ANNUAL HARVEST MEETING
FEBRUARY 11 & 12 2014
DAWSON CITY, YUKON
Harvest:

- Historically NND harvested PCH throughout Traditional Territory for subsistence lifestyles

- Currently NND are light users of PCH, but are committed to management efforts set forth by PCMB for continued healthy pop

- Future- NND recognizes the importance current management strategies and Activities play and respect for PCH

- important alternate food source within NND Traditional Territory
Feb/Mar: Interviews returned/Harvest numbers recorded at NND Lands Dept. & prizes awarded!

Jan/Feb: Interview/survey completed-door to door and mailed to all recipients of “THP” Funding

July/Aug: Traditional Harvest Pursuits Funding Issued to NND citizens
Hunt for Elders - Nov 2013:

• Hunt was organized to compensate for lower numbers of moose available to some elders; and maintain a presence on the Land

• Idea to bring citizens back on the land and maintain culture and skills

• Utilize “First Hunt” objectives set up through TH to teach NND youth
Hunt for Elders Nov 2013:
Harvest:

- Fall Harvest: June 1st to Present date:
  - =3- Bulls Nov 2013
  - GMZ: 1-54

- *very few cow/calves present*

- Nov 2013 Hunt: only known PCH Harvested by NND Hunters to date

- Harvest Interview/survey completed end of Feb~PCH Harvest
Caribou Body Condition:

• **Moderate** fat reserves

• **All 3 Bulls** had full stomachs-eating well

• **1 Bull** had “Blue Ticks” under hide

• Bulls had rut smell while dressing in the field—late?  
  * meat was fine according to elders

• Horns off at time of Hunt (last wk Nov-2013)
Habitat:

- Low snow pack-horseshoe/arctic circle area for Nov
- Warmer Temperatures-10c for time of year-Nov
- No new fire activity observed in areas hunted
  - a few Caribou present in area- moved on most likely due to recent hunting pressures
  - gut piles found near rd/recent wolf activity observed
NND respects the request to leave the cows alone, but realizes selective harvesting is important at times.

NO HARVESTING BULLS DURING RUT SEASON
COLOUR ZONE: GREEN

NNDFN - supports current management actions set forth by PCMB & Parties
- recognizes past efforts put forth by PCMB & Parties have lead to the success of PCH pop’n status/health....”Good work Team”!!!

The Board recommends that the Porcupine Caribou Herd be considered in the Green Zone (above 115,000 caribou).
Consistent with the Green Zone harvest management actions that:

• Harvest only the amount needed;

• Licensed hunters receive a maximum of two bull tags;

• Shooting will be accurate and wounded animals will be retrieved; and

• Parties will collect rigorous and verifiable harvest data, to be provided for the Annual Harvest Meeting
Communication Efforts: HMP/AHM

NNDFN-Lands Dept:
• Harvest Survey-door to door and mailed out
• Communication: Youth to Elders-Information sessions/posters
• Maintain an organized database: Harvest Data Submissions
• Traditional Knowledge from past users/harvesters of PCH

PCMB:
• Continued communication efforts to involved parties
• Continued work with involved Parties-Information sessions/posters
• Utilize social media opportunities (facebook/youtube/flickr...)
Challenges: Current & Future

- Education/Experience for Youth
- Industrial Development/Exploration-Northern Cross Yukon Ltd
- Peel Land Use Plan-open for business???
- Fracking Potential in PCH Range???
- Increased Tourism: Highway traffic & Wilderness presence???
Acknowledgements:

NNDFN recognizes the efforts made over many years by PCMB, First Nations, Governments and organizations= PCH in Green Zone

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Any Questions?