



Traditional Pursuits Policy

Terms and Conditions:

This policy has been created for the First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun to assist citizens in pursuing planned traditional harvest related activities. Activities eligible under the fund are limited to fishing, hunting, trapping and berry-picking.

The Traditional Pursuits Fund will be available to qualified and eligible NND citizens living within the Yukon Territory two times (2x) per annum. A spring and fall fund will be available in order to assist NND citizens with harvest activities specific to that season.

The Funds will be allocated in the form of credit, in order to reduce misuse of funding as per the Traditional Pursuits Policy. **NO cash or cheques will be issued due to abuse of recipients in past years.**

The credit will be available on a bi-annual (2x) process at \$300.00 maximum per season (spring/fall).

The lands department will select a venue in Mayo appropriate (fuel/groceries) to what recipients will require for their harvesting activities. The venue (or establishment) will be notified by the NND Lands Department and an agreement for credit will be established in order for the successful recipients, to access the fund(s).

Eligibility:

- 1) The funding allotment is intended for individuals as **“head of house-hold”** (see definition of terms section)
- 2) Preference will be given to qualified **low or no income applicants** who conform to the mandatory reporting and application process set forth in the Traditional Pursuits Policy.
- 3) Consideration will be given to the applicants’ **stated interest in and ability** to carry out planned harvest activities. This may also include proposed equipment

to be used in carrying out the harvest activities. This includes but is not limited to: snow-machine(s), ATV, 4x4 vehicle, air-craft and/or water-craft

- 4) Only recipients who have complied with the mandatory harvest reporting from the previous funding year/term, including proof of harvest activities (see definition of terms section) are eligible to apply. The Lands Department will keep a list of all the recipients from each funding allocation period, which will provide record as to who the current fund applicants are and the status of their harvesting reporting.
- 5) To be eligible for funding, applicants must complete and sign the Traditional Pursuits Application form and meet the conditions set out by this policy. The NND Lands Department will review these applications on a bi-annual basis, as per the assigned dates set forth in the Traditional Pursuits Policy (see Mandatory reporting section).
- 6) If a recipient does not meet the conditions set out by this policy, they **will not be eligible to receive further funding for a one (1) year period**, with no option for appeal.
- 7) NND citizens 18 years of age or older may apply for funding under this program.
- 8) Only NND citizens living within the Yukon Territory will be eligible to apply for Traditional Pursuits Funding.

Funding Determinants:

- 1) Applicants will have the opportunity to apply and receive funds for Traditional Pursuits on a bi-annual process. This will occur as a spring and fall opportunity. This process will follow a call for applicants, which will involve an application open and close date. As follows:

The spring funding application process will **open April 1st and close May 31st**. The application for the Fall Fund will open **Aug 1st and close September 31st**, of each year.

- 2) The maximum amount of funds allocated to each individual will be **\$300.00 for the spring and \$300.00 for the fall opportunities**. Therefore applicants will have the opportunity to receive up to **\$600.00 per annum** in order to carry out Traditional Pursuit activities each year (budget pending), if compliant with requirements set forth in the Traditional Pursuits policy.
- 3) Subsequent applications for funding may only be submitted after the mandatory

reporting requirement has been met (deemed complete by NND Lands and Resources Manager).

- 4) When the maximum total Traditional Pursuits funding has been distributed to all successful applicants for each opportunity (spring/fall) or the closing date(s) area reached, there will be no further allowances permitted for that fiscal year.
- 5) Funding allocations for the Traditional Pursuits Fund each year, will be dependent on the annual budget approval.

Proposed Activities

- 1) An Application form will be available previous to the opening of the Spring and Fall Traditional Pursuits Fund, for all citizens who qualify for funding (see appendix A). This form can be picked up from the Lands and Resources Department.
- 2) The Traditional Pursuits application form (see appendix A) will include a section which applicants are to outline their proposed harvest activities and how the fund(s) will be utilized for that specific funding opportunity.
- 3) In the case of an applicant requiring assistance to carry out traditional activities, the successful recipient has the ability to recruit and/or hire a capable individual to carry out the desired harvest activities. **The recipient** (see definition of terms section) of the Traditional Pursuit Fund will remain responsible for ensuring the funds are utilized appropriately and the mandatory harvest reporting is completed and submitted to the Lands Department, by the specified due date.
- 4) The NND Lands and Resources Department will not be responsible and/or liable for any recipient' and their equipment who decides to recruit and/or hire another individual to perform harvest activities on their behalf.

