

Government of
Northwest Territories

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020



WATER STEWARDSHIP IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Residents of the Northwest Territories (NWT) have a strong relationship with water. Clean and abundant water is essential to ecosystem health and the social, cultural and economic well-being of people living in the territory. Many people draw spiritual and cultural strength from the land and water. We drink water to stay healthy – both groundwater and surface water. We eat and use plants, fish, and other animals that rely on water. We depend on water for our economy, including fur harvesting and fishing. Rivers are a source of energy that can be used to generate electrical power. We use water to travel and transport goods during both the summer and winter. We all have a responsibility to care for the land and water. Our use of the water and land must not harm the water and aquatic ecosystems on which people, plants and animals depend. This responsibility is called *water stewardship*.

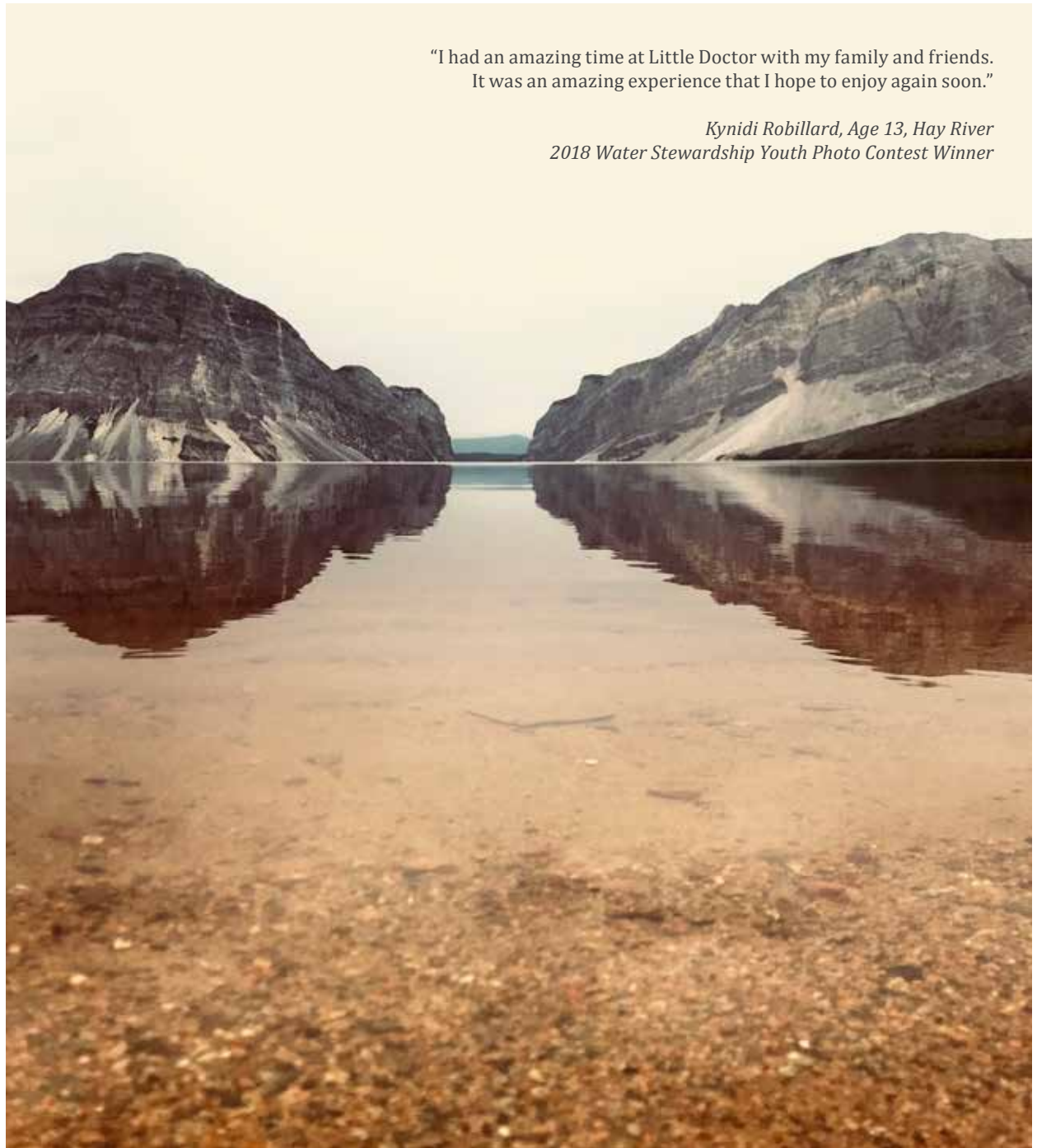
The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) supports and promotes the implementation of the *Northern Voices, Northern Waters: NWT Water Stewardship Strategy* (Water Strategy). The Water Strategy was released in 2010 with a vision that states: “The waters of the Northwest Territories will remain clean, abundant and productive for all time.” The GNWT is committed to working with water partners to achieve this vision.



