

PCMB

Annual Harvest Meeting

February 11th, 2026

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

• FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH

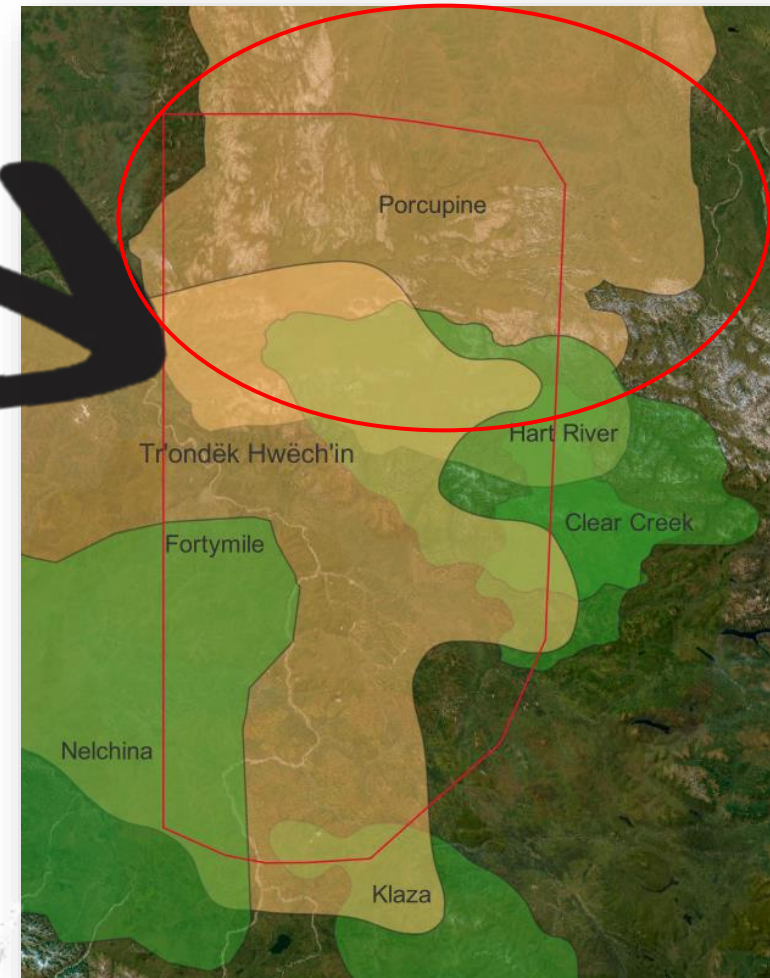
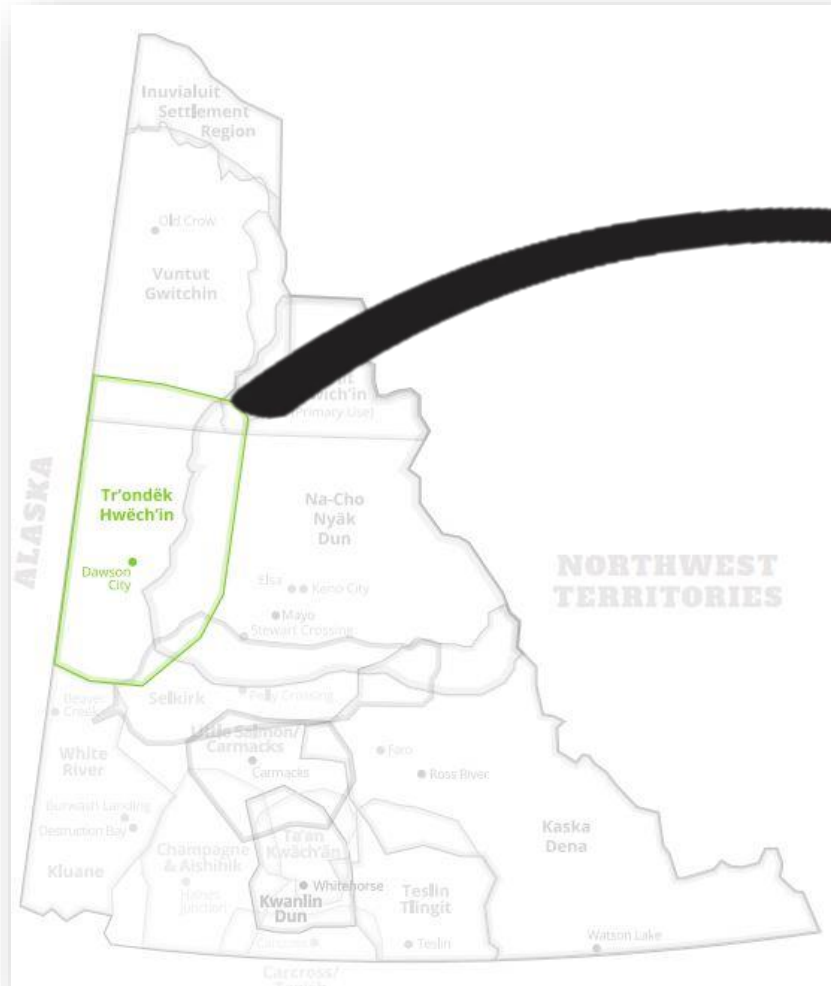








