

# ENVIRONMENT

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT**

**MINISTER**

**Hon. J. Kenyon**

**DEPUTY MINISTER**

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**DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVE**

- To ensure that the renewable 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;
  - implementing the principles of the Yukon Conservation Strategy;
  - 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 effective communication and processes;
  - managing renewable resources in a manner that promotes integration with other sectors such as 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 renewable resources;
  - integrating, implementing and managing additional authorities and responsibilities in water resource and environmental management as devolved from the Government of Canada, that are consistent with the Government of the Yukon's policy and constitutional objectives; and
  - undertaking resource management activities that meet the Government of the Yukon's obligations and respect the rights of aboriginal people and relationships established through land claims and self-government agreements.

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<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>				
Corporate Services	996	2,905	-66%	365
Management of Natural Resources	1,391	786	77%	666
Monitoring and Compliance	20	5	300%	6
<b>Total Capital Vote 52</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>1,037</b>
<b>Capital Recoveries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-100%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Categories</b>				
Tangible Capital Assets	374	1,780	-79%	52
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	2,033	1,916	6%	955
Transfer Payments	0	0	0%	30
<b>Total Categories</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>1,037</b>

Note:

Restated 2003-04 Forecast and 2002-03 Actual to be consistent with the 2004-05 Estimate presentation.

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<b>CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Beginning of the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in service	<b>3,856</b>	2,076	2,024
Accumulated amortization	<b>(1,004)</b>	(907)	(832)
Net book value	<b>2,852</b>	1,169	1,192
<b>Changes during the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets			
Capital expenditures	<b>274</b>	1,780	52
Disposals	<b>0</b>	0	0
Accumulated amortization			
Amortization Expense	<b>(140)</b>	(97)	(75)
Disposals	<b>0</b>	0	0
Work-in-progress			
Capital expenditures	<b>100</b>	0	0
<b>End of the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in service	<b>4,130</b>	3,856	2,076
Accumulated amortization	<b>(1,144)</b>	(1,004)	(907)
Net book value	<b>2,986</b>	2,852	1,169
Work-in-progress	<b>100</b>	0	0
<b>Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress</b>	<b>3,086</b>	2,852	1,169

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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 promote the effective use and integration of information through the appropriate use of technology to meet departmental and client needs.
- To coordinate and undertake the analysis, development and evaluation of legislation, regulations and policy.
- To coordinate strategic environmental and resource management initiatives.
- To coordinate the department's land claims activities including:
  - coordinate and fulfil the Government of the 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.

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture</b>				
Yukon Environment Information System	90	60	50%	59
Office Furniture, Equipment , Systems and Space	202	252	-20%	94
Operational Equipment	334	150	123%	106

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## CORPORATE SERVICES (Cont'd)

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Lands and Facilities</b>				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	50	18	178%	27
Tombstone Interpretive Centre	100	0	100%	1
Storage/Workshop Facility	100	72	39%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	2,225	-100%	14
<b>Corporate Planning Initiatives</b>				
Legislation Development	100	100	0%	57
State of the Environment Reporting	20	10	100%	7
<b>Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs</b>				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	18	-100%	0
<b>Total Corporate Services</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>-66%</b>	<b>365</b>

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### MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### 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 provide opportunities for economic benefits through the sustainable use of fish and wildlife resources.
- To ensure the effective implementation of agreements and political accords by working cooperatively with other governments and public structures.
- To 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 services for Yukon residents and visitors.
- To provide regional delivery of departmental services.
- To develop and implement management programs to maintain biological diversity and to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of fish, wildlife and habitat resources.

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>				
Wildlife Viewing	57	50	14%	37
Spawntake/Stocked Lake Management	15	10	50%	15
Whitehorse Rapids Fish Hatchery	25	10	150%	15
Whitehorse Fishway	10	0	100%	0
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	120	70	71%	73
Species at Risk Management	90	50	80%	0
NatureServe Yukon	149	85	75%	0
Chisana Caribou Recovery Project	146	0	100%	0



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### MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Cont'd)

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Parks</b>				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	85	40	113%	22
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	112	106	6%	185
Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	75	80	-6%	0
Tombstone Territorial Park	75	50	50%	12
Prior Years' Projects	0	7	-100%	0
<b>Territorial Campgrounds and Day Use Areas</b>				
Capital Works - Campground Facilities	350	203	72%	253
<b>Outdoor Recreation Sites and Corridors</b>				
Outdoor Recreation and Interpretation	30	20	50%	15
<b>Heritage Rivers</b>				
Yukon River (30 mile section)	27	0	100%	25
Bonnet Plume River	10	0	100%	10
Tatshenshini River	15	5	200%	4
<b>Total Management of Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>666</b>

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### MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

#### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To develop and provide management and protection of Yukon's environment through education, regulation development, monitoring and inspections including water quality and quantity, assessment and mitigation of resource developments, and pollution prevention programs.
- To contribute to public safety and the protection of property through the monitoring of water related hazards.
- To coordinate research activities and contribute to national and international research projects.
- To develop and provide public information that enhances awareness, understanding of, and adherence to the laws pertaining to renewable resources and the environment, through monitoring, inspections, education and enforcement.
- To provide service to the public at the community level in the areas of licensing and permitting, human-wildlife conflict and other department programs.
- To provide public education respecting Yukon's environment, resources and public safety.

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	<b>2004-05 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>2003-04 FORECAST</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2002-03 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Educational Resources</b>				
Wild Game Meat Cutting Instructional Video	15	0	100%	0
Yukon Environment Board Game	5	0	100%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	5	-100%	6
<b>Total Monitoring and Compliance</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>300%</b>	<b>6</b>

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RECOVERIES (\$000'S)	2004-05 ESTIMATE	2003-04 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2002-03 ACTUAL
<b>Corporate Services</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	18	-100%	0
<b>TOTAL RECOVERIES</b>	0	18	-100%	0

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<b>TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000'S)</b>	2004-05 ESTIMATE	2003-04 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2002-03 ACTUAL
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
<b>Management of Natural Resources</b>				
Prior Years' Contributions	0	0	0%	30
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS</b>	0	0	0%	30