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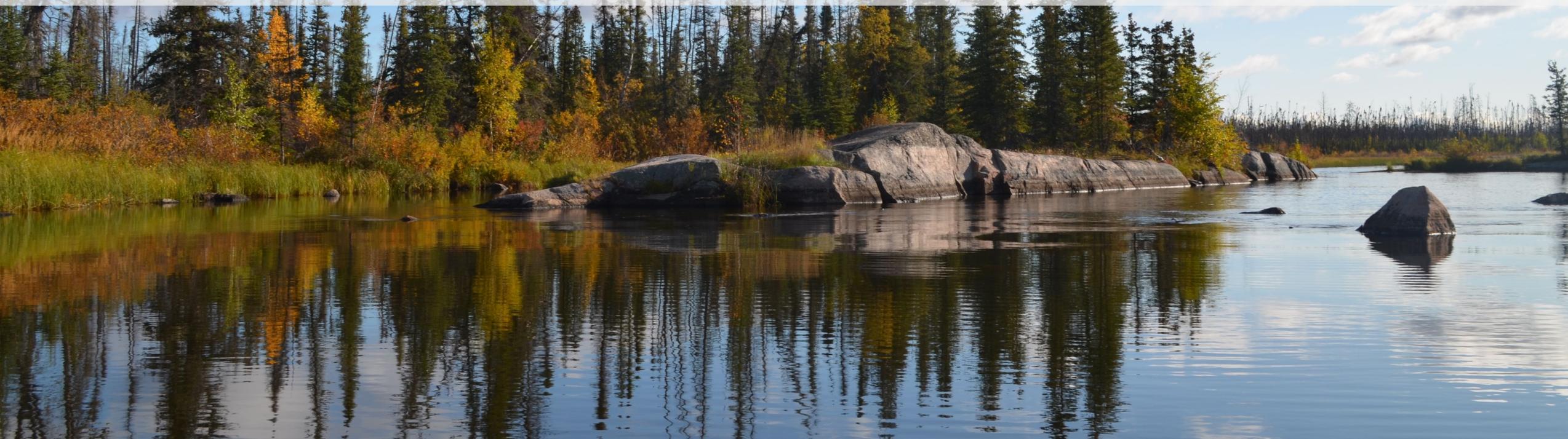
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2022 Virtual Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) Workshop Series

Day 1 – March 30, 2022



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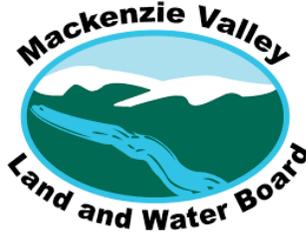
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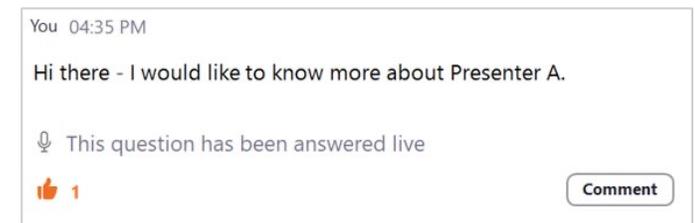
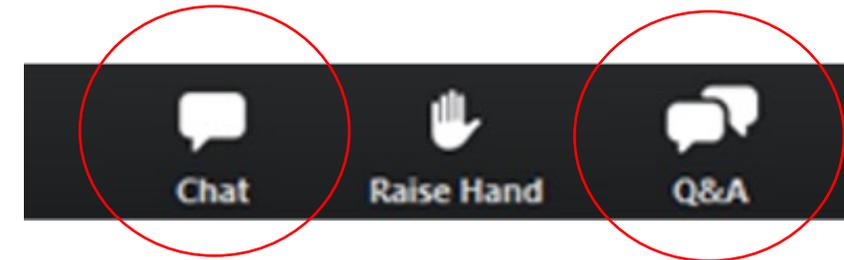
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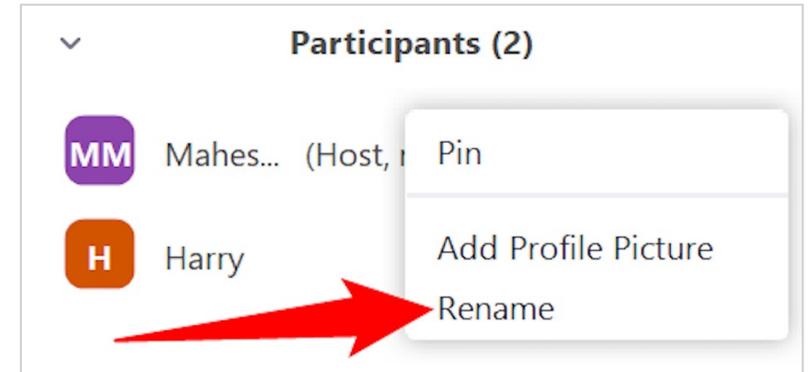
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Who's in the virtual room together?



MVRMA Overview

MVRMA Virtual Workshop #1

March 30-31, 2022

Northern Decision-Making for Northern Development and Resource Management

NWT Land Claim Agreements in the Mackenzie Valley



TEIKOH AGREEMENT
PLAINSPEAK

TAHLTAN, DENÉ AND MÉTIS COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT
VOLUME I
Canada

GWICH'IN COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT
VOLUME I
Canada

CONSOLIDATION
Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
R.S. 1985, c. 25
Current to September 11, 2021
Last amended on August 28, 2019

Section 114: "The Purpose of this Part is to establish a process comprising a preliminary screening, an environmental assessment and an environmental impact review in relation to proposals for developments [...]"

1. Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement
2. Tahltan, Dené and Métis Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement
3. Tłı̨ch'ya Land Claims and Self-government Agreement

Principles of NWT Resource Management

CO-MANAGEMENT



INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED



Co-Management in the Mackenzie Valley

Co-management Boards make decisions about wildlife, land and water resources

The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) is a law that creates co-management boards. The Review Board, like the other co-management boards, is made up of members nominated in equal numbers by:

- Indigenous land claims organizations, and
- the territorial and federal governments.



