

PCMB

Annual Harvest Meeting

February 14th, 2023



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH



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Harvest Data Collection

- TH F&W actively seeks harvest data information from Citizens through a variety of methods:
 - Mail-outs
 - Door-to-door surveys
 - Phone calls
 - Word of mouth and follow-up
 - Citizen meetings
 - Wildlife Monitoring
 - TH Website
 - Social Media 

Harvest for tomorrow:

✓ **Shoot a bull.**



Not as many bulls are needed in a healthy population.

✓ **Let cows live.**



Cows produce calves. Their calves grow into adults and produce more calves.

On average, a cow that lives 10 years could result in 23 more caribou.



TH Harvest Survey



TR'ONDĒK HWĒCH'IN HARVEST SURVEY

For the harvest year: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
FILL OUT THIS SURVEY TO ENTER THE FISH & WILDLIFE PRIZE DRAW!
 Prizes to be drawn at 4 pm on April 4, 2022

1st Prize: Skimmer **2nd Prize: 65L Yeti cooler** **3rd Prize: Bushnell range finder**

PLUS! Each TH household to submit a completed survey will receive a \$20 Mackenzie Petroleum gift certificate in recognition of your time and valued input.
 The information collected in this survey helps inform the TH Fish & Wildlife branch of changes in harvesting PRACTICES, NEEDS, and harvest EFFORT of TH Citizens so that we can better advocate for your subsistence rights.

Q.1: How many people live in your household?
 # TH Citizens: _____ # Non-Citizens: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Address: _____

Q.2: To enter the prize draw, list names of all TH CITIZENS in your household who went hunting, fishing or gathering between April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
 Each name counts as one entry in the prize draw! Total # entries: _____

Elders (age 55+): _____
 Adults (age 26-54): _____
 Youth (age 15-25): _____
 Children (age up to 14): _____

Q.3: Were the subsistence needs of your household met this past year? (choose one)
 All Most Some Very Little None

Q.4: How were your household's needs for meat/fish/berries met this year? (circle all that apply)

Went hunting/fishing/gathering	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Were given meat/fish/berries	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
If so, how much? MOOSE:	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Meat/fish/berries left in the freezer from last year	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Purchased meat/fish/berries at the store	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Purchased meat from TH Farm	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
TH Programming (e.g. meals on wheels, etc.)	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Other:	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None

Q.5: What methods did you use to get out on the land this year? (check all that apply)
 Truck ATV/UTV River boat Jet boat Snowmobile On foot
 Other: _____

Q.6: Did anything prevent you from harvesting as often as you would have liked? (check all that apply)
 Access problems Poor health Lack of childcare Not enough time
 Too crowded Equipment problems Nobody to go with me Too expensive
 Bad weather Other: _____

Q.7: During any of your harvesting trips in the TH Traditional Territory, did you see anything interesting or unusual? (examples: lots of cow moose with twins; large pack of wolves; unusual behaviour or appearance; cougars, coyotes or deer; lots of tracks, injured/diseased animals, etc.)

Q.8: Do you have any concerns about anything you saw while out on the land in the TH Traditional Territory? (examples: habitat damage, user conflicts, poor harvesting practices, etc.)

Q.9: Please fill in the following sections for EACH SPECIES that the TH harvesters in your household actively searched for in 2021-22.

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Completed surveys can be: Dropped off at: the TH Fish & Wildlife office or main reception in the TH Admin Building on Front St.
 Mailed to: Box 599 Dawson, YT 10B 1G0 ***** Survey starts on the reverse side of this page *****

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Harvest Survey for April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022