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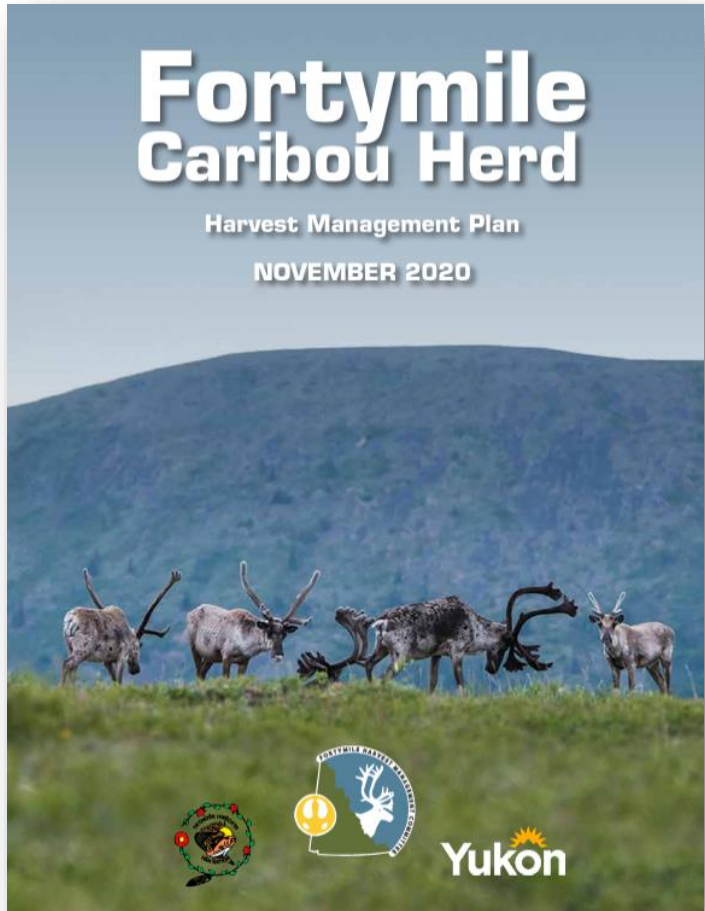
Wédzey Herds in the TH TT



