



CARIBOU SPORT HUNT

REGULATORY AMENDMENTS FOR
LEAF RIVER CARIBOU HERD SPORT
HUNT

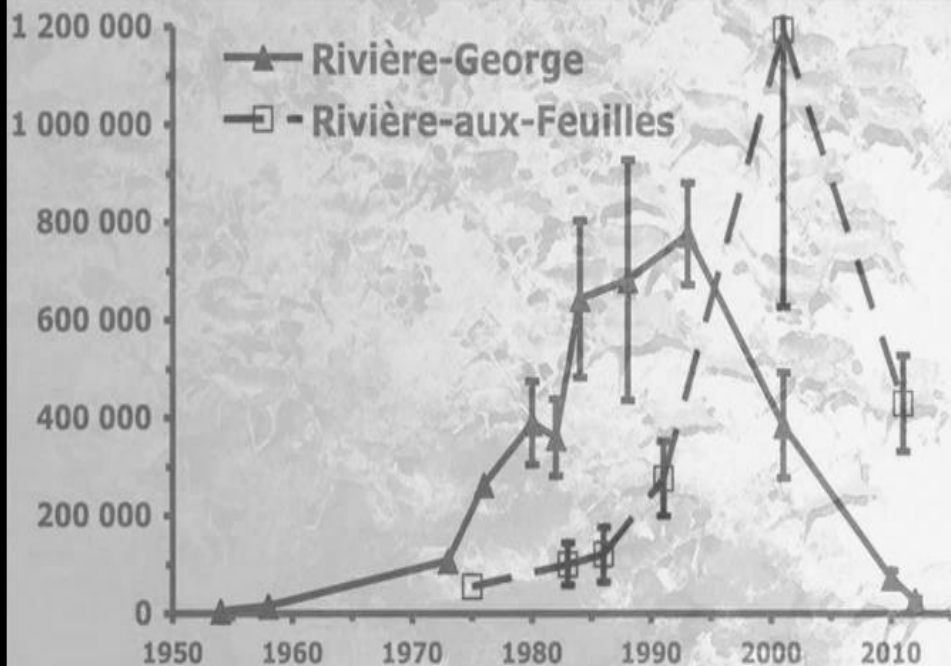
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POPULATION TREND IN DECLINE

George: 74 000 ± 18% in 2010
27 600 ± 10% in 2012
Feuilles: 430 000 ± 23% in 2011



Couturier, S. & Dale, A. 2012, presentation to 8th CARMA conference

George River Herd drastic decline

Population estimates:

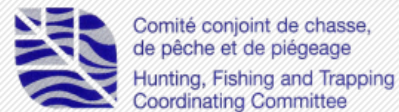
- 2010: ~ 74 000 ind.
- 2012: ~ 27 600 ind.
- 2014: ~ 14 200 ind.
- 2015: ~ 10 000 ind.

Leaf River Herd suspected in slow decline but aerial population census required

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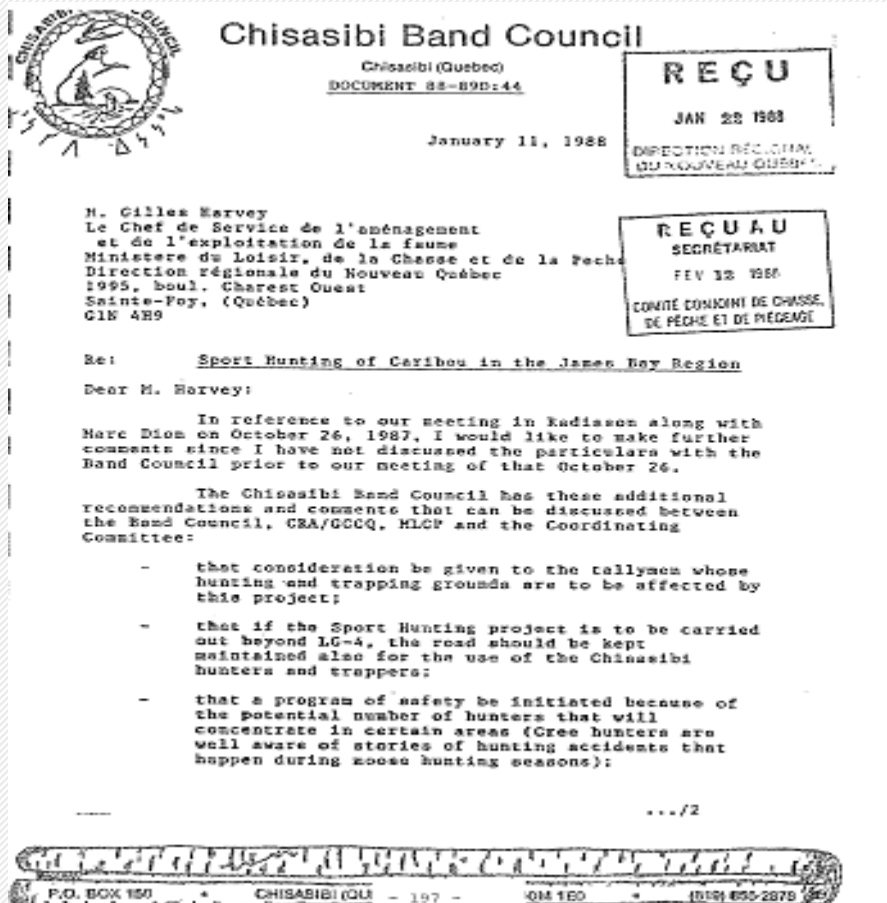
- 2011: ~430 000 ind.
- 2014: ~ 332 000 ind.

