



# Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

## FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH

Porcupine Caribou Management Board – Annual Harvest Meeting

February 12<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# TH Fish and Wildlife Act

Our Act provides TH with full authority to manage and administer subsistence harvest in TH Traditional Territory, along with managing licensed hunting on TH Settlement Lands



# Harvest Management

## Communication:

- ✓ TH Fish and Wildlife branch receives direction from Chief and Council, Elder's Council, Natural Resources Advisory Council on F&W management issues
- ✓ Fish and Wildlife branch informs TH citizens of harvest management strategies for certain species
- ✓ We communicate current population estimates for species
- ✓ We share communication materials developed by others
- ✓ We are involved with education programs (i.e. First Fish, First Hunt, First Trapper, etc.)
- ✓ We communicate and consult with citizens (Chief and Council, TH Elders Council, citizens, General Assembly) to discuss any harvest management changes that may be needed to be considered



# Harvest Management

## Harvest data collection:

TH F&W actively requests harvest data information to citizens by a variety of methods:

- ✓ door-to-door surveys
- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ Word of mouth and follow-up
- ✓ Këntraq Tay
- ✓ Monthly calendar
- ✓ TH website
- ✓ Facebook

# TH Harvest Survey 2017/ 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## ENTER THE F&W DRAW FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

1<sup>st</sup> Place - 450 Husqvarna Chainsaw – 18 inch bar

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Cabela's Butchering Set

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50 Gas Coupons

F&W wants to know about your hunting experiences.

Did you go out hunting or fishing this year? Was your harvest successful or unsuccessful?

**All entries have a chance to win!**

We want your harvest data and your input! All you have to do is fill out the short survey provided, return it to the THF&W office and your name will be entered into the draw which will be held at

**4pm on February 28, 2018!**

Did you harvest any of the following fish species? Please check all that apply and provide numbers:

King Salmon (Chinook)	Chum Salmon	Grayling
Whitefish	Arctic Char	Burbot(Lingcod)

Did you hunt any of the following animals? Was your hunt a success?

Caribou	Moose	Sheep
40 Mile		
Porcupine Caribou		
Hart River		
Grouse	Ptarmigan	Rabbits

Please use the following space to provide information regarding your successful or unsuccessful harvest, where you went, what you saw, did you notice many other hunters, etc. Any and all information is appreciated and important to the F&W department.

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# Harvest Management cont'd

## Harvest Data Collection

- Annually, TH collects fish and wildlife harvest
- Harvest data is divided by the various species: caribou, moose and sheep
- Harvest data is for TH management purposes only, but may be shared with other agencies or governments if required to help with plans or management strategies
- In addition, TH collects Chinook and Chum salmon harvest
  - TH shares salmon harvest with DFO as it's one of the indicators considered when addressing harvest management for salmon, as well is included in Chapter 16

# Past & Present Trends

## TH Porcupine Caribou Harvest by TH citizens

REPORTING DATE: June 1 – May 31	REPORTED #'S:
2012/ 2013	1
2013/ 2014	2
2014/ 2015	6
2015/ 2016	12
2016/2017	0 (to date)

- TH monitors and patrols harvesting activities on the Dempster Highway
- F&W Stewards go door-to-door to request harvest data information

# Harvest Management cont'd



## Education:

- For the past 20 years, TH has been educating our youth on the respectful harvesting practices at TH's successful program, "First Hunt";
- When this camp first started, TH Citizens knew that teaching the Youth about the caribou was the basis to developing hunters with the understanding of respectful, traditional, modern and safe hunting methods for harvesting of food;
- Since 1994, TH has held a camp every year up the Dempster Highway;
- Today, our youth and citizens go out onto the land and harvest food by using the practices they've learned from the First Hunt camp;
- TH Leaders, Elders, citizens and other members of the Dawson Community strongly support this program to ensure that respectful practices of taking food from the land will continue for generations to come;

*Education is a key responsibility for managing subsistence harvesting in TH Traditional Territory*

# FIRST HUNT 2017



# HARVEST

## Historically:

Harvest of PCH occurred within the TH Traditional Territory

## Currently:

TH recognizes the importance of continued efforts of management and respect for the herd in order to maintain healthy populations for the future

## Future:

PCH will continue to be and will become increasingly important as a food source within TH Traditional Territory