Wëdzey Herd	Population estimate	Population trend notes
Porcupine 	2017: 218,000 2025: 143,000	PCMB 'Green Zone'; all indicators show a decline since 2022, and herd numbers have declined significantly from the 2017 peak
Fortymile 	2017: 84,000 2022: 38,000 2023: 35,000 2024: 29,000	Significant decline from 2017 peak of 84,000; body condition of adults and calves are improving which may signal a stabilization in the current decline
Nelchina 	2019: 53,000 2022: 21,000 2023: 9,000 2024: 13,000 2025: pending	Significant decline from peak count in 2019 thought to have been caused by poor winter and spring migration survival; wëdzey condition improved in 2024 and numbers increased
Hart River 	2006: 2,200 2015: 2,662 2025: pending	Herd appears stable; annual composition surveys completed; population census survey Sept 2025
Clear Creek 	2001: 900 2018: 792 2025: pending	Surveyed 16 of 24 years between 1997 and 2021; stable or very slowly declining
Klaza 	1989: 441 2000: 700 2012: 1,179 2025: 913	1989 survey did not include southern portion of the herd's range; 1996 survey attempted, but no estimate was produced



Wëdzey Management Plans




Harvest Data Collection

TH F&W actively seeks harvest data information from Citizens through a variety of methods:

- Mail-outs
- Door-to-door surveys
- Phone calls
- Word of mouth and follow-up
- Citizen meetings
- Wildlife Monitoring
- TH Website
- Social Media


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.



TH Harvest Survey



TR'ONDËK HWËCH'IN HARVEST SURVEY

For the harvest year: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
FILL OUT THIS SURVEY TO ENTER THE FISH & WILDLIFE PRIZE DRAW!
 Prizes to be drawn at 4 pm on April 4, 2022

1st Prize: Skimmer 2nd Prize: G5L Yeti cooler 3rd Prize: Bushnell range finder

PLUS! Each TH household to submit a completed survey will receive a \$20 Mackenzie Petroleum gift certificate in recognition of your time and valued input.
 The information collected in this survey helps inform the TH Fish & Wildlife branch of changes in harvesting PRACTICES, NEEDS, and harvest EFFORT of TH Citizens so that we can better advocate for your subsistence rights.

Q.1: How many people live in your household?
 # TH Citizens: _____ # Non-Citizens: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Address: _____

Q.2: To enter the prize draw, list names of all TH CITIZENS in your household who went hunting, fishing or gathering between April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022?
 Each name counts as one entry in the prize draw! Total # entries: _____

Elders (age 55+): _____
 Adults (age 26-54): _____
 Youth (age 15-25): _____
 Children (age up to 14): _____

Q.3: Were the subsistence needs of your household met this past year? (choose one)
 All Most Some Very Little None

Q.4: How were your household's needs for meat/fish/berries met this year? (circle all that apply)

	All	Most	Some	Very Little	None
Went hunting/fishing/gathering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were given meat/fish/berries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, how much?					
Meat/fish/berries left in the freezer from last year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchased meat/fish/berries at the store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchased meat from TH Farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TH Programming (e.g. meals on wheels, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q.5: What methods did you use to get out on the land this year? (check all that apply)
 Truck ATV/UTV River boat Jet boat Snowmobile On foot
 Other: _____

Q.6: Did anything prevent you from harvesting as often as you would have liked? (check all that apply)
 Access problems Poor health Lack of childcare Not enough time
 Too crowded Equipment problems Nobody to go with me Too expensive
 Bad weather Other: _____

Q.7: During any of your harvesting trips in the TH Traditional Territory, did you see anything interesting or unusual? (examples: lots of cow moose with twins; large pack of wolves; unusual behaviour or appearance; cougars, coyotes or deer; lots of tracks, injured/diseased animals, etc.)

Q.8: Do you have any concerns about anything you saw while out on the land in the TH Traditional Territory? (examples: habitat damage, user conflicts, poor harvesting practices, etc.)

Q.9: Please fill in the following sections for EACH SPECIES that the TH harvesters in your household actively searched for in 2021-22.

Mähsi Choi!!

