

DDRRRC

DAWSON DISTRICT
RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

April 1st, 2025, to March 31st, 2026



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Current Council Members as of March 31, 2026

Name	Status	Expiry
Mark Wierda (Co-chair) Dan Reynolds (Co-chair)	Full YG Appointment Full YG Appointment	Aug 22/2027 July 21/2026
Ian Fraser Darren Bullen Chase Everitt Dawn Kisoun	Full TH Appointment Full TH Appointment Full TH Appointment Full YG Appointment	Jan 10/2027 Jan 10/2027 Feb 18/2029 Feb 18/2029
Matt McHugh Ali Anderson	YG Alternate TH Alternate	Feb 18/2029 Jan 10/2027

Administration

Position	Name
Executive Secretariat	Nick Wozniowski

Staff

Position	Name	Project
Meeting Cook	Rachel Hunt	Regular Meeting Meals

Activity Report

Regular Meetings: 9

Other (special) meetings: 3

General Administration Update

The Dawson District Renewable Resources Council (DDRRC) was established under the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement as a primary instrument for local renewable resources management within the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. The DDRRC has three Yukon Government appointees with one alternate member and three Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in appointees with one alternate member.

The DDRRC's mandate is to collect and communicate public input to assist in the management of renewable resources. The DDRRC, acting in the public interest, may make recommendations to the Minister of Environment, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Government, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Salmon Sub-Committee, on any matter related to the management of fish, wildlife, and forest resources.

The Council meets twice a month for regular public meetings from October to June. The office is open to the public Monday to Friday, 9AM to 3PM except for in the summer when the Council take a break from holding regular meetings.

Administration

Nick Wozniowski was hired as the Executive Secretariat in October of 2020. The office is located above the CIBC building, #978 2nd Avenue, Office #6. The 2025/26 audit was performed by BDO Canada LLP.

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You can also find us on Facebook (Like our page to follow our activity!) or on the web (www.dawsonrrc.ca).

The image shows a side-by-side comparison of the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council's digital presence. On the left is the Facebook page, and on the right is the official website.

Facebook Page: The top section features a large landscape photo of four white caribou in a mountainous area. Below the photo is the profile picture (a circular logo with a caribou head) and the name "Dawson District Renewable Resources Council" with 584 likes and 629 followers. Navigation tabs include Posts, About, Mentions, Followers, Photos, and Videos. The "Intro" section lists the organization's address (Box 1380, Dawson, YT, Canada, Yukon), phone number ((867) 993-6976), and email (dawsonrrc@northwestel.net). A "Photos" section shows a grid of various documents and posters.

Webpage: The website has a green header with navigation links: Home, About, Contact, Projects, Minutes & Reports, and Community Based Fish & Wildlife Work Plan (CBFWWP). The main content area features a large circular logo with the text "DAWSON DISTRICT RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL" and a graphic of a caribou head and a recycling symbol. To the right of the logo is the quote: "The primary instrument for Renewable Resource Management in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory." Below this is a section titled "Sign up to our Distribution List" with a text box for an email address and a "SUBSCRIBE" button.

Arrows indicate the relationship between the two platforms: a blue arrow points from the Facebook page to the website, and a blue arrow points from the website back to the Facebook page.

Council Activities:

2025 Annual General Workshop (AGW) – November 6/7

The DDRRC attended the 2025 AGW in Burwash Landing, we sent three Councillors to gather with other Yukon RRC's to listen, share and identify ways to build on the RRC responsibilities outlined in the Final Agreements.

