

Porcupine Caribou Annual Harvest Meeting 2026

- Update on 2024-2025 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 2024/25
 - 49 bulls

1) Licensed Harvest 2025/26

- No caribou harvested by licensed hunters this year



2) Monitoring and Research





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- Monitoring continues in accordance with the Harvest Management and Implementation plans
- Research direction from co-management and to support 1002 input



2) Monitoring and Research

- Collaborative research on climate change
 - Finding less invasive and more accurate ways to identify calving rates and locations using data from GPS collars
 - Changes in forage conditions and how the caribou track those changes
 - Analyzing why fall and winter movements have changed



2) Monitoring and Research

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

3) Management





3) Management

- Guidelines for oil and gas activities implemented for Chance O&G project
- Discussions on Orange Zone harvest sharing between Yukon First Nations and licensed hunters
- Significant community/party engagement on recent decline

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