

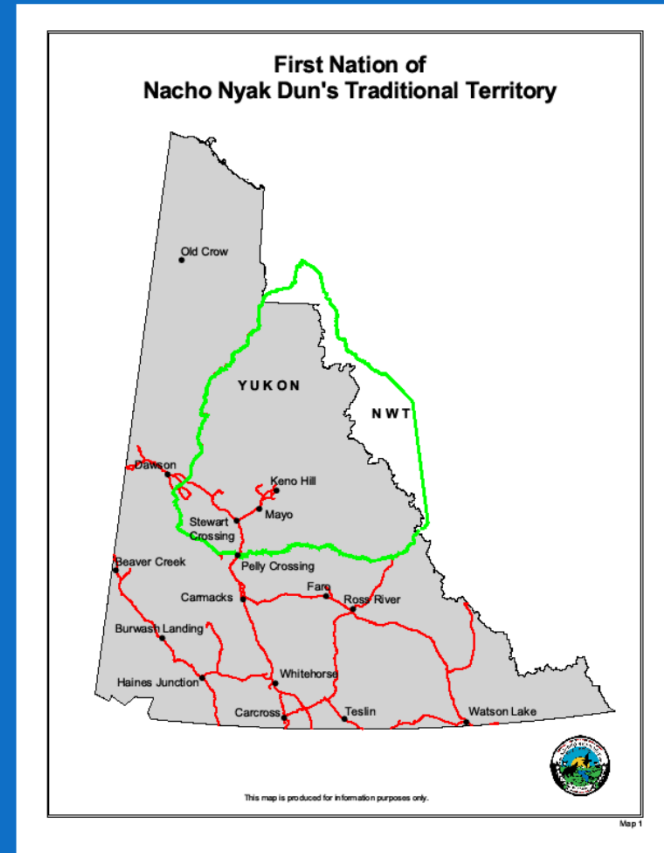


**ANNUAL HARVEST MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11&12 2014  
DAWSON CITY, YUKON**





# NNDFN & PCH



# Harvest:

- Historically NND harvested PCH throughout Traditional Territory for subsistence lifestyles
- Currently NND are light users of PCH, but are committed to management efforts set forth by PCMB for continued healthy pop
- Future- NND recognizes the importance current management strategies and Activities play and respect for PCH
  - important alternate food source within NND Traditional Territory

# NND HARVEST

**July/Aug: Traditional Harvest Pursuits Funding  
Issued to NND citizens**

**Jan/Feb: Interview/survey completed-door to  
door and mailed to all recipients of "THP"  
Funding**

**Feb/Mar: Interviews returned/Harvest numbers  
recorded at NND Lands Dept. & prizes awarded!**

# Hunt for Elders-Nov 2013:

- Hunt was organized to compensate for lower numbers of moose available to some elders; and maintain a presence on the Land
- Idea to bring citizens back on the land and maintain culture and skills
- Utilize “First Hunt” objectives set up through TH to teach NND youth



# Hunt for Elders Nov 2013:



# Harvest:

Fall Harvest-June 1<sup>st</sup> to Present date:

**=3-Bulls Nov 2013 GMZ: 1-54**

\*very few cow/calves present

Nov 2013 Hunt only known PCH Harvested by NND Hunters to date  
Harvest Interview/survey completed end of Feb~PCH Harvest