For the year: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

WILDLIFE SPECIES	HUNTING EFFORT				HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS		
	How much time did you spend SEARCHING?	Where did you SEARCH? (check all that apply)	How much time did you SEARCH compared to last year?	Successful HARVEST?	Household needs met? (check one)	Who did you SHARE your harvest with? (check all that apply)	Was the animal(s) HEALTHY? (check all that apply)	Any COMMENTS or OBSERVATIONS about your hunt?		
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FISH SPECIES	What GEAR did you use?	FISHING EFFORT			HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS		
		Where did you fish? (check all that apply)	How much time did you spend fishing compared to last year?	Successful HARVEST?	Household needs met? (check one)	Who did you SHARE your harvest with? (check all that apply)	Were the fish HEALTHY? (check all that apply)	Population ABUNDANCE? (check one)		
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PLANT SPECIES	How much time did you spend picking plants?	HARVESTING EFFORT			HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS		
		Where did you SEARCH? (check all that apply)	How much time compared to last year?	Successful HARVEST?	Household needs met? (check one)	Who did you SHARE your harvest with? (check all that apply)	Were the plants HEALTHY? (check all that apply)	Any COMMENTS or OBSERVATIONS?		
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Harvest Dates June 1 st – May 31 st	Reported Harvest Numbers
2012/ 2013	1
2013/ 2014	2
2014/ 2015	6
2015/ 2016	12
2016/ 2017	0
2017/ 2018	0
2018/2019	1*
2019/2020	3
2020/2021	0
2021/2022	0

TH Reported Harvest

Porcupine Caribou Herd



Body Condition/ Animal health

- Information from questions asked about caribou condition and availability during mail-outs and door-to-door surveys
- No observations were reported for the porcupine caribou herd by TH in the 2021/22 harvest year

Was the animal(s) HEALTHY? (check all that apply)
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Were the fish HEALTHY? (check all that apply)
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Population Trends & Habitat

- Population trends and habitat observations are hard to establish with the low number of Porcupine caribou that Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens harvest – for example, no porcupine caribou were known to be harvested by TH Citizens this past year.
- In recent years, the PCH has spent very little time (if any) in the THTT, so we have had fewer opportunities to observe the herd in general.



TH Communication Efforts

- The TH F&W branch receives direction from Council, and communicates and consults with Elders' Council, Youth Council and the General Assembly to discuss any harvest management changes that may need to be considered
- The F&W branch informs TH Citizens of harvest management strategies for certain species
- We communicate current population estimates for various species and share communication materials developed by our government and others
- We are involved in various education programs (i.e. First Fish, Fall Harvest Camp, First Hunt, First Trapper, etc.)



Education

For over two decades, TH has been educating our youth on the respectful harvesting practices at TH's successful program, "First Hunt"

Since 1994, TH has held a camp every year up the Dempster Highway at Cache Creek

Today, our youth and Citizens go out onto the land and harvest food by using the practices they've learned from the First Hunt camp

