

Survey ID# 650

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? [Other...](#)

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? [No](#)

Do you work in the Dawson Region?

If so, what sector do you work in?

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

[My comments can be public](#)

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Yukon Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

[Inclusion of protected areas.](#)

[Wetlands conservation strategy](#)

[Consideration of the impacts of transportation access](#)

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

[Concept of sunsets for mineral extraction projects..... when does mining activity cease so that other values for the land might be realized?](#)

[Similarly, provisions for the decommissioning of roads when mining activity ends.](#)

[Similarly, the reclamation by government of lands that have been historically impacted by mining but currently have little or no mineral value.](#)

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

[All streams having documented current or historic spawning populations of salmon should have dedicated corridor management plans to protect riparian habitat and water quality \(e.g. Sixty-mile, Forty-mile, Klondike Rivers\)](#)

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** No

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

The Trust would be valuable to facilitate the provision of information that the commission will need to make decisions in the future. It might solicit research from proponents to provide this information so that decisions can be based on fact rather than conjecture.

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Caribou, salmon, wetlands and a pristine Dempster highway view-scape

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

Yes

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

What is a sustainable human population for the region. Sustainable plans need to consider how to constrain human population growth.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

*Leave no trace of your presence on the land when you leave.*

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

*Yes*

### WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

*It is a good approach as far as it goes: why do fens and swamps have less natural value than bogs and marshes? Do fens and swamps have higher mineral values? Should perhaps consider a threshold area for undisturbed wetlands for a given LMU after which no further activity within wetlands will be permitted.*

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

*Wetlands contribute tremendously to the biodiversity of flora and fauna; they are exceeding beautiful and dynamic places. They also hold back surface run-off flows limiting flash flooding and filter sediments mobilized by those flows*

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** *Agree*

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

Limited development should be allowed to happen in fens.

**Please explain your answer.**

Development to the limited extent that fens have proven mineral wealth where they have mined in the past.

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** 35%

## **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

ISA III and ISA IV combined areas are a large percentage of the total Plan area reflecting unrestricted mining activity of the past. Will there be an opportunity to 'shrink' these zones in the future as placer activity declines and reclamation advances?

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

Yes

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

Unsure

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Many (majority?) Yukoners have a very strong attachment to the land and value wild and pristine places. This is fundamentally at odds with human population (economic) growth. Looking far into the future, please consider the role of land reclamation of areas

that have been degraded by parties long gone. Also, into that same future, please consider that climate change will render many large parts of the planet uninhabitable to most life forms.

Survey ID# 649

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes

**If so, what sector do you work in?** Mining

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Industry Specialist"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

The Draft Plan appears to have been drafted with care to consider the input from different stakeholders.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

Large portions of the Yukon have been withdrawn from staking and mineral development in the past decades. In particular, the Peel region is one that has attracted many millions of dollars of investment in projects which are prospective for cobalt, copper and rare earth elements (REE). These elements are all considered strategic elements that are required for the decarbonization of the world. There exists a large region prospective for strategic elements in two regions of the draft plan (North and Fifteen/Chandidu). All-season access is recommended to be removed as a possibility from these regions. This will have a very simple effect: mines will never be built in the region and all investment into exploration will halt. This has similarly happened in the Peel region, even though some regions in the Peel are less restricted than these regions in the current draft plan. The occurrence of world-class prospectivity for cobalt and in the North and Fifteen/Chandidu regions should be cherished and nurtured. The effects of climate change at high latitudes such as in the Yukon are amplified, and the Yukon could play an important role in supplying the critical metals needed to slow that change. If the draft plan were to be finalized in its current state, no further mineral exploration will occur in the North and Fifteen/Chandidu regions.

Exploration for metals is not straightforward. Early-stage exploration on one claim is often unsuccessful but may lead to exploration and staking of a claim nearby. As a whole, the activity of multiple companies and prospectors in one region may build a knowledge base that leads to the discovery of a deposit. This process is undermined when the staking of new claims is no longer allowed. For a region that has mostly seen early-stage exploration such as the North and Fifteen/chandidu areas in the draft plan, this process is still very important in the larger process of supplying the world with the metals it needs.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

My experience is in the North/Fifteen&Chandidu areas and so my recommendations only relate to these regions:

1. Allow the staking of new claims.

Disturbance may still be limited through policies such as a limit on the total amount of claims staked at any one time, or the total area allowed to be staked at a given time. Alternatively policies could limit certain activities that cause high disturbance such as mechanized trenching, or limit the amount of mines active in the region at any time.

2. Allow all-season access

Without all-season access, mines will never be built, exploration investment will stop. The plan will need to include a way for all-season access to be built.

The importance of access is highlighted by for example Atac Resources. This company owns the Tiger 464,000 oz gold resource in Yukon. The areal footprint of this resource is

smaller than most small placer mines which produce a few hundred ounces of gold per year. The Company attempted to permit an access road to the deposit. It did not receive the permit approval in late 2020. Atac has spent over 10 million dollars in the Yukon over the past decade. As of summer 2021, its main activities were in Nevada. The draft plan will cost the the Dawson region some exploration business, but great care must be taken not to rule it out.

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

As an exploration geologist and one that is involved with several mining companies active in the Yukon I understand the need to strike a balance between preservation of the land and supplying the world with metals needed for decarbonization.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Not sure

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

There is not enough information on how the Trust would work to be supportive or not at this point.

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

That hard-rock mineral exploration is allowed, and placer mining becomes much more restricted.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

The people involved have taken great care to consider all stakeholders for which they should be applauded. However, I believe the very long-term implications (multi-decade) as well as the global context of Yukon and the Dawson Region in a changing climate have not received the attention they need yet.

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

The Yukon needs to be placed in global context. Higher latitudes will feel the effects of climate change in a disproportionate way. Perhaps the focus on keeping certain wilderness pristine is misguided, as this wilderness will change tremendously over the coming decades. As with all things, time will tell.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondĖk HwĖch'in Final Agreement.**

It is certainly an excellent step in the right direction.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

The total areal extent of disturbances should be limited. For example, a narrow hiking trail has a small area of disturbance but adding a campground increases that area. Early stage hard-rock exploration has minimal area of disturbance but a placer mine may mean a 4 x 1 km disturbed area.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

I care about mining and want it to be effective. Placer mining a creekbed over tens of square kilometers and for the sake of removing a few hundred thousand ounces is incredibly ineffective. In comparison the Victoria gold mine is set to produce 200,000 ounces of gold per year of a much smaller footprint. Focus on what is an effective use of land resources in mining and metals.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

As my previous answer. I believe strong limits should be placed on placer mining as has happened in BC - for example: No mechanized placer mining, no permanent cabins and a sensible setback from the riparian zone.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]**

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %**

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

No changes

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

Yes

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

These areas are nearly untouched, vast, and incredibly beautiful. However, I do not feel that development would take away from the vastness or beauty if the effects on flora and fauna are minimized.

