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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;
 - ensuring that all legislative and regulatory initiatives intended to safeguard Yukon's environment and natural resources remain relevant through the ongoing delivery of effective education, monitoring and enforcement programs;
 - strengthening the Yukon government's vision to maintain and enhance the Yukon's natural environment for present and future generations;
 - 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 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)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
Capital Expenditures				
Corporate Services	1,832	2,111	969	649
Environmental Sustainability	270	395	350	389
Total Capital Vote 52	2,102	2,506	1,319	1,038
Revenues				
Third-Party Recoveries	45	0	0	0
Recoveries from Canada	1,000	932	0	28
Total Revenues	1,045	932	0	28
Categories				
Tangible Capital Assets	1,366	1,399	418	117
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	736	1,090	901	921
Transfer Payments	0	17	0	0
Total Categories	2,102	2,506	1,319	1,038

Note:

Restated 2009-10 Forecast, 2009-10 Estimate and 2008-09 Actual to be consistent with the 2010-11 Estimate presentation.

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
Beginning of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,889	4,715	4,698	4,576
Accumulated Amortization	(1,702)	(1,536)	(1,565)	(1,402)
Work-in-Progress	3,140	1,915	1,332	1,086
Net Book Value	6,327	5,094	4,465	4,260
Changes during the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets				
Capital Expenditures	61	174	122	98
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	0	0	0	69
Disposals	0	0	0	(28)
Accumulated Amortization				
Amortization Expense	(163)	(166)	(163)	(162)
Disposals	0	0	0	28
Work-in-Progress				
Capital Expenditures	1,305	1,225	296	19
Adjustment to reconcile to Public Accounts				
Work-in-Progress ⁽¹⁾	0	0	0	879
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	0	0	0	(69)
End of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	4,950	4,889	4,820	4,715
Accumulated Amortization	(1,865)	(1,702)	(1,728)	(1,536)
Net Book Value	3,085	3,187	3,092	3,179
Work-in-Progress	4,445	3,140	1,628	1,915
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	7,530	6,327	4,720	5,094
Deferred Capital Contributions				
Balance, Beginning of the Year	(929)	0	0	0
Additions	(1,045)	(929)	0	0
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	0	0	0	0
Balance, End of the Year	(1,974)	(929)	0	0

1) The corresponding offset for this adjustment is located in the Changes in Tangible Capital Assets and Amortization schedule for the Department of Highways and Public Works.

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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 fiscally responsible manner by providing strategic, operational and administrative support services.
- To assist the department to ensure its capital assets are acquired and maintained in a manner that adequately fulfils operational requirements.
- To support the effective use, availability and integration of data and information through the appropriate use of technology to meet departmental and client needs.
- To develop or amend environmental legislation, regulations or policy to ensure sound natural resource conservation and management while recognizing the dynamic nature of ecosystems, society and the economy.
- To coordinate strategic environmental and resource management initiatives.
- To oversee the department's land claims implementation obligations and represent departmental interests to support negotiations and fulfil the Yukon government's obligations under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.
- To oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan on behalf of the Yukon government.

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CORPORATE SERVICES (Cont'd)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture				
Yukon Environment Information System	100	176	170	167
Office Furniture, Equipment, Systems and Space	208	311	270	150
Operational Equipment	209	313	313	252
Lands and Facilities				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	60	90	10	2
Yukon Wildlife Preserve				
- Barn Replacement	210	0	0	0
- Animal Research Facility	1,045	929	0	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	289	206	64
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Outfitter Compensation	one dollar	one dollar	one dollar	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	3	0	14
Total Corporate Services	1,832	2,111	969	649

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- 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 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 outreach 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 manage the resources of the natural environment in a balanced and sustainable way.
- To coordinate and provide for the investigation and assessment of contaminated sites on land administered by the Yukon government.
- To protect human health, wildlife and domestic animals through interdepartmental coordination and integration of the animal health and welfare programs.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Fish and Wildlife Management Planning	64	80	80	65
Species at Risk Management	22	41	30	23
NatureServe Yukon	99	159	125	91
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0	115
Parks				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	50	59	59	54
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	35	45	45	41
Conservation Officer Services				
Prior Years' Projects	0	11	11	0
Total Environmental Sustainability	270	395	350	389

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Corporate Services				
Lands and Facilities				
Yukon Wildlife Preserve - Animal Research Facility - Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	45	0	0	0
Total Third-Party Recoveries	45	0	0	0
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Corporate Services				
Lands and Facilities				
Yukon Wildlife Preserve - Animal Research Facility - Community Adjustment Fund	1,000	929	0	0
Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	3	0	14
Environmental Sustainability				
Fish and Wildlife Management				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	14
Total Recoveries from Canada	1,000	932	0	28
TOTAL REVENUES	1,045	932	0	28

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TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000s)	2010-11 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2009-10 FORECAST	2009-10 ESTIMATE	2008-09 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS				
Environmental Sustainability				
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	17	0	0
TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	17	0	0