



Asek RRC Update March 2009

Hello Everyone! We have been busy at the Asek Renewable Resource Council Office over the winter-

Bears- The Asek RRC, CAFN Renewable Resources, and YG's Department of Environment held a public meeting in October 2008, to discuss the possibility of a grizzly bear population study here, and to talk about bear and human conflict issues. Since that meeting it was agreed that more focus was needed on reducing issues between people and bears in the communities, and that a grizzly bear population study could be revisited in the future.

So...

Monday March 16th –Living with Bears- Mun Ku Hall* - 5:30pm.

How can we as a community and as individuals work to reduce conflicts with bears? What has been effective in other communities? Come for dinner, and hear from guest speakers from other communities that have had similar issues, and talk about what they have done to resolve bear human conflict.

Two of our speakers are-

Jacques Drisdelle- Is from Williams Lake B.C. He is the provincial coordinator for the Bear Aware program.

Kim Titchner- Is from Canmore Alberta and is the Education program Director for the Bow Valley WildSmart Community Program.

Both of these speakers specialize in working with communities living with bears.

Dinner and Refreshments provided.

Bison- The bison hunting season has been extended to the end of March 2009.

Caribou-Yukon Government will be carrying out a count of the Aishihik caribou herd during the end of February and into March. The last count was performed in 1997, and estimated the herd to be at 1150 animals then. A mark-resight method using a temporary dye will be used for this count. We hope to hear more about this count in the fall.

Moose – A moose survey was performed by Yukon Government in the fall in GMZ 7, west of Kusawa Lake, we anticipate meeting with YG to discuss the results at our April or May meeting.

Climate Change in Our Backyards 2- Champagne Aishihik First Nations and Asek RRC invite you to come to this workshop to discuss changes that are being seen, and to talk about ways that we can adapt to these changes. This workshop starts

March 9 at 12pm. and runs to March 12. Please call workshop coordinator Fran Graham at 634-4233 for more information. Or email climatechange@cafn.ca

Website- The Asek RRC has a new website at www.yfwmb.ca/rrc/alsek

Council Members- Our Council members are:

Paul Birckel – Co-Chair, Wade Istchenko-Co-Chair, Boyd Campbell, Patt Delaney, Greg Eikland, Remie Dionne, Alternates Hardy Ruf and Ron Chambers.

Remie Dionne lives at the Mendenhall Subdivision. Welcome Remie!

The Asek RRC generally holds their regular monthly meetings the second Monday of the month, with the exception of this March, when it will be held on the 23rd.

Lastly the ARRC office will be closed February 27 and re-opening March 16.

Can you smell it? Spring is in the air!

* - Mun Ku Hall is the CAFN Elders Complex