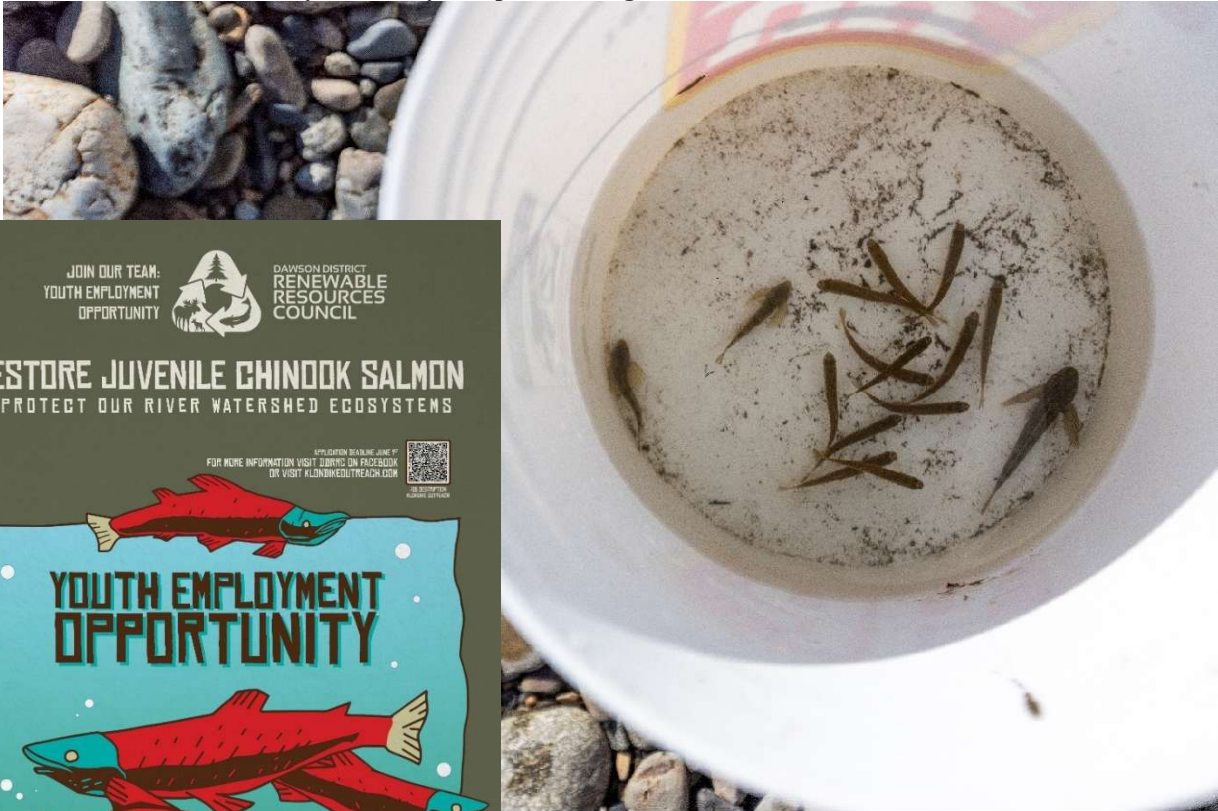
Councillors gather in Burwash Landing



Chinook Salmon Conservation Project

In the summer of 2004 large numbers of juvenile Chinook Salmon were observed in pools along the Klondike River near the Germaine Creek confluence. The pools were not joined to the Klondike River by surface flows. The juveniles had been stranded in the pools as the flow levels in the Klondike River declined following the spring flood. At the time the DDRRC were developing a stream stewardship project, salvage of stranded juveniles became a core activity during the initial life of the project (2006 – 2018). The Stream Stewardship project paused after 2018 but in 2021 we resumed the salvage aspect of the project. In late 2022 the DDRRC received confirmation of funding support from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to expand the project in coming years to offer youth mentorship and training opportunities. During the summer of 2025 the DDRRC hired two youth to assist with delivering this project.

