



NWT Conservation Network Gathering

Explorer Hotel and Virtual, Yellowknife, NT

May 3 – 5 , 2022

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Breaking Trail: Building Capacity and Resilience within the Conservation Network

Whether traveling by snowmachine, dog team, on foot, or coming together around the board room table or online, working together and learning from each other is essential to making progress. The purpose of this gathering is to learn from others who have broken trail before and create connections with those who are on a similar journey. The main themes are management planning and Indigenous law, language revitalization and place name mapping, and guardians and climate change.



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Tuesday, May 3

8:30 am

Early Registration

- Pick up name tag, agenda

Katimavik D

Pre-registered Workshop – In Person Only

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Communication Techniques Workshop: Creating Narratives and Connections

Dëneze Nakehk'ó and Kaila Jefferd-Moore

Creating narratives is about empowering storytellers to share what is important. Through communications and journalism techniques participants will learn the basics of building strong, informative and fun narratives to bring awareness, educate, and build connections. Writing tips, audio recording tips, photography and videography tips will be covered.

Explorer Hotel

Lunch

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Logistics

1:30 pm

Transport

- Bus to offsite location (Aurora Village)
- Pick up in front of Explorer Hotel

Aurora Village

Pre-registered Workshop – In Person Only

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Well-being and Cultural Continuity Workshop

Joanne Barnaby – Consultant, Brenda Parlee and Kristine Wray – University of Alberta

This workshop is being held to build on the work of the community members who participated in a July 2021 workshop to help GNWT better understand, support, and safeguard

the value of the NWT conservation network to human well-being, and cultural continuity. This 'next steps' workshop will be founded on the leadership and insight of this previous partnership.

Logistics

5:30 pm

Transport

- Bus back to Explorer Hotel

Wednesday May 4

Explorer Hotel

Arrival

8:30 am

Participants Arrive

- Registration
- Coffee and Tea

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Welcome – Virtual and In Person

9:00 am

Welcome and Prayer

- Welcome from Chief Fred Sangris, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Drumming Ceremony, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Prayer Ceremony, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Welcome from Dr. Erin Kelly, Deputy Minister, Environment and Natural Resources

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Keynote Speaker: John B Zoe – Virtual and In Person

9:30 – 10:30 am

Presentation: Gonaowo

John B. Zoe – Tłı̨chǫ Government

A traditional worldview story, impacted by colonization methods, on a comeback through negotiations of land, and governance for the implementation of Treaties. Part of any governance is having the ability to protect areas that are of the national interest identified by and with Indigenous Governments.

Break

10:30 – 11:00 am

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Plenary – Virtual and In Person

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Presentation: Gwaii Haanas Management Planning

Cindy Boyko, Desi Collinson, and Dan McNeill – Council of the Haida Nation, Ernie Gladstone and Richard Lamy – Gwaii Haanas, Parks Canada, and Colin Masson – Department of Fisheries and Oceans

The Gina 'Waadluxan KilGuhlGa Land-Sea-People Management Plan provides a blueprint for responsible, and respectful stewardship of Gwaii Haanas from mountain top to sea floor. In development of the plan the Achipelago Management Board (AMB) worked with an advisory committee, Haida, and local communities, and stakeholders including the fishing, tourism, conservation, and shipping sectors. These groups shaped, and strengthened the plan, and demonstrated that more can be achieved when we work together.

Lunch: Provided at the Explorer Hotel

12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Concurrent A – In Person Only

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sharing Circle: Management Planning and Indigenous Law

Participants are invited to join the circle to share success stories, experiences, and emerging directions for protected areas management grounded in Indigenous Law.

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Concurrent B – In Person Only

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sharing Circle: Guardians and Climate Change

This sharing circle provides time and space for Guardians to gather and talk about the impacts of climate change Guardians are observing and how communities are responding.