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

Unsure

As noted in my earlier answers, I believe the current draft plan will have the effect of fully and permanently protecting these areas and not for flexible management as intended.

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

I would advise the Commission to seek input from geoscientists on how weather patterns may change over a long horizon in the region, to reflect on how that may change flora and fauna behaviour in the region, and to develop a long-term plan or plan revisions over time based on their input.

A simple example, do placer mines increase the water temperature of streams and affect the salmonids? If temperatures rise, can we replant trees and brush in the riparian zone so that these streams are again in the shade?

Will the Yukon be prone to more rain and flooding? If so, can we reclaim historic mines (hardrock or placer) in a way that natural plumbing will be improved?

Survey ID# 648

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Mining

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...
The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...
The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...
recognition of unique northern lifestyles, including resource jobs

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Yes
The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....
awareness and understanding of surroundings

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Not sure

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**  
a balance must be reached between closure and responsible use of an area. It cannot be ruled by polarized viewpoints

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

I do not like the thought that uninformed people are able to form new laws

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

no

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

environmental concerns are raised, which is a good thing, however it seems very unbalanced in its objectives (not addressing employment, a healthy economy, which leads to a healthy community) Awareness, understanding, RESPECT of the surrounding area can be achieved without complete closure

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

no

## Section 3 Key Issues

## CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

what is disturbing is that in your above example it is almost certain that if something were to be eliminated from that equation it would be the mining, and never the active hiking trail(s). Overhunting by both FN and others should also be a priority problem to address.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

agriculture is a permanent change to an area

improved trails do bring in more human activity to an area

more and more housing developments encourages more and more people

over hunting reduces animal populations

mining can often be temporary and usually has a fixed time frame for impact

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Not sure

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

it is much too general and often includes whole watersheds.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

when mountainous areas are considered wetlands solely because of definitions

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Disagree

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

it doesn't seem to be recognized that some areas can be fully reclaimed, or will not be hurt in the first place. The polarized opinions seem to be fueled by large environmental groups which are using symbolic terms to "educate" and sway public opinion.

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

Limited development should be allowed to happen in fens.

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** 75%

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...

The things I would change are...

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

Unsure

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

Yes

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

please have a unpolarized view, and think of protection not to mean only closure.

Survey ID# 647

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I live in Dawson seasonally (e.g. sometimes for work)

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes, seasonally

**If so, what sector do you work in?** Mining and water engineering

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Ecological Expert"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

The Draft Plan covers a lot of concerns and areas that are important to many different groups of people. The Draft Plan recognizes that it has to be improved and isn't final.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

The Plan needs to be more flexible and high-level so industry is not limited by misrepresented directions in future permitting processes.

Reclamation is missing from the Plan, as is the ability to have reclaimed mining "go back into the pot" for surface disturbance. Also, placer mining interests (as well as access to claims) in Land Management Unit 19, or LMU19 (Upper Indian River Wetlands), and LMU22 (Scottie Creek) exist for several families. The family businesses that have been in these areas for years will not be able to stay if the Plan is adopted as is.

LMU3, the Yukon River, is currently on-hold as an SMA2 waiting for "future planning". This will have significant negative effects in the interim if it cannot be considered for small-scale development of things like barge access points, especially to access the high mineral prospective areas on the west side of the River in LMUs 17 and 20, which are designated as ISA3s.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

. I would change the thresholds or eliminate them altogether in favour of a simpler system that relies on the fact that placer mining does not use chemicals and that legislation and policy are making reclamation practices better and better. There is little risk if placer mining is acceptable to work with good reclamation practices.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

I'm running a civil and water engineering bureau in Germany since 25 years. To take care about nature and water is my philosophy and we are working on that base in exploration and mining. That's not cheap but possible.

**DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST**

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

I agree that a fund promoting stewardship in the area is a good idea, however with the ongoing Placer Mining Act modernization, I caution any duplication in funds, tax systems or other revenue structures until more is known.

Its very important that the costs are not too high which make it only possible to mine for huge and rich companies.

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

Responsible and sustainable placer mining in an accepted way. Be safe for future investments.

I believe there is a greater emphasis on how to mitigate mining, not on how to see it thrive responsibly. A thriving and responsible placer industry is how I see "sustainable development" working in action. It, too, is based in conservation.

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

Sustainable means also to be attractive for investment.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Money spent to develop mining areas, which are no longer possible to mine should be refunded.

• Economy of the region is strongly tied to the placer industry

• Reclamation of placer mined areas (current and historic) an important part of stewardship and sustainability

â€¢ Placer mining creates unique and biodiverse habitat and does not negatively effect water quality, quantity and flow when mined responsibly. Landscape diversity, found in reclaimed areas, equals greater biodiversity.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**  
**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Not sure

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

I dislike the approach to wetlands. It values conservation over industry (when it is only in areas that placer mining occurs that this approach would be used) is too complex and is too strict to see industry succeed in the future. The current approach will seriously harm industry, and will create massive negative cumulative effects on the community as a result: businesses shut down, less workers, less infrastructure into existing businesses as people and money leave the area. This will trickle down to other sectors in other parts of the Territory. Who will the public sector staff work for if there is no private sector left? The current wetlands strategy is too hard to meet and would be challenging to enforce.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

I dislike the approach to wetlands. It values conservation over industry (when it is only in areas that placer mining occurs that this approach would be used) is too complex and is too strict to see industry succeed in the future. The current approach will seriously harm industry, and will create massive negative cumulative effects on the community as a result: businesses shut down, less workers, less infrastructure into existing businesses as people and money leave the area. This will trickle down to other sectors in other parts of the Territory. Who will the public sector staff work for if there is no private sector left? The current wetlands strategy is too hard to meet and would be challenging to enforce.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

Limited development should be allowed to happen in fens.

**Please explain your answer.**

I do not agree with the Commission's current threshold information. If I had to pick of course I would ask for the high range of 75%, however I know this information has been developed from the Yukon Government's interim approach to placer mining in wetlands, and that the numbers are arbitrary and not based on science or consequence of mining. It is also not a miner's intent to disturb wetlands arbitrarily, it is only to access the gold resource which tends to be found in valley bottoms. I believe that mining should be allowed in wetlands in certain LMUs (12 for example), regulated by reclamation standards enforced by mining inspectors. The Draft Plan should be more high level and simple to read. The legislation and regulators can enforce the details.

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** 75%

## **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

That most of the planning area is off-limits for development, including areas that have current, existing work.

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

Designations make it easier to make areas that have high cultural interest (like LMU10) or no mineral interests (like LMU1 and 4) into protected areas.

**The things I would change are...**

LMUs 9, 19, 17, 20, and 23 have known placer interest and should have placer mining as a value to preserve, rather than seeing it as a negative impact. If we are not protected or at least encouraged through the Draft Plan, there will be no development to sustain.

