

# Roundtable on wetland policy development

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# Overview

1. Pre-engagement
2. Why a policy?
3. Collaboration and partnership
4. Meaning of “consensus”
5. Policy scope

PAUSE – discussion & questions

6. Roles and responsibilities
7. Process & milestones



# 1. Pre-engagement

- We interviewed:
  - Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
  - Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
  - Vuntut Gwitchin Government
  - Carcross/Tagish First Nation
  - Fish and Wildlife Management Board
  - WMAC- North Slope
  - Klondike Placer Miners' Association
  - Wood Products Association
  - Yukon Chamber of Mines
  - Yukon Energy Corporation
  - Ducks Unlimited
  - Wildlife Conservation Society
  - Yukon Conservation Society
  - YESAB



# Key themes

- **Hopes for policy**
  - Assertion of value
  - Improved management clarity
  - Diversity of values and interests
  - Realistic and effective
- **Hopes for process**
  - Process clarity
  - Inclusion
  - Openness and fairness
  - Effectiveness



## 2. Why a policy?

- Functional and intrinsic value of wetlands
- Existing gap in management
- Need for consistent and integrated approach



# 3. Collaboration & partnership

- Be inclusive
- Recognize range of interests
- Lead to better implementation
- Realize commitment made in the *Water Strategy and Action Plan*



# Partnership

- Discuss and make recommendations about policy contents together;
- Include and address participants' interests and perspectives; and
- Use all available tools and efforts to achieve consensus.



## 4. Consensus

- Consensus has three main ingredients:
  1. Everyone's interests are **heard** and **understood**
  2. Meaningful **effort to address** those interests, strive for **solutions**
  3. Solution(s) that everyone is **willing to support** going forward





## 5. Scope

A policy is:

- High-level management direction for making decisions.
- Informing future reviews of existing guidance & identifying gaps to address

A policy is not:

- A planning exercise;
- Specific to any particular wetland; or
- Specific to a resource sector.

## 5. Scope

<b>Could be addressed within a policy...</b>		<b>Addressed elsewhere...</b>
<b>1 . Framework Elements</b>	<b>2. High-Level Management Guidance</b>	<b>3. Detailed Management Guidance &amp; Implementation</b>
<b>EXAMPLES</b>		<b>EXAMPLES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of Types</li> <li>• List Functions &amp; Values</li> <li>• Management options (avoid, mitigate, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals</li> <li>• Strategies</li> <li>• Valuation system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation</li> <li>• Operational guides/BMPs</li> <li>• Sector-specific guidelines</li> <li>• Land use plans</li> </ul>

# PAUSE





## **6. Roles & responsibilities**

- Roundtable representatives
- Facilitators
- YG interdepartmental working group
- Technical working groups

# 7. Process & milestones