Wele'occhin
Renewable
Resources Board



Sakhá Land Use
Planning Board



Sakhá Renewable
Resources
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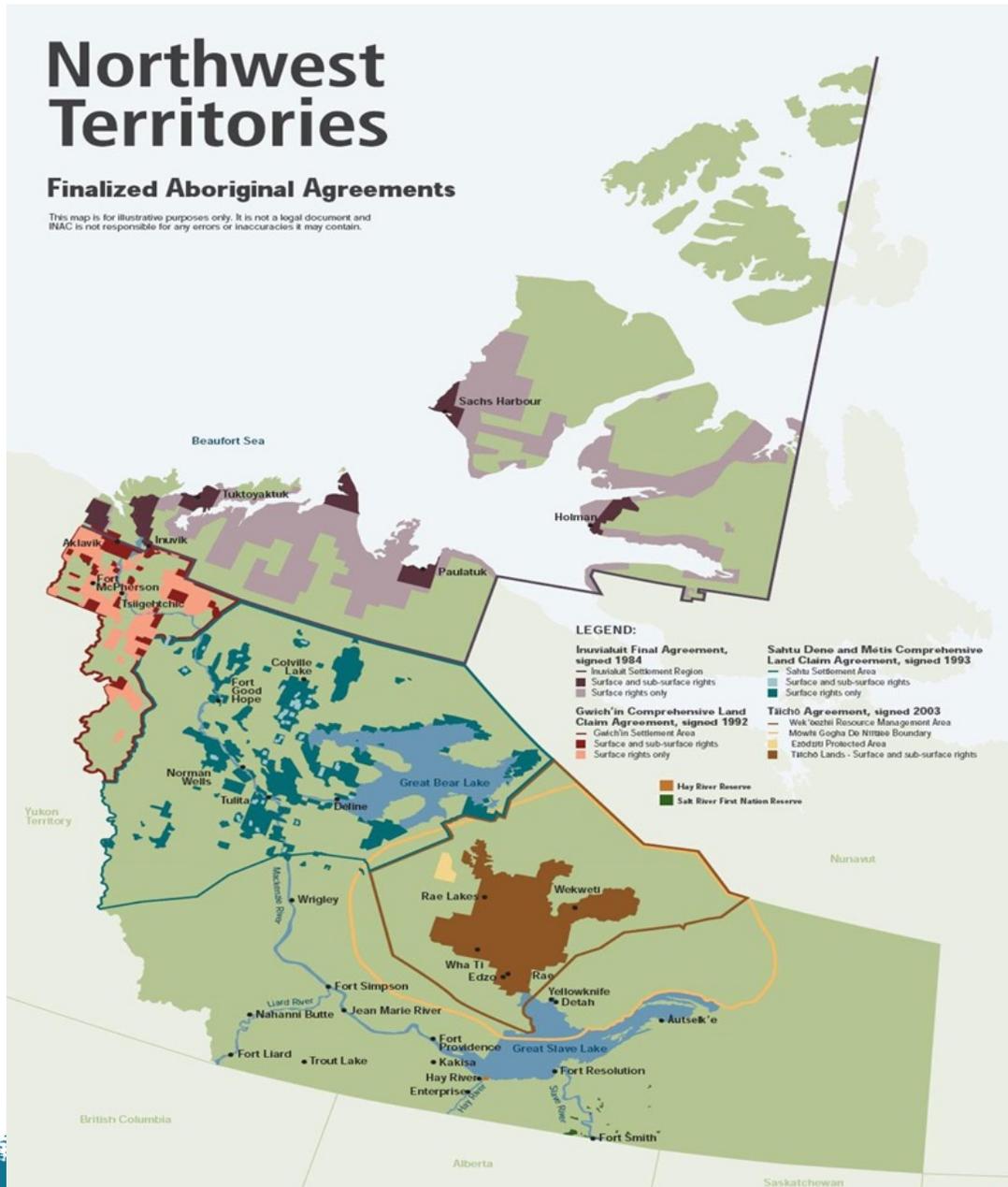


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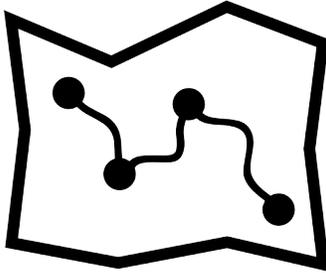


Gwich'in Land
Use Planning
Board

Land Ownership and Access



Land Use Planning



Land Use Planning Boards develop and implement regional land use plans

Mackenzie Valley Boards:

- Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board
- Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

Other LUP Processes

- Tłı̄chǫ Government
- Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

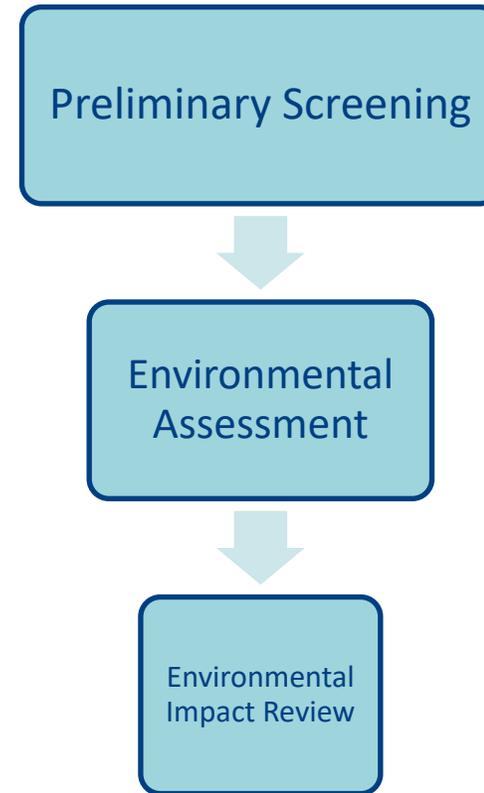
Environmental Assessment



- Carefully consider impacts before action is taken
- Ensure concerns of Indigenous people & the public are taken into account
- Protect the environment from **significant impacts**
- Protect social, cultural, economic **wellbeing**
- Importance of conservation to the **well-being and way of life of Indigenous people**



Stages of Environmental Impact Assessment



Land and Water Regulation



- Regulate the **use of land and water and deposit of waste**
- Land Use Permits and Water Licenses
- Set conditions

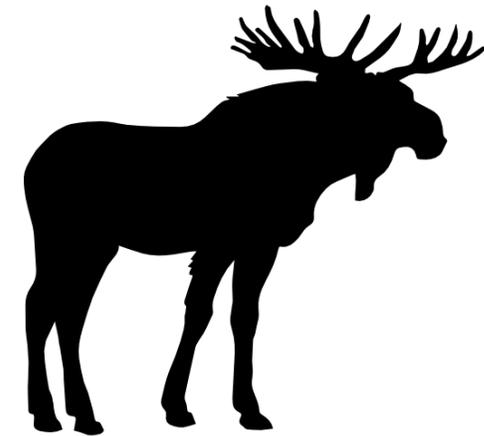
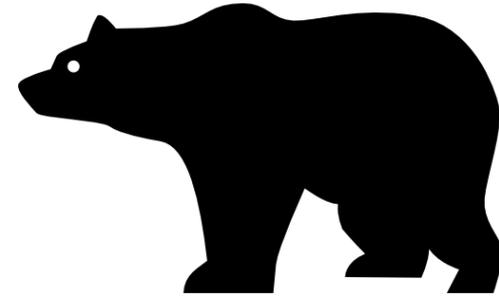


Boards

- Gwich'in Land and Water Board
- Sahtu Land and Water Board
- Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board
- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

Wildlife and Renewable Resource Management

- **Renewable Resource Management Boards** and other organizations (e.g., Hunters and Trappers Committees) manage wildlife, fish, and forests
- **Federal, territorial, Indigenous & co-management** orgs have management & regulatory responsibilities



The process and responsibilities for how these activities are done differ between regions

Other parts of the MVRMA that support the system as a whole

- Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program
- NWT Environmental Audit
- Regional Studies or Environmental Assessments

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QUIZ TIME!

Zoom Quiz: Question 1



What does MVRMA stand for?

- a) Mackenzie Valley Regulatory Management Authority
- b) Mackenzie Valley Regulatory Management Act
- c) Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Authority
- d) Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

Zoom Quiz: Question 2



Where does MVRMA apply?

- a) Everywhere in the NWT
- b) Everywhere in the NWT except the Inuvialuit Settlement Region
- c) Only areas in NWT with settled land claims

Zoom Quiz: Question 3



Which activity is NOT the responsibility of a co-management board?

- a) Land use planning
- b) Environmental assessment
- c) Land and water regulation and permitting
- d) Inspection and enforcement

Zoom Quiz: Question 4



Which option best describes co-management?

- a) Shared responsibility of land and resources through a formal agreement between governments and Indigenous groups
- b) Manage land and resources with developers
- c) Government responsibility of land and resources

Speaker



Brian Crane

Partner, Gowling WLG

- Senior member of Gowling WLG's Advocacy Group and practises in constitutional, administrative, and Indigenous law
- Worked extensively in the negotiation of Indigenous land claims and self-government agreements and related litigation and arbitration.
- Served as legal counsel for the Dene/Métis Joint Secretariat from 1982- 1989 and the Gwich'in Tribal Council and Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated in the 1990s in land claim negotiations
- Highly recognized in his profession, including Lawyer of the Year – Ottawa by Best Lawyers Canada



Let's take a 15 minute break!

QUIZ TIME!

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Which one of these is NOT a co-management board in the Mackenzie Valley?

- a) Sahtú Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB)
- b) Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)
- c) Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB)
- d) Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC)

Zoom Quiz: Question 2



Which type of board is primarily responsible for conducting preliminary screenings in the Mackenzie Valley?

- a) Land and Water Boards (LWBs)
- b) Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)
- c) Land Use Planning Boards (LUPBs)

Zoom Quiz: Question 3



Which Board is empowered to regulate the use of crown and private land and water outside settled land claim areas, as well as those development activities that have impacts on more than one settlement region?

