



NEWSLETTER

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**SPECIAL THANKS
KEN REEDER, CHAIR**

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MOOSE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SURVEY

The Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resource Council (C/TRRC) has partnered with Yukon Government (YG) and Government of Carcross Tagish First Nation (GC/TFN) on a multi-phase moose knowledge project. The C/TRRC is currently interviewing valuable knowledge holders on their local knowledge of moose in the Southern Lakes. The answers to the survey will offer first person accounts of the current trends of moose population and habitat. The C/TRRC will follow up with an online survey offered to all Southern Lakes residents, as a means of gathering input from the entire community.

YG will contribute with aerial surveys in November 2021. Then the C/TRRC will host a workshop including neighbouring First Nation's and RRC's to discuss strategies and actions for moose harvest management in the future.



ON THE LAND GATHERING

The C/TRRC has committed to hosting a yearly On the Land Gathering as a way of sharing with the community, which it aims to represent. Due to the recent outbreak of Covid-19 in the communities, we had to postpone our 2021 gathering until later in the year. However, we don't want to wait too long to share important information with you, which is why we'll be gathering this winter instead. C/TRRC is planning towards a gathering, hosted indoors, in January 2022.

The focus of our On the Land Gathering 21/22 is the 2020-2025 Community-Based Fish and Wildlife Workplan. Along with our partners GC/TFN and YG, we want to share our priorities and plans with you for the five-year term. The On the Land Gathering will feature presentations and discussion-based workshops to introduce and describe our goals. We're looking forward to sharing more information with the community as this event develops!

C/TRRC GIVEAWAY

The winner of the C/TRRC prize giveaway and recipient of this great C/TRRC fleece and hat is KRISTINA CALHOUN! If you see your name give us a call or email claim your prize!



Subscribe to the C/TRRC newsletter for updates and a chance to win great prizes!

The giveaway in the next newsletter will be this Gerber Suspension Multi-Plier!

One winner will be drawn at random for each edition of the C/TRRC Newsletter!

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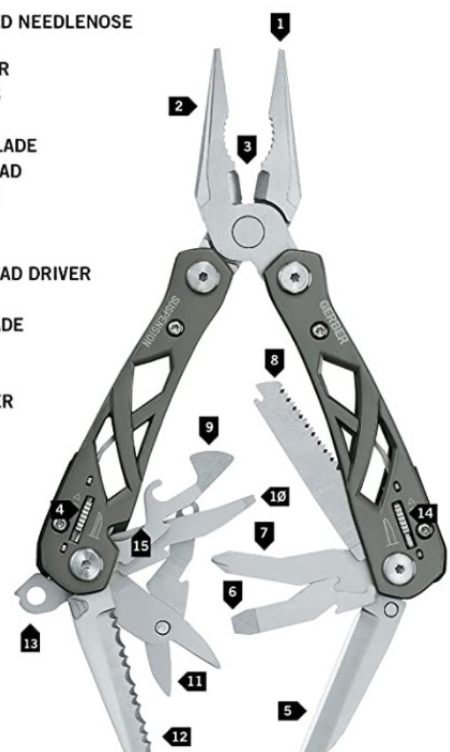
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1. SPRING-LOADED NEEDLENOSE PLIERS
2. REGULAR PLIER
3. WIRE CUTTERS
4. TOOL LOCK
5. PLAIN EDGE BLADE
6. LARGE FLATHEAD
7. CROSS DRIVER
8. SAW
9. CAN OPENER
10. SMALL FLATHEAD DRIVER
11. SCISSOR
12. SERRATED BLADE
13. LANYARD
14. TOOL LOCK
15. BOTTLE OPENER



CARIBOU IN THE SCHOOLS

The C/TRRC is very proud to be a contributor to the Caribou in the Schools program, currently under development. The program introduces five themes, centred around knowledge of the Southern Lakes Caribou herd directly into our school curriculum: impact of change, caribou within the ecosystem, stewardship and respect for the land, first nations traditional ways of knowing and doing, and sustainable resource management.

We will be part of an Elder's Gathering in the next few weeks for a session of "what we heard." We're hopeful to see this project in schools early next year!

NEW MEMBERS AND CHAIRS

The C/TRRC would like to thank our long-time chair, Ken Reeder, for all of his support over the years. Ken spearheaded many of the amazing C/TRRC achievements during his time with the Council. Thank you, Ken!

