

NWT Caribou Summit To Be Held In Inuvik

YELLOWKNIFE (15 December 2006) - The Northwest Territories (NWT) Caribou Summit will be held in Inuvik on January 23-25, 2007.

The announcement was made today by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), the Honourable Michael McLeod.

"The Caribou Summit brings together people involved, or with an interest, in the management of caribou in the NWT to discuss the decline in herd numbers and actions to help the herds recover," said Minister McLeod. "I look forward to hearing advice from these stakeholders on how we can better work together to deal with an issue that has a huge impact on all our lives."

Representatives from the NWT, Nunavut, Yukon, as well as, northern Alberta and Saskatchewan are being invited to attend the workshop. Representatives from wildlife management boards and communities are also being invited to attend.

Topics of discussion at the Caribou Summit include engaging partners, making informed management decisions, managing impacts of human activities and addressing hardships from low caribou numbers.

"Our actions during the next four years will have a strategic effect on the recovery of the herds", added Minister McLeod. "The Caribou Summit provides a unique opportunity to bring together all players who use and manage this shared resource to ensure it will remain a part of the traditional and modern economy.

The Summit will build on recommendations from a November 2006 workshop in Inuvik on addressing hardships and a December 2006 workshop in Yellowknife on implementing the Bathurst Caribou Management Plan.

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