Cover Photo Credit: Don Wilson,
Age 20, Hay River
2018 Water Stewardship Youth
Photo Contest Winner

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It was an amazing experience that I hope to enjoy again soon.”

*Kynidi Robillard, Age 13, Hay River
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WHAT DOES WATER MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY?

NWT youth were invited to participate in the 2018 Water Stewardship Youth Multimedia Contest. Youth were encouraged to submit photos, artwork, and videos that capture what water means to them and their community. Submissions were displayed at the annual Water Strategy Implementation Workshop in Dettah in October 2018. Water partners from across the NWT and beyond browsed the powerful collection of photos, artwork, and video, and voted for their favourites. Congratulations to the winners!

PHOTO CATEGORY:

Under 14 Years: Kynidi Robillard, Hay River

14-25 Years: Don Wilson, Hay River

ARTWORK CATEGORY:

Keila Badillo, Norman Wells

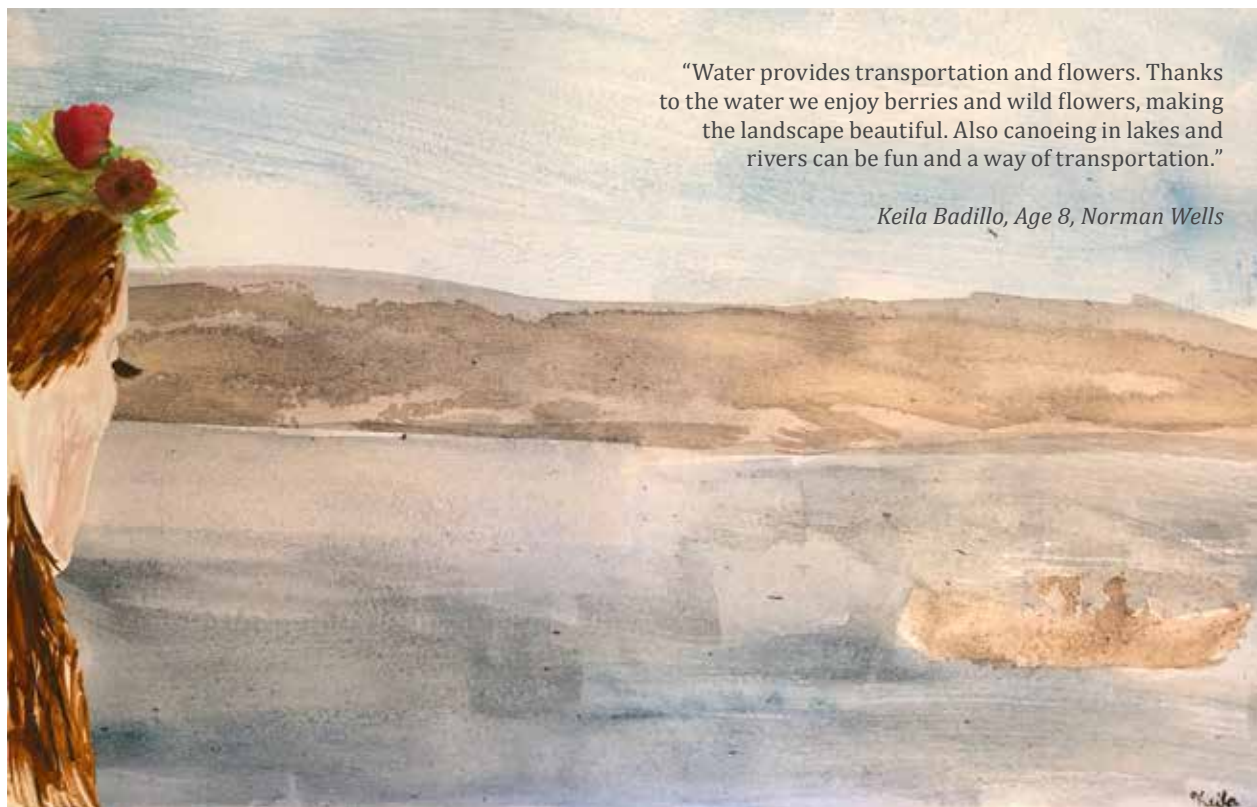
VIDEO CATEGORY:

Carson Asmundson, Yellowknife

We are pleased to feature the contest photos and artwork pieces in this calendar. Please note, some photo captions have been edited for length or clarity.

