

Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting 2025

- Update on 2023-2024 Activities -



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Outline

- 1) Licensed harvest
- 2) Monitoring and research
- 3) Management
- 4) Upcoming work



1) Licensed Harvest





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- Licensed resident & non-resident hunters
 - Restricted by regulation to two bulls per hunter
 - Harvest reporting is mandatory
- Total licensed harvest 2023/24
 - 4 bulls
 - Caribou were not available – they were mostly in Alaska

1) Licensed Harvest 2024/25

- 47 bulls harvested as of February 4, 2025
- Mostly harvested in November off Dempster



2) Monitoring and Research





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- Monitoring continues in accordance with the Harvest Management Plan and Implementation Plan
- Supporting PCMB's Traditional Knowledge study and Conservation Planning activities
- Third year of Environment and Climate Change Canada funding to enhance our monitoring and research activities



2) Monitoring and Research

- Collaborative research on climate change
 - Evaluating if we can get at calving locations with GPS collars (camera collar data)
 - Baseline data will be important should the U.S. proceed with oil and gas development in ANWR
 - Fall and winter range work including community visits and efforts to better understand how snow conditions can affect the herd



2) Monitoring and Research

- Porcupine Caribou Knowledge Hub
 - Supporting several graduate students who are working on:
 - insect harassment
 - wolf ecology
 - muskox-caribou interactions
 - vegetation changes

3) Management





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- Guidelines for oil and gas activities are being completed in the herd's range (North Yukon Land Use Plan & Environmental Assessments requirements)
- Initiated discussions on Orange Zone harvest sharing between Yukon First Nations and licensed hunters



3) Management

- Signed the Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Traditional Conservation Area Agreement with Canada and Inuvialuit
- Engaged on protection of calving grounds in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Have been preparing the many pieces required for Porcupine Caribou Management Board led Conservation Plan

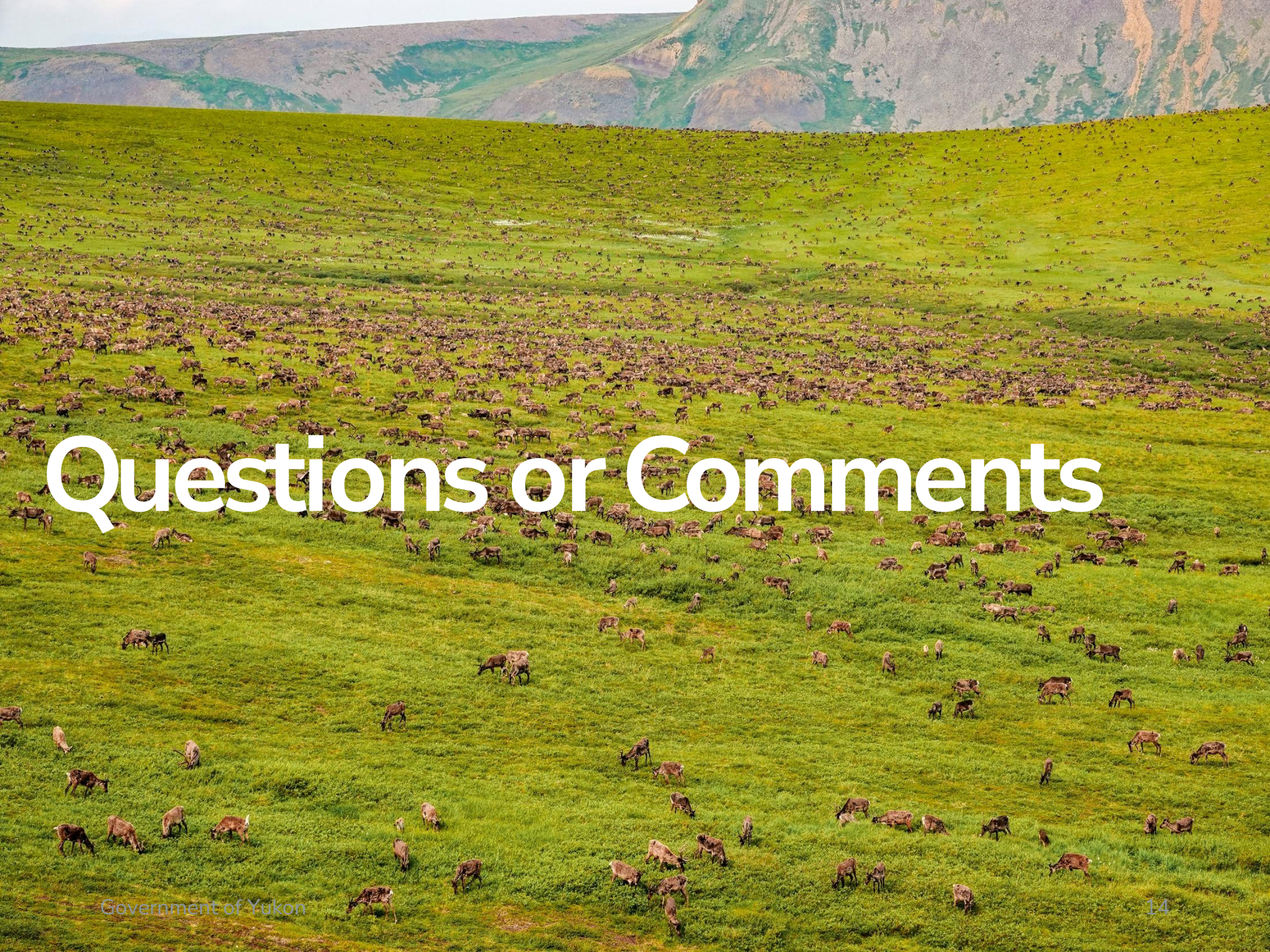
4) Upcoming Work

An aerial photograph of a vast, flat valley. A winding river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by brownish, grassy terrain. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is desolate and expansive.



4) Upcoming Work

- Continue research and monitoring efforts
- Communicate and disperse technical products
- Work with partners across the herd's range to engage harvesters in monitoring the condition of the herd
- Continue to work on tasks in the Implementation Plan
- Help complete the Conservation Plan



Questions or Comments