THE HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING COORDINATING COMMITTEE



- JBNQA Section 24
- Co-management body (HFTCC)
- Quebec, Canada, Cree, Inuit and Naskapi (Non-voting: SDBJ)
- Review, manage, supervise and regulate the regime
- Preferential and exclusive forum (Caribou, Moose, Bear)
- Decisional Power: Upper Limit of Kill (24.4.30) (moose, caribou) (decision for bear)
- Make recommendations on allocations of resources over and beyond the GLH.
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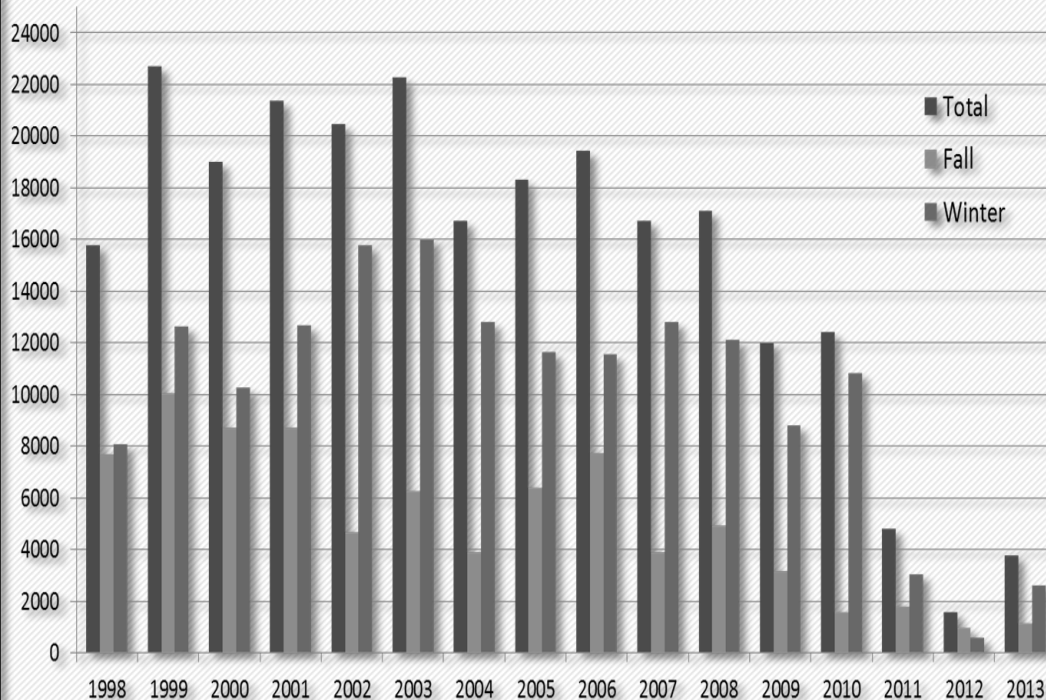
WINTER SPORTS HUNT



- Since Winter Sport Hunt was first proposed in 1984 many concerned expressed by the Crees.
- Some include; Lack of population census, size of zone, length of season, lack of no hunting corridor, lack of surveillance, security, wastage, littering, impacts on Cree traditional pursuits, etc.
- In 1989-1990 Quebec opens a winter sports hunt despite Cree objections (Regulation incomplete and premature, does not respond to Cree concerns);
- Immediately, problems of security and wastage were starting to be felt by Cree trappers and their families;
- Impacts for over two decades, displacing Cree families from hunting grounds and preventing them from practicing traditional pursuits; and yet very little was done to address these issues.