### **Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Please consider that reliable people in small companies invested work, time and money in a sustainable mining. Please help to develop this business in eco-friendly way for the next generations.

Survey ID# 642

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Education

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

Full acknowledgment that we are on TH tradition and contemporary territory, the history, importance and implications. Land Stewardship Trust seems like an important opportunity. Diverging from mining as the primary economic backbone, full transparency of mining impact.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

It seems light on actually making changes that will protect the environment and slow down effects of climate change.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

### STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

Gardening (pollinators), walking and biking rather than driving, reducing purchases, purchasing local when possible, spending time outside, foraging, hunting, fishing.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

Anything that provides opportunity for Dawson youth to connect to land, learn and grow is a top priority for me.

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Housing, climate change, economy

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

Please provide explanation

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

## CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Hunt (moreso for others than myself- particularly TH citizens), fishing, foraging.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

I like that Dawson is now a hot spot for biking, I think it provides the kids with increased access to healthy active lifestyle opportunities. I will say it has made trails a lot less accessible to walkers.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

Mining should be limited to areas that do not directly impact on hunting and cultural activities.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

Protect wetlands.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

water, salmon, moose, ducks, flood prevention, water filtration, and carbon storage.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Have no opinion

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

I do not know (This is a hard question, please feel free to contact us if you want more information)

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %**

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

Yes

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

Hunting

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

Yes

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Please be strict about climate change and environmental impacts.

Survey ID# 640

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Health care

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I like about the Draft Plan are...

How there really seemed to be a strong effort to engage people in the process.

The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...

The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Yes

The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

Picking up garbage off the dyke and on town streets, trying to live as green a life as possible, advocating for additional policies and procedures related to climate change in Dawson City and beyond, initiation of Yukon Climate Action Network on Facebook.

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Conservation.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

I feel as if there can be more purely conservation-related areas instead of mixed use areas. No matter where humans go, we will cause disturbance, even if we try to tread lightly.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

I went to 2 placer mining areas in the area this past summer and it broke my heart. How can restoration happen in these beautiful river valleys when the ground is turned inside out??? we as humans can never replace what's there and we should minimize our influence on disturbing untouched areas.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

I think that conservation should be maximized and disturbance minimized, especially in the context of worsening climate change. We need to leave more areas alone so they can hopefully bounce back from the global impact we as a species have had on all natural environments. The time for half measures and lip service is over or else life as we know it will change forever.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

I like any recommendations that include no development.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

There should be no further developments in these incredibly valuable and fragile areas.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Have no opinion

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?

I think there are too many SMA2 areas.

The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...

The things I would change are...

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?

Yes

Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)

I

Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer

No

What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?

I think, as previously stated, that conservation should be the primary focus. We have spent way too many years destroying inherently priceless areas across the globe and it is time that we change our focus from a more selfish perspective to a more inclusive perspective that will help mitigate impacts from climate change and future developments.

Survey ID# 639

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I live in Dawson seasonally (e.g. sometimes for work), Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes, seasonally

**If so, what sector do you work in?** department of environment, agriculture and non profit

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Local business owner/operator"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

I feel that the commission has balanced people, I trust these people.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

Better, closer up more detailed maps with more place names, creek names, wetland names, sites and ecozones and layers so we know what we are looking at. The maps could have had a lot more specific information so people can better orient themselves.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

I

### STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

My life and that of my family is directly dependent on the health and wellbeing of the land. We live just outside the Dawson Land Use Plan area on the McQuesten River in Nacho Nyak Dun traditional Territory. Our livelihood is bound to the functioning ecosystem in which we live and work. So though this plan does not encompass my exact location, the boundaries on the map do not necessarily contain the impacts of use into a designated box. Impacts of this plan could affect my life. Also I see this plan as a model for something that might happen here in the near future. Also I have a deep love of, interest in and connection to the Dempster Highway, the Klondike River, The Blackstone River, the Southern and Noethern Ogilvie Mountains and this area is all within the plan. I grew up on the lower Dempster and spend a lot of time in this area still, I have seen human impacts both direct and indirect in the course of my 40 year lifespan and how quickly things are changing makes me feel very old!

I connect to the land through interaction directly and daily, the list of how would fill pages, a few ways are: harvesting and using or sharing what we harvest (berries, fish, meat, birch syrup, medicine, lumber, firewood, water), spending time on the land, learning from the land and different places, using the land and the challenging terrain to keep me and my family fit and healthy, exploring new places and visiting familiar ones, tradition, visiting gravesites and remaining connected to people that have past who lived on the land or who are buried or remembered in certain places, remembering stories and routes and ways of life that are land based, learning more about the changing ecosystem shifts, , sometimes connecting other people, sometimes

**DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST**

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

I think I would support the trust, I would want to know more.

The way I see it people are part of the landscape, and have been for a long time, for better an for worse. In these times in which both local and global pressures are compromising the earth's environment we need to use our human capacity for forethought and reason to make sure we don't destroy what we have here. People need to be as aware as possible of our impacts and be accountable, for in fact the land does support us all. We need to find ways that we too can support the land. There are many different ways to do this. For me it has meant using what we harvest. We are made to practice agriculture as birch syruping does not qualify us to live remotely. So in the practice of agriculture we tried to use all the parts of the forest that we had to deconstruct in order to build our farm. We used the lumber and built our house and sheds and fences and stockpiled firewood for years. We ground the stumps back into the soil. We used the leaves to feed our livestock. We use sawdust for mulch and insulation

and ashes to bring up the PH of the soil. We find that if we are careful and diligent with what is here we are rich, the land provides what we need and we can avoid costs. I have often thought that mining is wasteful of the resources that are already there as there is no incentive for miners to salvage the wood that they clear. They would have to use it on their mine, but they are not allowed to build much and would need special permits to remove it. How can we have a firewood shortage and be wasting wood concurrently? It takes time to properly fell and dry trees for firewood or lumber but it is so so worth it, especially if it is going to waste.

We are very careful out where we live that anything carbon based is recognized as part of the system and put back into the soil through composting. If it is potentially noxious, like seeds of a weed, we burn it first but the ashes still go back into the ground. This is a long game, and people need to have systems set up to cycle carbon, it takes foresight and planning for the future.

Other ideas I have include real awareness of the many layers that are at play. For example, several people looking at the same piece of land often see different things. I have found this even with different biologists: one may study butterflies, another flowers, another willows, another large mammals. They each have their own valid truth. When you bring in keepers of the geological history or traditional knowledge holders, the layers get very thick. I find that people who really care about the land are interested in all of the layers, and want opportunities to learn from each other. Integrating different ways of knowing would be my real push in designing a stewardship plan that will work for the land. I think there is room for all kinds of people, but I do believe that they need to have the best interest of the land as a functioning system at heart.