Rescued Salmon Fry and Slimy Sculpin awaiting release into the Klondike River



JOIN OUR TEAM:
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY



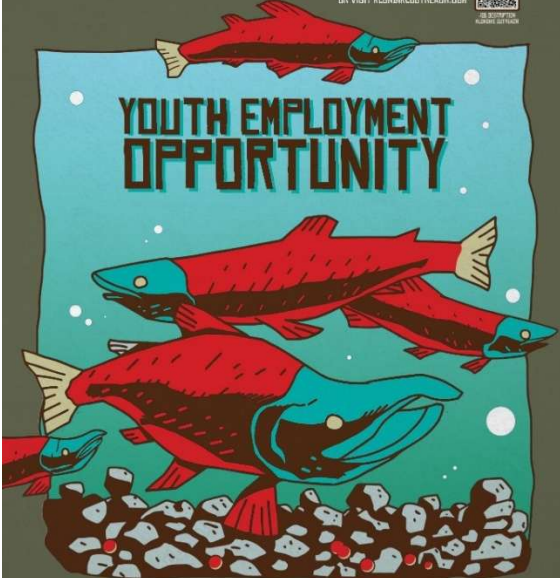
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RESTORE JUVENILE CHINOOK SALMON
+ PROTECT OUR RIVER WATERSHED ECOSYSTEMS

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**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
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Funding support for this project provided by the Government of Canada and the Yukon Government



Indigenous Services
Canada

Services aux
Autochtones
Canada

Youth Job Advertisement



Rescuing Salmon Fry

Community Based Fish and Wildlife Workplan (CBFWWP)

The Community Based Fish and Wildlife Work Plan (CBFWWP) is a collaboration between Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in (TH), Yukon Government (YG), the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council (DDRRC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The plan will represent a shared vision for fish, wildlife, and habitat management over a five year period within the TH Traditional Territory (THTT). Community-based fish and wildlife work plans emerged in the Yukon to bring the community together and create shared goals and objectives for the stewardship of fish and wildlife in Yukon First Nation Traditional Territories that reflect community concerns and needs. This is the first community-based fish and wildlife workplan in the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Traditional Territory. We are anticipating a public release of the final plan sometime in 2026!



A well attended Community Engagement Session!



Appendix A: Actions, Roles, and Timelines

Action	Notes and timelines (starting year, ongoing, repeats, completes)	Lead (initiates and shepherds)
Jéjilk • Débe • Wédzey • Moose • Sheep • Caribou		
1.1 Discuss and develop hunter effort surveys for jéjilk, débe and wédzey that capture licenced hunter effort and where hunters travel from to hunt in the TH TT	• Timeline: 2026	YC
1.2 YC, TH, and DDRRC to share and compare data annually to build a better understanding of harvest pressure on jéjilk, débe and wédzey	• Timeline: 2026	YC
1.3 Improve community understanding of jéjilk management tools, including the regulatory tools	• Timeline: 2026 and ongoing	DDRRC
1.4 Plan, organize and establish a collaborative "Voluntary Hunter Check Station" at Dempster/ N. Klondike Hwy Junction	• Timeline: 2026 and ongoing	YC and TH
1.5 Support efforts to reduce jéjilk vehicle collisions by working with YC Highways and Public Works to implement mitigations	• e.g. at the S curve between Hunter Creek Road and fisherville • Continue communication with the YC HFW wildlife collisions working group	YC
1.6 Complete population surveys for Hart River and Clear Creek wédzey herds and discuss the need for range and risk assessment reporting for the Hart River wédzey herd	• Timeline: Started in 2025 and ongoing	YC
1.7 Develop collaborative débe monitoring approaches, exploring the possible use of drones, camera traps and public reporting	• Focus on alternate methods of monitoring i.e. more ground-based/ less-invasive monitoring that facilitates collaboration amongst partners • Timeline: 2026	YC
1.8 Publish débe survey/ observation data relevant at the TH TT scale, in a timely manner. (i.e. ground-based surveys on mineral licks in tombstone)	• Timeline: 2026 and ongoing	YC

Title page of the Draft Plan (left) and Actions, Roles and Timelines Appendix

Drin Wëdzey / Caribou Day

On February 25, 2026, the DDRRC assisted with the planning and hosting of a species-specific community engagement session for Wëdzey / Caribou. The day began with a technical working group meeting at the DDRRC office followed by an afternoon Elder's session and evening public information session that featured a film screening and presentations on caribou herd populations, research, harvest stewardship and hunter education. We plan to hold thematic species-specific sessions like this on annually basis.

