

Western NWT Biophysical Study Report Released

Yellowknife, November 1, 2006 - The second in a series of annual reports summarizing biophysical studies conducted in the western Northwest Territories (NWT) was released today by Environment and Natural Resources Minister Michael McLeod.

“The Western NWT Biophysical Study provides valuable information on the state of our wildlife resources, wildlife habitat, forests and air quality in the western NWT,” Minister McLeod said. “This information is vital in assisting the GNWT, Aboriginal governments, communities, industry and regulatory agencies to assess, monitor and mitigate potential environmental impacts of development activities in the NWT.”

Written as a series of project summaries contributed by project team leads, the plain language report is now accessible to public, industry, government and researchers. It also provides links to reports and other publications resulting from the Study.

The Western NWT Biophysical Study involves a number of partners including GNWT, federal agencies, co-management boards, universities, non-government organizations and industry. Most projects involve multiple partners and many are now in their second or third year of multi-year studies.

Regional and community workshops were also held in communities along the Mackenzie Valley to identify information needs and to regularly review progress of the Study. The workshops ensure priority information needs are being addressed and provide an opportunity for input by the public.

The Western NWT Biophysical Study, with links to individual project results, can be found on the ENR website at: www.enr.gov.nt.ca

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