WATER PARTNER

Any person or group that has a role in water stewardship, including all levels of government, Indigenous governments and organizations, regulatory boards, non-governmental organizations, academia, industry, NWT communities, and others.



“Water provides transportation and flowers. Thanks to the water we enjoy berries and wild flowers, making the landscape beautiful. Also canoeing in lakes and rivers can be fun and a way of transportation.”

Keila Badillo, Age 8, Norman Wells

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS

Water partners developed the Water Strategy and its two Action Plans collaboratively to improve and promote water stewardship in the NWT at all levels.

Partnerships allow us to combine our efforts towards meaningful water stewardship for the benefit of all northerners. These partnerships are diverse, taking shape as partnerships among communities, governments, academics, non-governmental organizations, industry, youth and elders. They take place at the community level,

the regional level, the territorial level and even across borders. These partnerships are essential to achieving the Water Strategy's vision.

This 2019-20 Water Stewardship Strategy calendar showcases the importance of collaboration in water stewardship in the NWT and features some of the Water Strategy's key partnerships.

For more information about NWT water stewardship, or to access the plain language summary and audio recordings of the 2016-2020 NWT Water Stewardship Strategy Action Plan (available in six Indigenous languages), visit NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA



Dean Charlie, Age 23, Fort McPherson

JULY 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

ABORIGINAL STEERING COMMITTEE

The Water Strategy Aboriginal Steering Committee (ASC) was formed to guide development of the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy. ASC members serve as the link between their respective Indigenous governments and the Water Strategy and they provide guidance on Water Strategy implementation. This ongoing responsibility includes reporting on Water Strategy activities to their communities and leadership. The ASC also provides advice to water partners on engaging with Indigenous governments, organizations and communities. This advice includes guidance related to traditional knowledge and technical research, youth engagement, implementation of transboundary

water management agreements, public communication and other Water Strategy initiatives. The ASC includes representatives from Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Dehcho First Nations, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Kátł'odeeche First Nation, Nahanni Butte Dene Band, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Sahtu Secretariat Inc., Salt River First Nation, Tłıchǫ Government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR). For more information, visit NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA.



Sarah Booth, Age 10, Fort McPherson



AUGUST 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 Civic Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

TRACKING CHANGE

The University of Alberta works with the Mackenzie River Basin Board, GNWT and a number of communities in the Mackenzie River Basin to carry out the Tracking Change research project. This global research project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) until 2020. *Tracking Change* brings together a network of Indigenous/community organizations, governments and academics to build capacity to document and share local and traditional knowledge (LTK) about social-ecological

change in the Mackenzie River basin, Lower Mekong (Thailand), and Lower Amazon (Brazil) basins and to determine the role of LTK in watershed governance. As of the fourth year of *Tracking Change*, more than 60 communities (just over 30 in the Mackenzie Basin), 17 graduate students and more than 20 junior and senior research academics have been involved in community-based projects. More information on *Tracking Change* can be accessed at TRACKINGCHANGE.CA.





"I will always have a special place for Frame Lake. It's one of the few places I love to go when I need to step away from everything and take in something beautiful to refuel my passion for art and creativity."

Randy Hiebert, Age 23, Yellowknife

SEPTEMBER 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day	1	2	3	4	5

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS

Indigenous governments and organizations play an active role in ensuring their traditional territory is cared for and that obligations under treaties and land, resource and self-government agreements are fulfilled. This role is championed by various land and resource boards, councils and committees that undertake or participate in activities under all components of the Water Strategy. As an example of community stewardship, Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation was concerned about oil and gas development happening upstream of Cameron Hills and began a quarterly water quality sampling program in 2012-2013 with monitoring three sites in Tathlina Lake (Tathlina Lake,

West Cameron, Upper Kakisa Lake) and one site on Kakisa River. Ka'a'gee Tu directs the program and, in partnership with government scientists and universities, trains community members to collect water quality data for future decisions and monitoring programs. Monitors skidoo to sites in winter and spring to set up and maintain instruments and to take grab samples. Community members fly to Tathlina Lake during open water to maintain the same sample sites and stay at the community camp. For more information, visit DEHCHO.ORG.