### **ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?**

#### **Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

I want to know that if the tap water in Dawson went off as it did in Iqaluit, people in town would go to the creeks and fill their tanks and jugs in certainty that the water was clean. To fly bottled water to north is backwards to me. If we can drink the water out of the creeks, it is a sign that the system is healthy. The functioning ecosystem is what matters most to me.

#### **Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

### **REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)**

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

I do not think developments as they are on the ground right now are necessarily sustainable, but perhaps changes are being made that will address this? I do not think promoting Tombstone Territorial Park far and wide as a way to draw money to the territory is good for the land, a lot of people come up looking for a connection to place and they treat it as a real amusement park recreational activity site, and too many people using the landscapes degrades it ferociously and scares off the local people who would be the true stewards of the land. We ought not encourage this type of tourism...

Also I think that Quartz Mining and Placer Mining tend to have quite different impacts and need not be lumped together. I hear that Quartz Mining regulations will be overhauled, I do not know what changes that will bring to how this land is used, but it can't get worse so maybe it will get better...

I do not know if the placer mining in the creeks as it is now is sustainable as a whole, I believe on some sites it may be and on other's it is not, I do not know where the tipping point is for the environment, the threshold for resilience goes down when a system is stressed in other ways such as weird or extremes in weather or forest fire.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Values:

1. Clean Water.
2. Diversity of species in the system, as indicated by top predators.  
Owls/Falcons/Hawks/Wolves are all good indicators of health of a system.
3. Being able to trust that what is wild is clean is important to me. Contaminants building up in wild foods is very dangerous for people living on the land. We need to keep the habitats free of contamination at a level that it can not process.
4. That the land remains "open" for people to interact with is important to me. If we can not connect to it we will not value it and we will not protect it.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture,**

**tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

Every place has a carrying capacity as to how much use it can take, and that is always shifting depending on the year and all the other factors affecting the area. It is very intricate. There are a lot of moving parts that managers have to understand to have an idea what the system can handle and then have the ability in real time to implement change in human behavior to allow the land to stabilize and be again ready for use. If the land is pushed over a threshold of damage it will take longer to recover. If crossing these thresholds is avoided, the land can often recover with rest.

And then there are long term changes like new roads or trails or changes in technology that allow more powerful developments (as guns and snow machines once were, perhaps now drones) that require long-term thinking.

I have seen carrying capacities crossed, I have crossed them myself. When it is in my power I pull back and make changes to allow the land to recover, and it does. When it is not in my power I have seen areas I love degraded. I consider these sacrifices for the collective human choice to use them up for the greater good. Sometimes I am not sure if the users realize the cost of their use. This is an important piece. We are so often focused on our individual wants and needs we do not see the impact of our collective actions. And a lot of people do not know what they are missing. For example a newcomer to the Yukon will not know that the rivers ran red with King Salmon not so long ago. And now we are lucky to eat Chum. So I feel with respect to this area that there are some areas that I have seen degraded in my lifetime, the promoted trails of Tombstone Park are one, and Vice Roy Mine and areas of Clear Creek that are heavily mined, and Yukon River where the invasive Sweet clover has grown up and the steadily declining number of birds and even species missing on the annual Breeding Bird Surveys that I do for example. What I really don't know is how much the system was already compromised when I came, for example, the gold fields have always been disturbed for me, and so I personally have no understanding of what the functioning ecosystem may have supported before the gold rush. I do look at the tailings on the Klondike from Hunker to the Mouth and wonder if some recovery of native forest in that area wouldn't be a great stewardship project.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

I say this with a real dislike of doing so as I really I think humans should remain a part of the landscape. I hear about the sickness both psychical and mental that plagues our species and I think that disconnection from the realities of the natural world are a big part of our problem, and it ends up damaging the planet more than ever. Spending time on the land is good for our health and well being and it doesn't have to be at the expense of the land if we are careful. But I also think that we collectively have developed a lot of power and are capable of more harm than we realize and we need to first have the best

interests of the land at heart and second recognize and own our impacts. We need some way to discern who can be trusted to do what is best and who can not. We will make mistakes, if we do so with transparency and learn from them and each other and are given a chance to fix them move forward and watch how the land reacts, I think the land is better with us working closely with it. I think we as a species have great capacity for problem solving and working together and we really really need to understand our impacts and be held accountable.

This tragedy of the commons is that everyone goes out with their own interests at heart and has a little impact and taken together the impact is enormous and the commonly held property is destroyed. We can not allow that to happen. At the same time we must not cut people off from access to the land. They must demonstrate meaningful respect, which means different things to different people, but there must be a common standard set that will accommodate the wellbeing of the land itself.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

The science is coming forward to tell us that wetlands are what rejuvenate the entire system. We should just protect riparian areas and all wetlands.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The way the wetland contributes to the functioning ecosystem it is a part of and the habitat and the water.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** [Have no opinion](#)

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

I do not know (This is a hard question, please feel free to contact us if you want more information)

**Please explain your answer.**

I think Limited Development perhaps if the system can handle it... development can mean so many things, and I would hate you to entirely block a sustainable use that could come forward.

If that can't be properly controlled, then I guess no development.

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %**

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 637

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? mining

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Local business owner/operator"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I like about the Draft Plan are...

nothing

The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...

if an area was developed 100 miles from any town or closest person or animal it would draw the same attention.

the klondike gold fields do not warrant all this over blown management.

you're selling dawson and the yukon on its mining background and then stabbing it in the back at the same time. pick a side, shut the whole thing down and level dawson city or continue the tradition.

burn dredge #4 to the ground and recycle the steel.

level the dredge tailings that you are selling as a tourist attraction.

The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...

scrap it.

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

let nature handle it, in 100 years nature will have removed all trace of everything and everyone you see now.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

No

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

stupid

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

peace and quiet. leave us alone. youre causing stress and de-investment for nothing.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

it serves as white collar job creation, thats all.

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

level the entire area including the TH buildings, return everything to natural state. recycle the metals, ban fossil fuels from the yukon., disconnect from ottawa. that might work.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

burn it

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.  
Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area  
Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?

No

### WETLANDS

What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?

sneaky

When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands? Disagree

Please tell us why you agree or disagree

Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?

Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]

Development should be allowed to occur in fens (no limit).

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?

The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...

The things I would change are...

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?

No

Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)

Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer

No

What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?

Survey ID# 636

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? First Nations government

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

I think the areas identified for protection are important areas and I agree with prioritizing these areas.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

There is not enough habitat protection for the Fortymile caribou herd. I think more long term fully protected area needs to be considered for the western border of the planning region. This would provide much needed connected corridors between eco regions north of Dawson Planning Region and areas to the south. This includes large landscape connectivity that is much needed in North America.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

I would change the SMA 2 designation to SMA 1. We can always go back and adjust protected areas as required but we can make developed areas pristine and untouched. Let's embrace the precautionary theory!

