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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT**

MINISTER

Hon. J. Kenyon

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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 they are 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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Capital Expenditures				
Corporate Services	662	341	94%	619
Management of Natural Resources	782	763	2%	849
Monitoring and Compliance	5	10	-50%	6
Total Capital Vote 52	1,449	1,114	30%	1,474
Capital Recoveries	0	14	-100%	18

Note:

Restated 2001-02 Actual to be consistent with the 2003-04 Estimate presentation.

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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 which 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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	%CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture				
Yukon Environment Information System	60	60	0%	42
Office Furniture, Equipment , Systems and Space	252	84	200%	143
Operational Equipment	150	107	40%	197
Lands and Facilities				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	18	20	-10%	26
Facility Additions and Improvements	72	0	100%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	15	-100%	6
Corporate Planning Initiatives				
Legislation Development	100	50	100%	176
State of the Environment Reporting	10	5	100%	5
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0%	24
Total Corporate Services	662	341	94%	619

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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 implement agreements and political accords through practical, cooperative approaches to achieve effective application in the field for all parties.
- To establish and manage a system of protected areas including wilderness preserves, territorial parks, 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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Wildlife Viewing	50	35	43%	47
Spawntake/Stocked Lake Management	10	15	-33%	0
Whitehorse Rapids Fish Hatchery	10	15	-33%	25
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	70	90	-22%	61
Species at Risk Management	50	0	100%	0
NatureServe Yukon	85	0	100%	0
Parks				
Parks System Plan	40	82	-51%	188
Resource Assessment	105	185	-43%	167
Coal River Springs	7	0	100%	2
Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	80	5	1500%	4
Tombstone Territorial Park	50	5	900%	1

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**MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Territorial Campgrounds and Day Use Areas				
Capital Works - Campground Facilities	200	270	-26%	311
Outdoor Recreation Sites and Corridors				
Outdoor Recreation System Plan	20	20	0%	5
Heritage Rivers				
Tatshenshini River	5	5	0%	4
Prior Years' Projects	0	36	-100%	34
Total Management of Natural Resources	782	763	2%	849

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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, assessment and mitigation of resource developments, and pollution prevention programs.
- To develop and enhance public awareness and understanding of, and adherence to, the laws pertaining to renewable resources and the environment, through education, monitoring, inspection 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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Educational Resources				
Conservation Education/Learning Resources	5	10	-50%	6
Total Monitoring and Compliance	5	10	-50%	6

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RECOVERIES (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
Corporate Services				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	14	-100%	18
TOTAL RECOVERIES	0	14	-100%	18

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TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000'S)	2003-04 ESTIMATE	2002-03 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2001-02 ACTUAL
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Management of Natural Resources				
Prior Years' Contributions	0	0	0%	35
TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0%	35