"Many of us grew up or now live close to a body of water. Still more of us choose to vacation by water. Even if we live in the middle of a major city, think of how people congregate around a city fountain to eat their lunch or simply sit and watch the people go by? The fact is, people invariably congregate around water (kind of like the kitchen at a house party). We're drawn to water like our animal brethren despite having faucets and water bottles at our ready disposal."

Cassidy Villeneuve, Age 18, Fort Smith

OCTOBER 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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13	14 Thanksgiving	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2

LAND AND/OR WATER BOARDS IN THE NWT

The Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (the Mackenzie, Gwich'in, Sahtú, and Wek'èezhìi) and the Inuvialuit Water Board are regulatory authorities that collaborate with various water partners (GNWT departments, communities, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, etc.) towards the implementation of the Water Strategy. Some of the actions they are taking include improving municipal waste and wastewater systems in the NWT and reviewing and developing guidelines and regulations to clarify the existing regulatory and environmental assessment processes. In 2017, the Land and Water Boards of

the Mackenzie Valley and the GNWT jointly released the *Guidelines for Effluent Mixing Zones*. The Guidelines are part of a continuing effort to improve water-related regulatory decision-making and to clarify water licensing decisions related to effluent discharge and the use of mixing zones. The Guidelines are the first water regulatory guidelines to be jointly released by the GNWT and Boards since water-related responsibilities devolved from the federal government to the GNWT in 2014. For more information, visit MVLWB.COM, GLWB.COM, SLWB.COM, WLWB.CA, INUVWB.CA or NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA.



“This is a photo of my grandfather, Gabriel Lafferty. This photograph was taken on the Slave River. We went out with Environment and Natural Resources and conducted water samples. Not only does my family traditionally use the water, we play a big role in Fort Resolution as water keepers.”

Kathleen Fordy, Age 22, Fort Resolution

NOVEMBER 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING

Community-based monitoring (CBM) lets NWT residents get involved in water stewardship activities – a key goal of the Water Strategy. CBM helps increase awareness of water stewardship issues, enhances gathering and application of traditional knowledge, and increases community involvement in research and monitoring. The largest CBM program is the NWT-wide Community-based Monitoring Program. Since 2012, the program has built capacity in 21 communities through hands-on training sessions and monitoring. Results from this program are available at MACKENZIEDATASTREAM.CA

Dehcho AAROM (Aboriginal Aquatic Resources and Oceans Management), in partnership with Dehcho First Nations, university researchers and government departments, coordinates the NWT-wide CBM Program in the Dehcho region. Dehcho AAROM also works closely with the Dehcho K'ehodi Stewardship Program to build the Dehcho Guardians Program. Two guardians in each Dehcho community monitor water, make environmental observations and manage fishery resources. For more information, visit DEHCHO.ORG.



"This photo was taken at the boat launch of the Yellowknife River. I will always remember how beautiful it is to watch the water flowing, freely, and undisturbed. I have had some of the most relaxing times at the Yellowknife River, spending time with friends, family, and making the best of memories."

Randy Hiebert, Age 23, Yellowknife

DECEMBER 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

GNWT DRINKING WATER PARTNERSHIP

Drinking water is strictly regulated in the NWT to ensure it is of good quality and safe for people to drink. From raw source water to the tap, all levels of government have measures in place to ensure drinking water is safe. These measures include land and water use restrictions in watersheds, drinking water treatment, water quality testing and monitoring, public health inspections, circuit rider training, and water plant operator training and certification. The Interdepartmental Drinking Water

and Waste Management Committee is a partnership of four departments from the GNWT: Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Social Services, Municipal and Community Affairs and Infrastructure. This committee releases annual reports on drinking water in the NWT and provides information to NWT residents on municipal drinking water treatment and distribution through the NWT Drinking Water website NWTDRINKINGWATER.CA. For more information, visit NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA.



