



# CTRRC Annual News Letter

*It has been another busy year for Carcross Tagish Renewal Resources Council (CTRRC) and we would like to welcome you to our 1st edition of the CTRRC newsletter.*

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.

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## 2016 fourth “On The Land Gathering”

Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council hosted the fourth “On the Land Gathering” on June 10 & 11, 2016 at Skookies Camp in Carcross, Yukon.

The overall purpose of the meeting was to start the process for the development of a Southern Lakes Caribou Management Plan.



All six First Nation Governments within the range of the S.L caribou herd as well as Yukon and B.C. governments and the YFWMB and the four RRC’s (Alosek, Laberge, Teslin and Carcross Tagish) were invited.

There was discussion around the the key recommendations identified in the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee’s report; and sharing of some successes, issues and ideas for continued successful management of our Southern Lakes wildlife, wildlife habitat and populations, most notably the continued recovery and management of the Southern Lakes caribou herds.

In the spirit of these significant initiatives, we wish to continue this work together and advance the above. “On The Land Gathering” was well attended with approximately thirty-five (35) participants.

Many thanks to who participated at this event.

## Trappers Training Workshop – Carcross School



Yukon Environment hosted Yukon's Basic Trapper Training Workshop in Carcross on November 19 - 23, 2015. This 4 ½ day workshop meets the training requirements for obtaining a Yukon Trapping Licence or Assistant Trapper Licence.

CTRRC sponsored two (2) students from Ghuch Tla Community School to take part in the Environment Yukon's Basic Trapper Training Workshop.

Ken Reeder, Co-chair was invited as a local trapper to assist with two days on skinning and the methods of equipment use.

## Wire Recovery Project 2015/16



There are hundreds of km of abandoned old telegraph and telephone wire in the Sothern Lakes that are entangling and killing wildlife. CTRRC were able to secure \$10,000 (2015) from the YFWET to start the wire removal and recovery process which will take many years to complete.



During the summer the Y2C2 crew from Environment Yukon took to the land to document and start the removal of wire..

There will be a continuation for *Southern Lakes Wire Recovery Project 2016* and the purpose of this project is to continue on with the identification, mapping, and removal of abandoned wire in the Southern Lakes area.

### Training in Wolf Harvest Management and Trapping in the Southern Lakes - 2016



CTRRC hosted a wolf skinning and pelt preparation workshop in Carcross on March 13, 2016. CTRRC were able to secure funds from the YFWET for this project.

The goal of the project was to educate and train trappers in the CTFN Traditional Area on wolf trapping methods and to encourage wolf trapping and harvest as a way to manage wolf populations.

The objective was to work directly with interested trappers to identify key areas and traplines in the area for wolf management. This included the identification and establishment of trapping sites with local trappers and providing ongoing hands-on assistance and advice as necessary to wolf trapping trainees during the course of the trapping season.

## 2016 Southern Lakes Forestry Management Plan Public Community Meetings



The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council (CTRRC) hosted joint public meetings with the Joint Planning Committee January/February 2016 in Marsh Lake, Tagish, Carcross and Mt Lorne.

The CTRRC will be reviewing the Forest Resources Management Plan that is being developed when it is drafted and making recommendations to the Minister and CTFN.

The planning work is a joint initiative of Carcross Tagish First Nation, Ta'an Kwach, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, and Government of Yukon.

There was a presentation of the vision statement, forest zonation with mapping and strategic management directions.

The vision is to provide opportunities for forest harvesting that reduce the threat of wildfires in the S.L region and forest management that balances environmental, economic, social and cultural needs for present and future generations while maintain a functioning forest ecosystems.



### Tagish River Cisco Assessment and Restoration – 2016

The primary purpose of the project is to assess status of Cisco in the Tagish and Nares Rivers and declines in populations that have occurred based on traditional and local knowledge.

CTRRC were able to secure \$15,000 from the YFWET for this project.



**Project Goals:**

- To gather preliminary information on seasonal abundance and distribution of cisco in the Tagish River and Nares River.
- To determine the size and age class structure of cisco population and at maturity.
- to collect traditional and local knowledge on cisco.
- To collect genetic and diet samples for future analysis and





## **Trapping Brainstorming Meeting Nov 21/16**

### **The intent of the meeting:**

The overall purpose of the meeting was for all management partners and trappers to have a discussion and work together on a plan and process for promoting a more viable trapping industry that encourages trappers and especially young people to get out on the land. The meeting was well attended by about 35 representatives of Yukon Government, First Nations and elders, the YFWMB and RRC's and trappers

Review and assessment of mining proposals in the Southern Lakes  
CTRRC worked with CTFN and other effected First Nations and the YESAB and participated in two public meetings in Marsh Lake to review the proposal for placer mining in the Judas Creek area and a proposal for continued mining exploration on Jubilee Mountain. CTRRC recommendations to YESAB on the two mining proposals can be found on the CTRRC website(provide coordinates here)

*Thanks to NorthCurl Outfitters for the donation of Moose Meat in the fall of 2016.*

*The meat was donated to the Southern Lakes 4 communities.*

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