- a) Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)
- b) Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB)
- c) Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB)

Zoom Quiz: Question 4

TRUE OR FALSE: Renewable Resource Boards in the Mackenzie Valley are also responsible for forest management.

Zoom Quiz: Question 5



TRUE OR FALSE: If the preliminary screening process is deemed to cause significant adverse impacts on the environment, the next step is for the Review Board to conduct an environmental impact review.

Zoom Quiz: Question 5



TRUE OR FALSE: Land use plans are used to establish regional zones and broad criteria to help evaluate and screen project proposals as part of regulatory permitting processes

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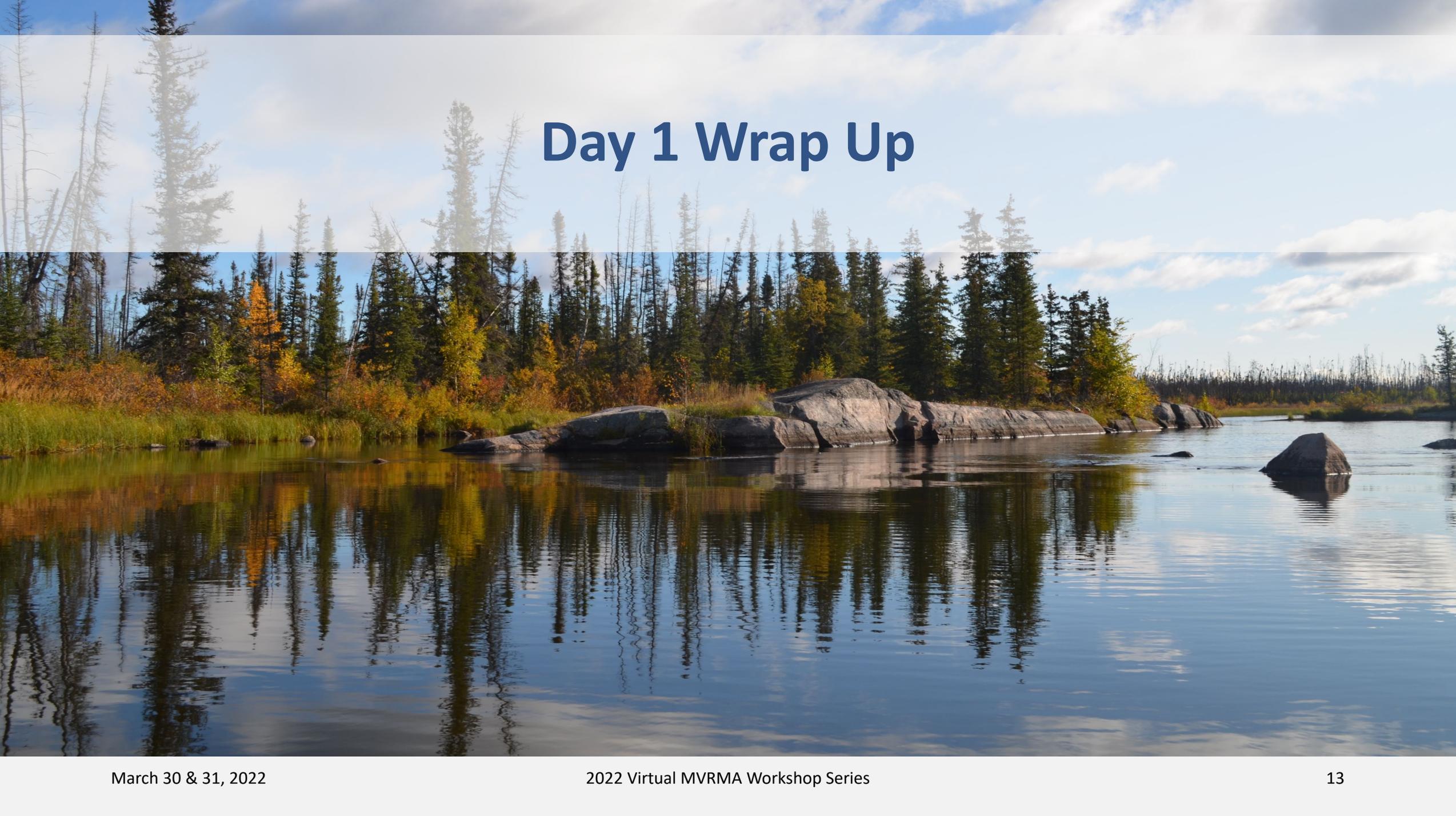
David Krutko
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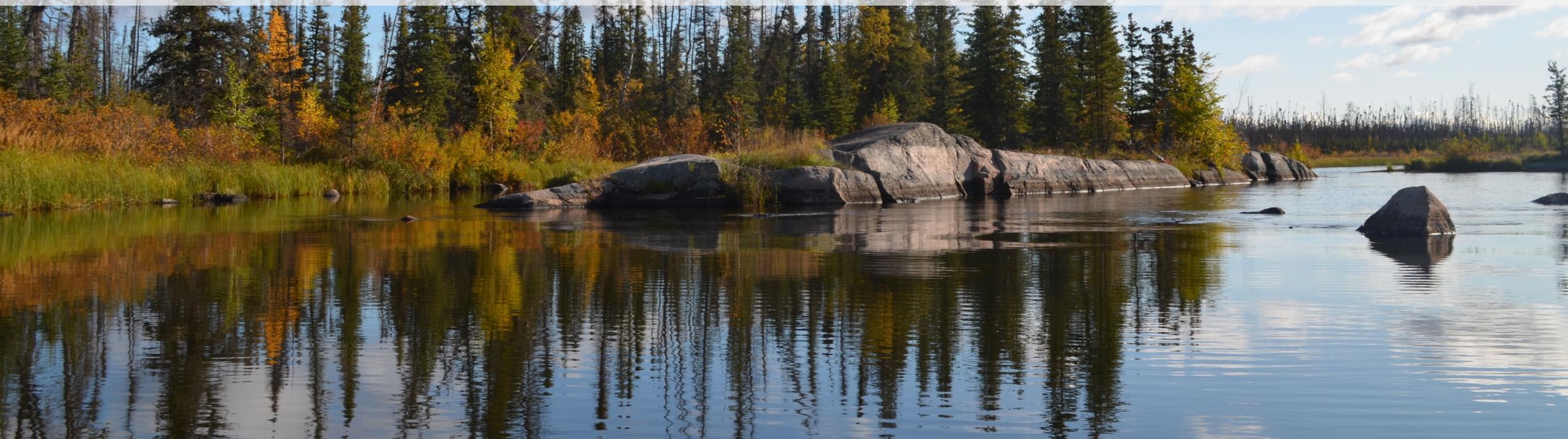
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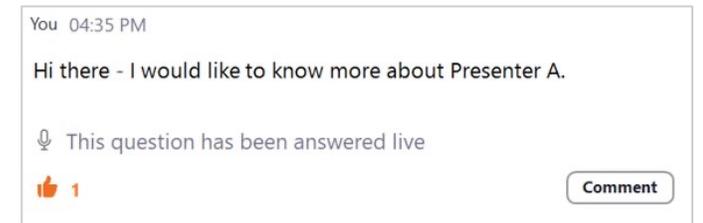
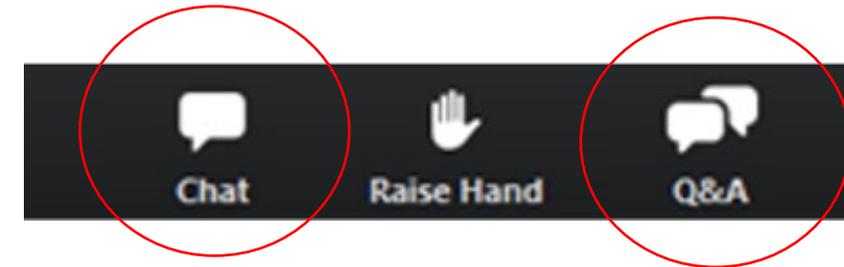
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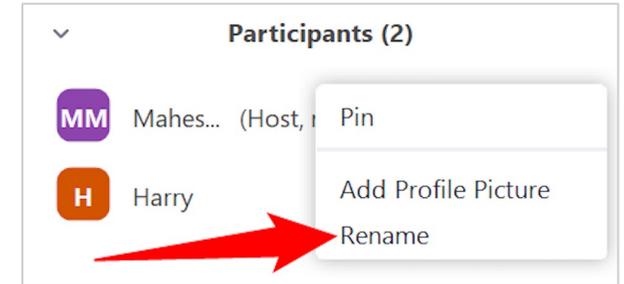
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What's one thing you
learned from
yesterday's session on
the history of the
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Information Session