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JANUARY 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Years Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

TŁİCHQ AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM MONITORING PARTNERSHIP

The Tłıchq Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program is a collaborative program started by the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board and now co-led with the Tłıchq Government and the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board. The community-driven project aims to address water quality and fish health concerns raised by Tłıchq people. In the summer, the project team conducts an on-the-land fish camp that rotates to a different

Tłıchq community each year. The camp provides a hands-on learning opportunity for Tłıchq community members and youth to connect with Elders and gain experience in conducting aquatic monitoring research, including the collection of fish and water samples, and making observations using both Tłıchq and scientific knowledge. For more information, visit [TLICHO.CA](https://tlicho.ca) or [WRRB.CA](https://wrrb.ca).

*Don Wilson, Age 20, Hay River
2018 Water Stewardship Youth Photo Contest Winner*



FEBRUARY 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Academic partnerships include several universities that lead, co-lead or support the implementation of the Water Strategy. Collectively, academic partners work to improve community participation and leadership in water research projects. This responsibility includes ensuring NWT communities have information about research activities and have opportunities to share and/or lead research responsibilities. The Aurora Research Institute is a lead partner on several Action Items for the implementation of the Water

Strategy. As a northern-based organization, the Aurora Research Institute communicates research priorities identified by government and communities to academic institutions, supports researchers to present information to community members and promotes local and distance learning opportunities for community-based water monitors and future water leaders. For more information, visit [NWTRESEARCH.COM](https://nwtresearch.com) or [NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA](https://nwtwaterstewardship.ca).



"Looking back at this photo always puts a smile on my face. It just reminds me so much of the evenings I spent watching the sunset over the amazing lake we have right in our backyards. The driftwood beaches that surround, the fiery orange sky, and the sounds of the waves as they reach the shore."

Don Wilson, Age 20, Hay River

MARCH 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

ECOLOGY NORTH

Ecology North is a non-governmental organization that supports and delivers programming for effective, long-term stewardship of NWT water. Its outreach and education activities emphasize the importance of water, aquatic ecosystems and being a water steward. In 2018, Ecology North launched the #loveNWTwater campaign to promote the consumption of NWT water and raise awareness about the impacts of disposable plastic bottles. The campaign encourages communities,

governments and schools to commit to phasing out bottled water by signing an online pledge. Ecology North has also partnered with Indigenous governments and youth organizations to deliver water stewardship activities for youth. Some of Ecology North's ongoing water-related initiatives include Canada Water Week, Rivers to Oceans Day and underwater cleanups. For more information, visit ECOLOGYNORTH.CA.





“Taken at Hay Lake in the Mackenzie Mountains.
This photo connects me to the land that provides
for amazing trips to many different places.”

Zane Spilchak, Age 15, Norman Wells

APRIL 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

SHARING WATER DATA

Mackenzie DataStream helps share monitoring results among water partners and the public. It makes water quality data accessible and easy to find online. Mackenzie DataStream allows monitoring organizations of all sizes the ability to contribute data from throughout the Mackenzie River Basin and make it public. This includes data collected through the NWT-wide Community-based

Monitoring Program. Mackenzie DataStream was developed through a unique collaboration between The Gordon Foundation and the Government of the Northwest Territories. It is led at the national level by The Gordon Foundation in partnership with regional monitoring networks. For more information, visit MACKENZIEDATASTREAM.CA or GORDONFOUNDATION.CA.





“This photo is of the Great Slave Lake and Hay River Delta at sunset this September. I live near this area and love the clean vastness of it. I also love how the colours change so much with different weather and seasons.”

Julianne Groenwegen, Age 11, Hay River

MAY 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Victoria Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY-GNWT PARTNERSHIP

Formally established in May 2010, the 10-year Partnership Agreement between the GNWT and Wilfrid Laurier University is an expanding collaboration between researchers and NWT communities. The partnership serves to provide new infrastructure and expertise to the GNWT for environmental research and education. It expands the NWT's capacity to conduct environmental research and helps to provide the next generation of northerners with the expertise needed to manage the territory's natural resources in the face of

emerging challenges from climate change and the impacts of growth and development. In September 2017, Laurier strengthened its commitment to the NWT by opening a research office in Yellowknife. The office serves as a base for Laurier's research activities in the North and for building connections with partners, including government and Indigenous communities. For more information, visit WLU.CA/NORTHERN-RESEARCH.





