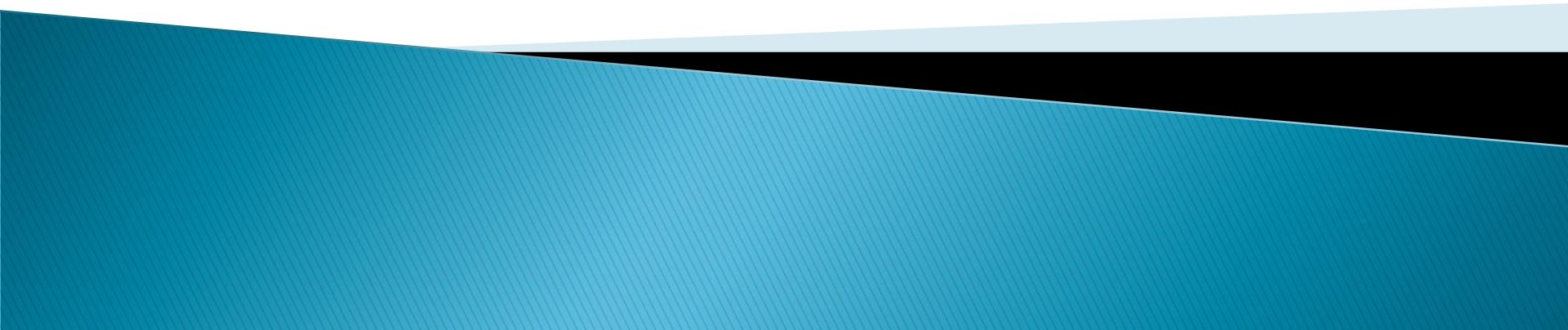


Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting Update 2014/15

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Licensed Harvest

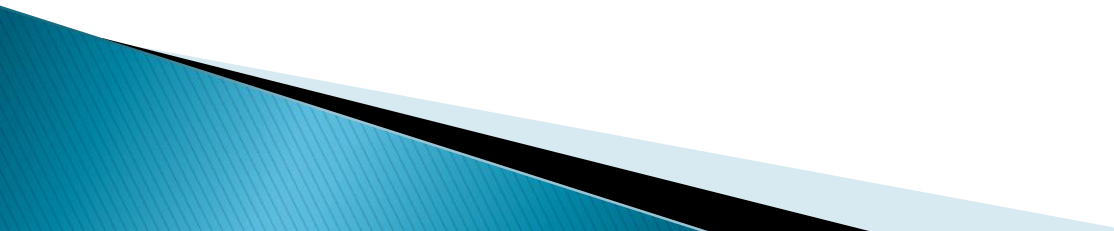
Licensed hunters (Resident and Non-Resident):

- restricted to 2 bulls
- required to report their harvest by law

Total licensed harvest 2014/15 = 3 bulls

Removal of “Dempster corridor” and “Leaders Pass” regulations came into force in spring ‘15

PCH research and monitoring

- Computer population model: working on communication tools
 - Body Condition Monitoring and sample collection with PCH hunters in Old Crow
 - First time with satellite GPS on bulls
 - Hart River Caribou Overlap Monitoring and Communication
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Hunter Education

