

ENFORCEMENT

Concern

Wilderness travellers are not adequately informed about wildlife laws which results in *Wildlife Act* violations.

Residents believe that many wilderness travellers do not have correct information about the legal requirements to obtain fishing licenses and small game licenses, as well as an understanding of harassment of wildlife. More attempts need to be made to reach wilderness travellers to get accurate information to them about travelling in this area before they begin their travel. This problem happens along all parts of the Yukon River, from Whitehorse to the Yukon Territory border, and LSCFN has discussed the need for a coordinated management plan for the entire Yukon River corridor.

Solution

The YTG Conservation Officer and LSCFN Game Guardians can help inform river travellers of wildlife laws.

Where possible, patrols between the YTG Conservation Officer and LSCFN Game Guardians will be coordinated.

Commitment

By who? By when?

YTG
2004-2009

LSCFN
EARLY IN PLAN

River patrols by YTG Conservation Officers will continue to be a priority in the summer months. [27]

All problems encountered will be documented, and will be forwarded to the CRRC when this plan is reviewed.

LSCFN will review its Game Guardian program and evaluate how to best patrol the river. [28]

*Little Salmon Lake
(M. Colpron)*



Concern**Rules about resident harvest on settlement lands are not clear.**

Laws are needed by LSCFN to address resident hunting on settlement land. While Category A land is not open to resident hunting without First Nation permission, LSCFN has no legislation to enforce this. This is an issue for LSCFN to decide how and when they may want to deal with it.

Solution Provide information to community and First Nation about laws around hunting on LSCFN settlement lands.

Hunters need to understand what laws apply to their activities, on settlement and non-settlement lands and to whom. It is important that people get this information before they go out to hunt.

Commitment

By who? By when?

YTG, LSCFN, CRRC
2004, 2005

The YTG Conservation Officer will hold information sessions with the CRRC and LSCFN to review hunting on settlement lands. [29]

A request will be made to the YTG Conservation Officer to provide information to LSCFN citizens at their next General Assembly. The YTG Conservation Officer will provide the same information to the CRRC to keep their members informed during the winter of 2004-05.

Concern**Need more enforcement at the Tatchun fishing derby to stop wastage of jackfish.**

Every year a fishing derby is held at Tatchun Lake. A concern was raised that some fish caught in the derby have been left in buckets in the sun, and wasted. More enforcement and education about proper handling of fish is needed during the weekend of the derby at Tatchun Lake.

Solution Provide more education for anglers and derby organizers about rules concerning wastage of fish.

Both anglers and derby organizers need to be reminded to not waste or abandon fish caught during the derby.

Commitment

By who? By when?

YTG
2004-2009

Make the presence of a YTG Conservation Officer at the Tatchun fishing derby an enforcement priority. [30]

Attendance by a YTG Conservation Officer at the derby would help to remind anglers about proper handling of fish.

Concern

There is not enough enforcement presence in the LSCFN traditional territory.

This has been a community complaint for 25 years. People feel that with a YTG Conservation Officer stationed in Carmacks, there would be more effective patrols and enforcement.

Solution

Increase the enforcement presence by stationing a YTG Conservation Officer in Carmacks, and supporting a First Nation trainee and YTG Deputy Conservation Officer in the community.

More presence on the land may help to not only address enforcement concerns, but also provide another source of information about people's activities on the land.

Commitment

By who? By when?

CRRC, LSCFN
EARLY IN PLAN

Recommend stationing a Conservation Officer in Carmacks year-round. [31]
People feel that the duties of the YTG Conservation Officer are always expanding and as a result, that one YTG Conservation Officer's time cannot address all responsibilities adequately in this region. Justification for recommending an additional Conservation Officer in Carmacks should consider the requirements to monitor wood bison harvest activities, the need to patrol the Mount Nansen area to understand impacts of access on wildlife, and enforcement implications once the LSCFN has established their own legislation about harvest activities on settlement land.

CRRC, LSCFN
EARLY IN PLAN

Request the establishment of a YTG Deputy Conservation Officer position in the Carmacks area. [32]
Deputy Conservation Officers are unpaid volunteers that work directly with the YTG Conservation Officers. They undergo training to handle road-killed wildlife, deal with problem bears, wolves, and accompany Conservation Officers on river patrols or field patrols. Deputy Conservation Officers are a valuable set of eyes and ears in the community. The CRRC and LSCFN will write a formal request for a Deputy Conservation Officer Program in the traditional territory.

CRRC, LSCFN, YTG
2004

Recommend support for YTG Conservation Officer training program for First Nation people. [33]
At the time of this plan, the Yukon Government's Public Service Commission was working to establish a First Nation Conservation Officer trainee position. A First Nation trainee would work and train with the current YTG Conservation Officer stationed in Faro for a period of three years. The competition for the training program would be open to all Yukon First Nation applicants and may result in more patrolling and effective enforcement within the Carmacks area.