Dean Charlie, Age 23, Fort McPherson

JUNE 2020

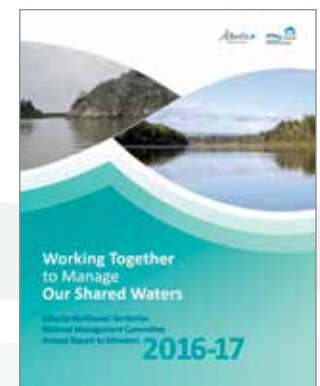
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 National Indigenous Peoples Day Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

TRANSBOUNDARY PARTNERSHIPS

The NWT shares its water with Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Saskatchewan and Nunavut. Because water is shared and flows across borders, we create partnerships to cooperatively manage those waters through bilateral water management agreements. The GNWT has agreements with the governments of Alberta, British Columbia and

Yukon. These agreements allow us to partner on sharing information, monitoring and learning about our water, and reporting on the work we are doing together. For more information, visit [ENR.GOV.NT.CA/EN/SERVICES/WATER-MANAGEMENT](https://enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/water-management).





"The Peel River near Fort McPherson is a beautiful place to explore and have fun."

Sarah Booth, Age 10, Fort McPherson

JULY 2020

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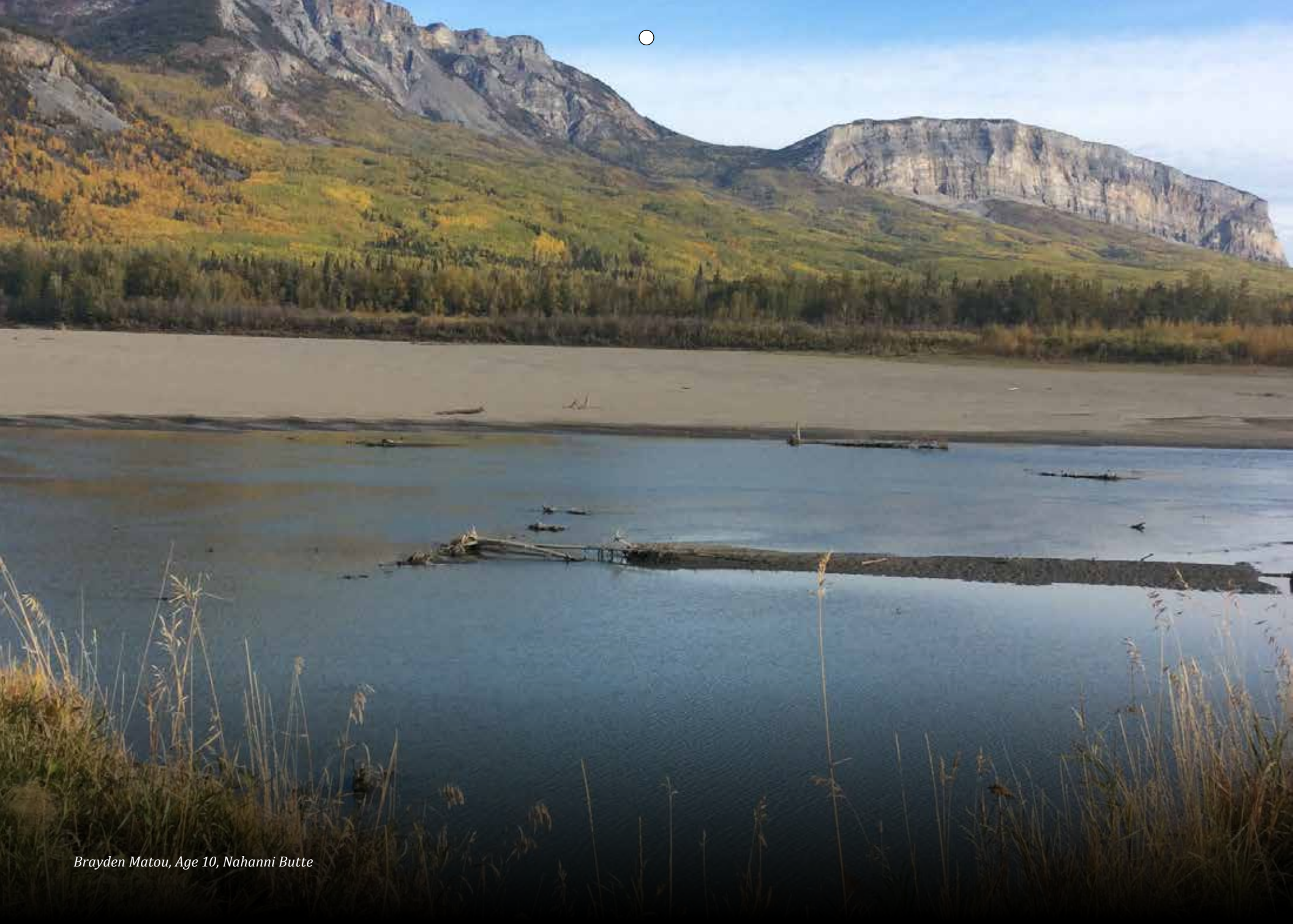
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