Mandatory Reporting

- 1) **“Mandatory Harvest Reporting” and “proof of harvest activities”** (see definition of terms section) will occur, one (1) month after the application process closes for both the spring and fall opportunities. Please see the schedule as follows:

Spring TP Fund-Mandatory Harvest reporting will be due July 1st of each year

Fall TP Fund-Mandatory Harvest reporting will be due November 1st of each year

- 2) If the recipient has not completed their planned **harvest activities** (see definitions

of terms) by the Mandatory Harvest Reporting due date, the individual must still report what activities occurred to date and can update the Survey at a later date with current harvest information.

- 3) All successful applicants must retain a copy of the **Traditional Harvest Survey** (see definition of terms) each time they receive Traditional Pursuits Funding, in order to maintain records of their harvest activity.
- 4) Recipients must complete the **Traditional Pursuits Harvest Survey** (see appendix B) provided by the Lands and Resources Department, after the specified closing date for the specific funding period.
- 5) Recipients of the Traditional Pursuits Fund will have to provide “proof of harvest activities”. This includes a **minimum of one photo and a copy of the receipt(s)** (from credit) of their harvest and/or activities as well as the completed Harvest Survey. Recipients are entitled to provide additional proof of harvest activities through their own means, upon submitting their harvest report to the NND Lands and Resources Department.
- 6) All information reported will be kept confidential in accordance with the FNNND Traditional Knowledge Policy.

Definition of Terms Section:

Head of Household – *A designated family representative, who has the primary income. Individuals living alone are considered “head of house-hold”.*

The recipient- a successful applicant of the Traditional Pursuits Fund

Proof of harvest activities- must submit a minimum of one (1) photo and a copy of the credit receipt for each reporting period plus the completed Harvest Survey.

Traditional Pursuits Harvest Survey- harvest reporting sheet submitted to each recipient of the Traditional Pursuit Fund. The Survey is designed for recipients to record their harvest and activities and comply with the Traditional Pursuits Policy Mandatory Reporting.

Stated interest in and ability- applicant’s description of planned harvest activities and proven abilities to perform the tasks desired harvest activities



Appendix A: Traditional Pursuits Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Bank # (3 Digits): _____

Bank Transit # (5 Digits): _____

Account # (7 Digits): _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Requesting Traditional Pursuits of the following (please circle one activity):

Activity Request:	Amount (\$):	Reason:	Total Amount (\$):	Approved (Y/N):
Spring Fishing	\$300			
Salmon Fishing	\$300			
Hunting	\$300			
Berry Picking	\$300			
Trapping	\$300			

Please briefly describe your proposed harvest activities and how the Traditional Pursuits Fund will be utilized:

By signing below, you agree to the Terms and Conditions as defined in the Traditional Pursuits Policy.

Applicants Signature: _____

Date: _____

For office use only:

Request Approved in the amount of: _____

Request Denied: _____

Approved by Lands and Manager: _____

Date: _____

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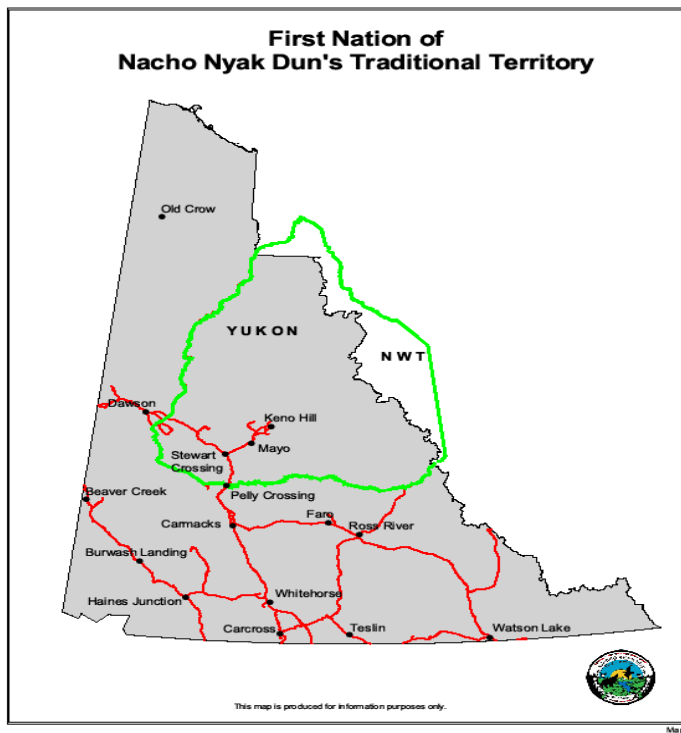
Appendix B: Fish and Wildlife Harvest Survey Form