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land**

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?**

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

## CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Protection of wildlife and important habitats.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

Planning for increased population and careful and thoughtful consideration of how this plan will protect TH rights guaranteed under the THFA.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

This approach does not seem to be informed by science. We need to slow down development in wetlands until we understand how disturbances will affect the long term persistence of these important carbon sinks and unique habitats.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

Permafrost melting, loss of wetlands knowing how important this habitat is for our region. Moose, waterfowl, beavers, fire, flooding, erosion etc all depend on functional wetlands.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Agree

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

They are both important areas and large vast areas with diverse types of wetlands.

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

Sixty mile river area and Clear Creek. Dempster areas and river valleys as well.

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

**Please explain your answer.**

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

Not enough protection. My first impression makes me question the efficacy and commitment of protection in SMA 2's.

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

Protection for the land of all SMA is designated as SMA 1. However, we need more protection in Sixtymile area and all along the western border.

**The things I would change are...**

More permanent protection and increased SMA 1, especially to protect Fortymile caribou herd.

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

No

These areas need to provide full protection until the future can determine what areas could be disturbed. We have too many gaps in knowledge and should be protecting areas now, waiting until we can be informed by science and then open areas as needed in the future.

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Protect more while you can!

Survey ID# 635

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** No

**If so, what sector do you work in?**

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Yukon Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

<b>The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...</b>
<b>The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...</b> The full protection of Fen wetlands is something very important that is missing in the draft plan.  Fens store carbon and, once disturbed, their layers of ancient peat cannot be restored. This year Yukon saw record-setting flooding. These specific wetland ecosystems are so critical and cannot be restored to being able to do what they do naturally now, which is preventing flooding, storing water and also storing carbon. The Dawson Region has an incredibly rich and important resource in these fen wetlands, and they need 100% protection.
<b>The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...</b>

I would like to see increased size and stronger protection for the Forty Mile Caribou herd. All across the continent caribou herds are in big trouble. Roads, development and industry are the number cause of their decline. This herd is incredibly important to the Trondëk Hwëch'in people, to Yukoners, and future generations. I urge the Commission to heed to warnings from other herds and please put the needed protections in place.

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

By spending time on the land as much as possible either on rivers or on trails, using care and being respectful of wildlife.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

What matters most to me in the region is that this plan reflects the long-term health of the Forty-Mile caribou herd, that it reflects the vision and desire of the Trondëk Hwëch'in, that it protects the invaluable wetlands across the region, especially the fen wetlands. These things cannot be brought back once they are gone, and this planning process was born out of the final agreements, and I want to see this plan truly reflect that - and honour the sacrifices that were made in order for those agreements to be signed.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No, not at this point I don't, but I am hopeful that the next plan will!

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

The disturbance threshold in the plan is being calculated by averaging out disturbances across the entirety of the Landscape Management Unit. This way of calculating thresholds doesn't provide a means for addressing thresholds in the most sensitive and biodiverse ecosystems, which are the creeks and rivers. The way the plan is here in the draft, huge amounts of developments could be packed into valleys, while still staying within the overall limit of five percent disturbance. This would allow for unsustainable development.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

I don't think this plan reflects the wishes of the Trondëk Hwëch'in when I see how much of the Forty Mile caribou herd's area is okayed for development.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

### WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

Yes

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

No

SMA 2's allow industrial development within existing mining claims and winter roads, and don't seem to have any future management planning. These combined leave these areas up for unmanaged developemnt and leave TrondÅ«k HwÅ«ch'in without decision-making input, which to me is problematic and goes against the whole intent of Chapter 11.

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

I urge you to please think about this plan with a very long-term lens. Knowing that climate change is impacting us drastically in the North, and all species up here with us need all the help they can get. That help comes in the form of habitat protection. Please respect the wishes of the Trondëk Hwëch'in, who have already been impacted unfairly by unplanned and unmanaged development in their territory.

Survey ID# 634

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? No

If so, what sector do you work in?

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Other" Author of Dempster Highway guide book

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I like about the Draft Plan are...

A recognition that conservation is required.

The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...

A moratorium on staking until a Dawson Land Use Plan is adopted.

The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Somewhat

The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

Providing information to visitors to enjoy the land along the Dempster Highway and Tombstone Territorial Park. Visitors come to the highway and park for a wilderness experience and provide sustainable revenue for local communities and Yukon.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

That wilderness be conserved for the flora and fauna, and be available to visitors to access. That oil and gas development not go ahead, preserving the land and reducing the effects on climate change and water quality.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

Without a moratorium on staking, there will likely be another staking rush as we saw during the establishment of Tombstone Territorial Park and the Peel Watershed Land Use Plan when a halt on staking was delayed.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

I agree with the comments made by Friends of the Dempster Country and would like to see the portion of the planning region north of the Tintina Trench be designated as a Conservation Area and managed cherished for conservation values. I also urge the Yukon Government to place a moratorium on staking until a Dawson Land Use Plan is adopted.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

Roads, especially mining roads, disturb the permafrost and lead to significant soil erosion. Roads also provide vehicle access to wilderness areas. Mining, and oil and gas exploration damage the land and pollute the water, and contribute to climate change. Short-term by nature, these activities are profitable for some in the short-term, but lead to ongoing reclamation costs. Traditional uses, and the revenue from visitors, are sustainable.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

See above.

### WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

I like that bog, marshes and fens be protected in this plan, but do not like that some level of development may occur in some areas.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

Ecological; wildlife habitat; flora habitat, climate change.

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Have no opinion

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

### **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

#### **Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 632

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I am a full time resident, Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** No

**If so, what sector do you work in?**

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Yukon Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

<b>The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...</b>
<b>The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...</b>
<b>The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...</b> 1) Protect more than 3.8% of the area; with Canada's commitment to protect 30% by 2030 we should do better! 2) Peatlands (bogs and fens) should be completely protected.

### STEWARDSHIP

<b>I see myself as a steward of the land</b> Yes
<b>The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....</b>

Educating the public and advocating for change to protect our land.  
Following the 'Leave No Trace' principles.

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Protection of wetlands and species at risk.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area  
Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?

Yes

## WETLANDS

What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?

Fens should also be completely protected. Peatlands are not recoverable.

When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?

biodiversity and ecosystem protection

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands? Agree

Please tell us why you agree or disagree

Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?

All peatlands

Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?

The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...

The things I would change are...

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?

Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)

Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer

No

What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?

Survey ID# 631

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I live in Dawson seasonally (e.g. sometimes for work)

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes, seasonally

**If so, what sector do you work in?** mineral exploration

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Industry Specialist"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

An unbiased assessment of the area of disturbance that results from mineral exploration and hard rock mining. Impacts related to exploration and mining are held to a different standard than activities related to other economic activities, most especially tourism.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

Too much of the land base is effectively withdrawn from exploration and mining development. This draft plan like the Peel plan will be touted as a massive win for environmentalists, but will result in a very significant reduction in economic activity in the Dawson area, with considerable unintended long-term impacts for residents. Areas effectively withdrawn from exploration and mining should total no more than 20% of the planning area.