DRIN WËDZEY · CARIBOU DAY

AGENDA

Elders' Session - Áłát Nēhējēl (TH Hall)

3:30-5:00pm ELDERS' TEA

- Opening Prayer
- Regional status of Wëdzey
- Nurturing our Relationship with Wëdzey

Public Session - Áłát Nēhējēl (TH Hall)

5:00-6:00pm DINNER

- Opening Prayer
- Midnight Migration – Wëdzey Tay (Caribou Trails) Film Screening
 - Wëdzey and Climate Change Engagement Materials

6:00-6:25pm INTRODUCTION

- Overview of day
- TH Stewardship of Wëdzey
- Regional Status of Caribou

6:25-7:15pm KLAZA, CLEAR CREEK & HART RIVER HERDS

- Herd Updates
- Industrial Activity in the Clear Creek Caribou Range
- Effects of Landscape Change on Northern Mountain Caribou Ranges
- Questions & Discussion

7:15-7:50pm FORTY MILE & NELCHINA HERDS

- Herd Updates
- Climate-Driven Landscape Change
- Questions & Discussion

7:50-8:05pm WELLNESS BREAK

8:05-8:35pm PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD

- Herd Update
- International PCH Update
- Questions & Discussion

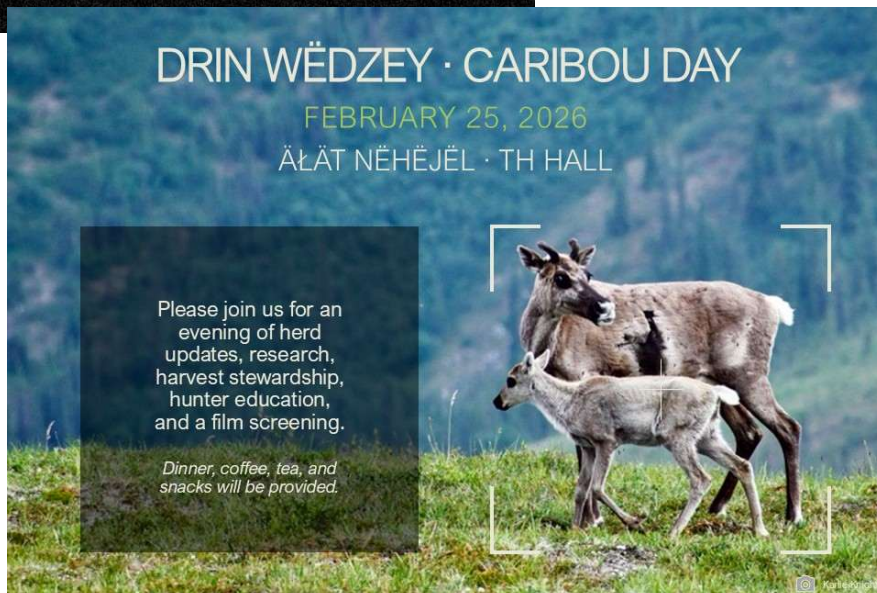
8:35-8:50pm REGULATORY UPDATES

- Compliance & monitoring
- YFWMB Reg Change Proposal

8:50-9:00pm CLOSING

- Event Wrap-Up & Engagement Materials
- Closing Prayer

Drin Wëdzey Adenda



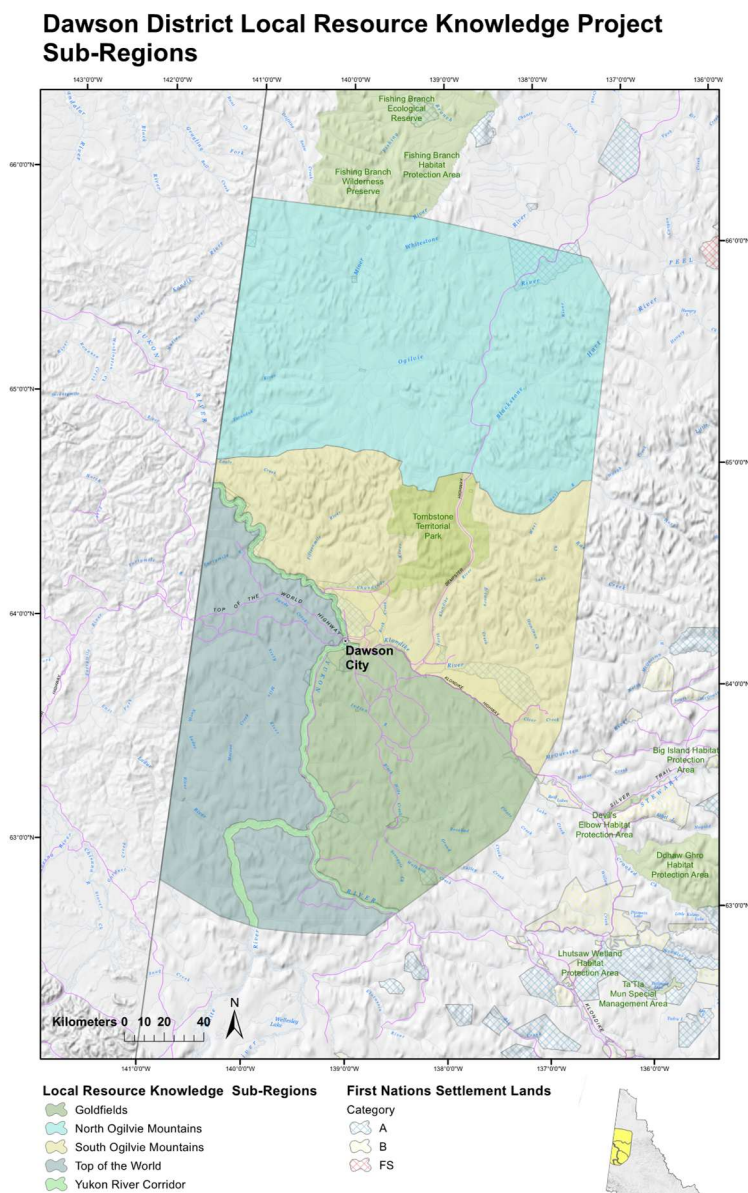
Poster for the event

Dawson Regional Land Use Plan (DRLUP)

The DDRRC continued its participation in the development of the DRLUP. The DDRRC had specific interests to bring to the attention of the Planning Commission regarding Access / Implementation, Key Species (i.e., Caribou and Salmon), Traditional Economy and Wetlands. We supported the Commission's very important role in promoting collaboration within our region for all.

