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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

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DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVE

- To ensure that the natural resources and the environment of the Yukon are managed and used in accordance with government policy by:
 - maintaining and enhancing the quality of the Yukon's environment for present and future generations through ecosystem-based management, conservation of resources and protection and maintenance of biodiversity;
 - renewing the Yukon government's vision to maintain and enhance the Yukon's natural environment for present and future generations;
 - ensuring that Yukon people have the opportunity to be involved in the development and review of departmental programs, policies, legislation and regulations through open and meaningful communication and participatory processes;
 - managing natural resources in a manner that promotes integration with other sectors including economic development, so that optimum benefits can be derived for all Yukon people;
 - participating in national and international measures designed to enhance environmental quality and encourage sustainable use of natural resources;
 - integrating, implementing and managing authorities and responsibilities in water resource and environmental management; and
 - undertaking resource management activities that meet the Government of Yukon's obligations and respect the rights of aboriginal people and relationships established through land claims and self-government agreements.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2006-07 ACTUAL
Capital Expenditures				
Corporate Services	752	1,624	-54%	1,031
Environmental Sustainability	1,060	1,271	-17%	1,221
Total Capital Vote 52	1,812	2,895	-37%	2,252
Revenues				
Third-Party Recoveries	0	100	-100%	0
Recoveries from Canada	0	66	-100%	0
Total Revenues	0	166	-100%	0
Categories				
Tangible Capital Assets	163	596	-73%	352
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	1,604	2,221	-28%	1,824
Transfer Payments	45	78	-42%	76
Total Categories	1,812	2,895	-37%	2,252

Note:

Restated 2006-07 Actual and 2007-08 Forecast to be consistent with the 2008-09 Estimate presentation.

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	2006-07 ACTUAL
Beginning of the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,691	4,295	4,073
Accumulated Amortization	(1,388)	(1,231)	(1,204)
Work-in-Progress	313	113	62
Net Book Value	3,616	3,177	2,931
Changes during the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets			
Capital Expenditures	93	396	351
Disposals	0	0	(129)
Accumulated Amortization			
Amortization Expense	(163)	(157)	(156)
Disposals	0	0	129
Work-in-Progress			
Capital Expenditures	70	200	1
Adjustment to reconcile to Public Accounts Work-in-Progress ⁽¹⁾	0	0	50
End of the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,784	4,691	4,295
Accumulated Amortization	(1,551)	(1,388)	(1,231)
Net Book Value	3,233	3,303	3,064
Work-in-Progress	383	313	113
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	3,616	3,616	3,177

1) The corresponding offset for this adjustment is located in the Changes in Tangible Capital Assets and Amortization schedule for the Department of Highways and Public Works.

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CORPORATE SERVICES

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To assist the department in managing its financial, human and information resources in an efficient, effective and economical manner by providing administrative support services to departmental personnel.
- To assist the department to ensure its assets are acquired and maintained in a manner that adequately fulfils operational requirements.
- To support the effective use, availability and integration of data and information through the appropriate use of technology to meet departmental and client needs.
- To develop or amend environmental legislation, regulations or policy to ensure sound natural resource conservation and management while recognizing the dynamic nature of ecosystems, society and the economy.
- To coordinate strategic environmental and resource management initiatives.
- To coordinate the department's land claims activities including:
 - coordinate and fulfil the Government of Yukon's obligations under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement;
 - coordinate and represent departmental interests to support the negotiation of First Nation final agreements, implementation plans and transboundary claims; and
 - oversee and coordinate the department's implementation activities to fulfil obligations of First Nation final agreements, self-government agreements and transboundary claims.

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CORPORATE SERVICES (Cont'd)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2006-07 ACTUAL
Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture				
Yukon Environment Information System	170	308	-45%	156
Office Furniture, Equipment, Systems and Space	227	211	8%	208
Operational Equipment	300	345	-13%	295
Lands and Facilities				
Necropsy Facilities	55	45	22%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	687	-100%	366
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	28	-100%	6
Total Corporate Services	752	1,624	-54%	1,031

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To manage and protect the Yukon's natural environment.
- To provide sustainable fish and wildlife harvesting and viewing opportunities for cultural, recreational and economic purposes.
- To promote and enhance participation in land-based activities (hunting, fishing, trapping) to sustain a unique Yukon lifestyle.
- To contribute to the effective implementation of agreements and political accords by working cooperatively with other governments and various governance bodies.
- To plan, establish and manage a system of wilderness preserves, natural environment parks and ecological reserves, Canadian Heritage Rivers, campgrounds and recreation sites; and to provide information/interpretative/regulatory services for Yukon residents and visitors.
- To provide regional delivery of departmental services in the areas of licensing, wildlife-human conflict, education, enforcement and various other departmental programs.
- To develop and implement management programs to maintain biological diversity and to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of fish, wildlife, habitat and water resources.
- To manage and protect Yukon's air, land and water resources through the assessment and mitigation of the effects of resource projects; education; monitoring and inspections; and the development and implementation of regulations and pollution prevention programs.
- To contribute to public safety and the protection of property.
- To coordinate, support and participate in research activities and contribute to territorial, national and international research projects.
- To develop and provide public information that enhances awareness, understanding of, and adherence to the laws pertaining to natural resources and the environment.
- To manage the resources of the natural environment in a balanced and sustainable way.
- To coordinate the Government of Yukon's activities on climate change at both the regional and national level and to lead the development of climate change policy, strategies, and action plans to achieve Yukon government commitments in the areas of monitoring and research; impacts and adaptation and green house gas emission reduction practices.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2006-07 ACTUAL
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Wildlife Viewing	63	58	9%	62
Stocked Lake Management	40	40	0%	35
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	90	135	-33%	94
Species at Risk Management	30	29	3%	93
NatureServe Yukon	125	169	-26%	91
Whitehorse Fishway	10	10	0%	2
Public Education - Wildlife Human Conflict	25	25	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	27	-100%	245
Parks				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	65	80	-19%	20
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	75	107	-30%	86
Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	50	50	0%	67
Tombstone Territorial Park	75	75	0%	55
Territorial Campgrounds and Day Use Areas				
Capital Works - Campground Facilities	310	316	-2%	313
Outdoor Recreation Sites and Corridors				
Outdoor Recreation and Interpretation	50	75	-33%	12
Heritage Rivers				
Yukon River (30 mile section)	27	27	0%	26
Bonnet Plume River	15	15	0%	16
Tatshenshini River	10	8	25%	4
Environmental Programs				
Prior Years' Projects	0	25	-100%	0
Total Environmental Sustainability	1,060	1,271	-17%	1,221

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2006-07 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Corporate Services				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	100	-100%	0
Total Third-Party Recoveries	0	100	-100%	0
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Corporate Services				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	28	-100%	0
Environmental Sustainability				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	38	-100%	0
Total Recoveries from Canada	0	66	-100%	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	166	-100%	0

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TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000s)	2008-09 ESTIMATE	2007-08 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2006-07 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS				
Environmental Sustainability				
Stocked Lake Management				
- Yukon Energy Corporation	40	40	0%	31
Tombstone Territorial Park				
- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation	5	5	0%	5
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	33	-100%	40
TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS	45	78	-42%	76