SPORTS HARVEST

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	15768	22710	19014	21387	20458	22265	16729	18308	19424	16729	17097	11987	12434	4802	1596	3790
Fall	7697	10051	8727	8704	4671	6253	3907	6390	7748	3907	4954	3179	1587	1779	999	1160
Winter	8071	12659	10287	12683	15787	16012	12822	11655	11572	12821	12142	8794	10847	3023	597	2630



Sport Harvest:

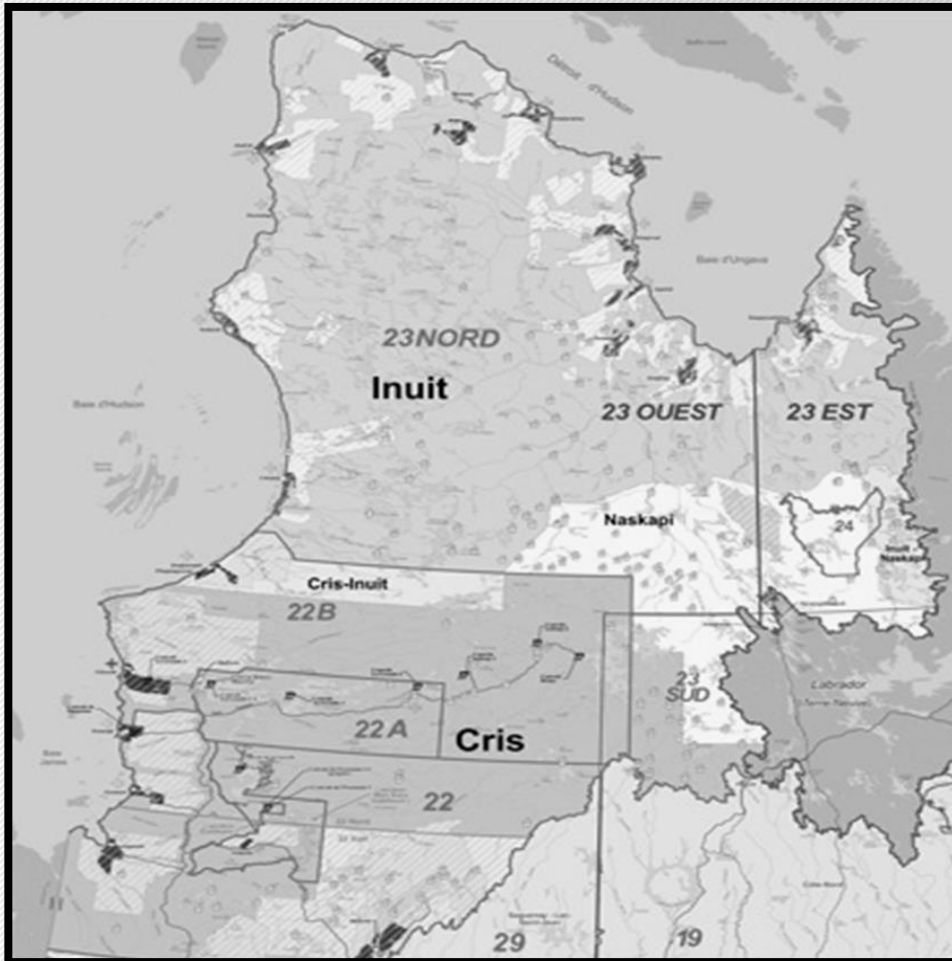
- 2013-2014: 3790 caribou
- 2014-2015: 2975 caribou
- 2015-2016: 1344 caribou (preliminary data)

HFTCC Native representatives recommending a complete closure of sports;

- Continued decline
- priority to native subsistence
- Wastage and security issues still unresolved

Quebec Government refuses complete closures, but since 2011 many restriction implemented on sports hunt.

