

INUVIK REGION

Aklavik Sight in Your Rifle Program

Final Report



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Location: Old Pokiak River Festival Site, NWT

Funding for the Aklavik Region Sight in Your Rifle Program (SIYRP) was provided by the ENR Gwich'in Implementation Fund.

The Inuvik Region SIYRP was first initiated several years ago mainly through the ENR Conservation Education Programs from 1998 to 2012 and also through the 2009-2013 Aklavik (Shingle Point) SIYRP that were implemented by Aklavik RRO Ian McLeod.

RRO McLeod was tasked with planning, coordinating and implementing the SIYRP for the 2013 Aklavik SIYR Program. The GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) held the Sight In Your Rifle Event (SIYRE) at Pokiak River Festival Site, across the West Channel from Aklavik.

The prizes for the event were sponsored by:

- Department of ENR,
- Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee (AHTC)
- Ehdiiat Renewable Resource Council (ERRC); and
- Northern Store

Consultations and direction were provided by the AHTC, ERRC and the Hamlet of Aklavik. The SIYRE was held to stress the importance of 'sighting in your rifle' when hunting Big Game such as caribou, moose and sheep.

The Pokiak River site was chosen due to its close proximity to Aklavik and having a suitable gun range site. Approximately 22 people attended the event to watch the shooting competitions and obtain caribou related information. 20 people took part in the target shooting competitions. There were two categories for rifle shooting: 'open sight' at 50 metres and 'scope' at 100 metres.

This is the fourth consecutive year for this event. We have made this an annual event to track and observe if the scores from the participants improve over the years. We believe this could have a measurable impact on the amount of caribou being lost to wounding each year. It is also an excellent opportunity to hand out educational material and do conservation education. The weather on the day of the event was very favorable.

ENR took care of the majority of the tasks such as the following:

- **Advertising:** RRO McLeod distributed posters in the community;
- **Prizes:** RRO McLeod ordered and picked up the prizes;



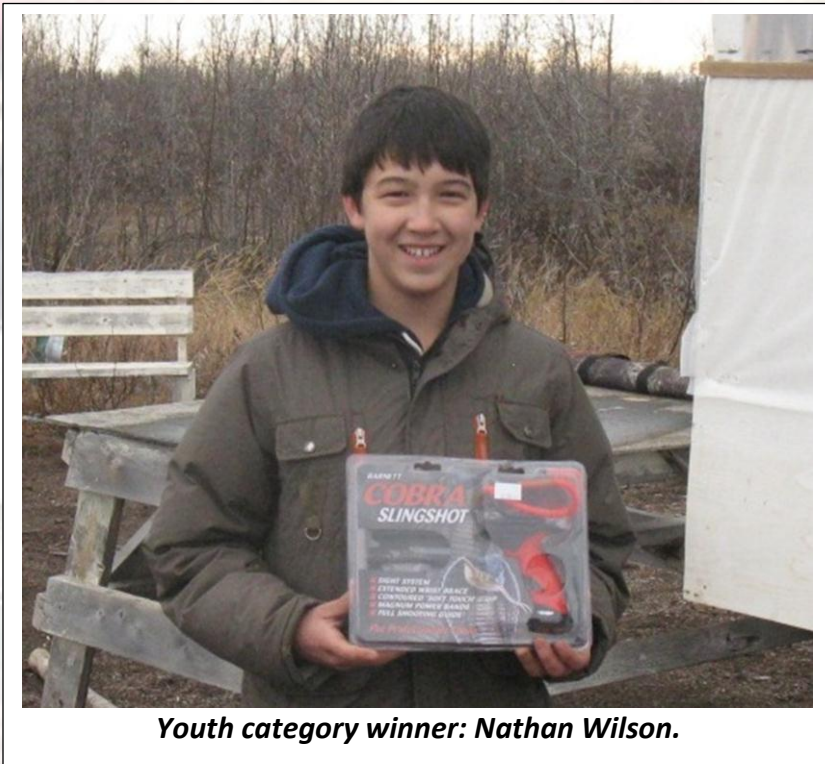
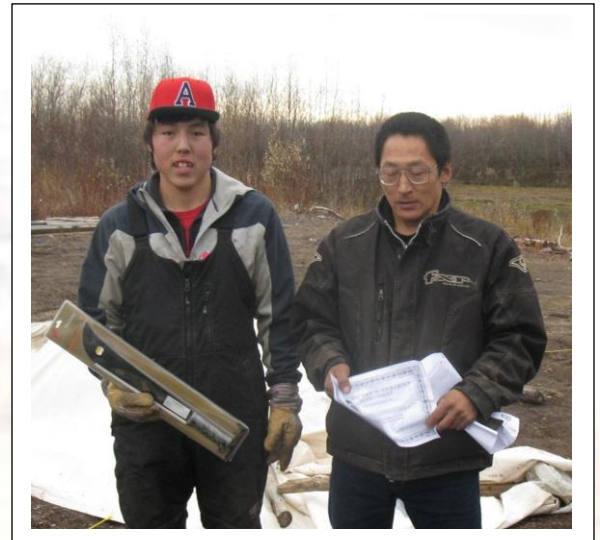
Aklavik SIYR grand prize 'scope' winner:
Cora Simpson with her prize.



Aklavik SIYR grand prize 'open sight'
winner: Freddie Furlong with his prize.

- **Educational material:** RRO McLeod and Ms. Michelle Gruben, AHTC coordinator, made arrangements to gather all paraphernalia and educational material from the Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) and ENR for distribution at the event.

RRO McLeod believes he had a very good turnout for the event and the weather was very favorable and over twenty participants attended the event throughout the day and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



Youth category winner: Nathan Wilson.



Scope target 100 metres.