

Thursday, February 27 continued

Katimavik Room B

10:40 – 11:05 am

Case Study – The Success of the Spirit Bear Lodge

- Doug Neasloss, Stewardship Director of the Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation, BC

A successful Indigenous business model for conservation-based ecotourism arising from the conservation network and supported through conservation financing such as Coast Funds. The Lodge has helped strengthen economic, conservation and cultural well-being in the community of Klemtu.

11:05 am –12:00 pm

Conservation Financing Panel

This panel will bring together the information presented from the morning talks and discuss what financing options might be most promising for conservation areas in the NWT. Moderated by Steve Kallick, Director of International Boreal Conservation Campaign. Moderated by Brie O'Keefe, independent consultant and policy specialist for the International Boreal Conservation Campaign.

- Eddy Niesten, Ecoadvisors
- Joseph Pallant, Ecotrust
- Doug Neasloss, Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation
- Dave Poulton, Alberta Land Institute

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Innovations in Research

1:00 – 1:20 pm

Opening remarks on how research can promote reconciliation and implementation of Indigenous rights.

- Dr. Robin Roth, Associate Professor, University of Guelph and a Principal Investigator of the Conservation Through Reconciliation Partnership (CRP)

1:20 – 2:40 pm

Experiences in the Co-production of Knowledge Panel

Stories on research projects where Indigenous communities have built positive relationships with researchers and thereby increased community capacity to realize community research goals. Panel moderated by Robin Roth, Associate Professor, University of Guelph.

- Petter Jacobsen, Ekwò Nàxoède K'è: Boots on the Ground/ Tłıchǫ Government
- Shari Fox, Research Scientist, National Snow and Ice Data Center, University of Colorado
- Frank Brown, Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University's Resource and Environmental Management Department. He recently received an Honourary Doctorate of Law from Vancouver Island University.
- Dieter Cazon, Liidlii Kue First Nation Manager, Lands and Resources and Dehcho Collaborative on Permafrost (DCoP) with Wilfrid Laurier University

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3:00 – 4:00 pm

Doing Research in a Good Way Panel

A discussion on how to recognize Indigenous community rights and interests in research in the aspects of data storage, collection, credit/ownership and sharing of information. How to ensure that research is conducted with the intention of benefiting Indigenous people or communities. Moderated by Debbie DeLancey, consultant, researcher and advisor to Hoti Ts'eeda.

- Jessica Simpson, Research Advisor, Hoti Ts'eeda, will speak to OCAP as well as made-in-the-NWT research protocols
- Jessica Dutton, Manager, Research Ethics and Regional Programs, Aurora College
- Alestine Andre, INTD MA from the University of Victoria, former Heritage Researcher with the Gwich'in Tribal Council, Department of Cultural Heritage

Wrapping Up

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Highlights and Closing Remarks

- Survey for next year's meeting
- Check in/out from each participant
- Closing remarks



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- Hoti ts'eeda: Jessica Simpson and Debbie DeLancey
- Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership: Steven Nitah and Robin Roth



NWT Conservation Network Gathering
Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NT
February 26 and 27, 2020

Government of
Northwest Territories





The 2020 Northwest Territories (NWT) Conservation Network Gathering has been designed to inspire and connect, bringing together more than 100 participants, including Indigenous leaders, federal and territorial governments, academia, non-government organizations and conservation leaders from across Canada, to exchange knowledge, build partnerships and nurture collaboration. Over two days, participants will explore themes of innovation in protected area governance, management, finance, sustainability and research.

Wednesday, February 26
Katimavik Rooms D&E
8:00 – 9:00 am
Registration and Breakfast
Katimavik Room B
Introductory Session
9:00 am
Welcome: Opening Prayer
9:15 – 9:30 am
Opening Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome from Yellowknives Dene First Nation Chief Edward SangrisWelcome from Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Deputy Minister Erin KellyIntroduction to the Gathering – Facilitator Kathy Racher
9:30 – 10:30 am
Inspiring Innovation in Conservation – Opening Keynotes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Danika Littlechild, Assistant Professor of Law, Carleton UniversitySteven Nitah, Advisor, Indigenous Leadership Initiative (ILI)
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Break
Katimavik Room B
10:45 – 11:15 am
Diverse Stories of Protected Area Establishment in the Northwest Territories, including Thaidene Nënë, Ts’udé Niljné Tuyeta, and Edézhzhie
An introduction to each area’s ecological and cultural values, a brief history on the areas establishment process and an update on where each site is at in establishment and management.

