



Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board

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from the chair



Dan McDiarmid, Chair (2006/2007)

Since becoming the Chair of the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board I have endeavored to make the Board representative and accountable to all Yukoners and their respective communities. I feel we are achieving this goal and hope Yukoners will continue to voice their opinions as it is “your Board”, to which you must give direction. Governments change, Board members change, agendas change, and opinions change, however in all this change there remains one constant and that is the desire of our Board members to maintain healthy and productive fish and wildlife populations for all Yukoners and future generations to enjoy and appreciate. With that, I would like to thank our partners, Yukon’s Renewable Resource Councils, the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee, the Department of Environment and all Governments, but most of all the Yukon public for their help and support in the past years.

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board members

from top, left to right:

Dan McDiarmid, Chair

Georgina Sydney, Vice Chair

Art Johns

Joe Johnson

Harry Smith

Randall Tetlich

Shirley Ford

Wayne Hrynuik

Don Hutton

Rebecca Bradford-Andrew

Craig Yakiwchuk



staff

from top, left to right:

Graham Van Tighem – Executive Director

Diane Sheldon – Office Manager

Doris Dreyer – Stewardship Program Coordinator

Jocelyn McDowell – Stewardship Program Coordinator

Sebastian Jones – Dawson Community Steward

Elsabe Kloppers – Klwane Community Steward

Darryl Sheepway – Old Crow Community Steward

what is the yukon fish and wildlife management board?

In 1995, the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement came into effect. This agreement established the framework for the settlement of First Nation Land Claims in the Yukon Territory. It also created several public bodies that bring First Nations and non-First Nations together to manage Yukon lands and resources. Chapter 16 of the Umbrella Final Agreement recognizes the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board as “the primary instrument of Fish and Wildlife management in the Yukon.” At the working level, the Board deals with conservation and management of fish, wildlife, habitat and wildlife users on a territorial-wide basis.

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board is an advisory body consisting of 12 members appointed by the Minister of Environment. Six members are nominated by the Council of Yukon First Nations and six by the Government of the Yukon. Members are individuals with a demonstrated commitment to conservation and sustainable use of our fish and wildlife resources. Appointments to the Board are for a five-year term.

Since its responsibility lies with issues that affect the entire Yukon, the Board focuses its efforts on Territorial policies, legislation and other measures to help guide management of fish and wildlife, conserve habitat and enhance the renewable resources economy. The Board influences management decisions through public education and by making recommendations to Yukon, Federal and First Nation

governments. Recommendations and positions are based on the best technical, Traditional and local information available.

In order to develop an understanding of issues and form recommendations, the Board works in partnership with Federal, Territorial and First Nation Governments as well as Renewable Resources Councils and other UFA Boards and Councils. The Board relies on its partners and the public for technical information, advice and local or Traditional Knowledge. The governments are responsible for gathering information on fish and wildlife resources and designing management processes, as well as day to day management of fish and wildlife and the enforcement of laws.

Renewable Resources Councils are local management bodies established in areas where individual land claim agreements are signed. They are responsible for dealing with fish, wildlife, habitat and forestry matters specific to their Traditional Territory. They also play an important advisory role to the Board by raising awareness of specific issues and providing local and Traditional information.

The past 15 years have been a learning process for all of the partners in the new fish and wildlife management regime in the Yukon. As each partner gains experience and further develops its role, the Yukon will move toward a system where everyone works together ensure the conservation of wildlife and their habitats.

powers+responsibilities

of the yukon fish and wildlife management board

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board will work within its mandate towards achieving the objectives of the Umbrella Final Agreement established in 16.1.0. These general objectives related to the management of fish and wildlife in the Yukon provide the broad policy context for the Board. Specifically the Board may exercise the following powers and responsibilities assigned to it in the UFA:

- make recommendations to the appropriate Minister, Yukon First Nations and Renewable Resource Councils on all matters related to Fish and Wildlife management, legislation, research, policies and programs (16.7.11);
- make recommendations to the appropriate Minister policies for the management of Fish and Wildlife and their habitats (16.7.12.1);
- make recommendations to the appropriate Minister on the need for and the content and timing of all Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Plans for species included in international agreements, threatened species or populations, species or populations declared by the Minister as being of territorial, national or international interest, and transplanted populations and exotic species (16.7.12.2);
- review and make recommendations to the appropriate Minister and to Yukon First Nations on the management plans recommended by Renewable Resource Councils, specifically with respect to population goals and management options (16.7.12.3);
- where required by species or population management plans, recommend to the appropriate Minister a Total Allowable Harvest (16.7.12.4);
- review and recommend to the appropriate Minister adjustments to Basic Needs Levels (16.7.12.5);
- make recommendations to the appropriate Minister on the need for, and for positions on, interjurisdictional agreements that affect the conservation and use of Fish and Wildlife in the Yukon (16.7.12.6);
- after consultation with affected Renewable Resource Councils, recommend to the appropriate Minister restrictions on methods and practices of harvest for reasons of conservation, public health, public safety and protection of the renewable resources economy associated with the use of Fish and Wildlife (16.7.12.7);
- at the request of a Renewable Resources Council, assist it with its duties (16.7.12.8);
- with the approval of the Minister, delegate the performance of its responsibilities to a Renewable Resources Council (16.7.12.9);
- in consultation with Renewable Resources Councils, identify new opportunities and recommend to the appropriate Minister management measures for commercial uses of Fish and Wildlife (16.7.12.10);
- participate in the public proceedings of any agency, board or commission dealing with matters that affect the management and conservation of Fish and Wildlife and their habitat in the Yukon (16.7.13);
- prior to the amendment or introduction of legislation for Fish and Wildlife in the Yukon, advise the Minister on the matters to be addressed in that legislation (16.7.16); and
- make recommendations prior to the Minister declaring a species or population to be of territorial, national or international interest (16.7.19).

strategic goals

for 2006/2007

In order to achieve the objectives outlined in its operating procedures, the Board annually sets strategic goals. The goals for 2006/2007 are:

First Priority

Habitat

- The YFWMB will work towards ensuring there is adequate legislation for the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Harvest

- The YFWMB will work towards the development of a comprehensive Yukon harvest regime.

Population

- The YFWMB will encourage the development and use of ground based monitoring techniques and Traditional Knowledge.

Relationships

- The YFWMB will develop a communication strategy.

Second Priority

Population

- The YFWMB will work towards a Southern Lakes moose recovery program.

Relationship

- The YFWMB will develop and enhance its relationship with Yukon RRCs and the Council of Yukon First Nations.



Trapping

- The YFWMB will seek out initiatives to help Yukoners participate in trapping activities in the Yukon.

Traditional Knowledge

- The YFWMB will work toward organizing a second conference on Traditional Knowledge.

Third Priority

Internal Operations

- The YFWMB will work towards improving communication with all First Nations.

strategic goals

for 2006/2007
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Ministry

- The YFWMB will strive to have meetings with the Minister of Environment with an aim to opening communication, building rapport, and establishing trust.

Relationships

- The YFWMB will develop and enhance the relationship between Board members and the relationship between Board members and staff.

Fourth Priority

Internal Operations

- The YFWMB will develop and update its Administrative Policies and Procedures manual.

Ministry

- The YFWMB Chair, and/or Vice-Chair will hand deliver all correspondence to Yukon Ministers.

Fifth Priority

Habitat

- The YFWMB will encourage the completion of Land Use Planning in the Yukon with special emphasis being place on Yukon's wildlife.

Internal Operations

- YFWMB will undertake a review of our *Yukon Wildlife Act* regulation process including its own process.

Population

- The YFWMB will work towards the development of Yukon fish enhancement.

Salmon

- The YFWMB will work toward establishing an effective working relationship with the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee and ensure they adhere to their mandate specific to their role to the YFWMB.

Training and Education

- The YFWMB will develop an orientation process and package to support new Board/Trust members, which will include Traditional Knowledge.

strategic goals

for 2006/2007
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Community Stewardship Program

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board will continue to support and facilitate public involvement in the management for the Yukon's natural resources through ongoing support of the Community Stewardship Program.



Education through community stewardship is a focus for the YFWMB, as an informed public is essential to ensuring participation in the co-management structure envisioned by land claim agreements.

In 2002 the YFWMB became the delivery agent of the former Habitat Stewardship Program, a project of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee.