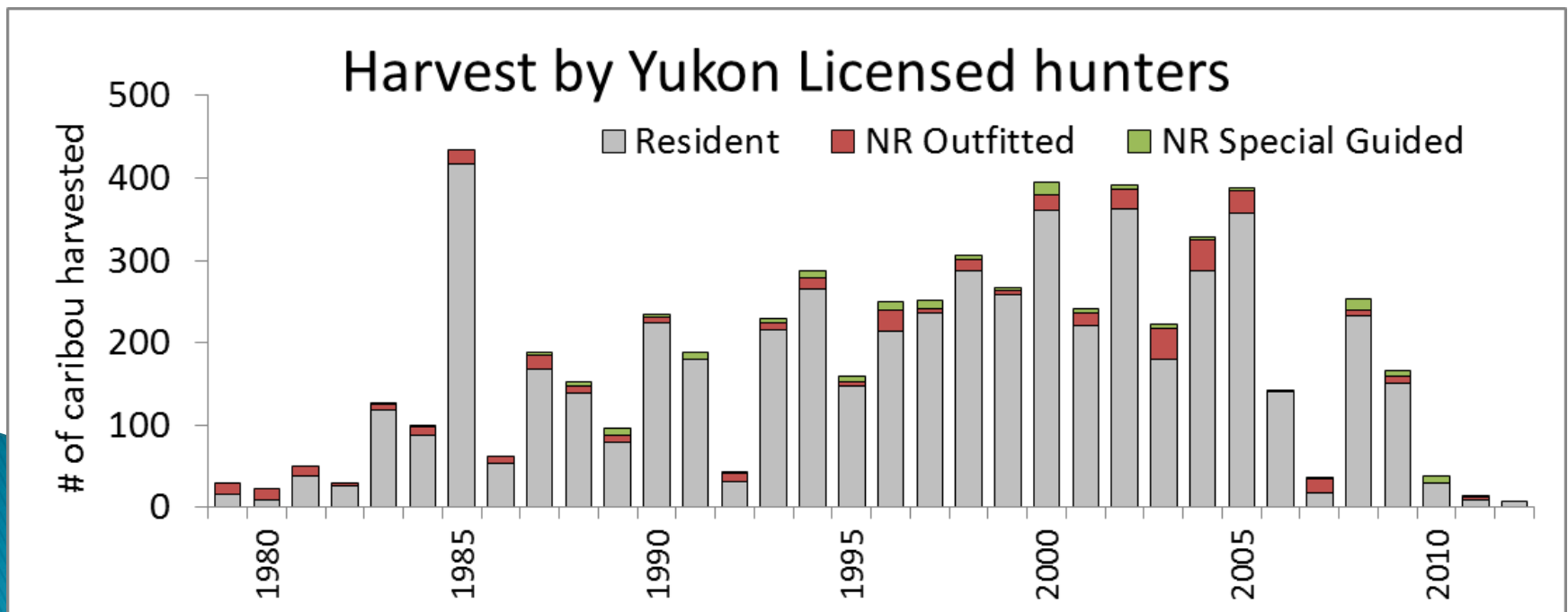
- Conservation Officers patrols
 - Limited coverage in 2014/15 & focused on Hart closure
- Check station south did not open in 2014/2015 – no caribou
- Contributed to TH's First Hunt program
- Updating pamphlet for Dempster Highway re: First Nation/Inuvialuit harvesting rights in Yukon – will bring to Parties

YT non-resident harvest

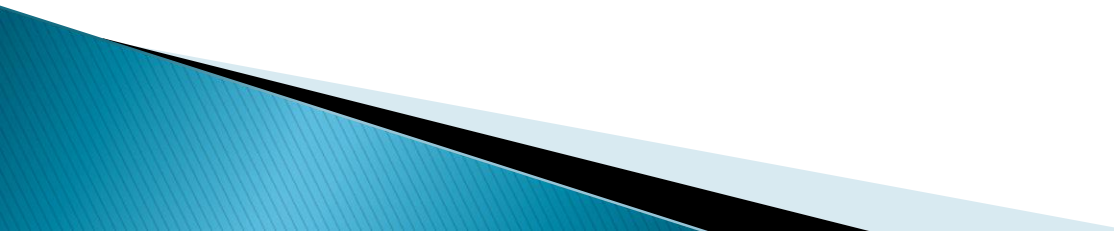
- **Outfitter:**
 - Exclusive right to guide non-Yukoners
 - 4 outfitters have access to PCH (2 with quota, 2 in progress)
- **Special guided:**
 - Yukon residents can guide a non-Yukon Canadian
 - Common opportunity elsewhere in Canada
 - Total of 100 opportunities for caribou, moose, black bear, wolf, and coyote
 - Only where there is no limitation for residents

YT non-resident harvest

- Small component of licensed harvest:
 - Average = 17 caribou/year
 - Highest in one year was 43, lowest was 0
 - Most is from outfitter harvest
 - < 1% of total harvest in most years




Fall 2015 Dempster Observations

- Heavy harvest started once caribou approached highway in mid-October
 - Several sources indicate a high proportion of cows in harvest
 - Good harvesting practices noted but also problems with wounding loss and meat wastage
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Fall 2015 Dempster Observations

- Yukon licensed harvest for 2015–16 ~216 bulls (as of January 19, 2016)
- Conservation Officers patrols
 - Some coverage in summer when caribou close
 - ~75% of days from mid–Oct to Dec
- Check station south open and very effective at engaging hunters

Upcoming Activities

- Work with Parties to review status of harvesting rights on the Dempster
 - Work with PCMB, Parties, & communities to deliver best harvesting practices
 - Installing signs on Dempster
 - Working with Aklavik on muskox and muskox-caribou interactions
 - Continue contributing to monitoring of herd
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Any questions?

