



# ANNUAL HARVEST MEETING FEBRUARY 9 - 10 2021

First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun

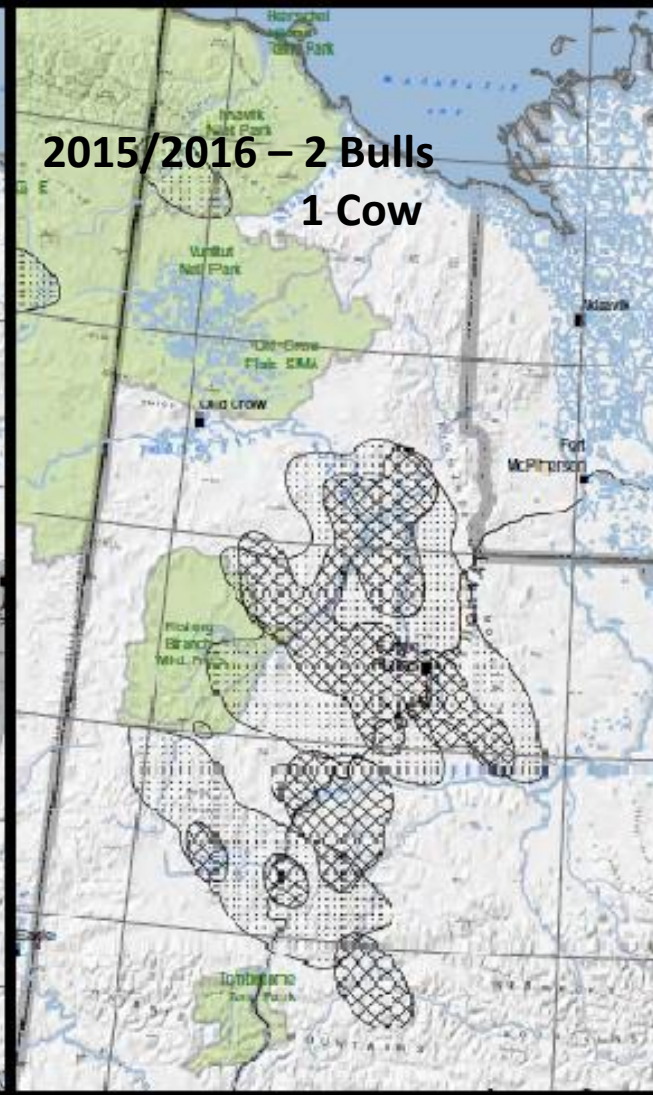


# FNNND and Caribou

Historically FNNND were caribou harvesters: Keno/Mayo Lake, Clear Creek and Ethel Lake.

After the loss of Keno/Mayo lake caribou, implementation of voluntary no hunting of Ethel lake herd, and increased pressure on Clear Creek herd, FNNND have, with time, transitioned to dependency on moose.

PCH harvested throughout Traditional Territory for subsistence purposes.



**Currently** FNNND are light users of PCH, but offers an important alternate food source

Recognize that it requires commitment to harvest management agreement from all parties in order to maintain healthy populations for the future.

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**Feb 8-10, 2020 PCH**  
**Hunt**

- **Compensate for low availability of moose**
- **Provide meat for upcoming cultural events**
- **Maintain culture, skills, and presence on the land**
- **Partnership with J.V. Clark school**

# Observations From the Field

- No fat reserves
- Moderately full stomachs
- Smaller bulls had shed antlers



- Lots of cows and calves
- 4 other hunting parties
- 15 – 20 other kill sites



- FNNND respects the request to leave the cows alone, and realizes selective harvesting is important at times



- NO HARVESTING BULLS DURING AND POST RUT SEASONS



Future - Elders tell of a time when moose will be less available to FNNND and citizens, resulting in higher dependency on PCH.

**Respecting the caribou is the best way of protecting our traditions**

**LEAVE THE COWS ALONE**





**Educate Harvesters on Hart River Herd**

**Traditional Harvest Pursuits Policy**

**Harvest Recording and Data Management**

**Joint Patrols with COs and NROs**

**Consolidate Traditional Knowledge and Identify Knowledge Gaps – develop cultural landscape maps and scenario models**

**Hunter Authorization Policy**

**Collaborate with J.V. Clark School, COSb + Youth Programming (sight in your rifle)**



**Mussi Cho!**