Name: _____

Name(s) of hunter party (if applicable): _____

Interviewed by: _____

Date of Interview: _____



Wildlife Harvest: BIG GAME

Species	Date: mm/yyyy	Sex: M/F	# harvested	Location: GMS	Comments:
Moose					
Caribou:					
Sheep					
Grizzly Bear					

Council Resolution Ratification: #120-2015
 Council Resolution Amendment: #174-2020

Black Bear					
Wolf					
Other					

***GMS= Game Management Sub-Zone: please see back page for zone map**

Do you have any Traditional and/or local knowledge you would like to include regarding “Big Game” in FNNND Traditional Territory, (information will be kept confidential by Lands Department)

Wildlife Harvest: SMALL GAME

Species	Date: mm/yyyy	What Kind?	# Harvested	Area/Location	Comments:
Grouse					
Ptarmigan					
Ducks					
Geese					
Snow-shoe Hare					
Gophers					
Porcupine					

Other					
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Do you have any Traditional and/or local knowledge you would like to include regarding “Small Game” in FNNND Traditional Territory, (information will be kept confidential by Lands Department)

Fish Harvest: FRESHWATER

Species	Date: mm/yyyy	Location/Area	Methods: Angling/Net	# Harvested	Comments:
Lake Trout					
Whitefish					
Burbot					
Grayling					
Other					

Do you have past or present Traditional Knowledge with regards to “Fresh Water Fish” in NND Traditional Territory you would like to share? This may include observations and/or concerns to fish and/or fish habitat.

Fish Harvest: SALMON

Species	Date: mm/yyyy	Location/Area	Methods: Angling/Net	# Harvested	Comments:
Chinook					
Chum					
Other					

Do you have past or present Traditional Knowledge with regards to “Salmon” in NND Traditional Territory you would like to share? This may include observations and/or concerns to salmon and/or salmon habitat.

Berry Harvest:

Species:	Date:	Location(s):	Comments:
Blue Berry			
Raspberry			
High Bush Cranberry			
Low Bush Cranberry			
Strawberry			
Salmon Berry			
Other:			

Fish and Wildlife Harvest Interview:

Did you see more or number Moose this year compared to last year?

Did you see many Calf Moose this year?

Did the Moose you harvested appear to be healthy? (Including: fat/stomach contents/parasites)

Did you see more, less or the same number of Caribou this year, compared to last year (location)?

Have you noticed many Calf caribou this year? Location.

Do you hunt the Porcupine Caribou Herd this year? Yes/No: If yes, what time of year?

Have you heard about the Porcupine Caribou: Harvest Management Plan (HMP)? And what the Colour Management Matrix means? The PCH is currently in Green Zone. Yes/No

Where did you hear about the Harvest Management Plan (HMP) and the GREEN ZONE?

Meetings	Newspaper/Radio/TV	Check Station	Posters/Signs/Stickers
Website/Internet	Social Media	News-letter	Other

Fish and Wildlife Harvest Interview:

Have you noticed any wolf and bear sightings, signs and/or kill sites? Where?

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in wolf and/or bear population in the Mayo area?

Have you noticed an increase and/or decrease from outside hunters in the Mayo area?

Have you noticed any changes with traditional foods this year? Including: taste/texture/parasites

Do you think Industry and/or development is affecting Wildlife populations?

Is there any important Wildlife habitats that you would like to tell us about in NND Traditional Territory?

Have you noticed any new animals coming into the area? If so, what did you see?

What impacts, if any are the new animals having on the traditional animals?

Have you noticed any increases, decrease and/or changes to Fresh Water Fish populations?

Have you noticed any increases, decreases and/or changes to Salmon populations?

Have you noticed any environmental change to Fish Habitat, including lakes, river and streams?
Are these man-made or natural changes?

Is there any other information, concerns or suggestions you would like to mention?
