

# Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council



Photo: Lance Goodwin

*DKRRC fieldtrip to view spawning Chum Salmon at Silver City, October 2017*

Even with lower than usual water levels, we were pleased to witness the chum salmon return to spawn again this year in both Kluane River and Kluane Lake.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council (DKRRC) events and public consultations in 2017. It was an especially busy year for the DKRRC with the administration of two special research projects funded by the RRC Surplus Funding. We value all the work that we do together with the communities, the Kluane Lake School, Kluane First Nation, Yukon Government, Parks Canada, Kluane Lake Research Station and many other organizations. Our Council looks forward to more events that bring us all together in 2018!

~ We wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday season ~

**Best wishes for the New Year!**  
**From all of us at Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council**

***DKRRC holds regular monthly meetings that are open to the public from September to June. We strive to have the meetings on the first Tuesday of the month but sometimes must be flexible to accommodate members schedules. The meeting agendas are always posted in advance in Burwash at the Post Office and KFN Admin Building and in Destruction Bay at the Post Office and Talbot Arm. Contact the DKRRC to add your email contact to the list for DKRRC Regular Meeting agendas.***

## Special Research Projects 2017

The Camera Trapping Project initiated in 2016 led by researchers Charley Krebs and Alice Kenney, deployed 42 trail cameras in the KFN core area to help give us all a better idea of the animals out there and their behavior. Special thanks to Nick Johnson for his assistance with the project this summer.

Researchers Ellorie McKnight and David Hik deployed 4 moorings into Kluane Lake to monitor water temperature and conductivity in continuation of the Kluane Lake Water Monitoring Project. Special thanks to Sam White and Lance Goodwin for their assistance with getting Ellorie out safely onto Kluane Lake to collect the data.

Both projects will be ongoing into 2018. Next steps & objectives of this project are to work with DKRRC, KFN, and the community to collaboratively determine a way for this project to be sustainable and successful over the longer term.

**For more information on both special projects please check out the attached project updates included along with this newsletter or contact the DKRRC.**

## 2017 Highlights

### Meetings we attended:

- Proposed Wildlife Act Regulation Changes
- DFO Salmon Policy Implementation
- RRC's 2017 AGW in Teslin
- RRC Chair's Meeting
- Yukon Wood Bison Technical Team
- Outfitter Quota Negotiations
- Collaboration with Kluane Lake Research Station

### Projects we were involved in:

- Developed a Sheep Brochure with Wildwise Yukon
- Kluane/Duke Moose Newsletter
- DKRRC Community Interviews
- DKRRC Youth Art Contest
- New Cautionary Signage for Sheep at Thachàl Dhäl

### Projects we contributed funding towards:

- KLS Muskrat Camp
- Camera Trapping Project
- Kluane Lake Water Monitoring Project

### Public Outreach:

- Annual Open House in April
- Chum Salmon Fieldtrips
- Interpretive Nature Walks with Kluane Lake School
- Community meals  
...and more!!



*10 km nature hike in Kluane National Park and Reserve with KLS students in May 2017. Provided an opportunity to learn about and to appreciate renewable resources in their backyards.*

## Consider having a **greener** Christmas

Instead of wrapping paper, give your gifts in tea towels or reusable fabric bags. Add a bow made with yarn or cloth ribbon and your gift is pretty as ever.

Instead of plastic decorations, try using biodegradable items. Like a wreath made from spruce boughs and cones or make stings of threaded popcorn and cranberries for trimming the tree.

Avoid gifts with excess packaging – make homemade gifts instead.



DKRRC co-hosted public meetings in March and April to consult locals regarding a Proposed Wildlife Act Regulation Change to restrict license sheep harvest in the GMZ 5-21 near Thachàl Dhäl. DKRRC, Parks Canada and KFN put forward the regulation change based after hearing support from residents. Thank you to all whose input helped guide that decision.