Vuntut Gwitchin
Natural Resources department

2015 PCMB AHM Inuvik, NWT
North Yukon Projects 2015

- BBC and The Great Race
- Contaminants in caribou
- Community hunts
- Native User Agreement VG, TH and NND
- Harvesting and data program
BBC: the great race

- Flying distances with helicopter
  - Vuntut National Park/Ivavik National Park guidelines
- Long distance cameras, drones, field crew
- Collaring with Alaska fish and game
- Base camps in Old Crow and Sheep creek (ivavik)
- Currently in yesab process (preparing recommendation)
Contaminants in caribou

- Gamberg consulting
- Sample collection (mike suitor)
  - Low 2014 sample collection
  - Samples needed: Front teeth, kidneys and liver
  - Cadmium levels
- Jaw bones and getting hunters involved(protein/fat)
- Community presentation from Gamberg consulting
Native User Agreement

• Harvest management plan
  • Lays out % of allocation for NWT, Yukon and Alaska
  • PCMA

• TH, NND and VGG (chair)
  • Agree to terms of reference
    • Making future decisions
    • Roles
    • Commitment to working together
  • Create work plan along with facilitator
  • Discuss % of allocation for each community
  • NUA consist of?
Community Hunt

- Volunteer based. No wildlife act/ lands act
- Youth engagement
- Limit boat traffic (weekends)
- Efficient harvest
- Youth learning proper hunting techniques
- Allow citizenship of area
Observations

• Low numbers of caribou on the porcupine
• Most harvesting in the old crow flats
• Healthy body conditions
• Concerns around to much development and activity in winter range.
  • Northern cross 3D seismic
  • Dempster highway
  • High boat traffic (porcupine river)
• Weather
  • Early spring melt and break up
  • High snow depths 2014/2015
  • Freezing rain
Harvesting

- Data base program
- Update hunter list
- Add vg questions/TK
- Cross border YT/AK
  - J treaty

2013-2014 Old Crow data
- Interviewed 63 hunters
- 40 hunters/23 key hunters
- Total harvest: 473
- 14.8% cow harvest
Priority's within VGG

• Native user Agreement
  • Agree to terms of reference
  • Create work plan along with facilitator

• Community hunt guidelines
  • Present voluntary guidelines and get community input.
  • Designating roles
  • Youth involvement

• Harvest reporting and data base
  • Study data base
  • Work alongside YTG
  • Develop relationship with the harvester
  • Traditional knowledge questions
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