

# ENVIRONMENT

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT**

**MINISTER**

**Hon. P. Jenkins**

**DEPUTY MINISTER**

**E. Huebert**

**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;
  - 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 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 additional 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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<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2003-04 ACTUAL
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>				
Corporate Services	2,069	2,443	-15%	1,211
Environmental Sustainability	1,366	1,557	-12%	714
<b>Total Capital Vote 52</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>1,925</b>
<b>Capital Recoveries</b>				
	0	45	-100%	0
<b>Categories</b>				
Tangible Capital Assets	1,508	1,922	-22%	124
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	1,927	2,039	-5%	1,765
Transfer Payments	0	39	-100%	36
<b>Total Categories</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>1,925</b>

Note:

Restated 2004-05 Forecast and 2003-04 Actual to be consistent with the 2005-06 Estimate presentation.

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<b>CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	2003-04 ACTUAL
<b>Beginning of the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	<b>4,022</b>	2,200	2,076
Accumulated Amortization	<b>(1,121)</b>	(984)	(907)
Net Book Value	<b>2,901</b>	1,216	1,169
<b>Changes during the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets			
Capital Expenditures	<b>1,508</b>	1,822	124
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	<b>100</b>	0	0
Disposals	<b>0</b>	0	0
Accumulated Amortization			
Amortization Expense	<b>(151)</b>	(137)	(77)
Disposals	<b>0</b>	0	0
Work-in-Progress			
Capital Expenditures	<b>0</b>	100	0
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	<b>(100)</b>	0	0
<b>End of the Year</b>			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	<b>5,630</b>	4,022	2,200
Accumulated Amortization	<b>(1,272)</b>	(1,121)	(984)
Net Book Value	<b>4,358</b>	2,901	1,216
Work-in-Progress	<b>0</b>	100	0
<b>Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress</b>	<b>4,358</b>	3,001	1,216

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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 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)

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2003-04 ACTUAL
<b>Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture</b>				
Yukon Environment Information System	90	99	-9%	40
Office Furniture, Equipment, Systems and Space	133	217	-39%	248
Operational Equipment	270	199	36%	170
<b>Lands and Facilities</b>				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	32	50	-36%	75
Tombstone Park Visitor Centre	1,020	100	920%	0
Storage/Workshop Facilities	100	0	100%	94
Yukon Wildlife Preserve	274	1,708	-84%	513
<b>Corporate Planning Initiatives</b>				
Legislation Development	130	50	160%	47
State of the Environment Reporting	20	20	0%	6
<b>Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs</b>				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0%	18
<b>Total Corporate Services</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>1,211</b>

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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 provide opportunities for economic benefits through the sustainable use of fish and wildlife resources.
- To contribute to the effective implementation of agreements and political accords by working cooperatively with other governments and various governance bodies.
- 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 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 develop and provide management and protection of Yukon's environment through education, regulation development, monitoring and inspections including management of water resources, assessment and mitigation of resource developments, 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 participate in the development of an integrated resource management process intended to improve the Government of Yukon's environmental management regime based on the concept of sustainable development.



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### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Cont'd)

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2003-04 ACTUAL
<b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>				
Wildlife Viewing	64	57	12%	47
Spawntake/Stocked Lake Management	15	15	0%	10
Whitehorse Rapids Fish Hatchery	25	25	0%	10
Whitehorse Fishway	10	10	0%	0
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	110	120	-8%	47
Species at Risk Management	75	105	-29%	28
NatureServe Yukon	149	156	-4%	74
Chisana Caribou Recovery Project	146	191	-24%	0
Alpine Ice Patches	50	50	0%	48
<b>Parks</b>				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	70	85	-18%	37
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	100	112	-11%	104
Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	95	99	-4%	48
Tombstone Territorial Park	75	75	0%	47
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0%	7
<b>Territorial Campgrounds and Day Use Areas</b>				
Capital Works - Campground Facilities	300	350	-14%	184
<b>Outdoor Recreation Sites and Corridors</b>				
Outdoor Recreation and Interpretation	30	30	0%	18
<b>Heritage Rivers</b>				
Yukon River (30 mile section)	27	27	0%	0
Bonnet Plume River	10	10	0%	0
Tatshenshini River	15	15	0%	5
<b>Monitoring and Compliance</b>				
Prior Years' Projects	0	25	-100%	0
<b>Total Environmental Sustainability</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>714</b>

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<b>RECOVERIES (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2003-04 ACTUAL
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	45	-100%	0
<b>TOTAL RECOVERIES</b>	0	45	-100%	0

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<b>TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000'S)</b>	2005-06 ESTIMATE	2004-05 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2003-04 ACTUAL
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#### Environmental Sustainability

Prior Years' Contributions

#### TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS

	0	39	-100%	36
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