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Yukon government and First Nations work to assist Alsek moose recovery

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will continue its work with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and the Alsek Renewable Resources Council on a pilot project to improve moose populations in the Alsek area.

The Yukon government will provide \$50,000 in 2016/17 as part of a three-year, \$174,000 funding agreement between the Yukon government and CAFN that began last year.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to ensuring healthy wildlife populations across the territory," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "Continuing to work with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the community of Haines Junction on recovering this population is a priority of our government."

Between 1998 and 2008, the moose population declined throughout the Alsek study area. It is currently at or near historic lows. The pilot project is currently in its second year and will continue to focus on the recovery of a sustainable moose population in the Alsek study area.

The funding provided to CAFN for 2016/17 will be used to hire a project coordinator to work within the community.

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