



Figure 1. Nacho Nyak Dun traditional territory.

# INTRODUCTION

The 2002-2007 Community-based Fish and Wildlife Management Plan for the Nacho Nyak Dun Traditional Territory is the third community-based fish and wildlife management plan for the traditional territory. The plan follows the “1993-1996 Integrated Big Game Management Plan for the Mayo Region” and the “1997 Integrated Wildlife Management Plan for the Nacho Nyak Dun Traditional Territory” (referred to as the 1997-2001 plan).

Development of the community-based approach to fish and wildlife management plans originated in the community of Mayo and over the past ten years has been applied throughout the Yukon to engage communities in joint, collaborative planning exercises. These are practical plans that coordinate and unify the management of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats between the local Renewable Resources Council, First Nation and Yukon Department of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch.

In May and June of 2002, community workshops were held in Mayo to develop the following plan. The plan addresses community concerns about moose, caribou, bears, wolves, and fish populations, along with habitat, harvest, wildlife viewing, and suggests opportunities for public participation and ways to better inform area residents about management activities.

We, the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, the Mayo District Renewable Resources Council and the Yukon Department of Environment, intend the plan to be a guide for the management of fish and wildlife populations, habitat, and harvest practices in the traditional territory of the Nacho Nyak Dun First Nation (Figure 1) from 2002-2007.

## How the plan was developed

In March 2002, a technical review team with representatives from the NND, MDRRC and YTG met to review the 1997 integrated wildlife management plan. We reviewed each action item, and determined if the action was done, in progress, or not started, and whether more work was needed. The outcome of this review was an agreement to proceed with a new plan that would reflect the ongoing commitments between the plan partners continuing from the 1997-2001 plan, as well as address new issues raised in the June 2001 Mayo Community Wildlife Questionnaire.

In May 2002, a community workshop in Mayo was held to share information on fish and wildlife populations, and to discuss current management issues. We presented information to the participants on the status of fish and wildlife in the area, and provided the opportunity for Yukon government staff, Nacho Nyak Dun Lands and Resources staff, and community members to exchange information on current management practices and concerns.

In June 2002, we held a planning workshop in Mayo to review community concerns and build a plan to individually address each concern. We grouped concerns by topic (i.e. moose populations and harvest practices, habitat management issues, etc.) and discussed them over two day-long workshops. Workshop participants identified solutions to each concern. Governments and the MDRRC made commitments to address the concern. The plan notes the responsible agency and timeframe for each commitment.

AMT Advanced Minerals Technologies Canada Inc.
ATV All-Terrain Vehicle
CPUE Catch Per Unit Effort
DIAND Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
DFO Department of Fisheries and Oceans (federal)
MDRRC or RRC Mayo District Renewable Resources Council
NND First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun
PCMB Porcupine Caribou Management Board
YFWMB Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board
YTG Yukon Territorial Government (specifically, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Branch)

## Layout of the plan

The plan groups concerns by species or common topic. Each section of the plan contains:

### Concerns

Concerns represent statements from the community about current fish and wildlife management issues — and can relate to populations, harvest levels, information gaps about fish and wildlife, or a number of other topics. The concerns listed in this plan were compiled from the 2001 Mayo Community Wildlife Questionnaire, discussions with elders, and concerns stated at the May 2002 Information Workshop.

### Solutions

Solutions reflect the discussion that occurred at the June 2002 Planning Workshop. The solution is summarized by one statement, and followed by a short description providing more detail of the discussion and rationale for choosing the solution.

### Commitments

A commitment is the action that will be taken by one or more of the plan partners to address the solution.

### By who?

Assigning the commitment to one or more plan partner is also important to track which partner is responsible for which item. A commitment may fall to one partner — for example, just NND — or may be a collaborative responsibility of all three partners — NND/MDRRC/YTG.

### By when?

Identification of a goal for completing the commitment is key to tracking the progress the plan partners make during the life of the plan in order to complete commitments.

Target timelines for completion of each commitment are identified in this column, by fiscal year. For example, completion of a commitment during “2002” is intended to be carried out during April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003. In some cases timelines are identified as a range of years — for example, “2002-2007” — implying that the commitment will be carried out during each year of the plan. Other examples may just identify “2002, 2003, 2004,” meaning that the commitment is only for these three years of the plan.

One recommendation is included in this plan. This recommendation is made to the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board since the Board is not considered a “plan partner.” In this case, the recommendation is a request for information that will be forwarded by letter from the plan partners requesting a response.

Each commitment has been numbered to enable tracking of commitments throughout the life of the plan. Keeping track of the commitments is necessary, particularly when carrying out the mid-term and final reviews of the plan to understand which items are complete or not.