Our Act provides TH with full authority to manage and administer subsistence harvest in TH Traditional Territory, along with managing licensed hunting on TH Category A Settlement Lands.
Harvest Management

Communication:

✓ TH Fish and Wildlife branch receives direction from Chief and Council, Elder’s Council, Natural Resources Advisory Council on F&W management issues

✓ Fish and Wildlife branch informs TH citizens of harvest management strategies for certain species

✓ We communicate current population estimates for species

✓ We share communication materials developed by our First Nation government and by others

✓ We are involved with education programs (i.e. First Fish, Fall Harvest Camp, First Hunt, First Trapper, etc.)

✓ We communicate and consult with citizens (Chief and Council, TH Elders Council, citizens, General Assembly) to discuss any harvest management changes that may be needed to be considered
Harvest Management

Harvest data collection:

TH F&W actively requests harvest data information to citizens by a variety of methods:

- Mail-out surveys (Prize draw)
- Phone calls
- Word of mouth and follow-up
- Kënrzą Tay
- Citizen meetings
- Monthly calendar
- TH website
- Facebook
TH Harvest Survey 2017/2018

HARVEST DATA SURVEY

ENTER THE F&W DRAW FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

1st prize – 10x13x14 ft MacPherson canvas WALL TENT
2nd prize – Profilex “Pilar Live” hand gun case
3rd prize – Field dressing butcher kit
4th prizes – Field survival backpack and supplies
5th & 6th prize – $50 gift certificates at MacKenzie Petroleum

All entries have a chance to win!

Did you go hunting or fishing this year? Why your harvest successful or unsuccessful? If you have to do it again next year, what would you do different? If you purchase a F&W habitat stamp, you will earn an entry into the draw, which will be held at the main lobby of the Altona building.

4pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019

The importance of TH Harvest Data Reporting

Harvest data and observations collected from land reported fall within the realm of wilderness areas. However, monitoring and reporting data are crucial to provide necessary information for habitat, fish, and wildlife management decisions and for future generations. By providing data on your harvest, you help us understand the status of fish and wildlife populations, which in turn helps us make informed decisions about conservation efforts.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

TH Survey 2018:

Did you harvest any of the following species? Please check all that apply and provide numbers:

Type of Fish
- Lake trout
- Walleye
- Tuna
- Bass
- Other

Did you harvest any of the following animals? Why is this your favorite? Provide the number of each you harvested or just a guess if you are uncertain:
- Deer
- Moose
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Harvest Data Collection

- Annually, TH collects fish and wildlife harvest

- Harvest data is divided by the various species: caribou, moose, sheep, etc.

- Harvest data is for TH management purposes only, but may be shared with other agencies or governments if required to help with harvest management plans or management strategies

- In addition, TH collects Chinook and Chum salmon harvest
  - TH shares salmon harvest with DFO → numbers crossing the border (counted by the sonar) are critical indicators to be considered when addressing harvest management for salmon, as well actions included under Chapter 16
Past & Present Trends
TH Porcupine Caribou Harvest by TH citizens

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- TH monitors and patrols harvesting activities on the Dempster Highway
- F&W Stewards go door-to-door to request harvest data information
Harvest Management cont’d

Education:

- For the past 20 years, TH has been educating our youth on the respectful harvesting practices at TH’s successful program, “First Hunt”;
- When this camp first started, TH Citizens knew that teaching the Youth about the caribou was the basis to developing hunters with the understanding of respectful, traditional, modern and safe hunting methods for harvesting of food;
- Since 1994, TH has held a camp every year up the Dempster Highway;
- Today, our youth and citizens go out onto the land and harvest food by using the practices they’ve learned from the First Hunt camp;
- TH Leaders, Elders, citizens and other members of the Dawson Community strongly support this program to ensure that respectful practices of taking food from the land will continue for generations to come;

*Education is a key responsibility for managing subsistence harvesting in TH Traditional Territory*
Historically:
Harvest of PCH occurred within the TH Traditional Territory

Currently:
TH recognizes the importance of continued efforts of management and respect for the herd in order to maintain healthy populations for the future

Future:
PCH will continue to be and will become increasingly important as a food source within TH Traditional Territory
Current increasing pressure on moose and declining salmon populations will increase demand for other sources of wild meat such as PCH
TH PRIORITIES

Harvest reporting and Traditional Knowledge collection

- Improve communications with TH citizens for harvest data reporting
- TK based survey to collect information on changes to weather patterns, herd migration, hunting corridors, health of the land, etc.
- Offer meat processing workshops (with H&S) to teach butchering skills and meat processing techniques (e.g. sausage making, dry meat, freezer packaging, etc.)
  - Hide tanning and drum making workshops
TH PRIORITIES

• TH community and Councils expressed concern in the past about the allegations of wasted meat

• TH supports continued communications and education on Best Practices

• TH supports education initiatives carried out by the PCMB

Respect your harvest
Take only what you need, and use all that you take.
Acknowledgements

TH would like to acknowledge the management conducted by each respective Party and their community for continuing to work towards the success of the PC Harvest Management Plan.
Recommendations

Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in continues to recommend:

Management remains in the **Green Zone** based on the past year’s indicators.