Current increasing pressure on moose and declining salmon populations will increase demand for other sources of wild meat such as PCH



# TH PRIORITIES

## Harvest reporting and Traditional Knowledge collection

- Improve communications with TH citizens for harvest data reporting
- TK based survey to collect information on changes to weather patterns, herd migration, hunting corridors, health of the land, etc.
- offer meat processing workshops (with H&S) to teach butchering skills and meat processing techniques (e.g. sausage making, dry meat, freezer packaging, etc.)
  - Hide tanning and drum making workshops




# TH PRIORITIES

- TH community and Councils expressed concern in the past about the allegations of wasted meat
- TH supports continued communications and education on Best Practices
- TH supports education initiatives carried out by the PCMB

*Respect your harvest  
Take only what you need, and use all that you take.*


**Harvest for tomorrow:**

✓ **Shoot a bull.**




Not as many bulls are needed in a healthy population.

✓ **Let cows live.**



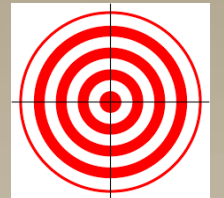
Cows produce calves. Their calves grow into adults and produce more calves.

On average, a cow that lives 10 years could result in 23 more caribou.

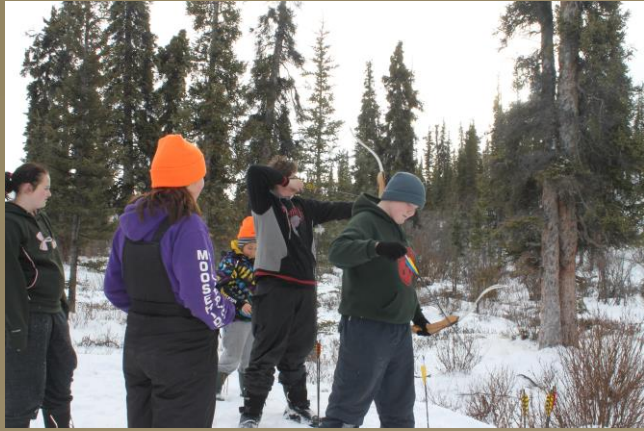


*Shoot to kill*

TH supports hunting camps that educate hunters on safe and respectful hunting practices



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# Acknowledgements



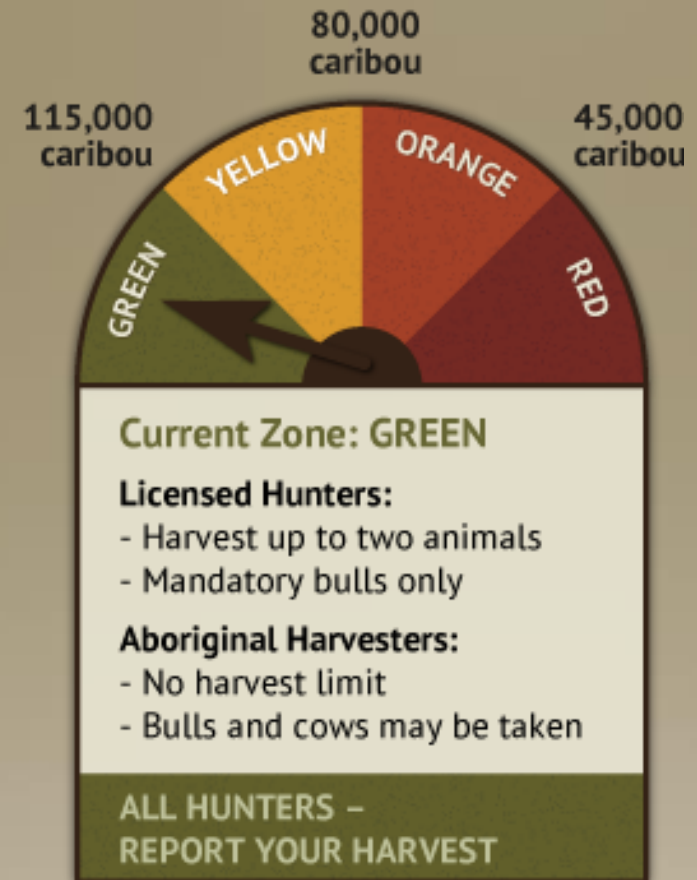
TH would like to acknowledge the management conducted by each respective Party and their community for continuing to work towards the success of the PC Harvest Management Plan