Completed surveys can be: Dropped off at: the TH Fish & Wildlife office or main reception in the TH Admin Building on Front St.
 Mailed to: Box 599 Dawson, YT Y0B 1G0 Emailed to: alice.mcculley@trondak.ca
 *** Survey starts on the reverse side of this page ->

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For the year: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

WILDLIFE SPECIES	HUNTING EFFORT			HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS		
	How much time did you spend SEARCHING?	Where did you SEARCH? (check all that apply)	How much time did you SEARCH compared to last year?	Successful HARVEST?	Household needs met? (check one)	Who did you SHARE your harvest with? (check all that apply)	Was the animal(s) HEALTHY? (check all that apply)	Any COMMENTS or OBSERVATIONS about your hunt?	
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FISH SPECIES	What GEAR did you use?	FISHING EFFORT			HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS		
		Where did you fish? (check all that apply)	How much time did you spend fishing compared to last year?	Successful HARVEST?	Household needs met? (check one)	Who did you SHARE your harvest with? (check all that apply)	Were the fish HEALTHY? (check all that apply)	Population ABUNDANCE? (check one)		
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PLANT SPECIES	HARVESTING EFFORT			HARVEST			OBSERVATIONS	
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Harvest Dates June 1 st – May 31 st	Reported Harvest Numbers
2012 – 2013	1
2013 – 2014	2
2014 – 2015	6
2015 – 2016	12
2016 – 2017	0
2017 – 2018	0
2018 – 2019	1*
2019 – 2020	3
2020 – 2021	0
2021 – 2022	0
2022 – 2023	0
2023 – 2024	0
2024 – 2025	0**

**TH
Reported
Harvest**

*Porcupine
Wédzey*

Body Condition/ Animal health

- Information from questions asked about caribou condition and availability during mail-outs and door-to-door surveys
- No observations were reported for the PCH by TH in 2024/25

Was the animal(s) HEALTHY? (check all that apply)
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Were the fish HEALTHY? (check all that apply)
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Population Trends & Habitat

- Population trends and habitat observations are hard to establish with the low number of Porcupine caribou that TH Citizens harvest in recent years
- The PCH has spent very little time in the THTT in the past decade, so we have had fewer opportunities to observe the PCH in general.
- Snow density has increased over recent years in the Richardsons.



Increased Harvest Pressures

- Current increasing pressure on moose and severe decline of salmon populations increases the demand for other sources of wild meat
- Looking forward, the Porcupine Caribou Herd will continue to be increasingly important as a food source within the TH Traditional Territory, especially in years when the herd is within the TH TT



DRIN WĒDZEY · CARIBOU DAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

ÄĹÄT NĒHĒJĒL · TH HALL

Please join us for an evening of herd updates, research, harvest stewardship, hunter education, and a film screening.