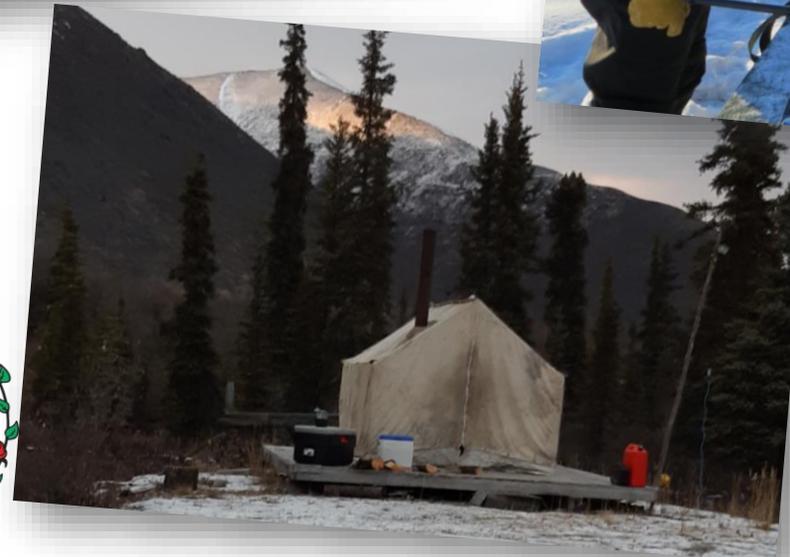
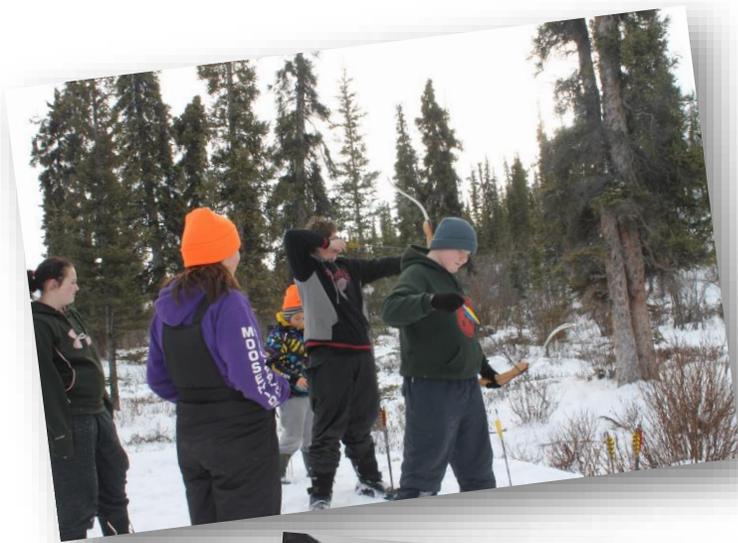
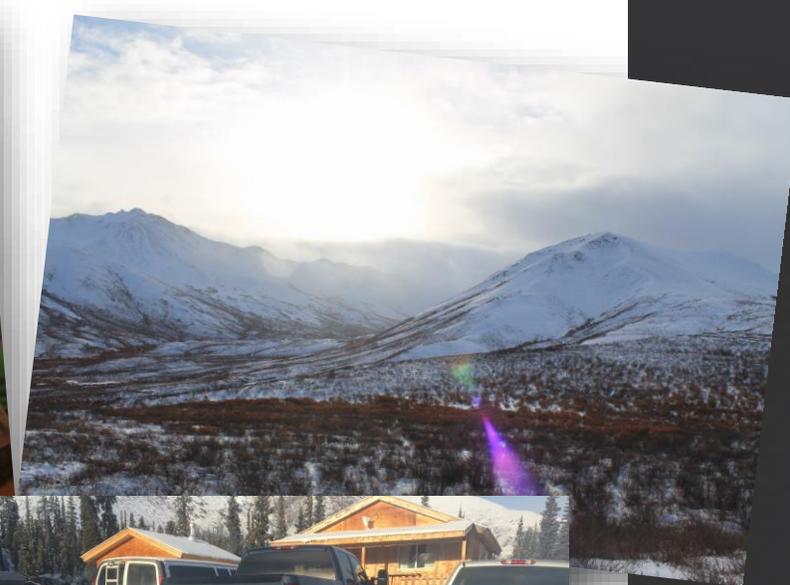
TH Leaders, Elders, Citizens and other members of the Dawson community strongly support this program to ensure that respectful practices of taking food from the land will continue for generations to come



Education is a key responsibility for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in subsistence harvest.

