

2013 DKRRC Newsletter



Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council Nov. 2013

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(Regrets from Sandra Johnson and Suzanne Flumerfelt)



Who's who?

DKRRC members:

(YG) Peter Upton (co-chair)
(YG) Louise Bouvier (co-chair)
(YG) Joe Bruneau
(YG) Colin Asselstine (alt)
(KFN) Sandy Johnson
(KFN) Janice Dickson
(KFN) Suzanne Flumerfelt (alt)

DKRRC staff:

Pauly Wroot

Are you interested in becoming a member of the DKRRC?

Applications are available at the DKRRC and KFN offices.

Happy holidays from the Dän Keyi RRC

As another year draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone for being an active part of the Council over the past year. Your input really does make a difference and helps provide us with clearer direction for where to focus our efforts and what issues are important to local people.

Whatever you get up to this holiday season, we wish you a safe, fun and festive time shared with good friends, good food and loving family.



Get out there and enjoy the winter wonderland!

What's New at the DKRRC?

MEMBERSHIP: 2013 brought changes to the Council's membership. Thank you to Dennis Dickson, Sam White, Christabelle Carlick and Colin Wright for their past contributions to the Council. Welcome to Sandy Johnson and Suzanne Flumerfelt as new appointments.

OFFICE SPACE: The DKRRC office is located within the KLAA community building in Destruction Bay. Give Pauly a call sometime and arrange to stop by for a cup of tea.

Look out for new DKRRC Suggestion Drop Boxes coming to Burwash and Destruction Bay soon!

The DKRRC hosted an Open House in April where various individuals /organizations attended and presented information to the public regarding many local area projects. The Council plans to make the DKRRC Open House an annual event every spring in Kluane.

On November 4th the DKRRC hosted a community dinner and work-planning session to increase local input and involvement into annual work-planning for the Council.

Thank you to all that came out and shared at both of these new DKRRC events.

Highlights from 2013:

Lake Creek Muskrat Camp with the School in March

DKRRC Open House in April

Collaborative SPIN Trout Monitoring work on Kluane Lake in August

Continued work with KFN, PC, YG and members of the public towards a Kluane Moose Management Strategy (see pg.2)

The DKRRC 2013 Wildlife Observations Project (see pg.2)

DKRRC ADULT Prize Draw

WHAT YOU COULD WIN:

- 1st Prize: 2 person canoe with paddles and life vests!
- 2nd Prize: High quality spotting scope!
- 3rd Prize: High quality binoculars!

HOW TO ENTER:

- Return a filled in Wildlife Observations Journal (return to DKRRC by April 1, 2014)
- Be interviewed by DKRRC Community Interviewer (see pg. 2)
- Participate in any DKRRC event from December 1st 2013 to March 31th 2014

You can enter your name as many times as you have participated in DKRRC activities from Dec 1 to March 31. Come to them all and increase your odds!

See our logo on the poster? = then it's a DKRRC activity!
Prize draw will take place at the 2014 DKRRC Open House in April.

Stay posted in the New Year for a DKRRC YOUTH Photo Contest!

We'll be seeking all Kluane youth 1 to 18yrs old to get creative with cameras and compete to win some fun prizes.

Advertisements for the photo contest will be posted in the early New Year so 'keep an eye out' young people of Kluane!

Christmas is for the Birds...



Do you know about the '**Kluane Bird Count**' that takes place over the Christmas holiday season?

Volunteers sign up in advance to spend 1 full day observing and recording local bird sightings.

This year the Kluane Bird Count will be on Dec. 28th in the Kluane Lake area and on Dec 21st in Haines Junction area.

The Kluane Bird Count is a great excuse to get out on the land and enjoy the day while learning more about what birds are in the area.

For more information on the Kluane Bird Count or to get involved, contact Julie Bauer in Haines Jct.

Email - julie-ann-bauer@northwestel.net
Phone - 867.634.2002

2013 DKRRC Wildlife Observations Project

Dän Keyi RRC wants to increase the 'eyes and ears' on the ground in Kluane country and encourage the documentation of local knowledge in order to better inform the process of wildlife monitoring and management planning. Plus we'd generally like to see what animals and topics are of interest to local people in recording.

With these goals in mind, the Council initiated the 2013 Wildlife Observations Project. This project is designed to provide a venue for local residents and land users of the KFN Core Area to contribute their personal observations and opinions in relation to matters that impact wildlife in the Kluane area.

Two Components of the DKRRC Wildlife Observations Project:

1. **WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS JOURNALS** were distributed to over 200 area residents and land users to record their wildlife observations over the summer, fall and winter months. Please [return journals](#) with entries to the DKRRC office [by no later than April 1, 2014](#). Remember to include your contact information as your name will be entered into a draw for GREAT PRIZES!

2. **COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS** to engage people in sharing their opinions and observations with the DKRRC. Local resident Doug Sias has been contracted by the Council to conduct in-person interviews with volunteers. Interviews started in November and are scheduled to be completed by the early New Year. Contact the DKRRC to express interest in being interviewed. Be interviewed and your name will be entered into a draw for GREAT PRIZES!

We want to hear what you think about the Wildlife Observations Project.

If you think there is something that could have been done better or if you really liked a particular aspect of the project, whatever the suggestion, please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us.



Q: Why shouldn't you grab a moose by the tail?

A: It may only be his tail but it could be your end.

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Collaborating for the good of the Moose

You've likely heard about the number of moose in the Kluane Duke River Moose Management Unit (KDRMMU) being of concern. Research suggests that the current number of moose being harvested is not sustainable given the number of moose observed on the land.

Over the past year the DKRRC has been part of collaborative local efforts to address moose harvesting concerns by way working with the public and stakeholders to develop a *Strategy for the management of moose in the Kluane/Duke River Moose Management Unit*. A steering committee consisting of representatives from Kluane First Nation (KFN), Yukon Government (YG), Parks Canada (PC) and the DKRRC has hosted community workshops, produced newsletters and press releases to invite the public's input into the process.

Council feels that the Moose Strategy makes some good recommendations, but ultimately the future of the moose population rests with each one of us.

Moose are near and dear to all Yukoner's hearts and modern day lives, as well as they provide an essential part of many other animals' diets. With so many people and animals relying on moose, the Council has taken these discussions very seriously and has spent a good deal of time considering ways to 'manage' people's behavior in order to assist moose population growth.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the development of a Moose Strategy and thank you also to all the people who voluntarily adapted their hunting practises this year in order to accommodate the recommendations to reduce hunting moose in the KDRMMU and to refrain from harvesting cow moose.

You are making a difference. You are leading by example and we thank you for that. It takes time to change but it has to start somewhere.

It's not too late to be involved!

Thank you to Ruby Range Outfitters for the donation of moose meat!!

The DKRRC freezer is full with donations of moose meat and with lake trout from the summer SPIN monitoring project. We will work with KFN over the coming months to ensure meat donations are distributed to local residents.

Please contact the DKRRC office to express interest in receiving donations of meat.

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