The program goal is to increase the motivation and ability of Yukoners to engage in the conservation and stewardship of our lands, waters and living resources.

The following broad objectives provide direction to

the Community Stewards:

1. Encourage greater involvement by Yukoners in the stewardship of their living resources and natural environment;
2. Facilitate communication regarding stewardship between people, agencies and other organizations at regional levels; and
3. Build the capacity of communities to participate in stewardship and conservation initiatives.

In 2006, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YFWMB) Community Stewardship Program (YCSP) continued to promote and implement stewardship initiatives in the Yukon. Community

strategic goals

for 2006/2007
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Stewards in the Dawson, Kluane, Northern Tutchone, and North Yukon regions advocated and supported the conservation of salmon, freshwater fish, wildlife and their habitat through community participation in locally driven projects.

The program was managed, coordinated and administered by YFWMB staff, with guidance and technical advice coming from YFWMB YCSP Steering Committee and the Yukon River Panel. It was funded externally by 14 different funding agencies and community partners. Community Stewards planned, implemented and supported numerous fish and wildlife conservation projects and initiatives. They facilitated communication between Federal, Yukon and First Nation governments, public consultative bodies such as the YFWMB and Renewable Resources Councils (RRCs), non-governmental agencies and interested individuals. Stewards invested time in outreach to communities (especially youth), created several employment and volunteer opportunities and yielded more than \$170,000 in project funding.

Dawson

Sebastian Jones.

Old Crow

Jennifer Smith and
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Kluane

Elsabe Kloppers.