MACKENZIE RIVER BASIN BOARD

The Mackenzie River Basin Board is a partnership between Canada and the provinces and territories that share the Mackenzie River Basin. The Board was formed after the governments of Canada, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and Yukon signed the *Mackenzie River Basin Transboundary Waters Master Agreement* in 1997. The Board's vision for the Mackenzie River Basin is a healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystem for the benefit of present and

future generations. The members of the Board include Indigenous and government members from each of the provinces and territories of the Mackenzie River Basin and the federal government. Board members work together to share information about each part of the Mackenzie River Basin, produce reports about the state of the aquatic ecosystem, and support decision making to maintain healthy aquatic ecosystems. For more information, visit MRBB.CA.





Brayden Matou, Age 10, Nahanni Butte

AUGUST 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Civic Holiday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

NWT ON THE LAND COLLABORATIVE

The NWT On The Land Collaborative promotes and supports land-based initiatives in the NWT. Created in 2015, the Collaborative brings together government, philanthropic, corporate, and other partners to make it easier for NWT communities and organizations to access money and other resources for on the land projects. Over the last four years, the Collaborative has awarded more than \$3 million in grants to 166 land-based programs from every region of

the territory. The Collaborative supports projects that: get people out on the land; connect community members to their land, water, cultures, languages and traditions; build or strengthen partnerships; enhance community capacity; and are environmentally sustainable to support the continuation of the program. For more information, visit NWTONTHELAND.CA.



"This painting shows the sun beginning to set along Jackfish Lake. I enjoy capturing the appearance of the water and how it reflects the sky as it is different and unique each day. Being able to capture these moments and preserve them this way will hopefully inspire others to take care of our land."

Luisa Esteban, Age 21, Yellowknife



SEPTEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day	1	2	3

MONITORING WATER ECOSYSTEMS FROM SPACE – C-CORE

Using data from the Canadian Space Agency-supported Earth observation missions, C-CORE is developing a satellite-based monitoring program for the NWT's Slave River and Delta. The *Water Ecosystems Monitoring using Earth Observation* project was designed by C-CORE, working with the Government of the Northwest Territories, to gather information about the quality and abundance of the water in the Slave River and Delta, Great Slave Lake and Mackenzie Delta regions. Since 2014, the program has been monitoring

key environmental indicators, including water levels, flooding, course changes, temperature, ice build-up, sediment deposits and vegetation. The information gathered is easily accessible by GNWT and communities through LOOKNorth's Services platform. Key partners include the Slave River and Delta Partnership, C-CORE, University of Saskatchewan, Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada, and the Canadian Space Agency. For more information visit C-CORE.CA or NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA.





"This picture, to me, shows how fresh and energetic water can be. I am always so impressed how all those little air bubbles hold the water together! When I look at this picture, I remember being a part of the globe like the air bubble in the water. That refreshing picture makes me feel motivated to save our globe!"

Leah Kanzler, Age 19, Yellowknife

OCTOBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

NWT CUMULATIVE IMPACT MONITORING PROGRAM (NWT CIMP)

The NWT Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program coordinates, conducts and funds environmental monitoring research to help understand cumulative impacts and support better resource management in the NWT. Partnerships are essential to many CIMP-funded projects. For example: 1. A University of Waterloo and Dehcho AAROM Program project on fish mercury levels in Dehcho lakes. The results will help inform predictions of how mercury levels in fish will respond to continued environmental change. 2. Simon Fraser University

and the University of Maine together with the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB) and the Tetlit Gwich'in, Gwichya Gwich'in and Ehdiiat Renewable Resource Councils developed a monitoring program for whitefish in the lower Mackenzie River system. Results will be used by the GRRB and local Renewable Resource Councils for harvest decision making. For more information, visit [NWTDISCOVERYPORTAL. ENR.GOV.NT.CA](https://nwt.discoveryportal.ca).





“Water provides transportation and flowers. Thanks to the water we enjoy berries and wild flowers, making the landscape beautiful. Also canoeing in lakes and rivers can be fun and a way of transportation.”