RESTRICTION MEASURES



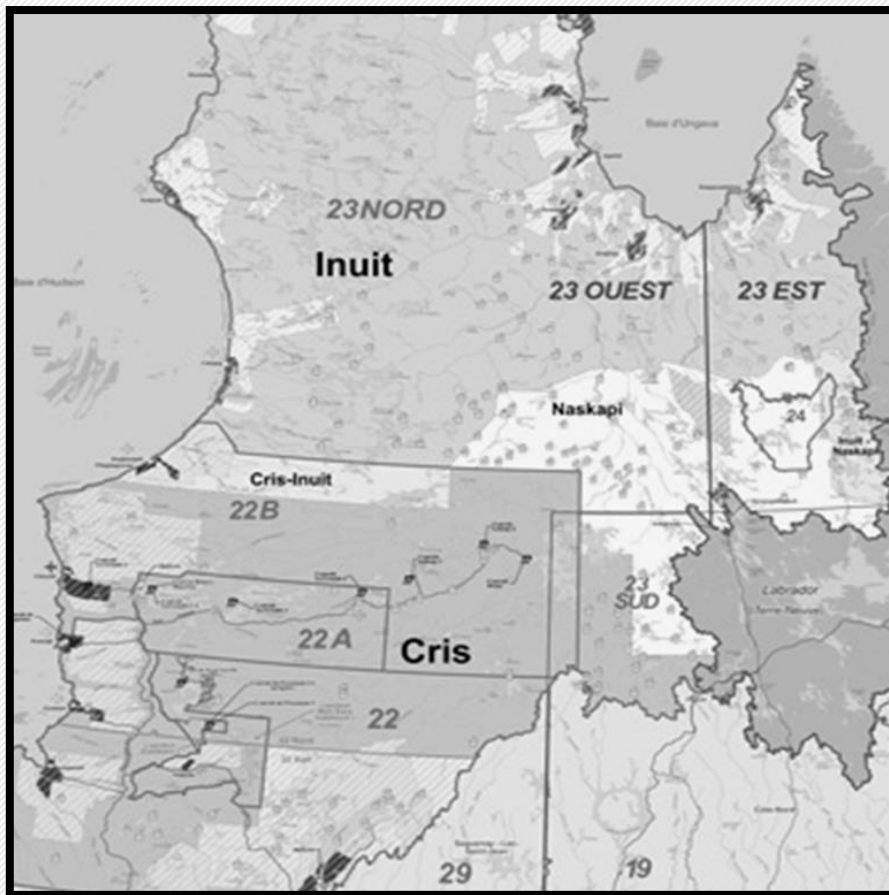
George River Herd:

- Zone 23E and 23S Closed since 2012

Leaf River Herd:

- Sports hunt measures reviewed annually since 2010
 - Reduction in number of caribou hunting licenses
 - Season shorten
 - Zones closed
 - Etc.