Stewardship Coordinator

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legislation and regulation

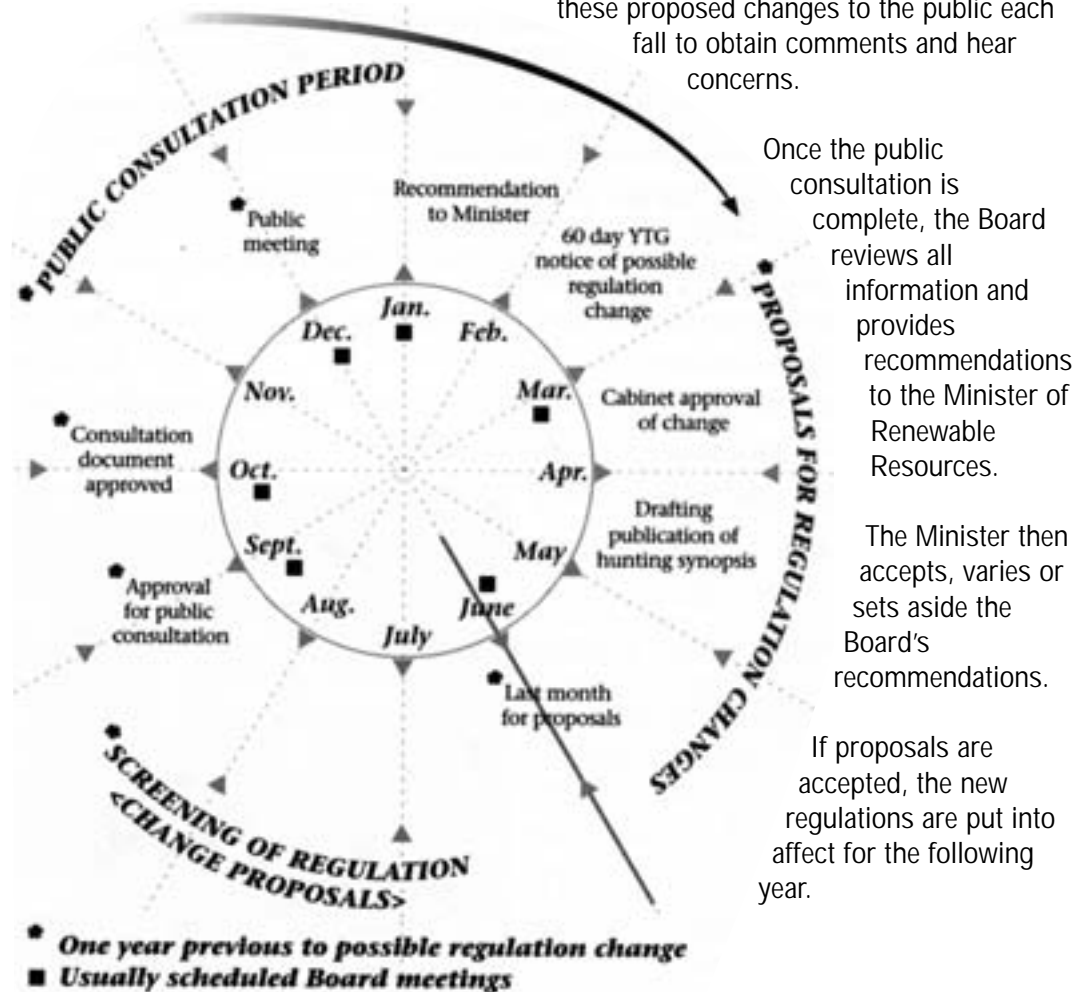
for 2006/2007

One of the principle functions of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board is to provide public input on legislation or regulations that affect fish and wildlife resources. The Board provides comments to governments based on information based on public consultations and research. There were three main pieces of legislation or regulatory change packages that the Board was involved in the review of in 2006/2007.

Yukon Wildlife Act Regulation Changes

Each year, changes are made to regulations under the *Yukon Wildlife Act* in response to public or management concerns. Governments, Renewable Resource Councils, special interest groups and individual citizens can all propose changes to regulations.

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board presents these proposed changes to the public each fall to obtain comments and hear concerns.



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Changes to Regulations Under the *Yukon Wildlife Act*

The following proposed changes were examined during 2006/2007:

Hunting Regulation Proposals

1. **Subdivision** of Game Management Subzones.

Proposal: The Teslin Renewable Resource Council propose to subdivide the current Game Management Subzones in the Red Mountain area (see attached map) and to facilitate monitoring of any increase in moose harvest associated with increased access created as part of the Tintina Mines development proposal.

Board Recommendations:

- 1.1 The Minister support this proposal to subdivide game management subzones in the Red Mountain area.
- 1.2 The government in partnership with the partners of the Teslin Integrated Fish and Wildlife Management Plan facilitate monitoring of any increase in moose harvest associated with increased access through the Tintina Mines development.

2. **Hart River Caribou** Game Management Subzones (GM 5)

Proposal: Dawson District Renewable Resource Council and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in propose to change game management subzone (GMS) 2-28 and 2-40 to Hart River herd GMS. Regulations would permit harvest of one male caribou only. The season would be Aug 1 to Oct 31.

Additionally, designate subzones 2-23, 2-16, 2-27, & 2-39 as adjustable subzones. Adjustable subzones will be managed as Hart River herd subzones (harvest of one male caribou) from Aug.1st to Oct. 31st UNLESS the Porcupine herd arrives. If the Porcupine herd arrives then the subzones will be managed as Porcupine herd subzones, with an allowable harvest of two caribou, either sex, until Jan 31st, or until the Porcupine herd leaves.

Board Recommendations:

- 2.1 The YFWMB and PCMB recommend the Minister accept a variation of the above proposal that enables a change of GMS 2-40 to a Hart River GMS which would permit the harvest of one male caribou from August 1st to October 31st.

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Hunting Regulation Proposals [continued]

Board Recommendations (continued):

2.2 The YFWMB and the PCMB further recommend the Minister designate GMS 2-23, 2-16, 2-27, and 2-39 – as well as 2-28 adjustable subzones which should be managed as Hart River herd subzones (harvest of one male caribou) from August 1 to October 31, UNLESS the Porcupine Caribou herd arrives. If and when the Porcupine Caribou herd arrives, the subzones would be managed as Porcupine herd subzones with an allowable harvest of two caribou of either sex from August 1 to January 31, or until the Porcupine caribou leaves the subzone.