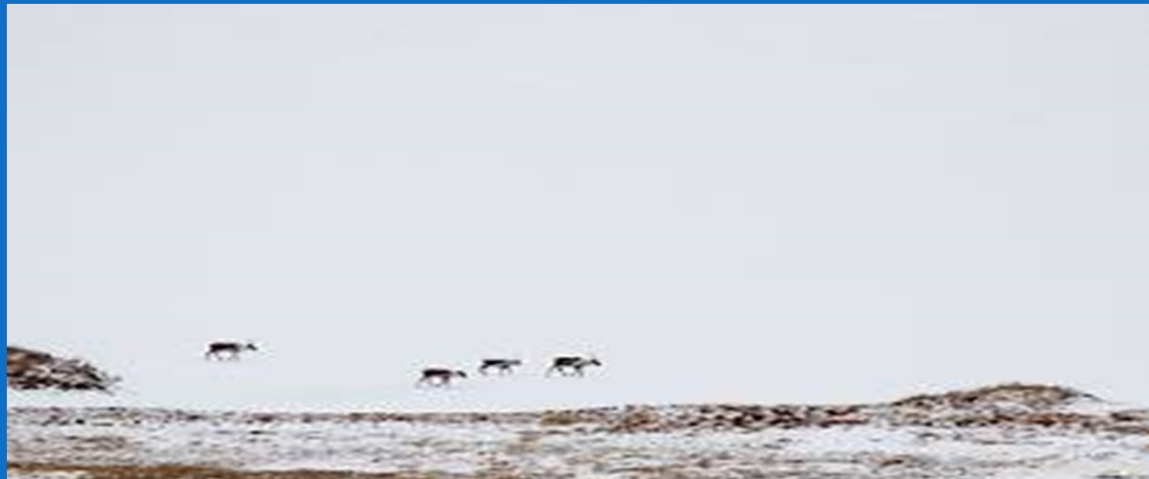
# Caribou Body Condition:

- Moderate fat reserves
- All 3 Bulls had full stomachs-eating well
- 1 Bull had “Blue Ticks” under hide
- Bulls had rut smell while dressing in the field—late?  
\* meat was fine according to elders
- Horns off at time of Hunt (last wk Nov-2013)



# Habitat:

- Low snow pack-horseshoe/arctic circle area for Nov
- Warmer Temperatures-10c for time of year-Nov
- No new fire activity observed in areas hunted
  - a few Caribou present in area- moved on most likely due to recent hunting pressures
  - gut piles found near rd/recent wolf activity observed



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

**LEAVE THE COWS ALONE**



NND respects the request to leave the cows alone, but realizes selective harvesting is important at times

**NO HARVESTING BULLS DURING RUT SEASON**

# COLOUR ZONE: GREEN

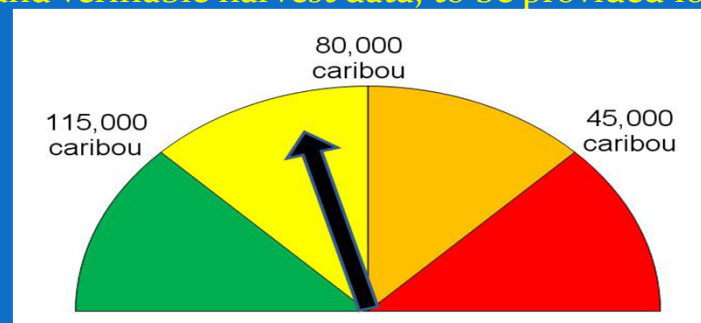
**NNDFN** –supports current management actions set forth by PCMB & Parties

–recognizes past efforts put forth by PCMB & Parties have lead to the success of PCH pop'n status/health...”Good work Team”!!!

The Board recommends that the Porcupine Caribou Herd be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou).

Consistent with the Green Zone harvest management actions that:

- Harvest only the amount needed;
- Licensed hunters receive a maximum of two bull tags;
- Shooting will be accurate and wounded animals will be retrieved; and
- Parties will collect rigorous and verifiable harvest data, to be provided for the Annual Harvest Meeting



# Communication Efforts: HMP/AHM

## NNDFN-Lands Dept:

- Harvest Survey-door to door and mailed out
- Communication: Youth to Elders-Information sessions/posters
- Maintain an organized database: Harvest Data Submissions
- Traditional Knowledge from past users/harvesters of PCH

## PCMB:

- Continued communication efforts to involved parties
- Continued work with involved Parties-Information sessions/posters
- Utilize social media opportunities (facebook/youtube/flickr...)



# Challenges: Current & Future

- Education/Experience for Youth
- Industrial Development/Exploration-Northern Cross Yukon Ltd
- Peel Land Use Plan-open for business???
- Fracking Potential in PCH Range???
- Increased Tourism: Highway traffic & Wilderness presence???



# Acknowledgements:

NNDFN recognizes the efforts made over many years by PCMB, First Nations, Governments and organizations= PCH in Green Zone



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Any Questions?