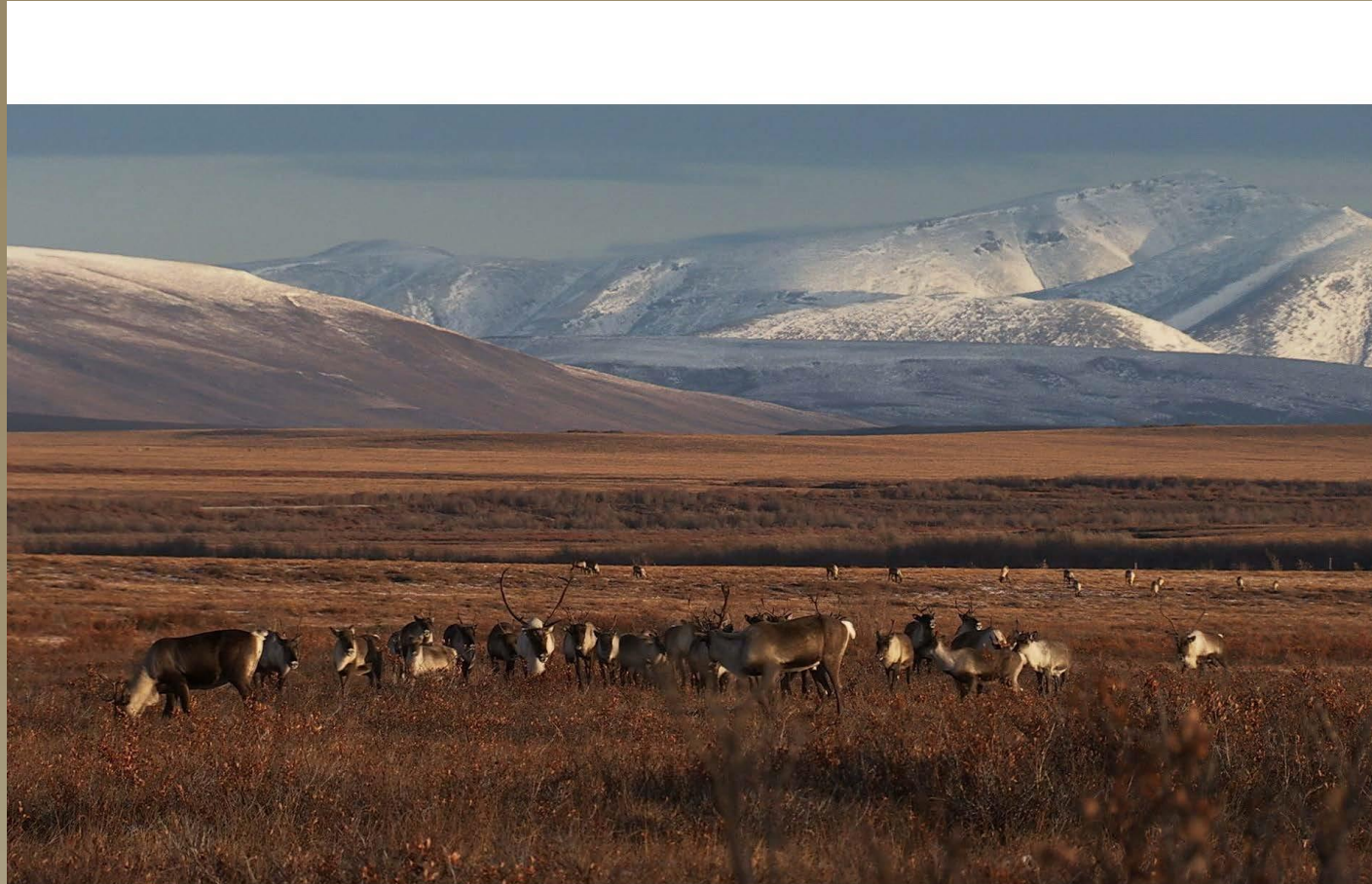
# Recommendations

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in continues to recommend:

Management remains in the **Green Zone** based on the past year's indicators



# QUESTIONS?



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