11:15 am – 12:00pm
Advice from the Field: Collaborative Governance and Consensus-based Decision-making
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tom Nesbitt, Chair of the Tuktut Nogait National Park Board and Co-chair of Saoyú-?ehdacho National Historic Site Board, will speak to his experience with collaborative governance consensus decision-making models – the practical application.Herb Norwegian, former Grand Chief of Dehcho First Nations, will speak to his experience with Parks Canada’s collaborative governance model as it was set up with Nah?ą Dehé – Nahanni National Park Reserve.
Plenary Session/Discussion on Morning Sessions
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Luncheon
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Indigenous-led Approaches to Protected Area Management and Monitoring
1:00 – 1:10 pm
Introduction
The afternoon sessions to share a range of planning methods to guide development of management, monitoring and cultural continuity aspects of operations with the recently established protected areas and support the development of the conservation network guardian programs.
1:10 – 1:35 pm
Innovation in Indigenous-led Management Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kathy Racher and Phoebe Rabesca, Tłıchq GovernmentCase study of Dinàgà Wek’ehodi candidate protected area Healthy Country Planning experience.
1:35 – 2:45 pm
Experience and Inspiration: The Role of Guardian Programs in Monitoring and Managing Protected Areas

Panel speakers will introduce their Guardian programs, highlighting the relevance or relationship to protected areas. Moderated by Steven Nitah, Advisor, Indigenous Leadership Initiative (ILI).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doug Neasloss, Kitasoo/Xai’xais Spirit Bear Conservancy Monitoring ProgramDana Holtby, Coastal Stewardship Network, a program of Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiative, provides programming and support to Coastal Guardian Watchmen, and the stewardship offices of the nine-member alliance of First Nations along BC’s North and Central Coast and Haida GwaiiDahti Tsetso (Dehcho First nations) and Mike Low (AAROM) – Dehcho K’ehodi – Taking Care of the Dehcho in Dehcho Dene Zhatié. The Dehcho K’ehodi Stewardship Program is a regional on-the-land program being built in collaboration with all DFN member communities.Prairie Desjarlais, Ni Hat’Ni Dene Łutsël K’é’s Indigenous guardian program
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3:00 – 4:30 pm
Cultural Continuity Panel
Panel members will focus on what makes a successful on-the-land education/wellness program able to help revitalize Indigenous cultural practices and food systems, Indigenous value systems, Indigenous language, and the community’s connection to the land. Moderated by Mandee McDonald, co-founder and the Managing Director for Dene Nahjo, an Indigenous innovation collective that strives to foster Indigenous leadership skills and values through cultural resurgence initiatives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Melaw Nakek’o – Moosehide Tanning Programs with Dene NahjoChloe Dragon-Smith – Bushkids on-the-land initiativeFrank Brown – ILI Senior Leader, initiator of and lead coordinator for the Tribal Canoe Journey to Bella BellaKelsey Wrightson – Dechinta Centre for Research and LearningTony Rabesca – Retracing Our Path Through Eyes of Our Elders – Tłıchq On-the-Land Youth and Elder Program
4:30 – 4:45 pm
Wrap Up
Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Evening Dinner at Flavour Trader
Open at 6:00 pm – Dinner starts at 6:30 pm (limited capacity – check with organizers)
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Performances in the Auditorium
Join us for a variety of performers to showcase various Denendeh cultures. This evening is about celebrating the vitality of Indigenous cultural expression as an important aspect of cultural continuity inspired by the diverse landscapes of the NWT.
Featured artists: Leela Gilday, Lee Mandeville Band, Karen Wright-Fraser and dancers

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Registration and Breakfast
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Sustaining Indigenous-led Stewardship
9:00 – 9:10 am
Welcome Back and Opening Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome backOpening remarks from Minister Thompson, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of Northwest Territories
9:10 – 9:35 am
Covering the Costs of Conservation: A “Survey of Tools” with International Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eddy Niesten, Ecoadvisors
This presentation will introduce the topic of how to finance conservation areas by introducing a range of tools used internationally.
9:35 – 10:00 am
Carbon Financing – What is it, How Does it Work?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joseph Pallant, Ecotrust
10:00 – 10:25 am
Public/Private Financing of Indigenous-led Conservation in Canada’s North
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed by Steve Kallick, Director of International Boreal Conservation Campaign and delivered by Brie O’Keefe, IBCC Policy Specialist
This presentation will give an overview of the current situation and highlight public/private partnership opportunities for advancing Indigenous-led conservation in Canada’s North.
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