



Gwich'in Tribal Council




Hunting along the Dempster Highway


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
Your rights

- You may hunt the **Porcupine Caribou Herd** for subsistence anywhere* along the Dempster Highway, except on settlement land belonging to a Yukon First Nation (permission may be granted).

 You have a right to hunt **other wildlife** for subsistence in your Primary and Secondary Use Areas which includes the *west side* of the Highway down to km 328, and the *east side* of the highway down to km 266. (This right may be subject to the hunting rules of affected Yukon First Nations.)

Your responsibilities

 If you want to hunt **other wildlife** south of your Primary or Secondary Use Areas you must obtain a Yukon hunting licence, which allows you to hunt anywhere along the highway, and you must follow the laws that apply to licensed hunting.

 A Yukon First Nation cannot give you permission to hunt **other wildlife** for subsistence outside of your Primary or Secondary Use Areas.

*Your hunting area for Porcupine Caribou may be more clearly defined in the future as provided for in the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement.

2 If you are a beneficiary of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, and are NOT Tetlit Gwich'in...

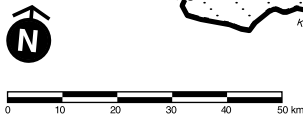
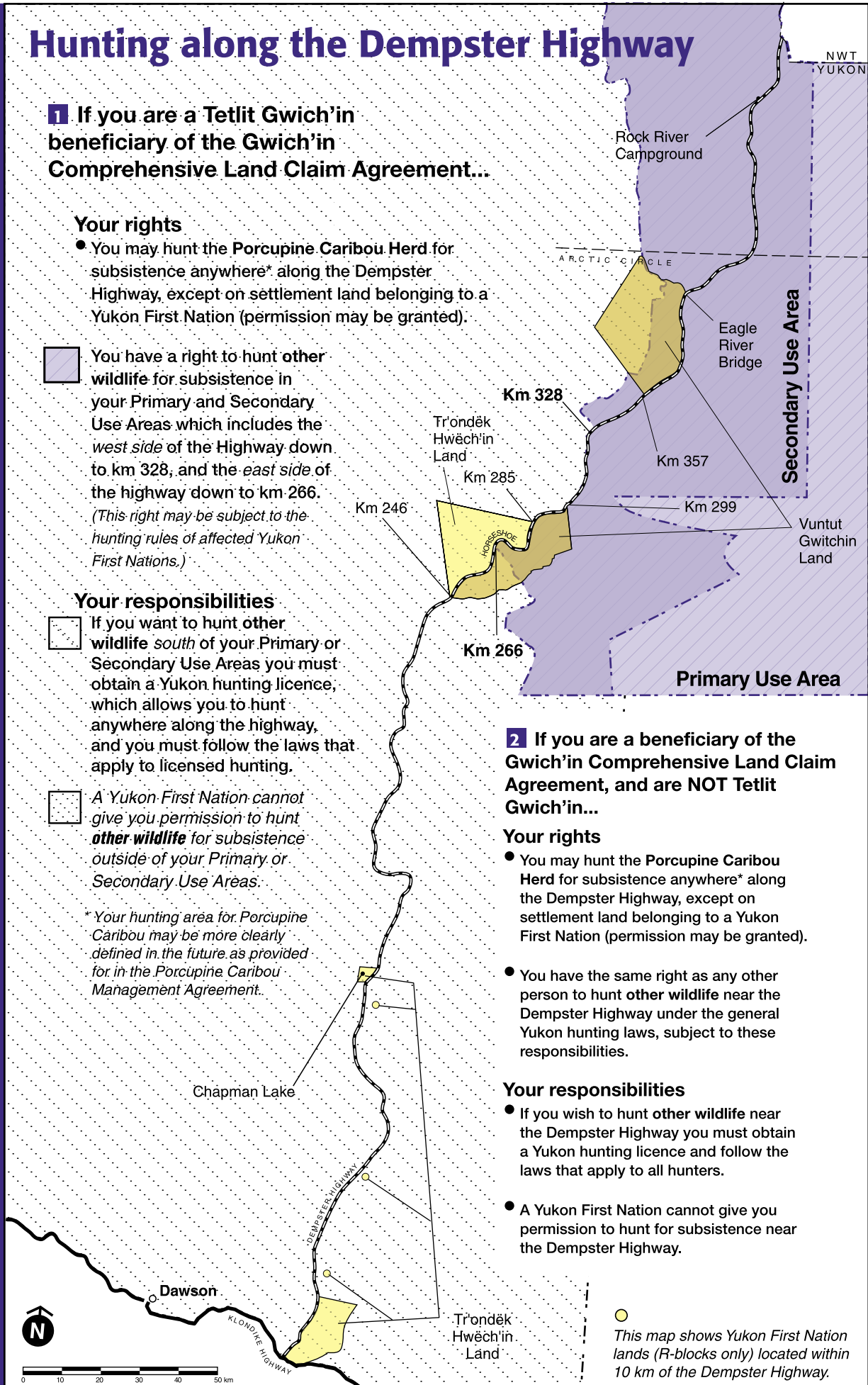
Your rights