Dinner, coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

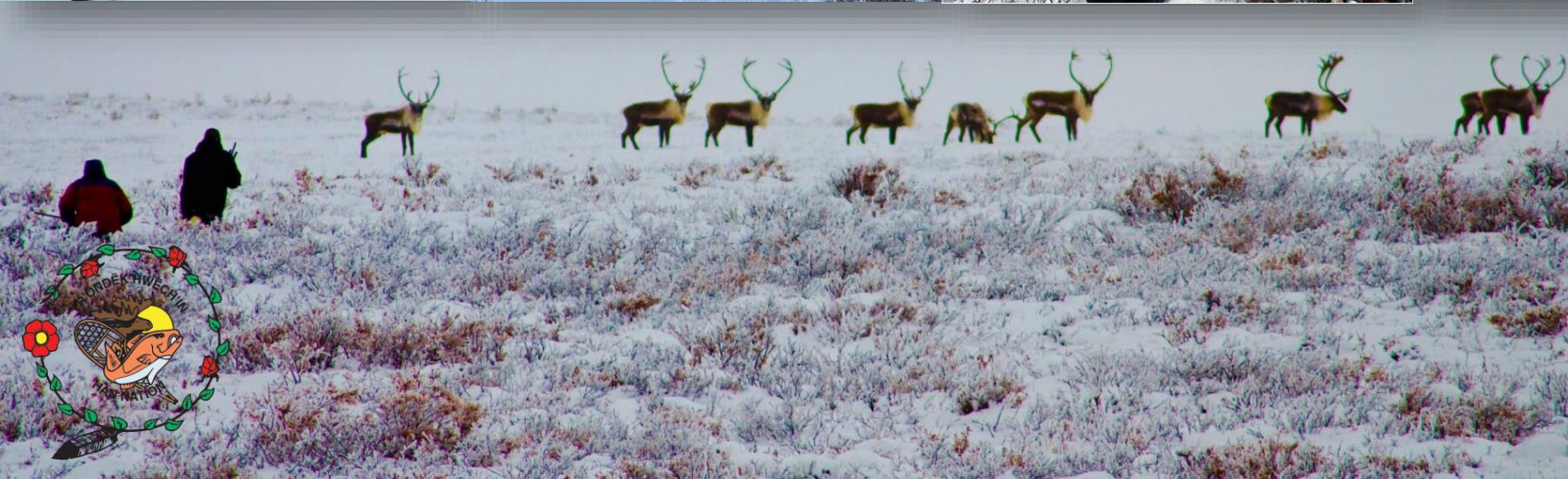


Communications

- Receive direction from Council, and communicates with Elders' Council, Youth Council and the General Assembly to discuss any harvest management changes that should be considered
- Communicate current population estimates for various species and share communication materials developed by our government and others

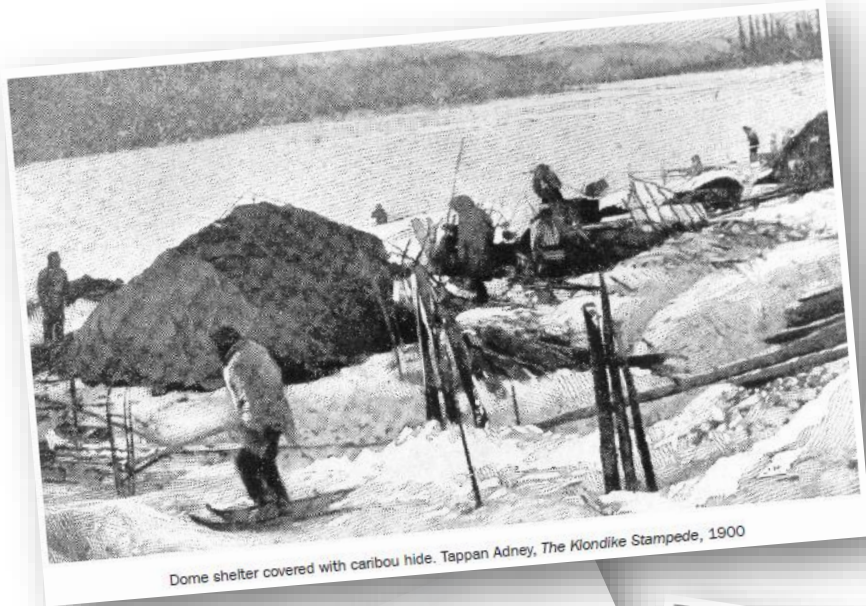


First Hunt



Nothing Wasted

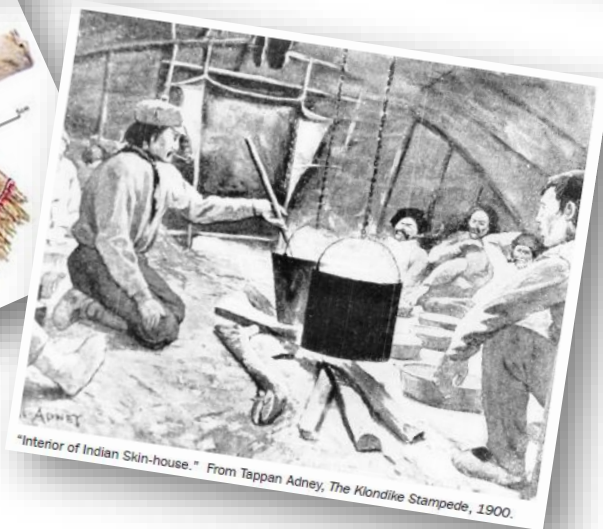
Traditional Uses of Wëdzey



Dome shelter covered with caribou hide. Tappan Adney, *The Klondike Stampede*, 1900



