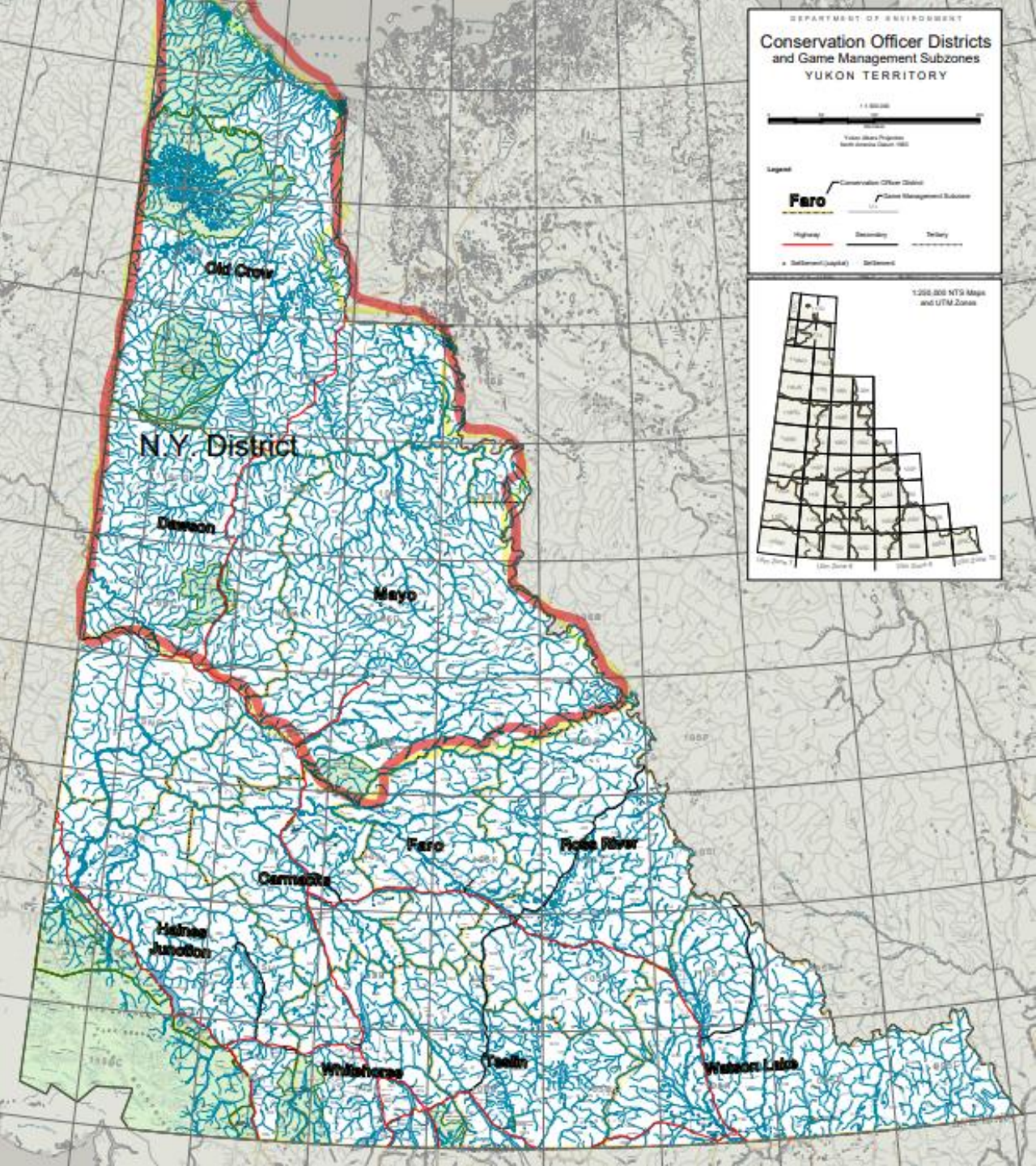


2024  
Conservation  
Officer Services  
Porcupine  
caribou update

CONSERVATION OFFICER SHAWN HUGHES





# North Yukon District

4 Staff (currently only 3)

## Role of a Yukon C.O.




Environmental Law  
Enforcement (Fish/wildlife  
cops)



Human Wildlife Conflict



Public Education/Outreach



# Shingle point

## July 15-23 2024

- ▶ 2 C.O.s drove from Dawson/Faro to Inuvik
- ▶ Boat to aklavik
- ▶ Boat to Shingle point
- ▶ 3 days and over 1000km trip!

# Conservation Officers Shawn Hughes & Cody Schmidt NWT ENR officer Ian McLeod

## PURPOSE:

1. Rifle sight-in event
2. Patrol Cabin work
3. Shingle Point games
4. Enforcement patrol





- ▶ **26 participants signed up. All shooters spent time sighting-in their rifles before the competition**
- ▶ **Dozens of spectators**
- ▶ **Younger shooters than in 2012. Better shots and nicer rifles than 2012**
- ▶ **Several rifles were WAY off target. Cody worked with them to adjust scopes and sight in**



## Shooting Competition

- ▶ Targets were placed at 30, 60 and 80 yds with categories for open sights and scoped rifles
- ▶ All targets were scored. Avg score was 6/20 and top score was 17/20
- ▶ PRIZES! All shooters put their name in a hat for draw prizes – binoculars, shooting sticks, gun cleaning supplies, camping /hunting supplies etc.
- ▶ Sharp Shooter award given to 1<sup>st</sup> place – a rifle scope and lazer range finder worth \$1000

# Shingle Point Games

- ▶ There are 37 cabins at Shingle Point now!
- ▶ Mostly Inuvialuit people from Aklavik and Inuvik
- ▶ Hunting, whaling, fishing





# New Patrol Cabin in progress



# 2024 Caribou Patrols

- ▶ **Nov 2, 2024: Old Crow Snowmobile Patrol.**
- ▶ ~ dozen hunters out.
- ▶ ~ 100 caribou observed around Crow Mtn & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mtn
- ▶ Checked 6 harvested caribou – mostly young bulls
- ▶ Observed some poor hunting/shooting but no violations
- ▶ Checked one subsistence hunter that was not a VGFN beneficiary but had written consent
- ▶ Tried to organize a Shooting event w/ RCMP and VGFN for the following weekend, but VGFN decided to postpone until next fall



# Dempster Patrols

- ▶ 4 patrols made during November 3-4 days/ea.
- ▶ Checked 8 – 15 trucks/day
- ▶ ~ 120 caribou harvested –
- ▶ (2/3 subsistence harvest, 1/3 licenced)





**BLIZZARDS!**

Bad weather & high winds canceled shooting event(s)...



# PCH 2024 Enforcement Stats

- ▶ One court appearance for waste of meat that led to a conviction and \$1200 fine, forfeit caribou and mandatory HEED
- ▶ One ticket – loaded firearm in vehicle
- ▶ 2 warnings for failing to cancel seal
- ▶ 2 warnings for late caribou harvest reports
- ▶ One complaint about not letting the leaders pass
- ▶ One complaint of waste of meat
- ▶ One complaint of unethical hunting





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QUESTIONS?