3. **Permit** Yukon Resident Youth Hunters to Purchase Their Own Big Game Hunting Seals



***Proposal:** The Yukon Fish and Game Association would like Yukon resident 12 and 13 year old hunters granted the opportunity not only to hunt on an elders tag as is currently permitted in the Yukon Wildlife Act, but to be able to purchase their own tags and have their own bag limits.*

Board Recommendations:

3.1 The Minister should not support this proposal.

4. **Free** Family Fishing Weekend

***Proposal:** To encourage Yukon families to get outdoors and experience recreational fishing for the first time, the Yukon Fish and Game Association would like to see a free fishing weekend put in place, to coincide with National Fishing Week at the beginning of July. During this weekend, Yukon residents would be allowed to fish without a license but must follow the fishing regulations as published that year. This Free Fishing weekend could be a focus for conservation education and the promotion of positive interactions with conservation officers and others who protect our environment and resources.*

Board Recommendation:

- 4.1 Establish a free fishing weekend for Yukon residents; however, we do not support the application of this free weekend to salmon fishing.
- 4.2 Any major events surrounding this free fishing weekend should occur at one of the many Yukon stocked lakes where possible.

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Hunting Regulation Proposals [continued]

5. **Minto Lake Fishery Closure**

Proposal: Because of Minto Lake's small size, easy access, heavy use, and lack of abundance of lake trout, the Mayo District Renewable Resources Council proposes that Minto Lake be designated Special Management water with a one fish limit as per the Yukon Fishing Regulations.

Board Recommendations:

5.1 The Minister support this regulation change.

6. **Extension of Bison Hunting Season**

Proposal: In addition to the December to March season for Wood Bison, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board proposes to include a September 15 to November

15 season to the Aishihik Wood Bison hunting season which will be open to all successful applicants and First Nations.

Board Recommendations:

6.1 The Minister accept a variation of this proposal which would include extending the season for Bison from the current two month season (December/February – January/March) to a three month season (*December, January, and February – December, January, and March*).

7. **Bison/Moose Tag Regulation Change**

Proposal: To alleviate pressure on Yukon moose and encourage hunters to harvest Wood Bison, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board proposes to enact legislation allowing successful bison hunt applicants to return their moose tag in exchange for the opportunity to apply for Bison again in the following license year rather than waiting the prescribed 5 years prior to applying again.

Board Recommendations:

7.1 The YFWMB has elected to withdraw the proposal pending further discussion.

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Hunting Regulation Proposals [continued]

8. **Drop** the North/South Boundary for the Aishihik Bison Hunt

Proposal: The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board proposes to remove the north/south boundary for the Aishihik bison hunt in order to facilitate improved success for bison hunters by doubling the area in which they can hunt.

Board Recommendations:

- 8.1 The Minister change the regulation to remove the north/south boundary for the Aishihik bison hunt.

10. **Open** all Game Management Zones except 1, 2, 10 and 11 to Bison Hunting

Proposal: To open all game management zones except 1, 2, 10 and 11 for Bison hunting for all permitted hunters

Board Recommendations:

- 10.1 The Minister change the regulation to allow for the harvest of wood bison in all zones except zones 1, 2, 10 and 11 for successful applicants.

11. **Remove** 1-in-5 Year Rule for Bison Permit Application by Successful Cow Bison Harvesters

Proposal: The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board proposes removing the 1-in-5 year rule for applying for a bison permit for successful cow bison harvesters.

Board Recommendations:

- 11.1 The Minister change the regulation to remove the one-in-five year rule for applying for a bison permit for successful cow bison harvesters.

12. **Increase** the Annual Maximum Number of Permits for Bison from 250 to 1000.

Proposal: Increase the annual maximum number of permits for bison from 250 to 1000.



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Board Recommendations:

11.1 The Minister change the regulation to increase the maximum number of permits from 250 to 1000.

12. Migratory Bird Hunting Season

Proposal: The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board propose to advance the start of the migratory bird-hunting season by two weeks, so hunters in the northern half of the Yukon can have the opportunity to harvest migratory waterfowl. The season, which normally starts on September 1st, will start on August 15th and the end date will not change. For simplicity sake, this regulation will apply to the entire Yukon, rather than trying to define a northern and southern boundary.

Board Recommendations:

12.1 The YFWMB will make its recommendation on this proposal to the Federal Minister of Environment in cooperation with the Yukon Regional office of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

sharing the land scholarship

for 2007



Every year the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board awards a \$1000 prize to a student pursuing post-secondary training, who demonstrates through an essay, the potential they embody to deliver a message of respectful relationships between people and the animals with which we share the Yukon landscape within their educational goals.

