



GNWT Report 2019 AHM

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Northwest Territories
Environment and
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NWT Resident Harvest

Current Resident Regulations:

- Require hunting licence
- Maximum 2 bull tags per year
- Season 15 Aug to 30 April
- PCH only area in Inuvik region where residents can harvest caribou – in NWT only other Zone open is U/BC/01 (Beverly/Ahiak Herds)

Harvest Data based on:

- Licensing system record of hunters/tags sold
- Mail in (3 wave) resident survey (16/17 still in progress)
- In some years, calls to hunters not reporting through mail out to increase reporting
- Check station data (fall 2009 to 2014)



| Season | Tags Sold (# hunters) | Reported tags (hunters) | Bulls taken (hunters) | Estimated Total Harvest³ | Max Harvest⁴ |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2008/09 | 86 (46) | 40 (23) | 17 (11) ¹ | 35.7 (38) | 63 |
| 2009/10 | 85 (52) | 56 (39) | 14 (12) ¹ | 21.3 (20) | 43 |
| 2010/11 | 90 (56) | 25 (18) ¹ | 8 (7) ¹ | 28.8 (5) | 73 |
| 2011/12 | 95 (50) | 22 (13) | 4 (4) | ⁵ (26) | 77 |
| 2012/13 | 80 (44) | 41 (20) | 7 (4) | ⁵ (12) | 46 |
| 2013/14 | 60 (36) ² | 24 (15) | 4 (3) | ⁵ (10) | 40 |
| 2014/15 | 55 (34) ² | 18 (13) | 1 (1) | ⁶ (3) | 38 |
| 2015/16 | 64 (39) ² | 28 (16) | 10 (5) | ⁶ (25) | 46 |
| 2016/17 | 41 (26) ² | 13 (8) | 1 (1) | ⁶ (3) | 26 |
| 2017/18 | 34 (22) ² | | | | 34 |

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- **Maximum harvest assumes all unreported tags were used**
- **Addressed issue with Box numbers**
- **ENR working on increasing reporting rates**
- **Due to closures of other areas, need to continue to look at data from other regions as well. Zone U/BC/01 (Beverly/Ahiak Herds) opened in December 2013**



Check Station

- No check station was operated in 2016 to 2018
- In 2016, support provided to TGRRC to monitor the highway in October



Body Condition Samples

- In NWT, hunters collecting samples
- PCTC reported the data
- Continue to work to increase sample size – depends on number of caribou harvested



Habitat

- **Very slow fire season in the NWT in 2018**
- **Snow depth station data collected annually at 6 sites along the Dempster**

- **GNWT contributed to Science Report on potential impacts to PCH of leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska (found on pcmb website)**



ENR plans to:

- **Collaborate on response to ANWR development including EIS comments**
- **Continue to work with co-management partners and other Parties to implement the HMP**
- **Continue work to define commercial under the Wildlife Act**
- **Supports PCMB as lead in development of a comprehensive herd conservation plan that includes Traditional Knowledge**
- **Work with partners to improve harvest data collection**
- **Participate on PCTC (technical committee)**
- **Continue hunter education work – building on messages**
 - **Maximize bull harvest in the fall**
 - **Report harvest data**
 - **Sight in your rifle and retrieve wounded animals**



Questions ? Comments?

