

**GNWT Report
to Annual Harvest Meeting
Feb 2015**



Looking for Your Input

The Porcupine Caribou Management Board is recommending the following current Dempster Highway regulations be rescinded:

- **500-metre No Hunting Corridor**
- **"Let the Leaders Pass" Closure**
- **Off-road Vehicles/Snow Machines**

Rescinded November 4, 2014

NWT Resident Harvest

Current Resident Regulations:

- Require hunting licence**
- can purchase 2 bull only tags per year**
- Season 15 Aug to 30 April**
- PCH only area in Inuvik region where residents can harvest caribou -- Zone U/BC/01 (Beverly/Ahaik Herds) opened to resident hunting December 2013**

Data based on:

- Licensing system record of hunters/tags sold**
- Mail in (3 wave) resident survey (12/13 still in progress)**
- Phone around to those not reporting through mail out to increase reporting**
- Check station data (fall 2009, 2010, 2011 2012 2013 2014)**

Season	Tags sold (# Hunters)	Reported tags (hunters)	Bulls taken (hunters)	Estimated Total Harvest ¹	Max. Harvest ²
2008 /2009	86 (46)	40 (23)	17 (11)	35.7	63
2009 /2010	85 (52)	56 (39)	14 (12)	21.3	43
2010 /2011	90 (56)	25 (18)	8 (7)	28.8	65
2011/ 2012	95 (50)	4 (4)	4 (4)	⁵ (26)	77
2012/ 2013	80 (44)	37 (20)	4(4)	⁵ (12)	43
2013/ 2014	60 (36)			5	60
2014/ 2015	57 (35)	2(1)			57

NWT Resident Harvest

- **Maximum harvest assumes all unreported tags were used**
- **addressing 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/Ahaik Herds) opened in December 2013**

Check Station

- **In 2014 ENR funded TRRC running the check station.**
 - **1 Aug to 9 Oct**
 - **Low numbers of caribou on highway**
 - **45 caribou reported, >80% reported were bulls.**

Body Condition Samples

- **PCTC reporting the data**
- **working on increasing sample size**
- **hunters collecting samples**

Sight-in-your-rifle

- **none in 2014**

Signs

- **Highway signs at up at the start of the Dempster and on the south side of the Peel river**
- **Sign up in Aklavik as well**

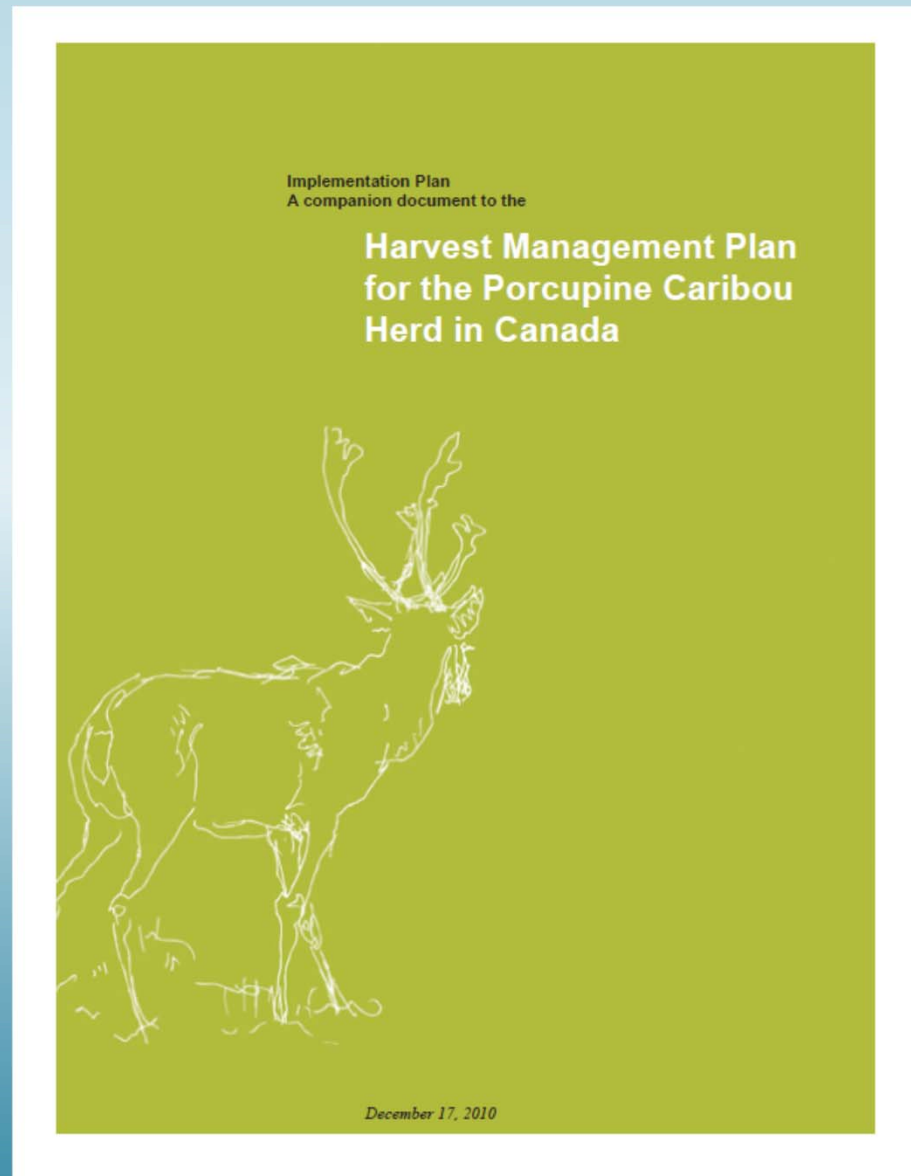
Habitat

- a few very small fires in the NWT range of PCH in 2014
- snow depth station data collected annually at 6 sites along the Dempster

ENR plans to:

- **Continue to work with co-management partners and other Parties to implement the plan**
- **Work with partners to improve harvest data collection**
- **Help compare information from check station and field reporting**
- **Continue hunter education work – building on messages**
 - **Maximize bull harvest in the fall when bulls are in best shape**
 - **Report harvest data**
 - **Sight in your rifle**

Implementation Plan Review



**Questions ?
Comments?**

