



# Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER 2018

Many thanks to all who participated in the Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council (DKRRC) events and public consultations in 2018. We value all the work that we do together with the communities, the Kluane Lake School, Kluane First Nation, Yukon Government, Parks Canada, and many other organizations. We hope you enjoy this newsletter highlighting some of our Councils activities in 2018 and hinting at some of what we can all look forward to bringing us together in 2019!

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



(Left to Right) Mary Jane Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Sian Williams, Peter Upton, Louise Bouvier, Pauly Sias (ED)  
Regrets: Colin Asselstine, Joe Bruneau and Suzanne Flumerfelt

What did the beaver say to the tree?

It's been nice gnawing you! ~ ho, ho, ho ~

## Kluane Lake Research Summit May 2018

DKRRC & KFN hosted a Kluane Lake Research Summit on May 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Burwash Landing with the intention that the event would bring together members of all the Kluane communities along with the range of researchers actively studying the vast and dynamic landscapes of Kluane. Together we explored the value of learning two knowledge systems: dän k'e and science.

Community members and researchers shared their knowledge of and interests in Lhù'ààn Mân (Kluane Lake) by way of two-way learning opportunities through presentations, dialogue and activities. Researchers had an opportunity to share research findings with the community and were invited to learn more about the people and history of the region. The presentations by the research community provided community members with an opportunity to see what kind of research is occurring in their homelands and connect directly with researchers. Community members began identifying how research may best serve the community's needs and further the community's interests in research. People engaged in a cross-cultural dialogue to explore shared research interests and seek out new approaches for better research outcomes. The Summit was attended by over 90 people! We extend a very sincere thank you to all Summit participants. Thank you for coming with an open mind and fostering a welcoming and respectful environment.

Many positive and productive outcomes resulted from the Summit. A complete summary can be found at <http://yfwm.ca/renewable-resource-councils/> under DKRRC. **KFN & DKRRC are working towards planning for another Kluane Research Summit in May 2019.** Let Kate or Pauly know if you would like to be involved. We hope to see you there!

Logan Moore - the youngest presenter at the Kluane Lake Research Summit



L. Goodwin Photo

## DKRRC Highlights from 2018

- New members! Welcome Louise Bouvier & Joe Bruneau  
*Thank you to Randy Johnson and Alanna Dickson for their time*
- DKRRC member of the Aishihik Bison Tech Team
- Bison Harvesting Workshop in Burwash
- KFN Core Area Trapline Discussion meeting in Burwash
- Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan Public Consult in Burwash
- Annual DKRRC Open House
- Kluane Lake Research Summit
- Outfitter Quota Renewal Meeting
- Wild Salmon Policy Meetings
- Yukon Indigenous Community Climate Change Champion Training
- RRC Chairs Meeting
- Proud sponsor of KLS Muskrat Camp
- DKRRC Trapline Criteria Review
- Spawning Chum Salmon Fieldtrips with KLS
- DKRRC Wildlife Observations Project Review



## WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE DKRRC Wildlife Observations Project?

In 2013, DKRRC initiated the Wildlife Observations Project with the intention of increasing local ground-based monitoring efforts. The DKRRC chose three methods of collecting data: 1.) Annual Community Interviews; 2.) Wildlife Observation Journals, 3.) Motion Sensor Trail Cameras.

We've collected a great deal of valuable information over the years. There are 4 plus years of data that has been well summarized by the Council but remain largely unanalyzed. So, we decided it is time to pause the project and do a review of the information collected to date, report back to the communities and together define clear direction moving forward.

### What We Know Already:

- 1.) The community interviews are incredibly successful, and **interviews should be one of the main project components** moving forward with the project, however **there is room for improvement**.
- 2.) The **Wildlife Journals were popular with some**, but most people have indicated they **prefer a digital recording system...GPS or phone app** that could be used to enter in sightings of wildlife. **That would be great, but how?**
- 3.) Working with researchers Alice Kenney & Charley Krebs we've expanded the scope of the trail cameras and there are now over **40 Motion Sensor Trail Cameras** deployed in the KFN Core Area collecting an incredible number of images – up to 14,000 per/year! **That's a lot to sort and manage! We need a system.**

Sabrina Peric from the University of Calgary and Coral Voss, with the Arctic Institute of Community Based Research (AICBR) are working with DKRRC a review of the Wildlife Observations Project. Together, with the communities and KFN we hope to secure the long-term sustainability of the project and re-instate the Community Interviews again in 2019/20.

**Stay tuned for more information to come in the New Year!**

*Special acknowledgement to Doug Sias, the DKRRC Community Interviewer over the years of the project. His passion and personal commitment contributed greatly to the overall success of the interviews.*

**~ Thank you Doug ~**



## Calling all trappers!

The DKRRC Trapline Allocation Criteria is up for review. KFN is developing new policy for trapline administration. We all need to hear from you to ensure that the DKRRC Criteria and KFN Policy reflects what trappers need!

Geraldine Pope, KFN Natural Resource Manager on KNPR survey

## Kluane National Park and Reserve

As part of the Ecological Integrity monitoring program, Parks Canada conducts research in Kluane National Park and Reserve to monitor the health of the park's ecosystems. On KFN Traditional Territory this year, we conducted the Thachäl Dhäl Sheep and Goat survey and the Shár Ndü Chù (Duke River) Moose survey. The Thachäl Dhäl survey showed a high number of sheep, including a healthy number of rams. A low number of moose were observed on the Shár Ndü survey compared to historic population estimates. This population has been low since the 1990s and the Shár Ndü moose remain in poor ecological condition. We will continue to monitor this population closely and work with KFN, Yukon Government and the Dän Keyi RRC to help moose in the region.