Local Knowledge Survey Project

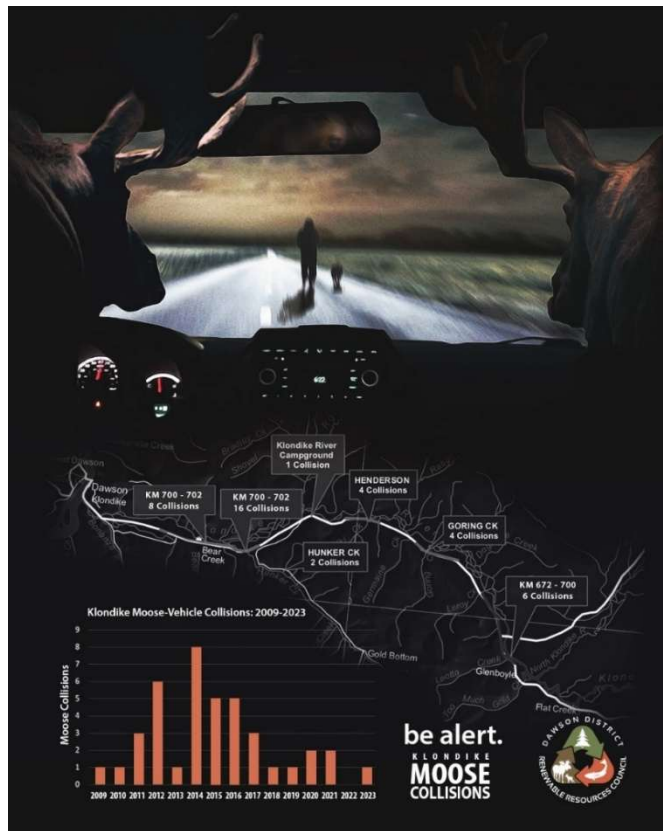
The general purpose of the Local Knowledge Project is to better understand and document changes that are taking place in the environment, within the Dawson Region. The survey questionnaire was designed to document changes to hunting access, harvested species, trapped species, large game like moose and caribou, berries, edible plants and fish. Every year we have been conducting surveys with a core group of 20-25 knowledge experts. The information is used by the DDRRC to better understand what changes are taking place in the environment and the need for further wildlife or fisheries studies or harvest regulation changes. The Fall 2025 survey was the 9th consecutive year in which we have been conducting interviews. In addition to interviewing our core group of knowledge experts, in 2024 we provided an option for participants to take the survey online and invited the entire Dawson Community to participate.



Modernizing Outfitter Quotas

The Yukon Government is working towards modernizing its approach to establishing outfitter quotas. In January 2022, the Council responded in writing to the Minister of Environment recommending that multi-year quotas be accommodated within the new Guidelines to Establish Outfitter Quotas. The Council feel multi-year quotas are beneficial to outfitters, they enable them to sufficiently plan and sustain their operations. Multi-year quotas also assist regional biologists long-term by providing a reliable and accurate proportional projection of the local harvest. We suggested that options be considered that allow multi-year outfitter quota permits to exist if they can be quickly amended when required to protect First Nation subsistence harvest rights and sustain healthy populations of moose, caribou, sheep, and other key species. The Yukon Government and the DDRRC will work closely on modernizing the approach to establishing outfitter quotas. We hope to soon participate in a review of the Guidelines to Establish Outfitter Quotas and contribute to any amendments that may result from the review.

Moose-Vehicle Collision Advocacy



Media campaign image used on social media for moose-vehicle collision advocacy.

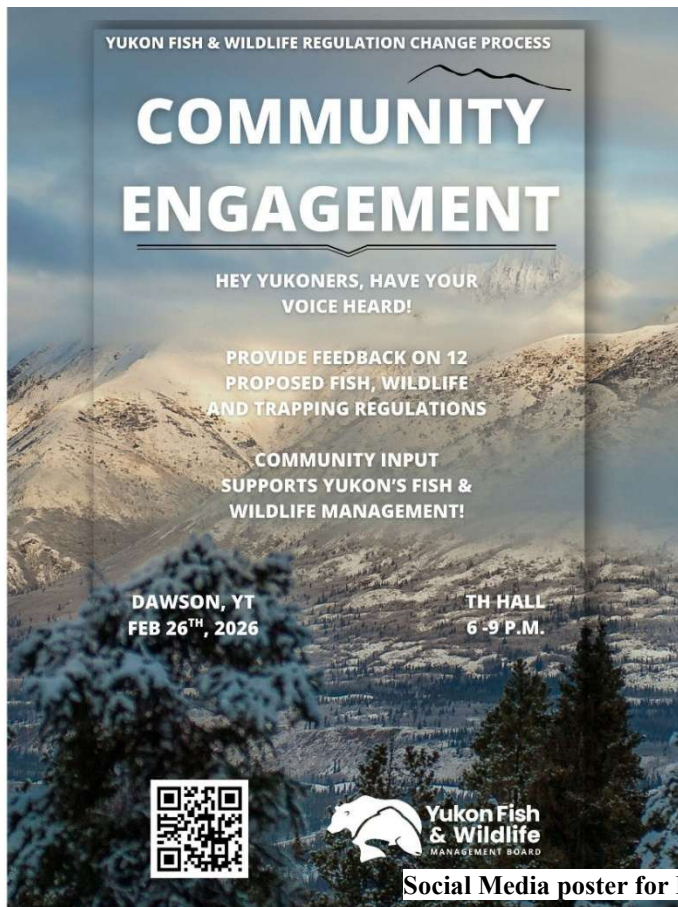
The DDRRC continue to advocate for road safety upgrades within the Dawson City area to help reduce the occurrence of moose-vehicle collisions. We are working closely with the Yukon Government on road improvements in problematic areas. We are also advocating to improve lighting on dangerous sections of the Klondike Highway, we have observed that regular signage, brushing and speed limit changes do little to prevent collisions. Our persistent efforts contributed to YG Highways and Public Works conducting some brushing work and a temporary installation of talking signs. We also continue to carry out strategic media campaigns during months in which moose-collisions frequently occur.

