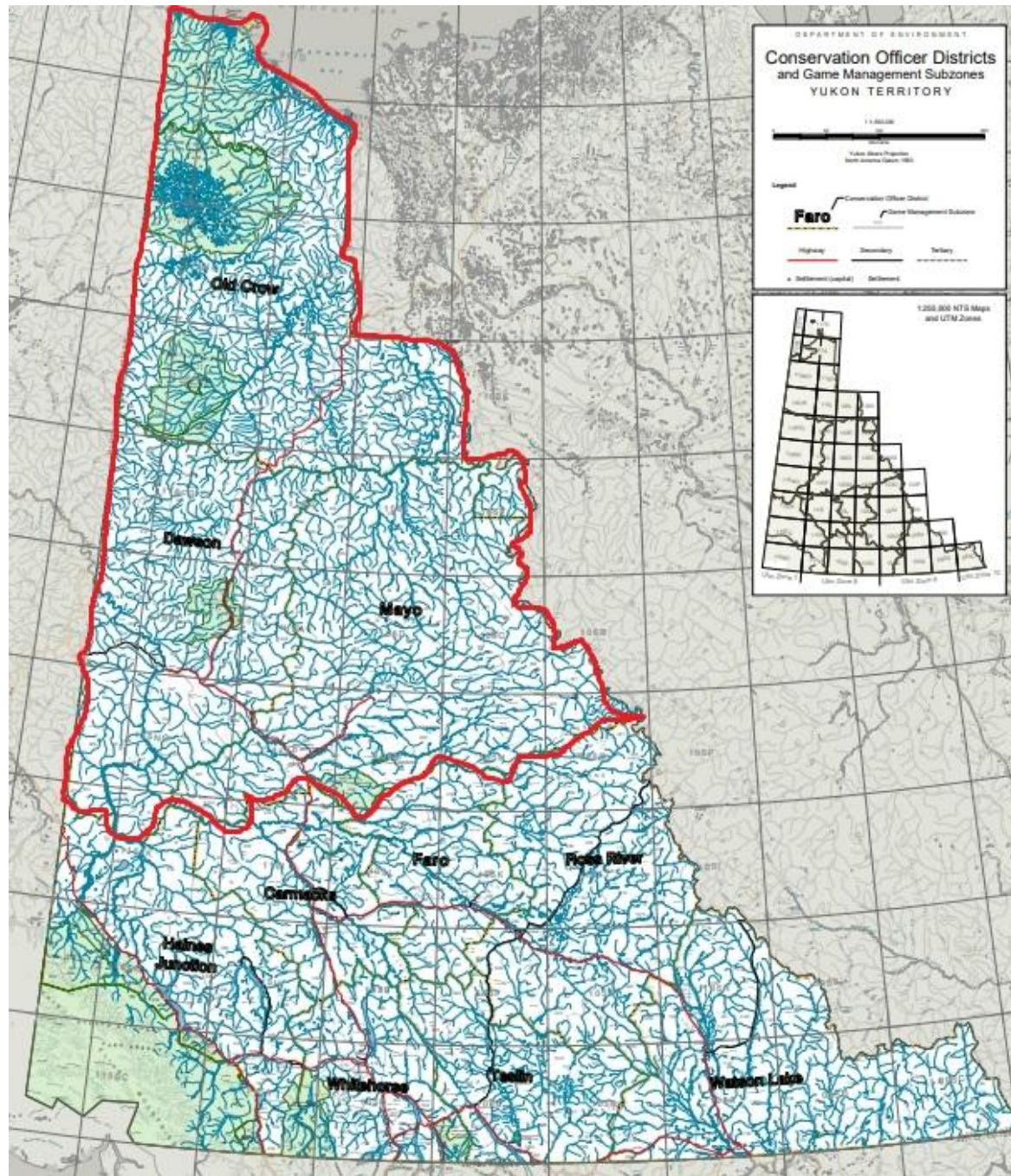




June 1 , 2024 -
May 31, 2025
Conservation
Officer Services
Porcupine caribou
update

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 16-22 2024

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

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 1st place - a rifle scope and lazer range finder worth \$1000



Shingle Point Games

- ▶ There are 37 cabins at Shingle Point now!
- ▶ Family time
- ▶ Hunting, whaling, fishing





New Patrol Cabin

2024 Caribou Patrols

- ▶ **Nov 2, 2024: Old Crow Snowmobile Patrol.**
- ▶ ~ dozen hunters out.
- ▶ ~ 100 caribou observed around Crow Mtn & 2nd 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



Dempster Patrols

1. Fall/Winter 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)

2. Spring Patrols:

- ✓ April 29-May 1 - COs based out of Eagle Plains and patrolled the border area
- ✓ Closed to resident hunting but several groups of subsistence hunters were checked



DEMPSTER DELIGHTS





Old Crow Caribou Days 2025!

Caribou Days 2025

- ▶ Jack and Andrew worked with VGFN staff and Old Crow RCMP
- ▶ Hosted a sight-in-your rifle event followed by a fun competition
- ▶ Over 50 participants and over \$2000 given out in prizes!
- ▶ COSB is still working with VGFN and RCMP towards the development of a permanent gun range in Old Crow.



PCH 2024/25 Enforcement Stats

- ▶ One court appearance for waste of meat that led to a conviction and \$1200 fine, forfeit caribou and mandatory HEED
- ▶ Three tickets - loaded firearms in vehicle
- ▶ 2 warnings for failing to cancel seal
- ▶ 2 warnings for late caribou harvest reports
- ▶ One complaint about not letting the leaders pass
- ▶ Waste of meat complaints:
 1. Caribou meat in Old Crow land fill
 2. Caribou along trail in OC
 3. Caribou found in the spring along Dempster
- ▶ One complaint of unethical hunting



Information wanted

Incidents of wasted caribou meat in Northern Yukon

Yukon conservation officers are seeking information related to multiple incidents involving wasted caribou meat:

1. On April 7, 2025, officers received a report of caribou meat deposited in the Old Crow landfill.
2. On May 1, 2025, officers received a report of an abandoned caribou carcass found along a trail across the Porcupine River. Officers believe this incident may have occurred sometime during the last week of April.
3. Officers are also seeking information related to reported incidents of abandoned caribou off the Dempster Highway near Rock River during the last week of April. These kills may have taken place over the Easter long weekend.



It is against the law to waste any parts of a big game animal suitable for human consumption.

If you have any information about these incidents, please contact the 24-hour TIPP line at 1-800-661-0525 or submit an online report at [Yukon.ca/TIPP](https://www.yukon.ca/TIPP).

Callers do not have to identify themselves. Cash rewards may be available for information that helps lead to a conviction in this case.

Respect Wildlife. Take only what you need. Use all that you take.


Yukon





LOOKING FORWARD

- Joint patrols
- Outreach work
- Old crow shooting range
- Shingle point area clean up project
- *?Ideas from our partners?*

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