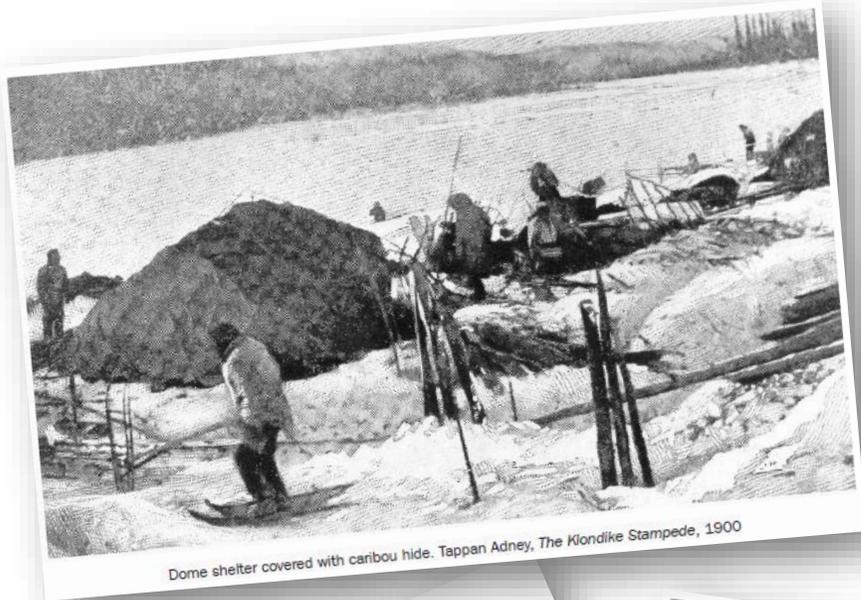


First Hunt



Nothing Wasted

Traditional Uses of Caribou



Dome shelter covered with caribou hide. Tappan Adney, *The Klondike Stampede*, 1900



Caribou skin dress.
Royal Ontario Museum, D.A. Cameron Coll.



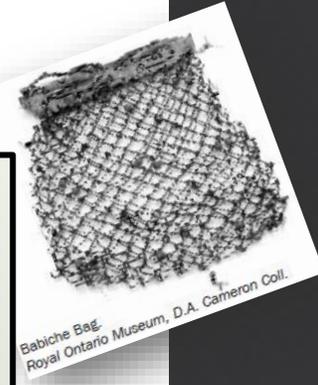
Caribou skin parka.
Royal Ontario Museum, D.A. Cameron Coll.



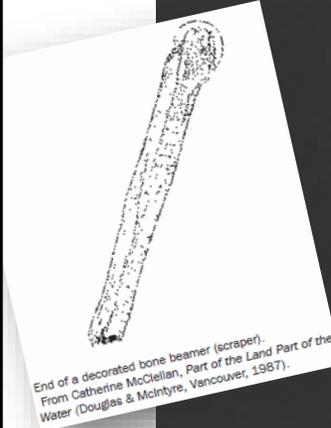
"Interior of Indian Skin-house." From Tappan Adney, *The Klondike Stampede*, 1900.

Everything on that caribou is used. Even the feet was hanging dry. They hang it up, it don't spoil. Like the moose nose they burn the hair off it. You could hang it and it'll keep for a long time to come. Then they start to bundle dry meat just like baling fish...In the fall time there's lots of fat caribou. Nothing is wasted on that. They make lard out of the fat, and they use all the bone. They pound it up and they make grease out it. That's something like Crisco. Real high rich fat, grease... They make clothes with parky skin...They make sleeping robe with skin, and they make Skidoo suit for little kids. They look like Skidoo suit so I call it Skidoo suit, because I had one myself. It was one you don't need underclothes under. You just slip it on and we go. You never get cold with that one. That's how caribou is used for many things. You make robe. You make rope with it. You make dog harness, dog collar, so everything there is for everything.

ANNIE HENRY, BLACK CITY, 1992



Babiche Bag.
Royal Ontario Museum, D.A. Cameron Coll.



End of a decorated bone beamer (scraper).
From Catherine McClellan, Part of the Land Part of the Water (Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, 1987).



Harvest Pressure

- Current increasing pressure on moose and declining salmon populations increases the demand for other sources of wild meat – such as the Porcupine Caribou Herd
- Looking forward, the Porcupine Caribou Herd will continue to be increasingly important as a food source within the TH Traditional Territory



TH Priorities

Harvest Reporting & Collection of Traditional Knowledge

- Improve communications with TH Citizens for harvest data reporting
- TK-based survey to collect information on changes to weather patterns, herd migration, hunting corridors, health of the land, etc.
- Offer meat processing workshops (with H&S) to teach butchering skills and meat processing techniques (e.g. sausage making, dry meat, freezer packaging, etc.)
- Cultural skills workshops such as hide tanning and drum making, and traditional clothes making.

Ethical & Respectful Harvesting

- TH community and Councils support ethical and respectful harvesting
- TH supports continued communications and education on Best Practices
- TH supports education initiatives carried out by the PCMB
- Respect your harvest
- TH supports hunting camps that educate hunters on safe and respectful hunting practices

Shoot to kill. Take only what you need, and use all that you take.





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Thank you

