

Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy Workshop Report

October 18-21, 2007

Inuvik, NWT



Over 60 representatives of Porcupine Caribou user communities and other organizations met for four days in Inuvik.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a harvest management plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd for now and in the future.

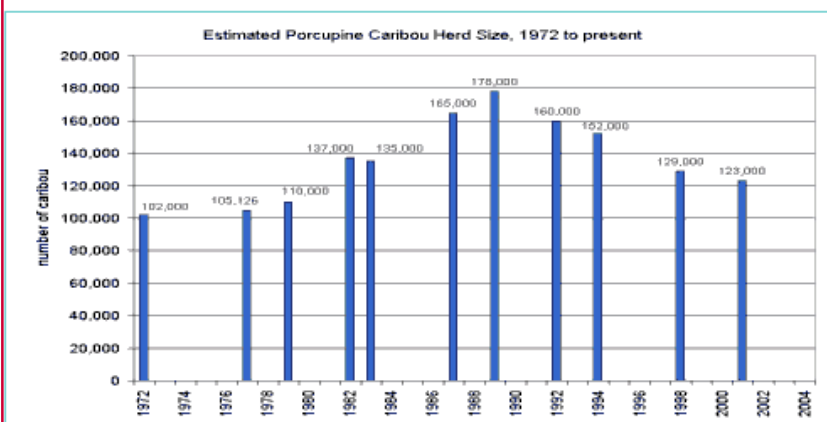
Participants worked to develop a plan for harvesting caribou to make sure that the herd is not threatened.

At the end of the meeting, participants had developed a framework for the plan.

This workshop will be followed by community meetings over the winter.

Porcupine Caribou Herd Size

- 1989 nearly 178,000 caribou (by photocensus)
- 2001 estimated at 123,000 caribou (by photocensus)
- Decrease of approximately 55,000 caribou (by photocensus)
- Current population est. between 110,000 and 115,000 caribou



Harvest Management Strategy

“Setting a good trail for the younger generation”



*This is a very important meeting for our people
your people, come together, try to survive.*

- Percy Henry



*“In the ‘50s, people had a hard time. Few caribou around Fish Lake.
Nobody knew where the caribou were. People had a hard time, and
there was no help. Today it’s very easy.*

*Caribou are disappearing, and
it would be good to know what’s going on.”*

- Robert Alexie

**The following groups were
represented at the work-
shop:**

North Yukon RRC

Dawson District RRC

Joint Secretariat

Gwich'in Tribal Council

Gwich'in Renewable Resource
Board

Aklavik HTC

Nihtat Gwich'in RRC

Tetlit Gwich'in RRC

Tetlit Gwich'in Council

Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council

Ehddiitat Gwich'in RRC

Gwichya Gwichin RRC

Tuktoyaktuk HTC

Canadian Parks and Wilder-
ness Society (Yukon)

Yukon Fish and Game Asso-
ciation

First Nation of Nacho Nyak
Dun

Inuvialuit Game Council

Tr'ondek Hwech'in

Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation

Government of Northwest
Territories

Porcupine Caribou Manage-
ment Board

Gwich'in and Inuvialuit elders