support these views, high levels of diabetes, for example.
S64 P8	Old Crow		"I've been around caribou - 5 people was here for 5 years to study caribou and that was old time. Really hard to look after the animal. Our ancestors. Those not too many different animals. When they get animals they - grizzly and wolverine would get those caribou. Sometime we helicopter and walk in ___ and caribou was coming real slow with calf we count them. 180,000 caribou then. We take turns and count caribou then 2 1/2 days counting. From Barter Island there was a community lived on caribou just like us. Between here and Herschel Island they go through the mountain. When caribou would come, they did the same in NT (Aklavik, McPherson). They go on Dempster and get caribou; away from the road. In fall time they come back through and we get what we want. Between 1930 and 1940 we had nothing to get it - no skidoo. We have to pack it and get it with dog team. Our elders told us how to live off the caribou. We had to dig cellar for meat. We can't leave wounded caribou, if you wound one, you go and
S64 P8	Old Crow		We're not supposed to kill caribou in mate. Women make dry meat. Anything we eat - don't play with it - respect animal and don't get too many. Even if there is blood on the ground, cut willow and cover it. In winter, cover it with snow. Today we tell them that lots of time. Watch what we do or there will be no caribou. I was brought up the Porcupine, they don't care what they leave on the ground _____. I saw it."

S64 P8	Old Crow		"We have to look out for our water too. Oil and gas company, they do damage when drilling - every year their food grows on the ground and that dynamite blows and affects the food. Quite far I could see the ground shake from the dynamite. I was chief in 1970 - the first thing I worked on was that caribou. Lots of oil company didn't like it. I closed down oil and gas. Lots of things never seen before are here now. Not only us use the caribou, animals use more caribou than us. This is why we run short now. Wolverine, black bears, wolf, grizzly, eagle - kill lots of caribou, lots of calves. Animals waste lots of caribou. Pretty hard to say which one we will look after. They mate in October and lots are born in Crow Flats and animals use these."
S64 P8	Old Crow		"We don't kill cow. They know where to go. We used to walk all day and get nothing. If we kill just bull - no cow because the young ones. Good to kill bull - no calf. We fill our deepfreeze for summer and winter. No throw away any meat. When you skin caribou you throw away the sac in the stomach and you keep the blood in the chest. When they boil ___ they put in a little blood and stir it. Put in little piece of fat in frying pan. Makes good. No one wasted anything."
S64 P8	Old Crow		"Every day the caribou move. They make use of everything when they really need it, they use little that was saved. One bite and one cup each to survive. We talked a lot about this when Robert was Chief and we said how the elders looked after meat or fish and all that. They told us - you have too many caribou - we want to cut off the use of moose and fish. I said I want to use it like we did in the old days. Just ate moose for potlatch, Christmas, New Year, Easter, 4th of July. All that is hard but we have to say it. Every year they work on caribou and we examined then. Nothing wrong with caribou - I'm happy to hear that you live on, you eat it, don't play with it - respect it."
S1 P2	Aklavik		"We depend on our caribou. Please don't destroy what we love and was passed on"
S1 P4	Aklavik		Caribou meat is my son's future. The hide will help his family have traditional clothing to give them pride. Dry meat is his favorite - he says his mom makes the best dry meat. Fired\boiled\roast will help him have a healthy food group and not have diabetics and other disease.
Meeting	Fort McPherson	253	I like all the stuff you have up there, even though that technology – last count was in 2001 – even using the technology of using the model – that's not accurate I don't think. I think the caribou might be under a 100,000 – don't know. Strongly believe we have to do something now - before we get into trouble. Better to save the caribou now, better to sacrifice now than later have no caribou at all.
Meeting	GRRB	67	We enjoy hunting and eating our traditional food. Have to think of our children and grandchildren – would like to see them enjoy it too

Comments outside HMP

Topic	Source	Community	Line #	Comment
Non-HMP	S1 P8	Aklavik		representatives to RRC or Boards need to bring back reports to community
Non-HMP	S1 P8	Aklavik		ask community who is the best person; should spent time on land
Non-HMP	S1 P8	Aklavik		called trouble makers when give concerns
Non-HMP	Meeting	Mayo	24	Should get CSI and hunter education into schools
Non-HMP	Meeting	Gwich'in Gathering	114	Study on traditional food in Old Crow. Vickie Josie carried out that study in Old Crow; basis for looking at traditional food, think other communities should do the same thing. Turns light on in a way.
Non-HMP	Radio	Aklavik public	338	On the board, there are no youth. The youth will be the hunters, and they are not being educated to help preserve the caribou. They should find out from the elders how to hunt and follow traditional ways.

Non-HMP	S11 P3	Dawson City		"I think that the PCMB has been making tremendous efforts towards the continued survival of the PC herd, however, its lacking in a few areas. They most recently asked for a huge budget increase, but no where in this budget was there money allocated towards studying the PCH herd (ie Composition counts/Mark and recapture/Global warming effects etc). The Dawson District Renewable Resources Council also mentioned this in a letter regarding support for the newly proposed budget for the PCMB, more studies! I would like to see further and stronger efforts made by the PCMB along with the PC Harvest Management Plan Working Group to ensure future types of studies are completed and not just have admirable attempts. To end, habitat destruction, habitat fragmentation, degradation, global climate change and human harvest are serious contributing factors that should be addressed with the utmost attention."
Non-HMP	S60 P10	Old Crow		"With regret, unfortunately that the MLA, Darius Elias, has to make bad comments about our own people in NWT about harvesting in public."
Non-HMP	S66 P3	Old Crow		"The caribou recently look different - maybe they are from different herd. They should take sample of that caribou and see if it is the porcupine herd."
Non-HMP	S66 P8	Old Crow		"People don't want tourists taking pictures of them hunting caribou. I make sure I let the VGG know if I take visitors out."
Non-HMP	Meeting	Tsiigehtchic	109	What impact would opening the 1002 lands have on this?