

Joint Mountain Caribou Meeting

Held Aug. 31-Sep. 2, 2016
Tulit'a, NT

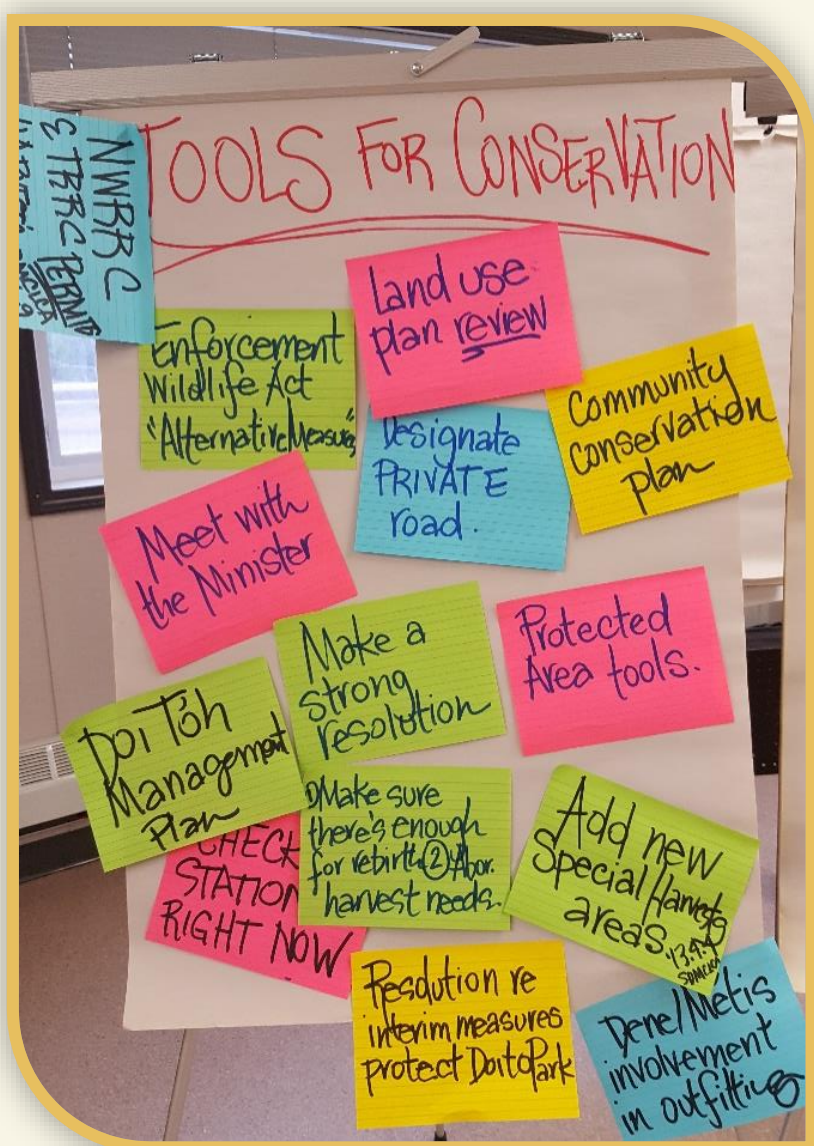
In 2016, the 2nd Joint Mountain Caribou Meeting was held in Tulit'a, NWT. Co-hosted by the Tulit'a and Norman Wells ?ehdzo Got'Ine? (Renewable Resources Councils), the goal was to work with the Ross River Dena Council (Yukon) to find ways to address concerns about the well-being of Gudzih / Shúhta Go?epé at K'á Tá (the Dechenla / Macmillan Pass area).



'If we share our knowledge and expand on it then we can have a better plan' – Joe Bernarde

Everyone agreed that it is important to start working on a community-based conservation plan as soon as possible. This can be an effective tool for addressing problems over the long-term. Four priorities for immediate action include:

1. **Monitor the harvest**
2. **Restrict access**
3. **Find support**
4. **Protect habitat.**



'If it's damaging the land, we should really talk about that. It's the habitat of the caribou, geese, and all the other things that are there – that's why the elders are always talking about it. We want it to be taken care of the way the Dene people used to live with it a long time ago. They managed from that day until today and never disappeared' – Chief Frank Andrew