

## Concern

### There is a lack of cow moose harvest information

There has been a lot of discussion over the years about the effect of cow harvesting on moose populations. The Yukon government ended cow harvesting by residents in the 1970s. Cow harvesting by First Nations continues and is believed to be essential for certain traditional and cultural practices. Presently, in Teslin Tlingit traditional territory, the level of cow moose harvesting is not well known and neither is the status of the most heavily harvested moose population. The local harvest information provided by TTC at the planning workshop was a valuable first-look at harvest information for the traditional territory.

### Solution Get good cow moose harvest information

It was agreed that no conclusions could be attempted without better information. The first step is to collect cow harvest information and review it in relation to the new population estimate for the same area.

## Action

Responsible parties, Time line

### TTC

2001/02

2002/03

2003/04

2004/05

### Get accurate cow moose harvest information

This information would be obtained as part of the quarterly harvest surveys conducted by TTC. If the results show a certain level of cow harvesting in a moose population that is not declining or that the population numbers are lower than would be expected for this region of the Yukon, then the entire concept of the effect of cow moose harvesting must be re-examined. [2001-Tes-AI-28]

## RECOMMENDATION 5

[2001-Tes-Rec-5]

**To:** Yukon Department of Environment

**Re:** Public information about research and monitoring programs

### That all technical reports must have a companion explanation for the public

**Rationale:** Several of the action items in this plan will be undertaken by the Yukon Department of Environment staff who will provide a technical summary of the projects, such as moose, sheep and trout surveys, to the government. Although technical terminology is appropriate for these reports, without proper definitions and plain language drafting, it does not work well for general public information. The solution is to produce a public summary of each report that can be provided to the community and to the RRC.

*Moose on grassy bank*