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

Local first nations are given advanced notice of our exploration plans before any notices are sent to YG and are invited to question the nature of the proposed work, point out unidentified sensitivities and suggest mitigation. Our work respects environmental and heritage concerns that we are aware of or which we identify during our programs, and utilizes techniques that minimize surface disturbances and involve progressive reclamation.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

Any program that foster better communication between FN and industry is positive as are initiatives that foster education regarding industry best practices. However, for these programs to work FN must have the capacity to participate and willingness to take advantage of the opportunity presented. It should be an industry and FN initiative - YG and its bureaucracy should not be involved. YG involvement in industry/FN communication causes delays and filters information transfer in a negative way. Let the affected parties communicate directly and not have their messages distorted to fit the policies of YG and the personal agendas of its bureaucrats.

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Industry need to know with certainty where exploration and development can occur and where it cannot occur. But the excluded areas must be reasonable - as drafted too much of the area is excluded from exploration and cumulative development thresholds are too low in most areas where development can occur.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

As proposed the plan will result in increasing lower levels of mining and exploration activity. Mining investment will dry up. Dawson will be a seasonal tourist destination based to the phony romance of past "glories" and many TK citizens will have to take low paying tourism service jobs or leave the area to get full-time work. Mining can only help the community if it has the support of the community and is allowed to operate in a sustainable fashion.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondĖk HwĚch'in Final Agreement.**

If this plan is accepted as drafted, the planning commission, YG and TK will have driven yet another spike into the heart of mining in Yukon and into the long-term prosperity of the Territory. My company has been one of the most active groups in Yukon for many years. We are watching closely but, based on what we have seen, we are not optimistic about land use planning in Yukon and are already shifted expenditures out of the Territory.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

Environmental, heritage and cultural concerns must be considered but they must be balanced against the economic and social benefits of mining and exploration. The land base need not be alienated to balance the two, if effective policies monitor and enforce regulations. Areas of surface disturbance are a tiny fraction of the area of most claim blocks.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

Not to the extent set out in the draft plan.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 630

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Forestry

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

I would like to see a much larger amount of land set aside for conservation under special management area 1. Less than 4% of land afforded this level of protection is frankly pathetic. I was also disappointed to see that the areas that have been afforded the greatest protections all seem to be in the North where there is limited mineral development and the areas that are currently being most aggressively developed and are most in need of protection are currently afforded the lowest conservation status. This is unacceptable and does not reflect a fair balance of interests. Even the coffee Creek area which is specifically identified as an important corridor for the 40 mile caribou herd is inexplicably identified as having only "moderate ecological and cultural values", which feels massively inconsistent. Conservation is meaningless if it's only done in areas that were never under threat from development to begin with. Obviously increasing

protections in the Indian River watershed presents economic problems given the amount of industry there but seemingly arbitrarily designating such a huge area containing a lot of sensitive wetland environments as having low ecological significance simply to protect industry there is wildly irresponsible. This is exactly the area that needs strong protections even if it comes at the expense of the local economy. While mining admittedly accounts for a significant part of the local economy, it's consideration within this proposal is outsized and minimises other local values, which aside from their intrinsic worth culturally and ecologically present a chance for economic development through tourism and less ecologically destructive industries than placer mining. If we're looking to a future where we can no longer depend on oil and gas, large scale placer mining is going to quickly become unviable as the lynchpin it currently is in the Yukon economy and the sooner we begin to diversify and look at other opportunities the better. A relentless focus on mineral development at the expense of strong environmental protection is irresponsible and short-sighted. I say this as someone who has made a living from mining and exploration. My suggestion is not to stop mining operations within the area, but simply not to sacrifice strong environmental protection for their sake or ignore ecological values within high development areas. I also hugely disagree with the prioritisation within the draft plan of increased access and transportation. Such a plan is not consistent with long term ecological sustainability. We are in a unique position in the Yukon in that we have such a large land area and small population. Road development is not essential here for anyone's well being and it is hugely disruptive to wildlife. Road construction hardly ranks as a consideration for conservationists and environmentalists in the South because wildlife migration has already been so thoroughly disrupted that the impact of new roads appears minimal in the broader scheme, but that is not the position we are in in the Yukon. Any new road development deserves careful consideration and should have a much lower priority than maintaining wildlife corridors. Aside from my personal convictions about the intrinsic value of conservation, huge numbers of people in the land use planning area depend on wildlife populations for food and subsistence through hunting and trapping and disruptions to that wildlife have massive economic as well as cultural impacts to those of us who depend on those wild food sources. From a food security standpoint, doing everything possible to protect moose and caribou populations is only prudent in an area where we are overly reliant on groceries coming from down south, a food source which is vulnerable to something as simple as a road closure. We won't increase food security through farming alone given our limited growing season and poor conditions, so wild food sources are always going to be important here, likely only more so in the future

I see myself as a steward of the land **Yes**

The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?

**Yes**

Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?

I want to see the preservation and protection of the beautiful wilderness that made me want to live here and that is incredibly unique in the modern world

Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development? **No**

Please provide explanation

As I said above, it appears that within the plan mining interests have been prioritised over ecological concerns and in the areas within the plan that are currently under the largest threat from development, ecological values appear to have been effectively ignored and the greatest protections have been given to areas that are not even under a significant threat from development and the areas that are meaningfully protected make up a pathetically small proportion of the overall area covered by the land use plan

Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

## Section 3 Key Issues

## CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

I think salmon, moose and caribou populations in particular should be considered, but the protection of these species is only possible within the framework of greater general ecological protections that respect their food sources and habitat. I think the ability to hunt, fish, harvest and trap, especially for First Nations, but also for other Yukoners should be afforded a high priority. I also think it is important to protect the forests and afford them a high value given their role as carbon sinks in a world on the verge of devastating climatic changes from atmospheric CO2

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

While I believe subsistence activities like hunting, fishing and trapping should be prioritised and protected, I think other development activities, whether for mining or recreational tourism, should have a lower precedence than ensuring the continued health of our forests and wildlife

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

I appreciate the strong protections afforded to bogs and marshes. I'm concerned about the classification of 'fens', which are not described in the link given above on land types, but which the commission seems to have determined a majority of the wetlands in the planning region fall under and which are afforded less protection. Having worked in placer mining operations I am intimately familiar with how disruptive and destructive they almost inevitably are to wetland habitats, and while there are many responsible and conscientious operators out there and good restoration practises can be quite effective, I would like to see as much protection as possible given to these areas and that is a difficult to impossible goal to reconcile with further mining development given the logistical realities of large scale placer mining.

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

I am concerned primarily with the health of moose and fish populations that depend on these habitats

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands? [Agree](#)

Please tell us why you agree or disagree

Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?

Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]

[No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.](#)

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?

The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...

The things I would change are...

### Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):

As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?

Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)

Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer

What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?

Survey ID# 629

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Mining, plumbing g & heating

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I like about the Draft Plan are...

Nice photos.

The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...

Protection of mining areas!

The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land

The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

Responsible & accountable land use practices

While exploring or harvesting natural resources.

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**  
It is solely focused on indigenous cultural practices being taught to the younger generation.

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Protection of mining areas.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

It has no desire to protect the harvesting of mineral resources

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

This is already taken into consideration with all land use, water use access permissions and other regulations.

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area  
Past Placer mining reclamation have enhanced wild life habitats in the Indian River District.

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Not sure

I share this environment...my personal desires have no place in a science based discussion about mining activities.

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

This is ignoring science and reacting to emotional and cultural responses

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 627

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Service Sector/ Tourism

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Local business owner/operator"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

I appreciate that land use planning is essential to helping us find ways of using, and protecting these lands responsibly and with our children and grandchildren in mind.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

I am upset that staking during the drafting of the plan was not suspended despite requests by TH and others.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

I think the plan needs to consider climate change and its cumulative effects

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

I would like to see the northern part of the region (north of Tintina Trench) set aside as a special management area 1 (full protection)

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

I feel that sustainable development should include much more conservation - more protection of waterways, and stricter regulations governing mining and exploration, particularly reclamation and cleanup. TH has proposed that 60% of the region be fully protected. The draft plan proposed just 3.8% for full protection. Why is there such a disparity? It seems as though development interests have a much greater influence in this plan than those of TH and those who believe more conservation is essential to safeguard this land for future generations.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondĖk HwĖch'in Final Agreement.**

I don't think the video and summary says enough to prepare people to comment. A better video would help. A 200 page document is a little intimidating. There must be a better way to make this information accessible.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

What is means for future generations - clean water, air, animals and plants, intact ecosystems and all that sustains life

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.)** Feel free to be specific to an area

roads lead to overhunting and this needs to be carefully considered

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

### WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %**

### **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

#### **Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 626

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? [Other...](#)

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? [No](#)

Do you work in the Dawson Region?

If so, what sector do you work in?

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

[My comments can be public](#)

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
["Survey respondent"](#)

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

The Vision Statement and Guiding Principles, especially the emphasis on Stewardship.  
The use of the Precautionary Principle, Cumulative Effects Management and Adaptive Management

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

How are cumulative effects/impacts measured? Who is responsible for measuring cumulative effects in the region? What happens if/when the thresholds for the 3 different levels are passed?

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

Disturbance by/in highway corridors, including road maintenance, should be included in Cumulative Effects Management.  
LMU designations: see survey page

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

Connecting with and caring for the land define how I live.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

The word 'should' in the description of recommended actions on page 106 needs to be changed to 'must' and there should be a time frame for action.

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Extra care in caring for the land as the climate changes.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

The Precautionary Principle and Climate Change are included but not given the weight they merit. Both should be more evident in policy recommendations throughout the draft

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

As the climate changes we no longer really know what is sustainable.

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.

Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area

Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?

### WETLANDS

What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?

When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?

Please tell us why you agree or disagree

Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?

Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

### **Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 624

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? [Other...](#)

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? [Yes](#), [Other YFN](#)

Do you work in the Dawson Region?

If so, what sector do you work in?

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

[My comments can be public](#)

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
["Yukon Resident"](#)

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...
The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...
The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land <a href="#">Yes</a>
The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** No

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Yes

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** [Disagree](#)

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

[All wetlands should be protected](#)

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

[No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.](#)

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

[Yes](#)

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

No  
Not strong enough

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 620

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Education

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

The Commission has expressed a desire to safeguard the ecological and cultural values of the Dawson Region -- this is something I support. I trust that the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in are the best stewards of the land, and I believe that the vision and spirit the TH Final Agreement must be a the root of the Draft Plan.

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

The Commission should upgrade conservation areas with weak protections to ~Type I~™ Special Management Areas. This would provide lasting protections for conservation areas, and put tools in place for Tr'ondā'k Hwā'ch'in to co-manage their traditional lands.

The plan should better protect lands that are critical for wildlife and subsistence, like river corridors and the range of the Fortymile caribou herd.

Wetlands need the best possible level of protection. These ecosystems are natural carbon reservoirs and help to buffer the effects of climate change. They provide unique habitats for wildlife and cannot be restored after being disturbed.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

I would increase the amount of land set aside for full conservation -- having only 3% is an inadequate number.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

Outdoor recreation, responsible harvesting, attempts to live with less environmental impact.

**DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST**

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Not sure

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

**ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?**

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development? [No](#)

Please provide explanation

Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.

Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area

Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?

[Yes](#)

### WETLANDS

What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?

When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Future generations are not going to give credit to current generations for the building infrastructure and economic gain in the past. Future generations are going to look at what was left to them. One-time resource extraction -- while building economic opportunity and supporting infrastructure development -- is not something that future citizens of Dawson and the Yukon will enjoy.

Survey ID# 619

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I live in Dawson seasonally (e.g. sometimes for work)

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** No

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes, seasonally

**If so, what sector do you work in?** Mining

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Survey respondent"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

<b>The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...</b>
<b>The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...</b>
<b>The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...</b>

### STEWARDSHIP

<b>I see myself as a steward of the land</b> Somewhat
<b>The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....</b>

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Not sure

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** [Not decided](#)

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

[I do not know \(This is a hard question, please feel free to contact us if you want more information\)](#)

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

[Unsure](#)

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

Unsure

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Before removing large areas of land from industry a careful look at the results of reclamation over the last 20-30 years including things like beaver activity in these areas would provide some insight as to how to mine and reclaim wetlands.

Survey ID# 618

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Mining, government and tourism

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Local business owner/operator"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...
The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...
The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Yes
The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Land availability and mining rights

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Not sure

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

No

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

If in protecting the wetlands completely discourages mining and business it should be well thought out

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** Not decided

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

Development should be allowed to occur in fens (no limit).

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 617

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Are you familiar with the Dawson Region?** Yes, I am a regular visitor to the Dawson Region, Other...

**If not, where do you live?**

**Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation?** Yes, TH Citizen

**Do you work in the Dawson Region?** Yes, seasonally

**If so, what sector do you work in?** exploration & mining

**If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.**

My comments can be public

**How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")**  
"Yukon Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I like about the Draft Plan are...