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departments & agencies

Q&A

Information Session

- **Northern Participant Funding Program** - Mariah Smith (CIRNAC)
- **Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue** - Rebecca Chouinard (CIRNAC)

Q&A

- **Public Land Act Regulations** - Sally Card (GNWT)
- **Mineral Resources Act Regulations**- Julie Ward (GNWT)

Q&A

- **Strategic Plan (2022-2026) including Consultation and Engagement Policy and Guidelines Update, Community Outreach Strategy, Closure and Reclamation Guideline Update** Sarah Elsasser (WLWB)
- **Guidelines for Developers of Major Projects, Guideline for Assessing Impacts on People** - Kate Mansfield (MVEIRB)

Q&A

Just a reminder:
See detailed updates in the
Information Package – can
be found here:
<https://mvlwb.com/>
(full link in chat)



Crown-Indigenous Relations
and Northern Affairs Canada

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Northern Participant Funding Program (NPFPP)

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MACKENZIE VALLEY OPERATIONAL DIALOGUE

- The MVOD was created in 2020 as an opportunity to learn about the perspectives and expertise of resource co-management partners, identify common challenges and collectively work towards operational solutions
- A pilot workshop was held in March 2020
- Focused on shared objectives and goals of all participants
- Subsequent MVOD meetings were held to help scope activities and identify priorities moving forward

Since 2020



COLLECTIVE OBJECTIVE AND GOAL

Objective: To advance regulatory operations using a dialogue-first approach by seeking to understand issues from various perspectives and collectively building solutions that do not require legislative amendments/change.

Goal: For the regulatory regime in the Mackenzie Valley to be understood, trusted, effective, and efficient for all involved (including Indigenous Governments and Organizations, Governments, resource co-management boards, and proponents).

LIGHT WORKPLANS

“Light” work plans (LWP) have been drafted based on feedback from the workshops and subsequent meetings with partners under the following themes:

1. Application Templates (built into the ORS)
 2. Education/ Outreach
 3. Reporting and Tracking on ORS
 4. Communication/ Collaboration Strategy
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MOVING FORWARD

Identify key focus areas and participants based on topics

Develop LWP/roles and responsibilities

How to collectively advance the MVOD Initiative

Seek input on ways to ensure the success of a multi-party dialogue initiative

Look for opportunities to align meetings with existing initiatives



GET IN TOUCH

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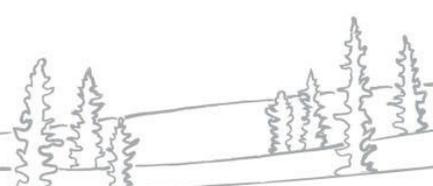
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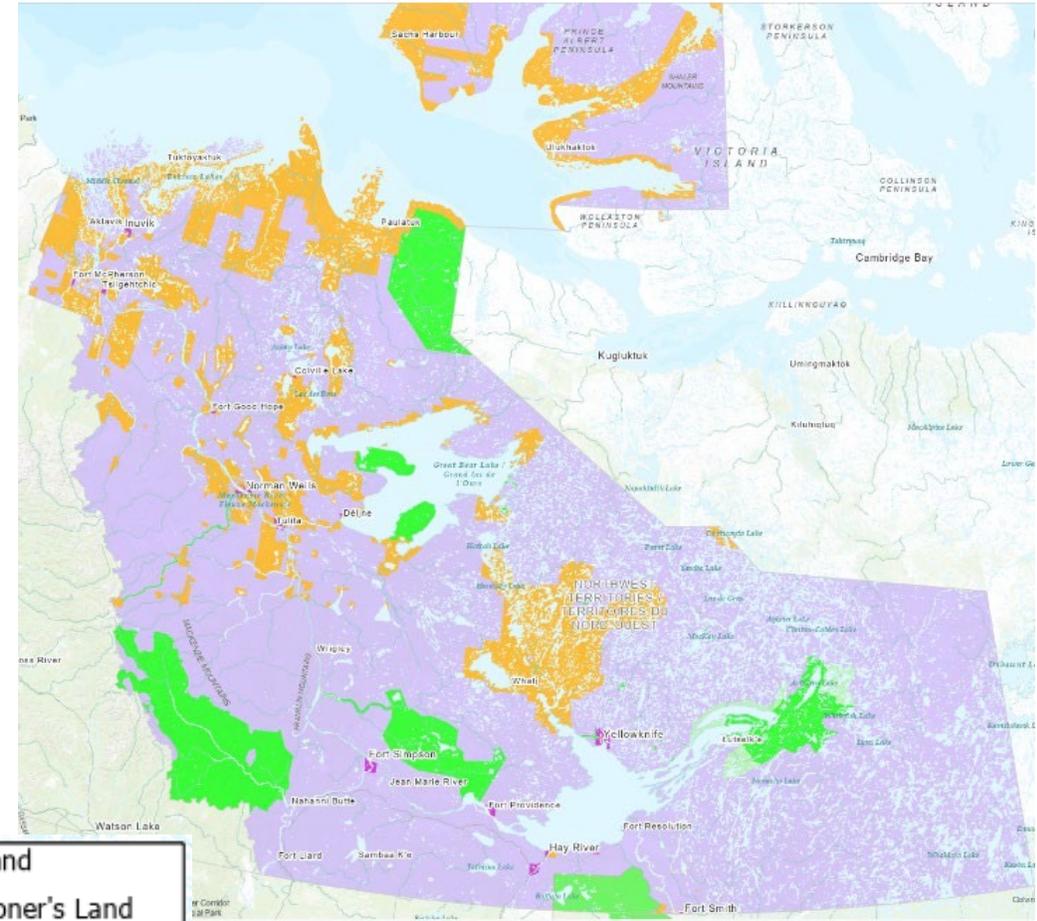
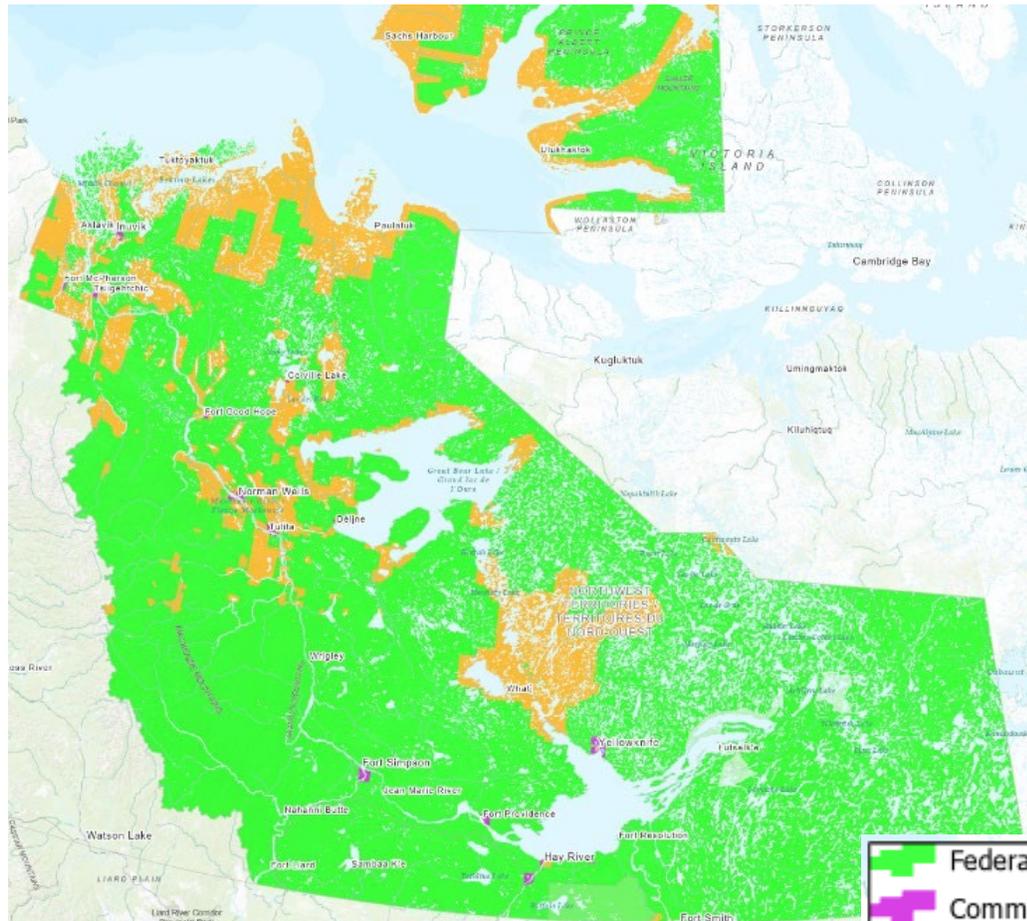
Public Land Act Regulations