Short Break

4:00 – 4:10 pm

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Plenary – Virtual

4:10 – 4:40 pm

Day 1 Recap

- Report back and recap of Day 1

Thursday, May 5

Explorer Hotel

Arrival

8:30 am

Participants Arrive

- Coffee and Tea

Katimavik Room

Welcome – Virtual and In Person

9:00 – 9:05 am

Welcome

- Welcome back, review of Day's activities

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Plenary Keynote Speaker: Nicole Redvers, ND, MPH – Virtual and In Person

9:05 – 9:30 am

Presentation: Land Relationship and Planetary Well-being

Indigenous Peoples are resilient peoples who have honorably carried deep ecological knowledge over thousands of years. With wider planetary health movements taking hold, Dr. Redvers emphasizes the importance of ensuring a grounding in the stewardship practices, the relation building, and the innate sense of reciprocity embodied in traditional Indigenous knowledges around the globe. This presentation will discuss Indigenous perspectives on planetary health and greater conservation movements through a determinants of planetary health lens.

Short Break

9:30 – 9:40 am

Katimavik C

Concurrent A – Virtual and In Person

9:40 – 12:00 pm

Presentation: Community-centred Data Management, Stewardship and Sharing: Protocols, Practices and Tools for Guardians Programs

Peter Pulsifer – Carlton University

This session aims to engage participants in a holistic set of discussions and activities that starts with fundamental concepts of Indigenous data sovereignty and the rights of Indigenous Nations to control data both from and about their communities. We will then collaboratively discuss information needs for Guardians program and how these needs can be used to help choose appropriate methods, and tools for digital data, and information management. This will include an overview of popular technologies, and ways of storing, and structuring data and information, including the use of Traditional Knowledge Labels. The session will conclude with hands-on activities with tools in use by community-centred projects, including data collection devices, and web mapping tools.

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Concurrent B – Virtual and In Person

9:40 – 10:30 am

Presentation: Indigenous Youth On the Land/Water Programming in Schools and Community

Tracey Williams and Zahra Remtulla – Nature United, Roberta Duncan and Deanna Duncan – Supporting Emerging Aboriginal Stewards, and Coleen Hardisty – Northern Youth Leadership

This presentation will provide an overview of Indigenous youth on the land/water programming in the NWT and BC. We will share examples of programming aimed at empowering youth to be stewards of their territories and natural resources by rekindling the connection between young people and their lands, waters, cultures and communities. The long-term vision for this programming is a sustainable future led by a new generation of local leaders who are empowered through education, mentorship, intergenerational knowledge sharing and community support. We hope that those attending this presentation will gain insights from the program examples shared that may help them apply similar ideas in their own contexts and territories within the structure of their own education and youth development systems, based on the unique identities and needs of their own communities.

Break

10:30 – 11:00 am

Katimavik D

Concurrent B – Virtual and In Person

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Panel: Inspiration for Language Revitalization Through the Conservation Network

Tammy Steinwand – Tłı̨chǫ Government and Walter Bezha – Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government

This session will explore connections between language revitalization and conservation through stories, personal reflection and moderated Q&A.

Explorer Hotel

Lunch Provided

12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Concurrent A – In Person Only

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Gallery Walk: Place Names Mapping

Laura Michel – Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, Glen McKay and Sarah Woodman – GNWT Cultural Places Program, Arthur Beck – Northwest Territory Metis Nation and Innu Nation

Participants will learn about place name, and story map projects from across the NWT and beyond.

Katimavik D

Concurrent B – Virtual and In Person

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Strengthening Partnerships: Network Planning and Financing

This presentation will share information about GNWT's Healthy Land Healthy People (2022-2027) and opportunities for sustainable financing with the proposed Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) opportunity.

Break

2:00 – 2:30 pm

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Plenary – In Person Only

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Workshop: Building a Protected Areas Stewardship Network

Dahti Tsetso – Indigenous Leadership Initiative and Michelle Swallow – GNWT Conservation Planning and Implementation

To engage workshop participants in break out group discussion intended to identify tangible actions to building of protected areas stewardship network to strengthen the network of protected areas.

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Closing Remarks – In Person Only

4:00 – 4:15 pm

Closing and Prayer

Recap of Forum, closing remarks, thank-you's and closing prayer.

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