Radius / Community Trapline

The DDRRC and the YG Department of Environment have developed a process to provide access to traplines in the area surrounding Dawson City. This is a special opportunity being offered to help meet the demand for trapping opportunities and give new trappers some experience. Because trapline's are in close proximity to the community, special conditions are applied to the permits to protect public safety and reduce the chance of conflict with other land users. We allocate use of one of the community trapline areas to TH educational staff with the intention of promoting trapping education and on-the-land learning experiences for students at Robert Service School.

Wildlife Act Regulation Change Submission and Engagement

We were the proponent of a regulation change proposal and developed the submission alongside collaborators Yukon Government and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. The accepted proposal enabled an adaptive management approach that allows the Minister of Environment to set the bag limit up to two for the Fortymile caribou herd. The specific goal of this regulation is to put the adaptative management tools in place to allow wildlife managers to increase harvest opportunities for licensed hunters in the Yukon while ensuring First Nation needs are met and the overall harvest of the herd is sustainable. We also participated in a review of all 2026 wildlife and trapping regulation change proposals under Yukon's Wildlife Act and Yukon Territorial Fishing Regulations and assisted in the planning and hosting of a community engagement session that enabled the public to provide feedback on the proposed regulation changes.



Social Media poster for Regulation Change Public Engagement

Sheep Harvesting / Sheep Separation and review of the Yukon Animal Protection and Control Act Regulations

The DDRRC is working constantly to bring awareness of the possible dangers to wild sheep in the territory due to the pathogen *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae* or Movi for short. We have been instrumental in having local domestic sheep herds tested and have advocated for the administration of a Control Order on the premise that farmers could eventually get clean herds with minimal impacts to their businesses and livelihood. We will continue to monitor the Control Order and communicate with all stakeholders to assist if changes or adaptations of the Control Order are required.

Sausage Workshop

One of the Councils most famous public engagements is our Sausage Making and Wild Game Butchering Workshop. Instructors Kevin Bowers and Adonika Clark facilitated a workshop in November 2025. Participants got to make their own sausages and take home what we made. The wild game was donated by local outfitters.



Participants at the Sausage and Butchering Workshop at Minto Park Concession



Instructors Adonika Clark (left) and Kevin Bowers (right) alongside Councillor Ali Anderson

Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB)

The DDRRC continues to review a large amount of YESAB applications within our traditional territory, we responded to 4 projects seeking public views from April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026. We rely on YG's regional biologists and technical staff from TH to inform us of the issues relevant to each project, helping us bring informed comments forward to the assessment review board. Our comments focus primarily on key species, trapping / hunting and negative cumulative effects due to increased levels of access throughout our region. Access remains a difficult topic to discuss with a current lack of linear disturbance data. We will continue to raise this issue for projects where we see new access into pristine habitat as well as new access into habitats already under a large degree of stress historically due to development.

