Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting Update 2016/17

Yukon Government

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Licensed Harvest

- Licensed hunters (Resident and Non-Resident):
 - restricted to 2 bulls
 - harvest reporting is mandatory
- Total licensed harvest 2016/17
 - 7 bulls (6 Resident, 1 Non-resident)
- PCH mostly unavailable in fall 2017, one licensed harvest to date

PCH research and monitoring

- Working with researchers to look at PCH habitat
- Finalize Sensitive Habitats analyses
- Digitizing historical range use maps
- Continuing full suite of monitoring
- Planning to use IFA implementation funds to support PCMB-led TK study (WMAC(NS) recommendation)

Hunter Education

- Check station not needed in 2016/2017
- Awaiting feedback on Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures from Parties
- Hart River Caribou Overlap
 - improving communications including new signs for Dempster (Eagle Plains, km 140, Dempster Corner)

Status of Regulation Changes

Joint proposals with the PCMB:

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

Upcoming Activities

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

Upcoming Activities

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

Questions?

