

Concern**TTC legislation for harvesting enforcement is incomplete**

The provisions of the Yukon *Wildlife Act* are enforced on Yukon residents and visitors, but in general, the provisions regulating hunting do not apply to Teslin Tlingit beneficiaries hunting within their traditional territory (unless they get a resident licence). The Teslin Tlingit Council has enforcement powers on Category A settlement lands and can issue access permits for those areas. However, without a justice act, the TTC cannot enforce the conditions of the permits.

Solution Work towards more coordination of enforcement and compliance

Cross appointments of conservation officers are not possible at this time due to lack of a TTC justice act.

Concern**Inadequate**

This basically refers to the amount of patrol time available to both conservation officers. Hunting activity occurs in pulses, and is difficult for the Yukon Department of Environment conservation officer to be everywhere when this occurs. (Sometimes, additional staff are assigned.) Recently, a significant amount of the TTC officer's time has been devoted to drafting legislation.

Solution Provide a greater presence on the land

This could be accomplished by the appointment of a game guardian who would have specific responsibilities for patrolling. The concept of a guardian is popular from a community stewardship point of view but problematic as to financial and administrative support for the position.

Elders Sam Johnson and Harry Morris pointed out that, "Our ancestors are guardians of all the land. Our ancestors depended on the whole thing. We all have responsibilities. We need to show and educate our youth and new citizens. Let's work together as a people, all people, try to use the common knowledge, how this is going to work for tomorrow. Let's keep meeting and discussing this..."

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Actions

Responsible parties, Time line

TTC, YG
2001/02

Examine the Memorandum of Understanding on compliance/enforcement with respect to this plan

The Yukon government and TTC currently have a Memorandum of Understanding on compliance and enforcement which was established before this plan and should be reviewed in light of the commitments made via the plan. [2001-Tes-AI-26]

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Provide a game guardian on a trial basis

TTC volunteered to initiate this program. The guardian will work with the other two conservation officers and possibly the salmon steward. The guardian could also conduct the quarterly harvest monitoring surveys of TTC beneficiaries. TTC identified \$18,000 to get the program going. Other support could come from: 1) Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust, 2) Community Development Fund, 3) funding through RRC and schools, 4) Gordon Foundation, and 5) leftover money from the Yukon Department of Environment.

Note: The Yukon government provided some initial funds to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation guardian program. This kind of arrangement must be consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding (see letter October 12, 2000). [2001-Tes-AI-27]

RECOMMENDATION 4

[2001-Tes-Rec-4]

To: the Teslin Renewable Resources Council

Re: Public Communication by the Renewable Resources Council

That an annual pamphlet be produced summarizing what has happened in relation to the plan over the past year and what will happen in the following year

Rationale: The Teslin Integrated Fish and Wildlife Management Plan is a community-based decision-making process that requires a feedback component for the people of Teslin to inform them about the results and progress of their decisions. Of the many options available, it was agreed that an annual summary in pamphlet form should be produced by the RRC.