Much of our work focuses on the continuation of respectful relationships between people and the animals with which we share the Yukon landscape. One way we hope to maintain this relationship is by looking to the future.

Applicants are asked to submit a two-page essay outlining what significance the Yukon's wilderness holds for them and what they hope to do to continue sharing the land with fish and wildlife in the future through their educational goals. Deadline for submissions is July 31st. The Board requires the essay along with a copy of the student's transcripts and a letter verifying their acceptance to a post-secondary institution. Board members assist in the selection of the recipient of the Sharing the Land Scholarship.

In 2006 – 2007 the Sharing the Land Scholarship was not administered due to concerns that it was not set up properly from an administrative perspective. The Board has fulfilled the concerns of the auditor and the scholarship will be administered during the summer of 2007.

auditor's report

march 31, 2007

non-consolidated financial statements

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board as at March 31, 2007, and the statements of revenue and expenses, net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on an audit.

I conducted the audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2006 were reported upon by other auditors.

Whitehorse, Yukon
September 26, 2007

M. McKay & Associates
Certified General Accountant

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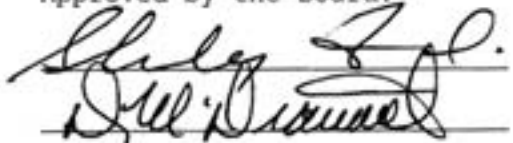
YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MARCH 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 200,091	\$ 91,558
Accounts receivable	69,205	211,234
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,546</u>	<u>874</u>
	272,842	303,666
Capital (Notes 2 and 3)	17,931	23,225
Bison Research Fund (Note 5)	<u>2,930</u>	<u>3,029</u>
	<u>\$ 293,703</u>	<u>\$ 329,920</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 29,523	\$ 113,817
Wages and employee deductions payable	55,127	30,542
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>87,314</u>	<u>137,626</u>
	<u>171,964</u>	<u>281,985</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Investment in capital assets	17,931	23,225
Bison Research Fund (Note 5)	2,930	3,029
Accumulated surplus	<u>100,878</u>	<u>21,681</u>
	<u>121,739</u>	<u>47,935</u>
	<u>\$ 293,703</u>	<u>\$ 329,920</u>

Approved by the Board:



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net assets

	2007			
	Bison Research Fund	Investment in Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,029	\$ 23,225	\$ 21,681	\$ 47,935
Purchase of capital assets	-	3,319	-	3,319
Amortization of capital assets	-	(8,613)	-	(8,613)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<u>(99)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,197</u>	<u>79,098</u>
	<u>\$ 2,930</u>	<u>\$ 17,931</u>	<u>\$ 100,878</u>	<u>\$ 121,739</u>

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revenue and expenses

Revenue

Government of Yukon		
- Contribution agreement	\$ 477,782	\$ 470,160
- Live release	425	7,256
- Moose meeting	-	5,000
- Harvest monitoring	-	2,138
- Old Crow recycling	-	-
- Concession and compensation review	6,640	7,631
- Yukon outfitter appeal	-	3,943
- Kaska Stewardship	14,500	-
- Community Development Fund	10,907	-
- Other	3,259	10,000
	<u>513,513</u>	<u>506,128</u>
Government of Canada		
- Stewardship	-	9,000
- Environment Canada	5,000	-
- Chisana Caribou	20,180	140,020
	<u>25,180</u>	<u>149,020</u>
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust		
- Stewardship	-	11,510
- Game guardian	-	3,221
- Chisana Caribou	-	15,000
- Special projects	-	25,000
- Other	5,297	-
	<u>5,297</u>	<u>54,731</u>
Yukon River Panel	138,000	130,000
Ducks Unlimited	64,536	42,651
Yukon Renewable Resources Councils	-	3,000
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	17,000	17,000
North Yukon Planning Commission	-	5,000
Climate Action	-	4,500
Yukon College	-	2,500
Yukon River Commercial Fishers	2,500	3,500
Reimbursements and miscellaneous	7,107	10,366
Interest	611	3,988
	<u>229,754</u>	<u>222,505</u>
	<u>\$ 773,744</u>	<u>\$ 932,384</u>