SPORT HUNT REGULATIONS 2016-2017



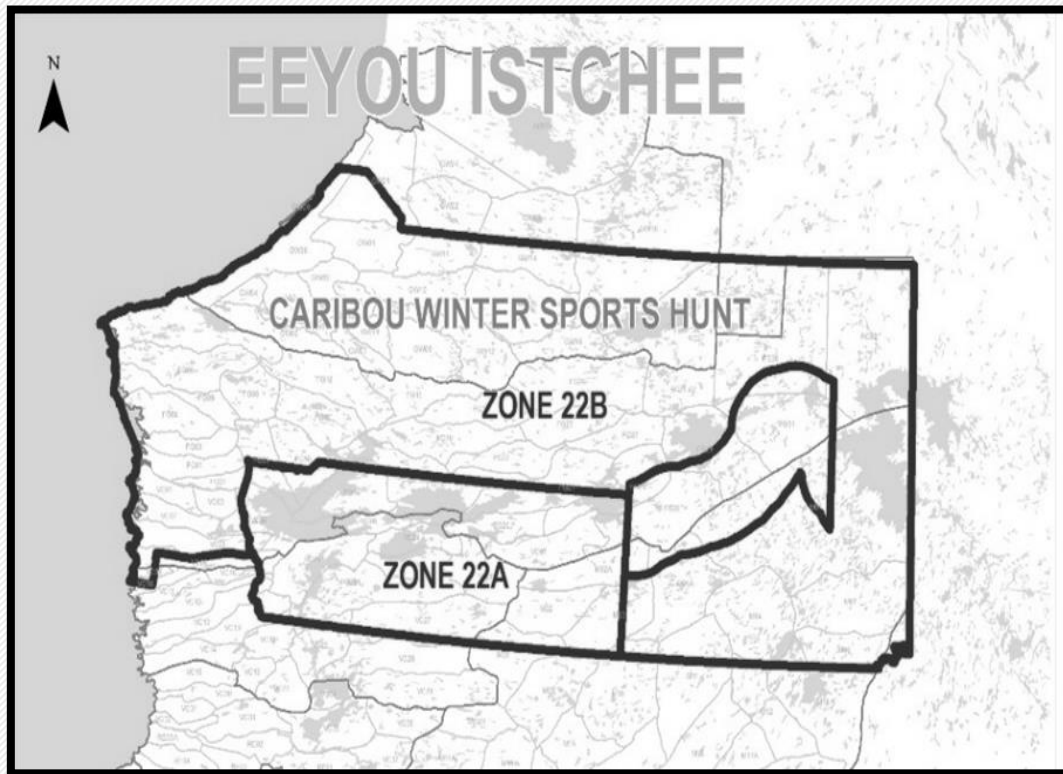
ALL ZONES (22A, 22B, 23 WEST)

- One caribou/permit with possibility for a hunter to obtain 2 permits.
- Leaf River Herd sports harvest reduced to 2732 permits (one caribou per permit) for 2016-2017.
- A hunter who has obtained a second permit in the same zone, cannot harvest of more then one caribou with antlers exceeding more then 40cm in height.

ZONE 23 WEST

- 1 498 permits
- Season august 13th- October 2 2016

SPORT HUNT REGULATIONS 2016-2017



ZONE 22A

- Closed for 2016-2017

ZONE 22B

- 1 234 permits
- Season December 1, 2016 - January 31 2017
- Prohibition to harvest caribou with antlers less than 15cm.

WASTAGE AND SECURITY ISSUES



Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife foresees that;

59. No person may abandon the edible flesh of a big game animal he has killed while hunting...

Hunters where not oblige to register or transport animal in whole or quarter...creating much waste (abandoned heads and limb, etc.)

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION RESPECTING HUNTING ACTIVITIES 2016



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DU QUEBEC (July 6th, 2016):

- “A hunter shall transport any caribou he has killed, whole or in quarters, without removing the head and external genitals, until that animal is registered.”.
- “a hunter who has killed a caribou shall, upon registration, produce the animal whole or in quarters, without removing the head and external genitals;”.

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- **Still pending:** Introduce a provision in the Regulation respecting hunting (chapter 61.1, r. 12) regarding caribou killed in the parts of Zone 22; to “prohibit gutting on any watercourse or body of water and less than 20 m from the bank of any watercourse or body of water, on any road open to vehicular traffic including a 10-metre strip on the edge of each shoulder of such a road, and less than 100 m from a dwelling.”

AWARENESS MEASURES

RESPECT THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE

**WASTAGE IS NOT TOLERATED
KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN**

**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM CAMPS
AND OTHER BUILDINGS**

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL HUNTERS TO BRING
BACK THEIR CARIBOU IN WHOLE**

**PROPERLY CLEAN AND DISPOSE OF
ANIMAL ENTRAILS IN THE WOODS**

DO NOT LEAVE ANIMAL ENTRAILS:

- On the road or on the roadside
- In or near water bodies or streams
- Around camps or infrastructures

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION!
HAVE A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE HUNT!**

**RESPECTEZ LE TERRITOIRE ET LES
GENS QUI Y VIVENT**

**LE GASPILLAGE NE SERA PAS TOLÉRÉ
GARDEZ L'ENVIRONNEMENT PROPRE**

**GARDEZ UNE DISTANCE SÉCURITAIRE
DES CAMPEMENTS ET AUTRES BÂTIMENTS**

**NOUS ENCOURAGEONS TOUS LES CHASSEURS
À RAPPORTER LEUR ANIMAL EN ENTIER**

**NETTOYEZ ET DISPOSEZ CORRECTEMENT LES
VISCÈRES D'ANIMAUX EN FORÊT**

NE PAS LAISSER LES VISCÈRES D'ANIMAUX:

- Sur la route ou au bord de la route
- Dans un plan d'eau, un cours d'eau ou près de ceux-ci
- Près des camps ou infrastructures

**MERCI DE VOTRE COLLABORATION!
BONNE CHASSE SÉCURITAIRE ET RESPONSABLE!**

Gouvernement régional
d'Eeyou Istchee Baie-James
Eeyou Istchee James Bay
Regional Government

- Awareness signs along JB highway installed by the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

**Respectez
le territoire
et les gens
qui y vivent**

**Respect
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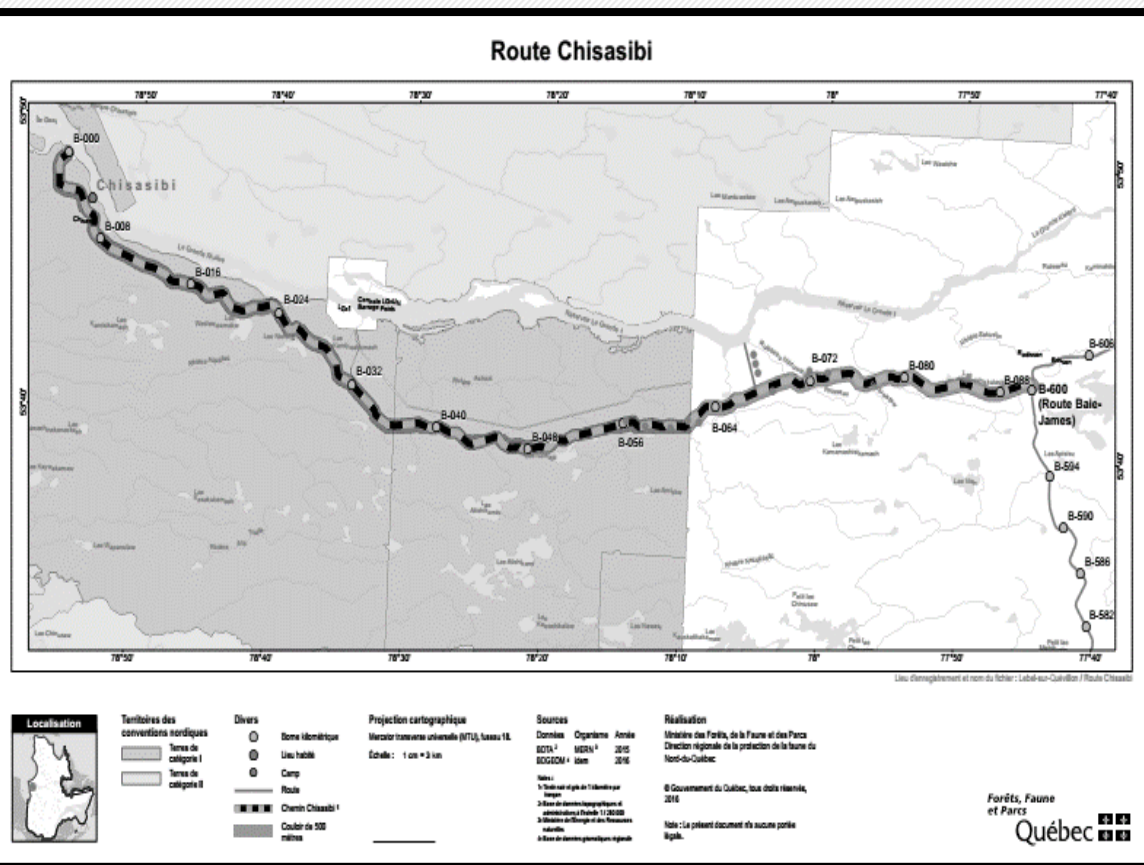
**Il est interdit de laisser des restes d'animaux en bordure de route
It is prohibited to leave animal remains on the side of the road**

