



Game Council

**Inuvialuit**



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# Hunting along the Dempster Highway

## If you are a beneficiary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement...

### Your rights

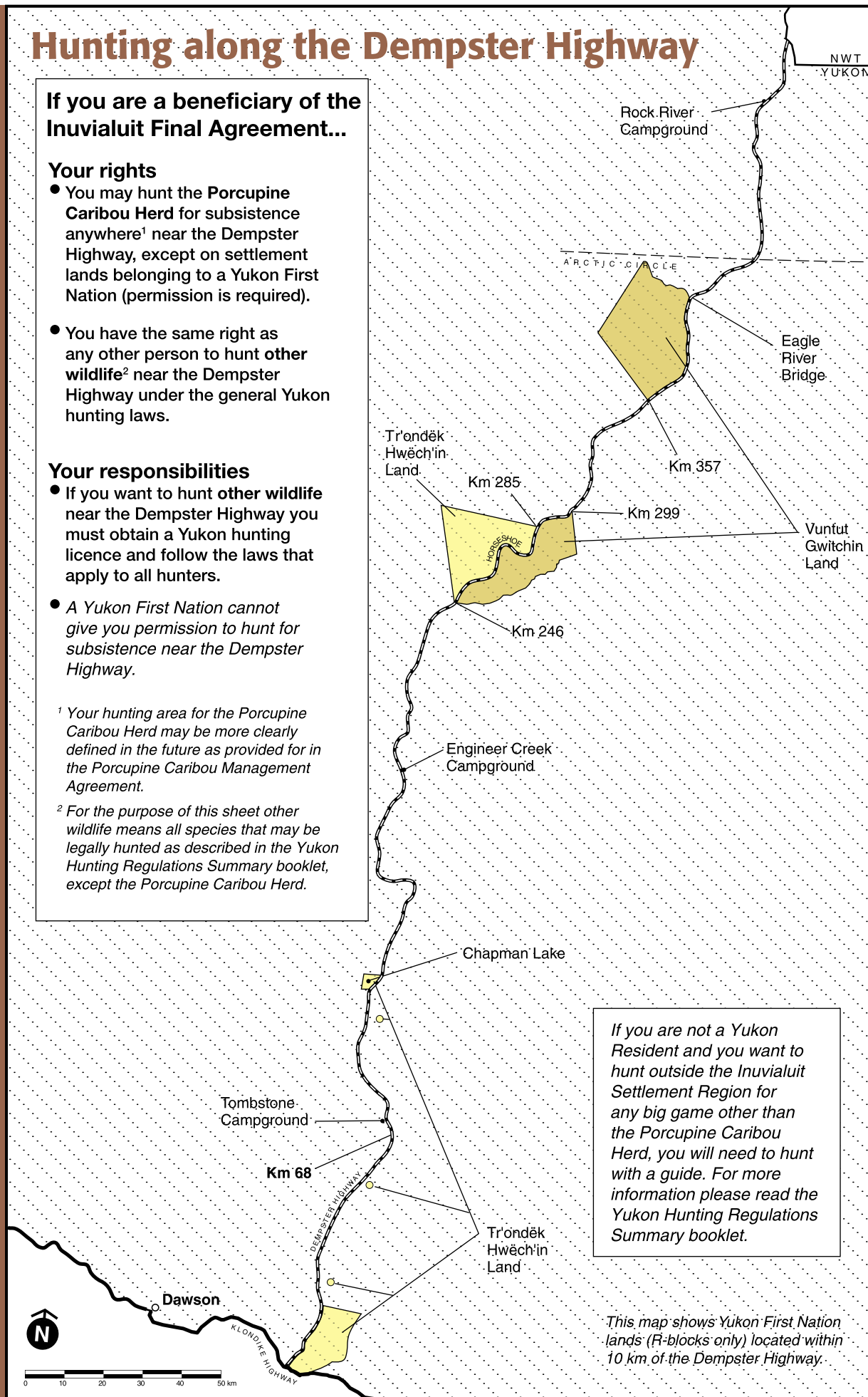
- You may hunt the Porcupine Caribou Herd for subsistence anywhere<sup>1</sup> near the Dempster Highway, except on settlement lands belonging to a Yukon First Nation (permission is required).
- You have the same right as any other person to hunt other wildlife<sup>2</sup> near the Dempster Highway under the general Yukon hunting laws.

### Your responsibilities

- If you want 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.

<sup>1</sup> Your hunting area for the Porcupine Caribou Herd may be more clearly defined in the future as provided for in the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of this sheet other wildlife means all species that may be legally hunted as described in the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary booklet, except the Porcupine Caribou Herd.



If you are not a Yukon Resident and you want to hunt outside the Inuvialuit Settlement Region for any big game other than the Porcupine Caribou Herd, you will need to hunt with a guide. For more information please read the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary booklet.

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





# 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 caribou for subsistence

Hunting caribou for subsistence means harvesting food for yourself, your family and for ceremonial purposes under the authority of 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.

Your subsistence hunting rights may be limited by laws set in consultation with the Inuvialuit and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board for the purpose of conservation 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.

### For more information

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Phone: (867) 633-5476; Fax (867) 633-6900
- **Porcupine Caribou Management Board**  
Box 31723, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6L3  
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- **Department of Environment**  
Box 2703, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6  
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*This is not a legal document. It is a summary prepared to help you understand the basic rules. For more detail consult the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement, and the Yukon Wildlife Act.*