We would like to extend a big congratulations to our newly elected chair, Don Toews! Don, as a long time-member of C/TRRC, is a natural fit in the position.

Similarly, we would like to thank Edna Helm, for her long-time role as Vice Chair of the C/TRRC. Edna has stepped down to assume regular council member responsibilities after a summer as Acting Chair, so that she can enjoy more time on-the-land with her family.

Another big congratulations to Seki Giardino who has been elected as Vice Chair!

The C/TRRC would like to welcome our two new members, John Smarch and Tyler Obediah!

We look forward to the next generation of RRC members and continued support from the community!

YUKON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The C/TRRC is actively working with the Yukon Invasive Species Council (YISC) on invasive species management in the Southern Lakes Region. At present, two-year projects are underway researching, planning, and educating around zebra and quagga mussels and sweetclover. As your representative body for fish, wildlife, and forestry in the Carcross Tagish First Nation Settlement area, we want to hear from you if you've seen or have concerns about any of these invasive species.

White Sweetclover Yellow Sweetclover

Melilotus albus,
Melilotus officinalis

Common name: Sweetclover
Scientific name: *Melilotus albus* (white) *Melilotus officinalis* (yellow)
Family: Fabaceae

Description

Sweetclover is an annual or biennial plant in the pea family that can grow 2 m tall but is usually less than 1 m. It rapidly colonizes gravelly well-drained soils such as roadsides, waste areas and river banks and bars. A single plant can produce 300,000 seeds and the seeds remain viable in the soil or under water for many years (80% survival after 30 years). This is likely Yukon's most invasive and problematic species. It is planted in agricultural areas to increase soil nitrogen.

Range in Yukon

White Sweetclover is widespread throughout southern Yukon. It is known along much of the Alaska, North Klondike, Robert Campbell, and Top-of-the-World highways and 30 km up the Dempster Highway. It has proven to be highly invasive along the La Biche River in southeast Yukon. The only sites known on the Yukon River in Yukon are Whitehorse, Carmacks and Dawson; although it is a serious problem on Alaskan waterways including tributaries of the Yukon River.

Similar Species

Yellow Sweetclover (*Melilotus officinalis*), the yellow coloured relative, is widespread throughout southern Yukon, though not as abundant as its cousin.

Ecological Impact

White Sweetclover readily invades open areas and forest clearings as well as on river banks. It can form large monospecific stands, overgrow and shade native species. It will degrade natural grasslands.

Control

Plants should be pulled or cut before or during flowering. First-year plants may re-grow and can be cut again. Pulling or cutting will have to be repeated over a number of years to deplete the seed bank. If mature seed is not present, plants can be left where they are pulled. The plants quickly die once removed from the soil.



Photos: Andrea Allther



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Have you seen...

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ZEBRA MUSSEL

Dreissena polymorpha

- ▶ Fingernail sized (0.5 cm).
- ▶ Dark and light banding pattern on shells.
- ▶ Attach to boats, equipment, vegetation, and other organisms.

QUAGGA MUSSEL

Dreissena bugensis

- ▶ About 20 mm (0.8 in) wide.
- ▶ Shell is paler toward the end of the hinge.
- ▶ Attach to boats, equipment, vegetation, and other organisms.



Amy Benson, U.S. Geological Survey, Bugwood.org



Photo: Government of Yukon

DIDYMO / ROCK SNOT

Didymosphenia geminata

- ▶ Brown, yellow, or white.
- ▶ Feels like rough wool.
- ▶ Grows in clumps and ropes, smothering rocks and vegetation in the stream bottom.
- ▶ native, but please report

Report

Zebra or Quagga mussel sightings to:

1-800-661-0408, ext. 5721 fisheries@yukon.ca iNaturalist.ca

For more information: yukoninvasives.com



YOUR COUNCIL

The CTRRC is the local management body for fish, wildlife and forestry in the Carcross Tagish First Nation Settlement area.

The Council is your voice in managing local renewable resources.

We provide strong input into planning and regulation processes by raising public awareness of specific issues and by providing local and traditional information. The Council also plays an important advisory role to territorial, federal and First Nations governments and the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board.

The CTRRC is comprised of 8 Council members including 2 alternate members. Three members and 1 alternate are each nominated by the First Nation and the Yukon Government. Your current members are:

Don Toews (Chair), Seki Giardino (Vice Chair), Edna Helm, John Smarch, Tyler Obediah, Jacques Jobin (alternate), Zena McLean (alternate). Andrew Serack is Executive Director.

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