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Public Land - Pre-Devolution vs. Current

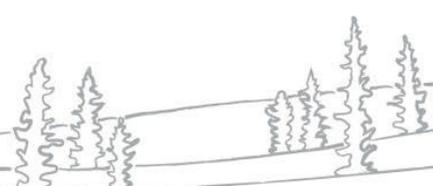


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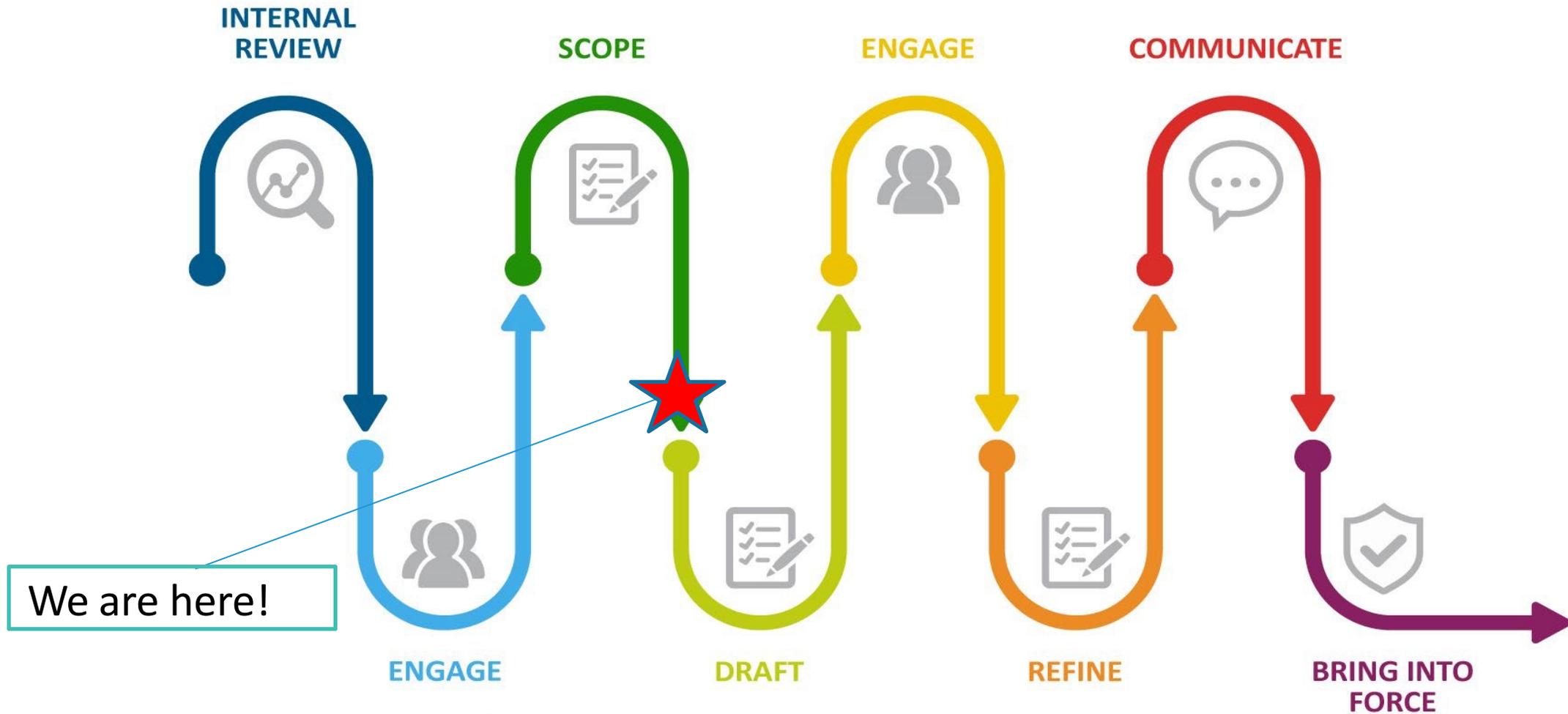
- Passed by the 18th Legislative Assembly in 2019 but awaits completion of regulations before coming into force
- Combines all the GNWT land administered by the Department of Lands under one authority
- Eliminates legislative division between Commissioner's Land and Territorial Land

THIRD SESSION EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES				TROISIÈME SESSION DIX-HUITIÈME ASSEMBLÉE LEGISLATIVE DES TERRITOIRES D'UN NORD-OUEST			
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<u>Summary</u>				<u>Résumé</u>			
This Bill repeals the Commissioner's Land Act and the Northwest Territories Land Act and replaces them with a consolidated statute that comprehensively governs all public land within the Northwest Territories.				Le présent projet de loi abroge la Loi sur les terres administrées et la Loi sur les terres des Territoires du Nord-Ouest qu'il remplace par une loi codifiée qui régit de manière exhaustive toutes les terres publiques dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest.			
DISPOSITION							
Date of Motion Date de l'avis	1st Reading 1 ^e lecture	2nd Reading 2 ^e lecture	To Committee Au Comité	Chairperson Président	Revised Rapport	3rd Reading 3 ^e lecture	Date of Assent Date de sanction
March 7, 2019	March 11, 2019	March 12, 2019	Aug. 18, 2019	R.J. Simpson	Aug. 19, 2019	August 20, 2019	August 21, 2019

Margaret Thom
Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
Commissaire des Territoires du Nord-Ouest



Regulations & Policy Work



Opportunities for Engagement



Completed and released in June 2021:

- [What We Heard Report](#)

For more information on PLA regulations go to:

- [“Have your say”](#) Public engagement portal
- Targeting fall of 2022 for public engagement on the proposed regulations