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revenue and expenses (cont.)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Revenue	\$ <u>773,744</u>	\$ <u>932,384</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	8,482	12,317
Bank charges and interest	738	1,498
Board meetings	92,562	79,629
Bookkeeping and administration support	17,467	24,903
Conferences and other meetings	48,977	44,389
Insurance	1,254	2,379
Internet	1,808	3,684
Office supplies, postage and photocopying	11,382	8,012
Professional fees	5,974	5,756
Publications, calendar and brochures	11,566	11,599
Purchases of capital assets	3,319	2,669
Rent and utilities	26,088	25,249
Repairs and maintenance	2,936	5,484
Scholarship	-	1,000
Special projects (Note 6)	294,295	430,548
Staff training and support	583	1,770
Supplies and miscellaneous	-	8,204
Telephone and fax	5,952	12,795
Staff travel	4,925	4,705
Wages and employee benefits	<u>145,376</u>	<u>179,759</u>
	<u>683,684</u>	<u>866,349</u>
	<u>90,060</u>	<u>66,035</u>
Transfer (to) deferred revenue for stewardship program	<u>(10,863)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 79,197</u>	<u>\$ 66,035</u>

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cash flow

Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 79,197	\$ 66,035
Change in non-cash working capital items		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	142,029	(104,166)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(2,672)	3,787
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(84,294)	65,014
Increase (decrease) in wages payable	24,585	7,964
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	<u>(50,312)</u>	<u>66,363</u>
Cash provided by (used by) operations	108,533	104,997
Cash, (overdraft) beginning of year	<u>91,558</u>	<u>(13,439)</u>
Cash (overdraft), end of year	<u>\$ 200,091</u>	<u>\$ 91,558</u>
Cash consists of:		
Cash and short term investments	<u>\$ 200,091</u>	<u>\$ 91,558</u>





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notes

for the year ended march 31, 2007

1. Purpose of the Board

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board was established in March 1995 under the terms of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA) and the related enabling settlement legislation as the primary instrument of Fish and Wildlife management in the Yukon. The Board, acting in the public interest and taking into consideration all relevant factors, may make recommendations to the Federal and Territorial Ministers responsible for fish and wildlife and to each Yukon First Nation regarding the management of fish and wildlife.

Since its inception, the Board has assisted First Nation, Territorial, Federal and Municipal governments in developing fish and wildlife policies to reflect the wishes of all Yukoners.

2. Significant accounting policies

The UFA, which established the Board, also established the Salmon Sub-Committee as a committee of the Board. However, this sub-committee functions independently of the Board and consequently is not included in these financial statements. The sub-committee issues its own audited financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in Canada. In preparing these financial statements management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Revenue recognition

The Board follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

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for the year ended march 31, 2007 • continued

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Capital assets

Capital assets acquired during the year are recorded as an expense and are also reflected on the statement of financial position as capital assets and investment in capital assets. Capital assets are amortized using the following rates with a full year's amortization recorded in the year of acquisition.

Furniture and equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%
Leasehold improvements	straight line

Amortization for the year is charged directly to the investment in capital assets account.

Financial instruments

The Board's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, short-term investments and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Board is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

3. Capital assets

	2007		2006	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Furniture & equipment	\$ 63,587	\$ 53,912	\$ 9,675	\$ 12,900
Computer equipment	52,568	44,769	7,799	9,582
Leasehold improvements	<u>1,429</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>743</u>
	<u>\$ 117,584</u>	<u>\$ 99,653</u>	<u>\$ 17,931</u>	<u>\$ 23,225</u>

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4. Deferred Revenue

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Government of Yukon		
Live release	\$ 3,594	\$ 4,019
Harvest monitoring	4,402	4,402
Old Crow recycling	1,960	1,960
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust		
Game guardian	9,460	9,505
Access management	9,611	9,611
Work project	-	29,489
Government of Canada		
Chisana Caribou	-	20,180
Transfer by board to stewardship program	10,863	-
Ducks Unlimited	<u>47,424</u>	<u>58,460</u>
	<u>\$ 87,314</u>	<u>\$ 137,626</u>