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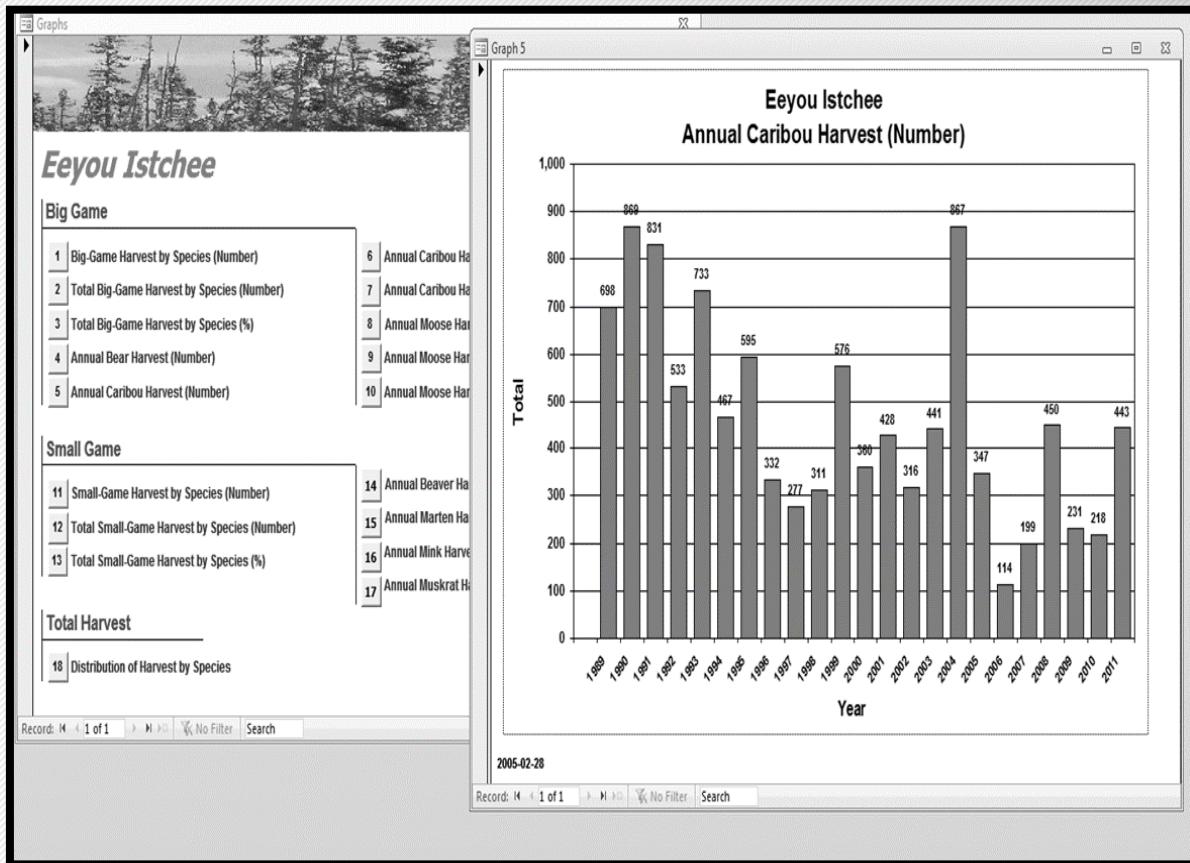
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- “No hunter may shoot from the road connecting Chisasibi to route de la Baie-James, on the section situated between Chisasibi and the boundary mark at kilometre 62, including a 22.86-metre (75 feet) strip on the edge of its centre.
- Nor may a hunter shoot from that road, on the section situated between the boundary mark at kilometre 62 and the boundary mark at kilometre 88, including a 2-kilometre strip on the edge of its shoulder.”.



CREE HARVEST



Commitment by resolution of Native party of the HFTCC to improve the monitoring of the Native harvest

CTA Harvest Registry;

- 2013-2014: 333 caribou reported
- 2014-2015: 200 caribou reported

Harvest monitoring is important for the implementation of the Guaranteed Level of Harvest (GLH) and the allocations of resources.

CARIBOU MANAGEMENT PLANS



- HFTCC in collaboration with the Ministry of Wildlife, Forest and Parks drafting new Management Plan (in progress)
- Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table (UPCART) - Draft Plan: *CARIBOU AND THE PEOPLE OF UNGAVA* (In progress)



COMMENTS
&
QUESTIONS

MEEGWETCH!
MERC!
THANK YOU!