Porcupine Caribou
Annual Harvest Meeting
Update 2015/16

Yukon Government
February 2017
Licensed Harvest

- Licensed hunters (Resident and Non-Resident):
  - restricted to 2 bulls
  - harvest reporting is mandatory

- Total licensed harvest 2015/16
  - 226 bulls
  - 6 cows (seized)
YT non-resident harvest

- Outfitted: 5 bulls
  - 4 outfitters access PCH (3 on quota)

- Special guided: 10 bulls
  - Yukon residents can guide a non-Yukon Canadian
  - Similar opportunities in Provinces and Alaska
  - 100 licences for caribou or moose and black bear, wolf, coyote for the whole Yukon
  - Only in areas where residents are not limited
Joint proposals with the PCMB:
1. Hart River Oct 31 closure (licensed hunt)
2. HMP licenced harvest bag limit

- Jointly recommended by YFWMB and PCMB, supported by the Minister
- Working with Justice on legal drafting
- Timeline depends on the Order In Council approval process
PCH research and monitoring

- Computer population model: back casting completed
- Working with researchers to look at PCH habitat
- Updating Sensitive Habitats document
- Continuing full suite of monitoring
Hunter Education

- Check station 2015/2016 but not in 2016/2017 (no need)

- Redrafting Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures for review by Parties

- Hart River Caribou Overlap
  - improving communications including new signs for Dempster (Eagle Plains, km 140, Dempster Corner)
Fall 2016 Harvest Observations

- Some harvest in the Old Crow area in early winter (November 2016 – January 2017)
  - 4 occurrences in Old Crow area related to abandoned caribou (6): one warning issued

- Some harvest along Yukon coastline in early winter (November – December 2016)
  - 2 occurrences during the coastal hunt

- Most hunters report caribou are in good shape
Upcoming Activities

- Finalize Dempster Highway Hunting Brochures
- Review/install Dempster signs (Hart caribou)
- Continue working with Aklavik on muskox and muskox–caribou interactions
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- Collaborate with PCTC and researchers to assess PCH habitat
- Continue to work with PCMB, Parties, & communities on best harvesting practices, harvest reporting, and monitoring using all sources of knowledge
Questions?