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

- I. Increase total area under protection with high value heritage & habitat resources and decrease designations in areas with significant pre-existing development, mining, industrial and economic activity that have lower heritage & habitat values:
  - o Increase areas under SMA1 Land Use Designation (LUD) with high value heritage & habitat resources and divide some LMU's where they cover both high value and lower value areas
  - if Increase total protected area with increased LUD designations in 9 LMUs
  - o Decrease LUD in areas with significant existing disturbance, mining, industrial and economic activity that have lower heritage & habitat resource values
  - o Decrease LUD designations in 7 LMUs
- I. Simplification of the number of Land Use Designation classes to allow for clearer regulatory implementation:
  - o Removal of ISA #2 (or 3) Land Use Designation (LUD) resulting in 3 ISA classes
  - o Removal of SMA2 LUD and roll into SMA1 or ISA designation based on above criteria
  - o Allows for simpler implementation of designations through larger quantitative differences
- II. Establish relevant unitized habitat disturbance thresholds (Ha/Km<sup>2</sup>) for each of the 3 classes of ISA LUDs (taking into consideration current disturbance levels and future activities) to allow for management of disturbance and concurrent reclamation under the current land use permit regime.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

**DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST**

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?

Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development? [No](#)

Please provide explanation

Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondĖk HwĖch'in Final Agreement.

[No comment.](#)

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.

Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area

Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?

[Yes](#)

### WETLANDS

What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?**

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## **: LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM**

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

### **Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

No

The Plan defines Special Management Areas (SMAs) as conservation areas identified requiring high-levels of conservation. However, despite all of the ecological and heritage values described, the Plan currently only fully protects 3.8% of the Planning Region. This could be a missed opportunity to ensure the long-term ecological and heritage value of the Region.

By reducing to a singular Special Management Area, the Plan directives would be clear to stakeholders, easier to implement and could result in a larger fully protected region if precedence is not set by removing known economically developed regions.

The SMA2 designation currently outlines “disturbance only in connection to existing surface and sub-surface rights” however, disturbance thresholds align with ISA I or II depending on the LMU. It is recommended that the Draft Plan is simplified by removal of SMA2 and currently designated SMA2 LMU’s have clauses specifying that they are closed for future staking/development in accordance with the vision and rationale for these LMUs. Proposed designations for currently proposed SMA2 designated LMU’s is provided in Â§9 of this report.

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 615

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Arts & Culture

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

The things I <u>like</u> about the Draft Plan are...
The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...
The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Somewhat
The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....

### DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

### ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

### REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĖK HWĖCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

**In your opinion, does the Draft Plan achieve the objective of Sustainable Development?** Yes

**Please provide explanation**

**Do you have any other comments on whether the Draft Plan is meeting the Chapter 11 Objectives and / or the spirit and intent of the Tr'ondĖk HwĖch'in Final Agreement.**

## Section 3 Key Issues

### CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

**Please share with us values you feel should be included in helping to make decisions about what is allowed to happen on the land.**

**Please share your experience / knowledge with the Commission about how the amount of some human activities or infrastructure (i.e. roads, mining, agriculture, tourism) on the land affect the things that you value or care about (land, water, community, access to hunting grounds, etc.) Feel free to be specific to an area**

**Do you feel that the amount of human development should be limited to help maintain the things you value?**

Not sure

## WETLANDS

**What do you like or dislike about this the approach to wetlands?**

**When considering development in wetlands, what impacts to your values are you most concerned about?**

The Commission have highlighted two wetland areas as of special importance, **Scottie Creek Wetlands** and the **Upper Indian River Wetlands**.

**Do you agree or disagree with the choice of these two wetlands?** [Have no opinion](#)

**Please tell us why you agree or disagree**

**Are there other areas of wetlands in the region that you feel are of equal or greater importance that should receive a similar level of protection? If so, where are those wetlands (Use LMU # if possible) and why are they of high value to you?**

**Please tell us what you think about development in fens** [choose one]

[No development should occur in fens anywhere in the region.](#)

**Please explain your answer.**

**How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed?** %

## : LAND DESIGNATION SYSTEM

**What are your first impressions of this map and the land designation system?**

**The things I feel the Commission got right about the land designations are...**

**The things I would change are...**

**Special Management Area 2 (SMA 2):**

**As you review the areas we have designated as SMA 2, do you agree that these are areas of high conservation value?**

[Unsure](#)

**Please explain your answer (use locations where possible)**

**Is the SMA2 designation appropriate to protect key values? Please explain your answer**

[Unsure](#)

**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 613

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Non-profit and education

If you prefer that we keep your comments and/ or any other information confidential, please let us know by checking here.

My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Dawson Resident"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

**The things I like about the Draft Plan are...**

The fact that Dawsonites make up the board, and that there is local consultation

**The things that are missing from the Draft Plan are...**

I was shocked that the staking moratorium was applied so late, the consequences of which will be with us for, perhaps, generations.

**The things I would change in the Draft Plan are...**

More time needed for response...especially as it is so important.

Legislative protection of the land and water bodies, and the native species living on and in them should be the highest priority. Businesses and enterprises don't need the same level of protection as the entrepreneurial mind will always find a way to adjust to conditions and requirements within a short time frame. The time frame for nature and the environment to adapt is considerably longer!

The special management areas cover too small a percentage of the region's area. They all need to be connected to create wildlife corridors, so attention to the Upper Indian River Wetlands

## STEWARDSHIP

**I see myself as a steward of the land** Yes

**The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....**

Hiking or x-c skiing every day. Bird watching and annual winter bird count. Trails maintenance and board member for KATTS. Advocacy as YCS, CPAWS and CKS member. Gardener.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Yes

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

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**Please provide explanation**

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Please tell us what you think about development in fens [choose one]

Please explain your answer.

How much of the regions Fens should be allowed to be developed? %

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**What advice do you have for the Commission as they develop the Recommended Plan?**

Survey ID# 611

## Section 1: Survey Introduction

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Are you familiar with the Dawson Region? Yes, I am a full time resident

If not, where do you live?

Are you a member of a Yukon First Nation? No

Do you work in the Dawson Region? Yes

If so, what sector do you work in? Placer Mining, Mineral Exploration (prospector), Snow Removal and Firesmart contracting in winter.

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My comments can be public

How would you like to be identified in this survey? (for example "Quoted from a ...")  
"Local business owner/operator"

## Section 2: Draft Plan Concepts and Principles

### PLAN FAMILIARITY

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The things that are <u>missing</u> from the Draft Plan are...
The things I would <u>change</u> in the Draft Plan are...

### STEWARDSHIP

I see myself as a steward of the land Yes
The different ways that I take care of or connect to the land are....
As a prospector, miner and firewood cutter my life is connected to the land. I make a living on the land. I know the land intimately and I depend on it for my life and my families life.

## DAWSON LAND STEWARDSHIP TRUST

**Do you support the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust recommendation proposed in the Draft Plan?**

Not sure

**Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on the Dawson Land Stewardship Trust**

## ARE YOUR CONCERNS/INTERESTS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN?

**Please tell us briefly what matters to you most in the Region?**

Access to land for prospecting, mining, and woodcutting.

**Do you feel that most of the things that matter to you were included in the plan?**

No. The plan discourages responsible exploration, mining, and forest resource

## REGIONAL PLANNING UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN FINAL AGREEMENT (THFA)

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**Please provide explanation**

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**Please explain your answer.**

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