Yukon Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship fund was setup many years ago to play a more active role in supporting educational advancement and scientific research. Money in the fund was raised through fundraising and local donations. Applications to access the fund are reserved for individuals who have lived in the TH Traditional Territory for at least 2 years and are currently enrolled in an undergraduate, post-graduate or doctorate program, in the following concentrations: Biology, Ecology, Environmental Management and Natural Resource Management with priority given to students studying Renewable Resource Management.

Youth Trapping Program

The DDRRC again helped deliver the Trapping for Youth program in partnership with YG Department of Environment and TH Educational Staff. The program took place at the Robert Service School and TH Community Hall during the month of February in 2026. Council members visited classrooms Kindergarten to Grade 4, delivering trapping talks and demonstrations. We will continue to assist in the delivery of the program for the foreseeable future.



Councillor Ali Anderson Instructing Youth



Councillor Dan Reynolds Instructing Youth

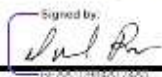


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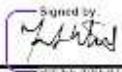
Dawson District Renewable Resources Council
Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2025	2024
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 5,783	\$ 44,219
Accounts receivable	2,000	-
GST receivable	2,648	6,502
Prepaid expenses (Note 2)	2,248	3,855
	12,679	54,576
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)	7,210	9,180
	\$ 19,889	\$ 63,756
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 9,400	\$ 19,500
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	-	15,064
	9,400	34,564
Net Assets		
Invested in tangible capital assets	7,210	9,180
Unrestricted	3,279	20,012
	10,489	29,192
	\$ 19,889	\$ 63,756

On behalf of the Council Members:

Signed by:


Councillor

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Dawson District Renewable Resources Council
Schedule 1 - Revenue and Expenses by Fund
For the year ended March 31, 2026

	2026				2025			
	Government of Yukon Financial Transfer Agreement	Chinook Salmon Conservation Project	Fur Show	Total \$	Government of Yukon Financial Transfer Agreement	Chinook Salmon Conservation Project	Fur Show	Total \$
Revenue								
Government of Yukon	197,625	-	-	197,625	189,267	-	-	189,267
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project received	-	-	-	-	-	16,335	-	16,335
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project deferred revenue recognized	-	-	-	-	-	15,064	-	15,064
	197,625	-	-	197,625	189,267	31,399	-	220,666
Expenses								
Advertising and promotion	1,093	-	-	1,093	892	-	-	892
Amortization	2,382	-	-	2,382	1,970	-	-	1,970
Bank charges and interest	437	-	-	437	405	-	-	405
Chinook Salmon Project	529	-	-	529	2,688	31,399	-	34,087
Dawson Fur Show	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,079	19,079
Education	1,715	-	-	1,715	3,855	-	-	3,855
Honoraria	17,741	-	-	17,741	26,566	-	-	26,566
Insurance	3,123	-	-	3,123	3,248	-	-	3,248
Local Knowledge Project	1,888	-	-	1,888	3,290	-	-	3,290
Meetings and travel	14,666	-	-	14,666	17,047	-	-	17,047
Office and miscellaneous	8,834	-	-	8,834	10,020	-	-	10,020
Professional fees	10,080	-	-	10,080	13,013	-	-	13,013
Promotional Project	8,158	-	-	8,158	-	-	-	-
Rent	15,900	-	-	15,900	16,475	-	-	16,475
Repayable to funder	-	-	-	-	(2,098)	-	-	(2,098)
Sausage Making Workshop	6,204	-	-	6,204	5,562	-	-	5,562
Wage and benefits	85,674	-	-	85,674	85,958	-	-	85,958
	178,424	-	-	178,424	188,891	31,399	-	239,369
Surplus (deficit) for the year	19,201	-	-	19,201	376	-	(19,079)	(18,703)
Net assets - Beginning of year	9,707	-	782	10,489	9,331	-	19,861	29,192
Net assets - End of year	28,908	-	782	29,690	9,707	-	782	10,489