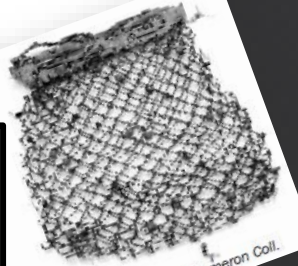
Caribou skin dress.
Royal Ontario Museum, D.A. Cameron Coll.



"Interior of Indian Skin-house." From Tappan Adney, *The Klondike Stampede*, 1900.

Everything on that caribou is used. Even the feet was hanging dry. They hang it up, it don't spoil. Like the moose nose they burn the hair off it. You could hang it and it'll keep for a long time to come. Then they start to bundle dry meat just like baling fish...In the fall time there's lots of fat caribou. Nothing is wasted on that. They make lard out of the fat, and they use all the bone. They pound it up and they make grease out it. That's something like Crisco. Real high rich fat, grease... They make clothes with parky skin...They make sleeping robe with skin, and they make Skidoo suit for little kids. They look like Skidoo suit so I call it Skidoo suit, because I had one myself. It was one you don't need underclothes under. You just slip it on and we go. You never get cold with that one. That's how caribou is used for many things. You make robe. You make rope with it. You make dog harness, dog collar, so everything there is for everything.

ANNIE HENRY, BLACK CITY, 1992



Babiche Bag.
Royal Ontario Museum, D.A. Cameron Coll.



End of a decorated bone beamer (scraper).
From Catherine McClellan, *Part of the Land Part of the Water* (Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, 1987).



Wëdzey TK Summary Report

Summary of Existing Traditional Knowledge for Caribou
(Wëdzey) Conservation in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Traditional Territory – 2021



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Summary of existing Traditional
Knowledge (TK) of all wëdzey herds
documented within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Traditional Territory as of 2021.





Maintaining good relations with Wëdzey:

The role of ancestral stewardship in caribou conservation in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory in Yukon, Canada



WHO WE ARE

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in is one of 11 self-governing First Nations in Yukon, Canada.

Our land claims agreement¹ with the federal and territorial governments defines our 62,000 km² Traditional Territory and outlines our Constitutionally-protected rights, titles and interests, including but not limited to:

- protection of subsistence harvesting,
- equal participation in wildlife management, and
- preservation of our culture, identity and values.



We are Dënezhu² — the people of this land.
We are Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in — the people who live at the confluence of the Klondike River.
We have always lived here.

When our world was different than it is today, our cultural hero Tsá' Wëzhè travelled our territory and brought order to the world. He established relationships with our non-human relatives, including caribou, and formalized our responsibilities to them and to each other. His journey and the agreements he made are Tr'ëhudë — our way of life, our law.



OUR CONNECTION WITH CARIBOU

The well-being of Wëdzey (caribou) and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in people are linked and interdependent.



This relationship has changed and adapted over millennia, as we have both been exposed to unprecedented changes in land use, settlement patterns, and climate change.



The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory overlaps with 6 caribou herds in west-central Yukon.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND METHODOLOGY:

Our place in this world is created, understood and owned through storytelling. Our knowledge lives in our stories and is deeply embedded within place and time — past, present and future. Many of these stories have been carefully recorded over the past few decades as we work towards reconciliation and rebuilding our culture. The objectives of this project were to summarize existing documented traditional knowledge of Wëdzey in order to find patterns in this information to better express to Citizens and our co-management partners the enduring and resilient relationship between TH Citizens and Wëdzey and its role in conserving this culturally important species.