- You may hunt the **Porcupine Caribou Herd** for subsistence anywhere* along the Dempster Highway, except on settlement land belonging to a Yukon First Nation (permission may be granted).

- You have the same right as any other person to hunt **other wildlife** near the Dempster Highway under the general Yukon hunting laws, subject to these responsibilities.

Your responsibilities

- If you wish to hunt **other wildlife** near the Dempster Highway you must obtain a Yukon hunting licence and follow the laws that apply to all hunters.
- A Yukon First Nation cannot give you permission to hunt for subsistence near the Dempster Highway.



 This map shows Yukon First Nation lands (R-blocks only) located within 10 km of the Dempster Highway.



Tetlit Gwich'in means a Gwich'in who:

- a) resides in the Peel River watershed, including in the community of Fort McPherson, NWT, or
- b) is descended from an aboriginal person who used or occupied the Peel River watershed on or before December 31, 1921.

This is not a legal document. It is a summary prepared to help you understand the basic rules. For more detail consult the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement, First Nation Final Agreements and the Yukon Wildlife Act.

Laws that apply to ALL caribou hunters on the Dempster Highway from km 68 to the NWT border

Annual migration closure

The Dempster Highway will be closed to all caribou hunting for one week each fall when the Porcupine Caribou Herd first begins to migrate across the highway. The closure applies within 8 km of either side of the highway. Dates will be announced in local media.

Restrictions on snowmobile use

You cannot use snowmobiles to hunt caribou near the Dempster Highway until the ground is frozen and covered with snow. This restriction applies within 8 km of either side of the highway. It will be lifted each fall when conditions are right, and will be announced in local media. To protect wildlife habitat and prevent disturbance to the animals, off road use of other vehicles is prohibited year round.

Hunting for subsistence

Hunting for subsistence means harvesting food for yourself, your family and for ceremonial purposes in accordance with the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement or the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement.

When hunting the Porcupine Caribou Herd for subsistence you may harvest male or female animals, at any time of year, with no bag limits, subject to harvest allocations set by the Porcupine Caribou Management Board. When hunting other wildlife for subsistence in your Primary or Secondary Use Area you may harvest male or female animals at any time of year, with no bag limits, subject to harvest allocations or hunting rules set by affected Yukon First Nations.

Your subsistence hunting rights may be limited by laws set in consultation with the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the purpose of conservation, public health or public safety.

Public safety

Shooting Porcupine caribou from the highway is dangerous. Please check the landscape behind your target before you shoot to make sure no one is in your line of fire.

In the interest of public safety, please do not:

- hunt in a way that would put people at risk,
- hunt in a way that is likely to cause damage to personal property, or
- carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle, including a snowmobile. You can carry a loaded firearm in a boat.

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