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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;
 - initiating a process to update 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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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2005-06 ACTUAL
Capital Expenditures				
Corporate Services	1,280	1,484	-14%	790
Environmental Sustainability	1,347	1,619	-17%	1,444
Total Capital Vote 52	2,627	3,103	-15%	2,234
Revenues				
Third-Party Recoveries	100	0	100%	0
Recoveries from Canada	0	0	0%	22
Total Revenues	100	0	100%	22
Categories				
Tangible Capital Assets	337	718	-53%	275
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	2,217	2,301	-4%	1,870
Transfer Payments	73	84	-13%	89
Total Categories	2,627	3,103	-15%	2,234

Note:

Restated 2005-06 Actual and 2006-07 Forecast to be consistent with the 2007-08 Estimate presentation.

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	2005-06 ACTUAL
Beginning of the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,741	4,073	3,798
Accumulated Amortization	(1,331)	(1,205)	(1,092)
Work-in-Progress	112	62	62
Net Book Value	3,522	2,930	2,768
Changes during the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets			
Capital Expenditures	167	668	275
Accumulated Amortization			
Amortization Expense	(157)	(126)	(113)
Work-in-Progress			
Capital Expenditures	170	50	0
End of the Year			
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,908	4,741	4,073
Accumulated Amortization	(1,488)	(1,331)	(1,205)
Net Book Value	3,420	3,410	2,868
Work-in-Progress	282	112	62
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	3,702	3,522	2,930

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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
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2005-06 ACTUAL
Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture				
Yukon Environment Information System	275	182	51%	87
Office Furniture, Equipment, Systems and Space	182	252	-28%	129
Operational Equipment	345	305	13%	274
Lands and Facilities				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	8	32	-75%	31
Tombstone Park Interpretive Centre Exhibits	335	30	1017%	20
Necropsy Facilities	45	0	100%	0
Patrol Cabin - Nahanni Range Road	20	0	100%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	606	-100%	217
Corporate Planning Initiatives				
Legislation Development	50	57	-12%	10
State of the Environment Reporting	20	15	33%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	5	-100%	0
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	0%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0%	22
Total Corporate Services	1,280	1,484	-14%	790

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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 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 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.
- To coordinate the Government of Yukon's activities on climate change at both the regional and national level and to participate in the development of climate change policy, strategies, and action plans that contribute to achieving YG 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)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2005-06 ACTUAL
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Wildlife Viewing	58	62	-6%	86
Stocked Lake Management	40	40	0%	39
Whitehorse Fishway	10	10	0%	9
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	125	115	9%	100
Species at Risk Management	29	90	-68%	103
NatureServe Yukon	123	192	-36%	151
Biophysical Land Classification and Mapping	180	180	0%	0
Public Education - Wildlife Human Conflict	25	0	100%	0
Hunter Education and Ethics				
Development (HEED) Program Materials	27	0	100%	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	276	-100%	254
Parks				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	65	50	30%	77
Special Management Areas Resource				
Assessment	105	102	3%	64
Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	50	68	-26%	87
Tombstone Territorial Park	75	57	32%	100
Territorial Campgrounds and Day Use Areas				
Capital Works - Campground Facilities	310	310	0%	289
Outdoor Recreation Sites and Corridors				
Outdoor Recreation and Interpretation	75	20	275%	30
Heritage Rivers				
Yukon River (30 mile section)	27	27	0%	26
Bonnet Plume River	15	15	0%	8
Tatshenshini River	8	5	60%	15
Monitoring and Compliance				
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0%	6
Total Environmental Sustainability	1,347	1,619	-17%	1,444

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	% CHANGE	2005-06 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Corporate Services				
Lands and Facilities				
Tombstone Park Interpretive Centre Exhibits - Holland America Line Inc.	100	0	100%	0
Total Third-Party Recoveries	100	0	100%	0
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0%	22
Total Recoveries from Canada	0	0	0%	22
TOTAL REVENUES	100	0	100%	22

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TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000s)	2007-08 ESTIMATE	2006-07 FORECAST	%	2005-06 ACTUAL
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Environmental Sustainability				
Yukon Energy Corporation				
- Stocked Lake Management	40	40	0%	37
Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board				
- Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	15	15	0%	0
Southeast Yukon Proper Land Use Society				
- Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	4	4	0%	0
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation				
- Tombstone Territorial Park	5	5	0%	0
Arctic Institute of North America				
- Special Management Areas Assessment	4	0	100%	3
Canadian Council of Ecological Areas				
- Parks Special Management Areas Planning	5	5	0%	0
Prior Years' Contributions	0	15	-100%	49
TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS	73	84	-13%	89