5. Bison Research Fund

The Bison Research Fund is composed of monies received from the Government of Canada, Yukon Outfitters Association, the Yukon Fish and Game Association, the World Wildlife Fund and interest income. These funds are only to be used for bison research.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ <u>3,029</u>	\$ <u>18,814</u>
Revenue		
Government of Yukon	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Expenses		
Advertising	-	725
Bank charges and office	99	85
Printing	-	1,035
Travel	<u>-</u>	<u>18,940</u>
	<u>99</u>	<u>20,785</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,930</u>	<u>\$ 3,029</u>

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5. Bison Research Fund (continued)

At the year end the Fund consisted of:

Cash	\$ 2,319	\$ 18
Account receivable	611	3,011
Accounts payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u>2,930</u>	\$ <u>3,029</u>

6. Special projects

Expenses were incurred during the year for the following projects:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Stewardship	\$ 254,712	\$ 236,442
Ducks Unlimited boat and guiding	640	-
Chisana Caribou	20,180	152,097
Enhancement Trust work project	1,387	11,510
Live release	425	7,256
Harvest monitoring	-	2,138
Old Crow science camp	10,907	-
Concession & Compensation Review Board	5,774	6,850
Outfitter Appeal Committee	225	3,429
Game guardian	45	3,221
Outfitter quota guidelines	<u>-</u>	<u>7,605</u>
	\$ <u>294,295</u>	\$ <u>430,548</u>



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7. Honoraria

Honoraria to board members and elders were paid out for meetings and various activities. Total honoraria paid out was:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Annual working groups	\$ 9,150	\$ -
Board meetings	51,214	48,325
Conferences, workshops and projects	<u>8,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>
	<u>\$ 68,435</u>	<u>\$ 59,037</u>

8. Comparative figures

Certain of the comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2006 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

9. Economic dependence

The Board is dependent upon the Government of Yukon for ongoing operating funds.

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MANDATE:

A Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be established, as of the effective date of Settlement Legislation, as the primary instrument of Fish and Wildlife management in the Yukon (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.1).



The Fish and Wildlife Management Board, acting in the public interest and consistent with this chapter and taking into consideration all relevant factors including recommendations of the Councils, may make recommendations to the Minister, to Yukon First Nations and to the Councils, on all matters related to Fish and Wildlife management, Legislation, research, policies, and programs (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.11).

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board may make recommendations pursuant to Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.12.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be comprised of twelve members.

Yukon shall nominate six members, one of whom shall be selected in consultation and concurrence with Canada (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.2).

Yukon First Nations shall nominate six members, by causing the Council for Yukon Indians to make the nominations on behalf of Yukon First Nations after consultation with Yukon First Nations (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.2).

The Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources shall appoint the nominees to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board (Umbrella Final Agreement 2.12.2.3, 2.12.2.4).

The majority of representatives of Government and the majority of representatives of Yukon First Nations shall be Yukon residents (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.4).

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One third of the initial appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be made for three years, one third for four years, and one-third for five years. Thereafter, appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be for five years (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.5).

All appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be during good behavior (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.5).

The provisions of Umbrella Final Agreement UFA 2.12.2 shall apply to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

OPERATIONS:

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall determine its own procedures for selecting its chairperson from its membership (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.3).

The Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources shall appoint the chairperson selected by the Fish and Wildlife Management Board (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.3).

In the event that the Fish and Wildlife Management Board fails to select a chairperson within 60 days of the position being vacant, the Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources shall appoint a chairperson from the membership of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Management Board (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.3.1).

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall be accountable to the Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources for its expenditures (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.8).

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall prepare an annual budget, subject to approval by the Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources. The budget approval process will respect the Board's discretion over the allocation of funds to be available to the Board under the Plan (Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.9).



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ACTIVITIES:

The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall establish the Salmon Sub-Committee pursuant to Umbrella Final Agreement 16.7.17 at its initial meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Yukon Salmon Committee is a sub-committee of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board, but functions independently as the main instrument of salmon management in the Yukon and focuses

on the conservation of territorial salmon stocks. It makes recommendations to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on all matters related to Yukon salmon. Committee members also serve on the Yukon River Panel which represents the Yukon in ongoing Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations between Canada and the United States.

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The Fish and Wildlife Management Board shall undertake activities pursuant to its obligations as set out in Chapter 16, and its obligations in Chapter 27, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust.



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