Matrix Research, Ltd. was contracted to complete a thematic analysis of interviews, stories and archival materials stored in TH Heritage archives using NVivo software. After coding 83 transcripts, several themes emerged, which were grouped into three categories related to: (1) Good Relations, (2) Ecology, and (3) Moving Forward. Project outcomes included a plain language report³, gap analysis, and database of caribou-related materials for use in future caribou conservation initiatives.



Our foundational values⁴ and beliefs continue to guide the spiritual and social relationships that have existed between Wëdzey and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in people since time immemorial.

Wëdzey teach us and care for us. These gifts of knowledge and food place an obligation upon us to care for Wëdzey in return, and to speak for them when they need a voice.

"...they're in control of their own lives and they're teaching us...so it's important to open up and recognize those signs that a lot of the teachings actually come from those animals..."

The places where people and Wëdzey have met and interacted for generations are important habitat areas.

"We as humans are part of the land as well, and...everything is connected. The land, the plants, the fish, the wildlife, the caribou."

Wëdzey have intimate knowledge of the land and know where to find food and the safe places they need to rest and raise their young, but Wëdzey habitat faces many threats.

"[Caribou] have their own communities and families and live by their own codes or laws that guide their behaviour."



Practices of respect underpin all harvesting activities and ensure Wëdzey herds remain healthy and abundant for future generations.

"How you acknowledge your obligations also determines your success as a hunter. Those who hunt responsibly and show proper respect will continue to have success."

Healthy Wëdzey means healthy people. The ability to harvest is central to our identity and is essential to maintaining a relationship with Wëdzey and ensuring food security.

"We've got to keep hunting those animals too, because that's also going to...keep their health at a level that needs to... sustain the population."

Our relationship with Wëdzey has changed but we remain committed to maintain our important relationships with Wëdzey and upholding our ancestral stewardship obligations.



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To be effective, caribou conservation initiatives in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory need to support and strengthen the longstanding relationships between Dënezhu and caribou.

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Ongoing work '1002 Lands' in ANWR

December 2017

s.20001 of Public Law 115-97
"the Tax Act" passed by US Congress

April 20, 2018

BLM issued NOI to Conduct a Scoping Process for Leasing EIS

• **June 19, 2018:** TH Response

December 2018

BLM released Draft EIS for public comment

• **March 13, 2019:** TH Response

September 2019

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

August 17, 2020

BLM released a Record of Decision (ROD)

• **September 10, 2020:** Parties to PCMA (incl. TH) responded by releasing a joint press release

October 2020

Kaktovik Iñupiat submitted and application for Seismic Exploration within ANWR

• **November 3, 2020:** TH Response

November 17, 2020

Call for Nominations

• **December 7, 2020:** TH Response

December 16, 2020

BLM Seismic Exploration Environmental Assessment

• **December 22, 2020:** TH Response

December 2020

Notice of 2021 Coastal Plan AK O&G Lease Sale & Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale

January 6, 2021

1st oil and gas drilling lease sale – no bids

January 19, 2021

Leases issued to 3 companies for 9 of 22 tracts of land in '1002' lands

January 20, 2021

Executive Order signed to place temporary moratorium on O&G leases in ANWR to address potential deficiencies in EIS

June 1, 2021

Secretarial Order No. 3401 to suspend the 9 leases

• **June 4, 2021:** Parties to PCMA (incl. TH) responded by releasing a joint press release

August 4, 2021

BLM issued NOI to Prepare Supplemental EIS

• **October 4, 2021:** TH Response

August 2023

BLM released Draft Supplemental EIS

• **October 23, 2023:** TH Response

November 6, 2024

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

January 8, 2025

2nd oil and gas drilling lease sale – no bids

October 2025

BLM released a Record of Decision (ROD)

• **PCMB Parties sent joint PM Carney**

February 2026

Call for Nominations in ANWR

• **Comments due March 5, 2026**





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Thank you