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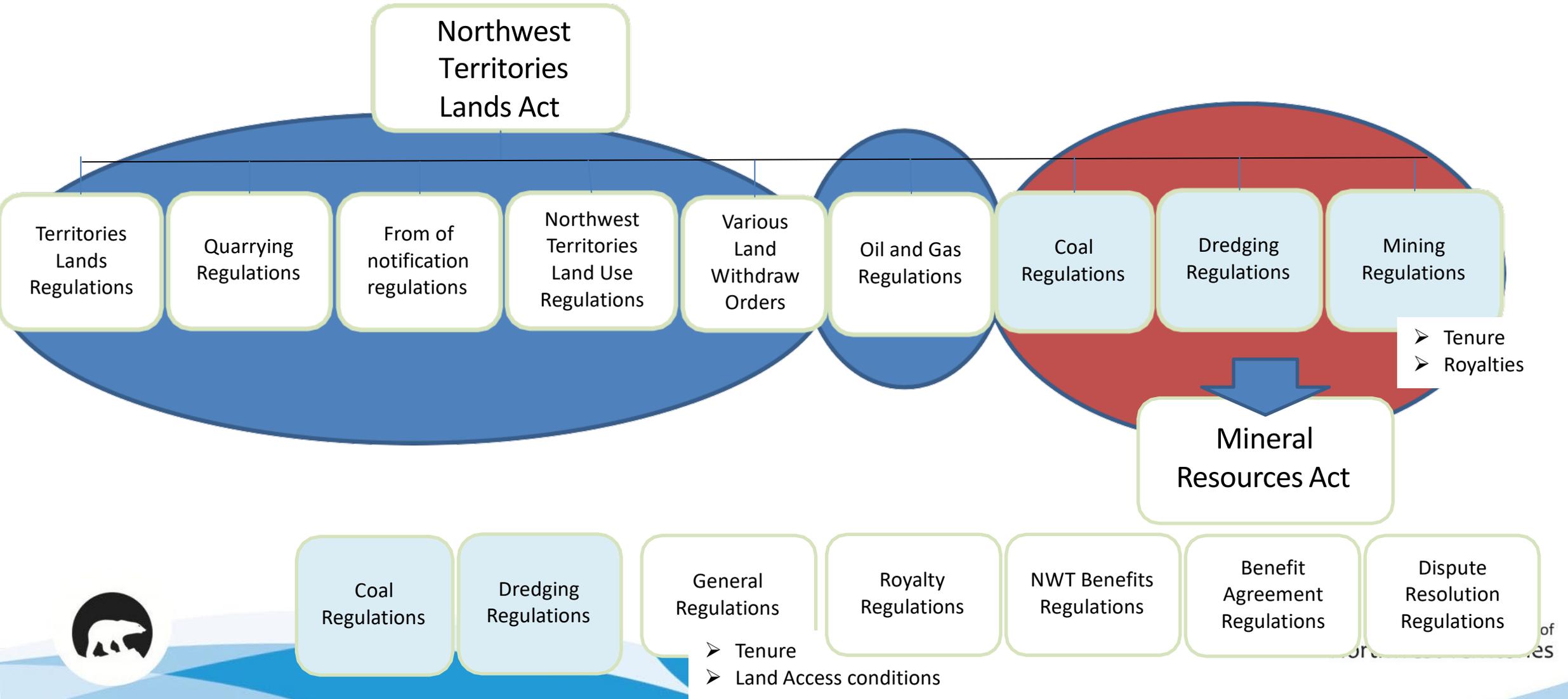
Mineral Resources Act Implementation
by Julie Ward
Director, Mineral Resources Act Implementation

History

- During Devolution in 2014, Northwest Territories Lands Act was created to mirror federal legislation.
- The Mineral Resources Act (MRA) received assent in August 2019, a stand-alone Mineral legislation that enables various new authorities and functions beyond current Mining Regulations.
- Extensive new regulations and business processes are required, under the MRA, for it to come into force.



Existing to New Regulations

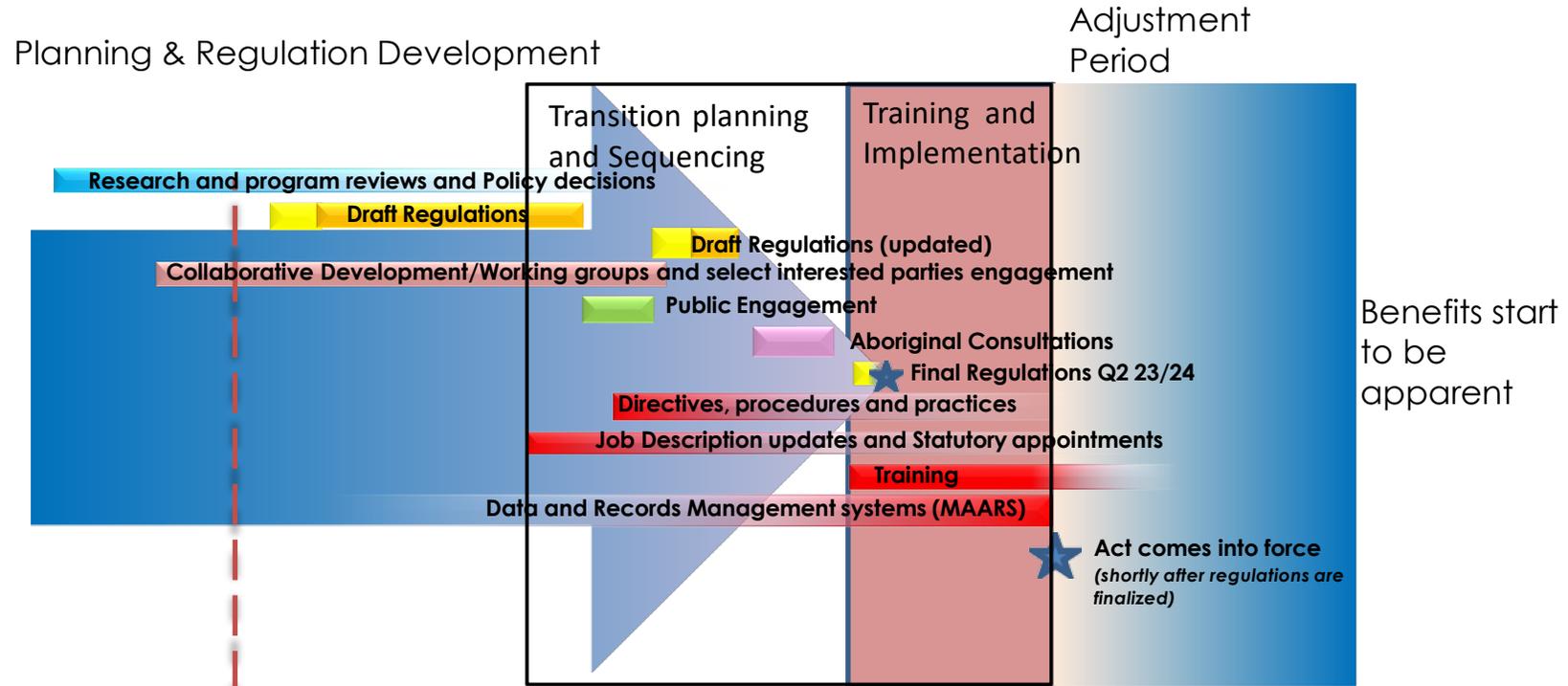


Collaborative Development of Regulations

- Intergovernmental Council on Land and Resource Management: Legislative Development Protocol (Dec 2020)
- Work with the Intergovernmental Council to collaboratively develop regulations
- Setup a technical working group with IGCS (~March 2021) to work on MRA Regulations
- December 2021 other Indigenous Governments started participating in technical working group



Proposed Timeline

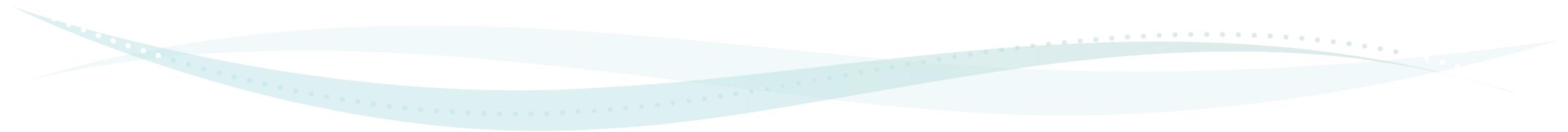


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MVRMA Workshop

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: WEK'ÈEZHII LAND AND WATER BOARD/WEK'ÈEZHII RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board is currently hiring for a joint Communications Officer position with the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board,...



CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley



Strategic Plan for the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley 2022-2026

FINAL

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Strategic Plan

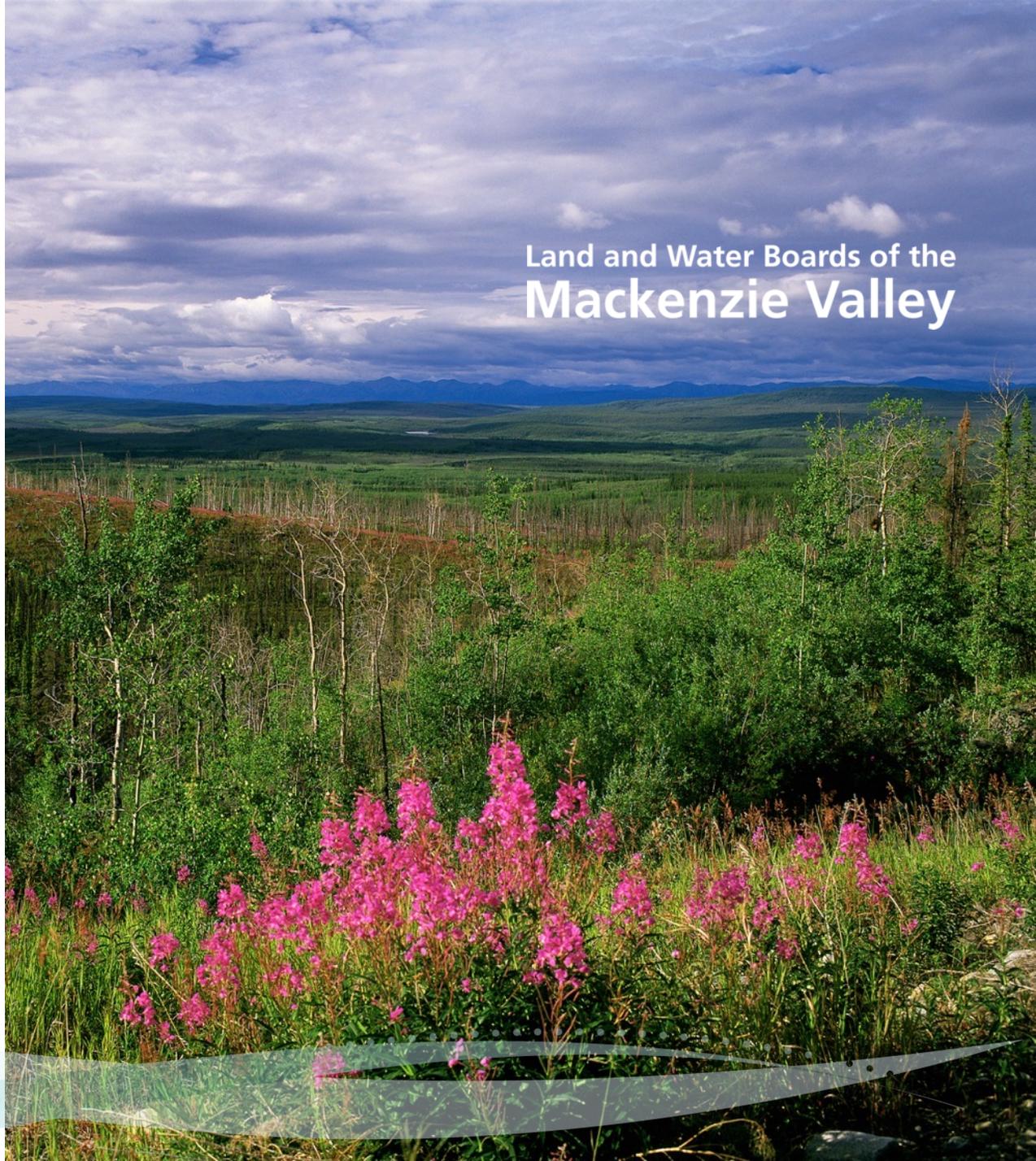
Pillars:

1. Relationship Building and Outreach
2. Policy and Guidance
3. Capacity Building
4. Internal Processes and Policies

Select Planned Projects:

- Consultation Policy & Guidelines (update)
- Community Outreach Strategy (new)
- Closure & Reclamation Guidelines (update)

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Assessment Board

Updates on current processes,
procedures and policies

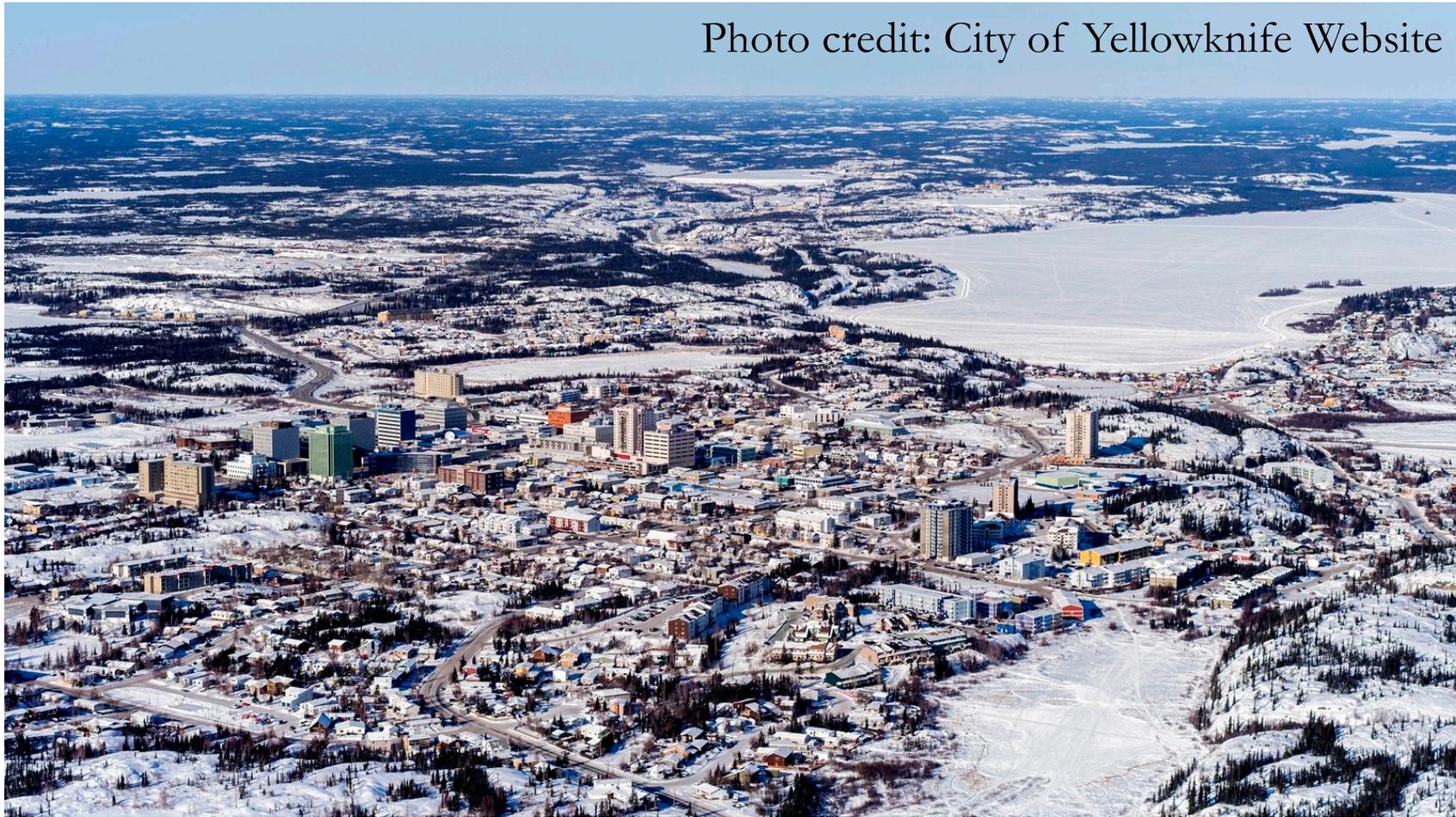
Presentation to the 2022 MVRMA Workshop

March 30-31, 2022

Kate Mansfield- Manager of EA Policy and
Planning



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What does the Review Board do?

