



# GNWT report

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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/Ahaik 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)



<b>Season</b>	<b>Tags Sold (# hunters)</b>	<b>Reported tags (hunters)</b>	<b>Bulls taken (hunters)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Harvest<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Max Harvest<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>2008/09</b>	86 (46)	40 (23)	17 (11) <sup>1</sup>	35.7 (38)	63
<b>2009/10</b>	85 (52)	56 (39)	14 (12) <sup>1</sup>	21.3 (20)	43
<b>2010/11</b>	90 (56)	25 (18) <sup>1</sup>	8 (7) <sup>1</sup>	28.8 (5)	73
<b>2011/12</b>	95 (50)	22 (13)	4 (4)	<sup>5</sup> (26)	77
<b>2012/13</b>	80 (44)	41 (20)	7 (4)	<sup>5</sup> (12)	46
<b>2013/14</b>	60 (36) <sup>2</sup>	24 (15)	4 (3)	<sup>5</sup> (10)	40
<b>2014/15</b>	55 (34) <sup>2</sup>	18 (13)	1 (1)	<sup>6</sup> (3)	38
<b>2015/16</b>	64 (39) <sup>2</sup>	28 (16)	10 (5)	<sup>6</sup> (25)	46
<b>2016/17</b>	47 (32) <sup>2</sup>				
<b>2017/18</b>	36 (22) <sup>2</sup>				

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- **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

- **No check station was operated in 2016 or 2017**
- **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



# Sight-in-your-rifle

- Event was held in Tuktoyaktuk in 2017



# Habitat

- a couple very small fires in the NWT range of PCH in 2017
- 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 HMP**
- **Support NUA work**
- **Continue work to define commercial under the Wildlife Act**
- **Supports PCMB as lead in development of a comprehensive herd management plan**
- **Work with partners to improve harvest data collection**
- **Continue hunter education work – building on messages**
  - **Maximize bull harvest in the fall**
  - **Report harvest data**
  - **Sight in your rifle and retrieve wounded animals**



# 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of the NWT

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 passed a motion

- opposing the removal of protection for the Porcupine caribou herd by allowing any industrial activities within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge
- actively support and assist Gwich'in governments and related organizations in their efforts to prevent the opening of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge and to seek permanent protection of this critical habitat for the Porcupine caribou herd



# Questions ?

# Comments?

