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Yukon government updates harvest rules

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has updated its rules for harvesting Porcupine caribou for both subsistence and licenced hunters, acting Environment Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"The Yukon government has revoked the *Porcupine Caribou Subsistence Harvest Regulation* in recognition of the herd's healthy population, which is consistent with the Harvest Management Plan," Taylor said. "The bag limit has been restored to two bulls for licenced hunters as well."

The harvest limits were put in place in fall 2009 when the estimated herd size was 90,000 to 100,000 animals. Census results released in early 2011 now estimate 169,000 animals are in the herd, well above the limit of 115,000 animals set by the Harvest Management Plan for no harvest limit for subsistence hunters.

The new rules deal with a rigorous, verifiable reporting system and reflect the flexible approach taken by the plan. The plan looks at both the herd size and overall population trends in determining what limits, if any, are needed on subsistence and licenced hunters. The Yukon government will continue with field inspections when the hunting season resumes this fall.

The eight Canadian Parties to the Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan are: the Government of Yukon, Government of N.W.T, Government of Canada, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëchin First Nation, Inuvialuit Game Council and Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Find more information about the [Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan](#).

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