- conducts environmental assessments for projects in the Mackenzie Valley that:
 - may cause significant adverse impacts or
 - may be a cause of public concern
- decisions are:
 - made by a co-management Board
 - guided by the requirements of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*



Current Environmental Assessment

Pine Point Mining Limited

- proposed zinc and lead mine
- construction will take ~ 1.5 years with a mine life of 10 to 15 years
- open pit and underground mining methods
- project components include a process plant, camp and other facilities
- go to <https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01> for more information



Recent and current policy initiatives

Draft *Guidelines for Preliminary Screeners*

- Recently went through public review
- Public comments will be incorporated into a final draft
- Target release date of early summer 2022

Updates to the Online Review System and website

- Online review system lets people and communities ask questions to developers and tell the Review Board what they think about developments
- Recent updates make the system more user friendly and accessible
- ongoing updates to the website will make information about developments and the EA process easier to find and access



Future planned policy initiatives

- draft *Guidelines for Developers of Major Projects* describes:
 - optional, direct pathway to EA for developers of major projects
 - information requirements for developers who choose to follow this pathway
 - available for public review late spring 2022
- draft *Guidelines for Assessing Impacts on People*
 - describes the Review Board's approach to considering impacts on people and well-being in environmental assessment
 - incorporates information from social, economic and cultural impact assessment
 - sequenced release for public review to accommodate community concerns



Opportunities for engagement

- all policy initiatives will undergo extensive public review
- Review Board is exploring opportunities to co-develop engagement plans with Indigenous Governments and communities for the Pine Point Mine environmental assessment

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Questions?





Environment and Natural Resources – Legislative Initiatives Overview

March 31, 2022

Government of
Northwest Territories

Priorities

- **Forest Act**

- New Forest Act to repeal and replace *Forest Management Act* and *Forest Protection Act*
 - Build on work from previous Legislative Assembly
 - Target for Bill introduction – February 2023
- ENR has been working with the Intergovernmental Council Secretariat to develop the Bill, through the *Intergovernmental Council on Land and Resource Management: Legislative Development Protocol*.



Priorities

- *Waters Act*
 - Build on work from previous Legislative Assembly
- *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*
 - Build on work from previous Legislative Assembly

Work on the *Waters Act* and *Environmental Protection Act* will be based on the timing of the review of the Devolution Agreement's provisions respecting the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*



Open Q&A

Do you have any questions from the Information Package updates?

Who will be available to answer your questions?

Federal

Mariah Smith (CIRNAC)

Jeremy Weyerman (CIRNAC)

GNWT

Sally Card (GNWT)

Julie Ward (GNWT)

Benji Straker (GNWT)

Malorey Nirlungayuk (GNWT - Dept of Lands)

Natasha Hunter (GNWT – ENR)

Co-management Boards

Sue McKenzie (GLUPB)

Justin Stoyko (SLUPB)

Rebecca Chouinard (MVLWB)

Shelagh Montgomery (MVLWB)

Ryan Fequet (WLWB)

Sarah Elsasser (WLWB)

Paul Dixon (SLWB)

Leonard DeBastien (GLWB)

Wanda McDonald (GRRB)

Alyssa Bougie (SRRB)

Catarina Owen (SRRB)

Jody Pellissey (WRRB)

Kate Mansfield (MVEIRB)



Let's take a 15 minute break!

Moderator



Dakota Erutse

Member

Sahtú Land Use Planning Board

- Favours conversations that make sense of the human condition, whether it's raw confession or a parlay of facts and philosophy
- Member of the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board since 2016
- Born in Yellowknife and raised in Fort Good Hope, NT, and now lives in Vancouver, BC

Panelists



Emilie Rose (Rosy) Bjornson
Interim Measures Agreement
Coordinator, Deninu Kue First
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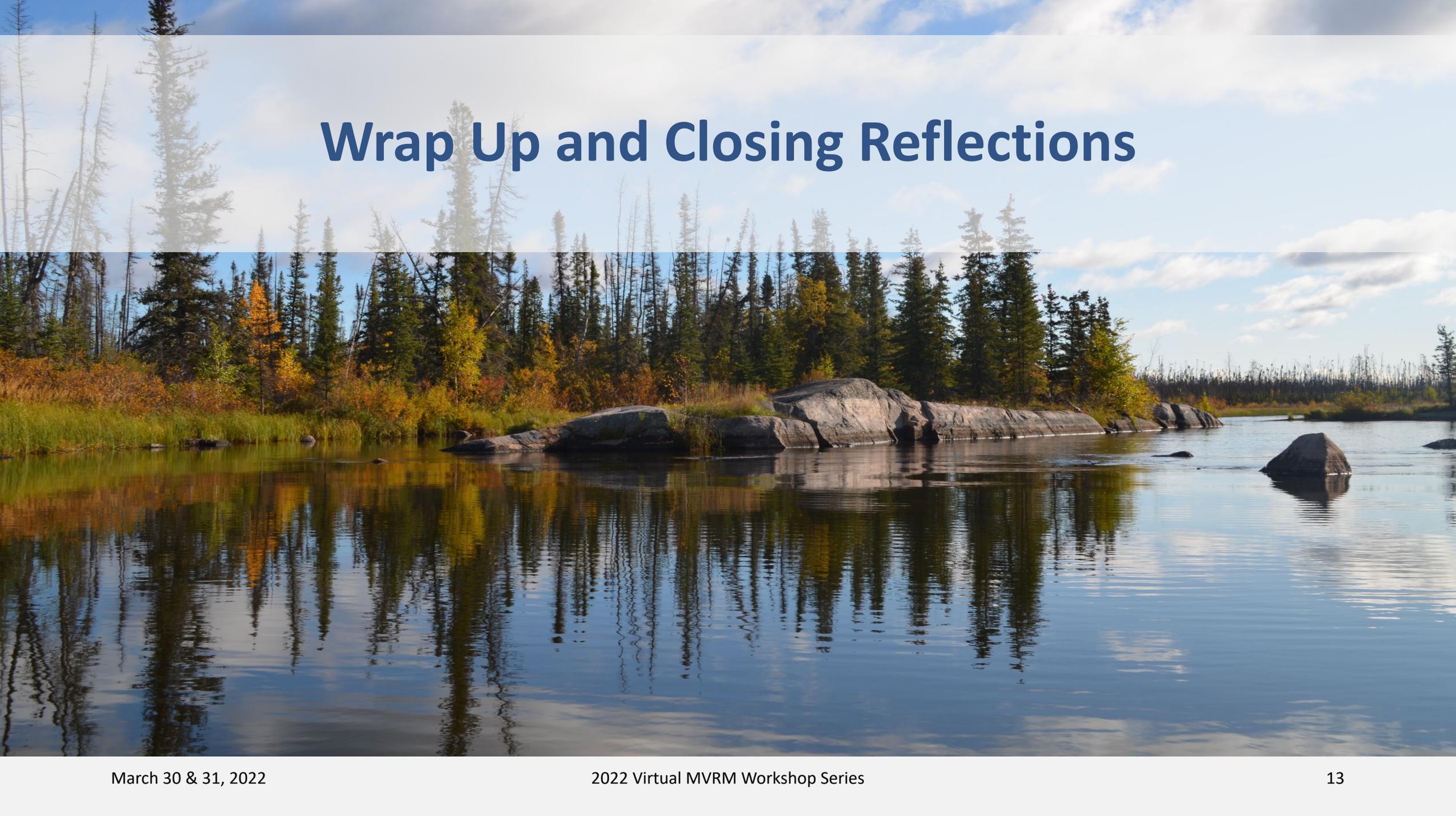


Daniel T'Seleie
Consultant



Mason Mantla
Chair of Wek' èezhii Land and
Water Board

Wrap Up and Closing Reflections



Today's Focus: *PRESENT AND FUTURE*

initiatives, projects and opportunities for engagement and improvement

Information Session

Updates from the boards, depts, agencies

9:00 – 10:15 MT

Q&A with all orgs (READ YOUR INFO PACKAGE)

Break

10:15 – 10:30

Fireside Chat & Closing

Dakota Erutse (Moderator)

Panelists: Rosy Bjornson, Daniel T'seleie, and Mason

Mantla

Reflect on what we've learned over these last two days. Choose one of the following and write it in the chat box:

- 1) An “Aha!” moment where something ‘clicked’ / made sense to you in a new way
- 2) Something that will stick with you and guide your work
- 3) A question you are pondering
- 4) A piece of advice / potential opportunity that could improve the system



Thank you!

Please take a moment to complete today's evaluation form.
A link has been provided in the chat