Keila Badillo, Age 8, Norman Wells

NOVEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

THE NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

The NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) works with all 33 communities in the NWT. As a non-profit, non-governmental organization, the NWTAC presents a unified voice for communities through advocacy to the territorial and federal governments and through the national Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The NWTAC also facilitates the exchange of information and develops and delivers programs and tools to serve community needs and develop

management capacity. The NWTAC is currently helping to develop standards for northern infrastructure to ensure buildings are better, safer and more efficient. This includes standards to help northern communities design, implement and maintain effective community drainage systems using lagoons and wetlands, and erosion protection in permafrost. For more information about NWTAC, visit NWTAC.COM. For more information on NISI, visit SCC.CA/EN/NISI.





Faith Vital, Age 8, Nahanni Butte

DECEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

SLAVE RIVER AND DELTA PARTNERSHIP

The Slave River and Delta Partnership (SRDP) is a community-based monitoring project evolved through implementation of the Water Strategy. This partnership brings together communities, federal and territorial government agencies, Indigenous governments, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions.

The main goals of the SRDP project are to:

- Ensure communities have the opportunity to be actively involved in research, monitoring and planning initiatives along the Slave River and Delta.

- Support and coordinate community-based research and monitoring programs along the Slave River and Delta that are grounded in both traditional knowledge and science. Most recently, the SRDP has worked in partnership with University of Saskatchewan and the GNWT as part of the Delta Dialogue Network. This partnership works to explore how water research and monitoring information is shared within the communities of Fort Resolution and Fort Smith and identify best practices for knowledge sharing. For more information, visit [NWTWATERSTEWARDSHIP.CA](https://nwtwaterstewardship.ca).



Ella Kokelj, Age 16, Yellowknife



Kynidi Robillard, Age 13, Hay River



Jeanne Yurris, Age 24, Yellowknife



Cassandra Missautaq, Age 18, Aklavik



Brooke Dalton, Age 11, Inuvik



Kathleen Fordy, Age 22, Fort Resolution



Ciara Konisenta-Vital, Age 7, Nahanni Butte



Jeremy Larter, Age 15, Fort Simpson



Cassandra Missautaq, Age 18, Aklavik



Jaylene Delorme, Age 14, Hay River



Ella Kokelj, Age 16, Yellowknife



Jeremey Larter, Age 15, Fort Simpson

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS

The water partners listed below provided input into the development of the Water Strategy and/or are contributing to the implementation of the Water Strategy:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
Environment and Climate Change Canada
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Parks Canada

TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT)
Executive and Indigenous Affairs (GNWT)
Health and Social Services (GNWT)
Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT)
Infrastructure (GNWT)
Lands (GNWT)
Municipal and Community Affairs (GNWT)
NWT Centre for Geomatics (GNWT)
NWT Housing Corporation

INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

Aboriginal Steering Committee
Acho Dene Koe First Nation
Akaitcho Territory Government
Dehcho First Nations
Gwich'in Tribal Council

Inuvialuit Regional Corporation/ Inuvialuit Game Council
Kátł'odeeche First Nation
Nahanni Butte Dene Band
North Slave Métis Alliance
Northwest Territory Métis Nation
Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
Salt River First Nation
Tłı̨chǫ Government

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARDS

Environmental Impact Screening Committee
Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board
Gwich'in Land and Water Board
Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA)
Inuvialuit Water Board (IWB)
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Sahtu Land and Water Board
Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board

ACADEMIA

Aurora College
Aurora Research Institute
Brock University
Carleton University

Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning
Trent University
Université de Montreal
University of Alberta
University of New Brunswick
University of Saskatchewan
University of Waterloo
Wilfrid Laurier University

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers Canadian
Parks and Wilderness Society
Dehcho Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans
Management Program (AAROM)
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Ecology North
The Gordon Foundation
Local Government Administrators of Northwest
Territories
Mackenzie River Basin Board
NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC)
NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines
Pembina Institute
Tides Canada

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JULY 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

AUGUST 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

SEPTEMBER 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

OCTOBER 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

NOVEMBER 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

DECEMBER 2019

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

JANUARY 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

FEBRUARY 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

MARCH 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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APRIL 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

MAY 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

JUNE 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

JULY 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

AUGUST 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

OCTOBER 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

NOVEMBER 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

DECEMBER 2020

NWT WATER STEWARDSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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