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**4.5 Coordination with Other Land and Resource Management Processes Draft****Question 5) How can we best encourage Inter-agency cooperation in developing a Yukon Protected Areas Strategy and planning for protected areas in the regions? Draft**

- coordinate with Forest Management Planning 8
- coordinate with Regional Land Use Planning 33
- define Development Assessment Process (DAP) role 6
- link with the Wildlife Act 3
- incorporate traditional knowledge and cultural values 5
- recognize overlaps of ecoregions and habitats 3
- recognize transboundary overlaps in traditional territories 6
- establish better environmental standards outside of protected areas 7
- finish land claims 4
- DAP should not determine protected areas 3
- include stakeholders interests 9
- good communication and educational services among agencies 9
- establish a new government agency for conservation management 2

"Do not use the Development Assessment Process as a mechanism for determining the location and extent of protected areas. Protected areas should be established following local and territory-wide consultation within a land use planning context wherever possible. DAP should only be used to assess the impacts of management plans." CPAW

#### **4.6 Planning at the Traditional Territory Level**

##### **Question 6a) Who should be involved in protected areas planning within traditional territories? Draft**

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| • all stakeholders / everybody                                | 25    |
| • all Yukoners  | 10    |
| • local communities   | 28    |
| • First Nations representatives                               | 48    |
| • RRC's   | 7     |
| • Logging and mining industry                                 | 7, -1 |
| • renewable resource industry (tourism, outfitting, trapping) | 4     |
| • municipal councils  | 7     |
| • environmental interest groups                               | 8     |
| • land use planning committees                                | 4     |
| • non-Yukoners  | 5, -2 |
| • local community should have veto                            | 1     |
| • all related federal and territorial government agencies     | 20    |

**Question 6b) What steps should be included in protected areas planning at the traditional territorial level? Draft**

• effective public education and communication	16
• include input from all stakeholders (includes public)	13
• link with First Nations	16
•	<del>1</del>
• support First Nations SMA proposals	5
• interim protection	2
• be community driven	14
• adequate resources are required at the local level, especially RRC	27
• link on territorial and regional scale with YLUP	2
• accept candidate site proposals from all stakeholders	1
• build trust with government and First Nations	4
• need inventory of resource	19
• need a mineral assessment	3
• collect information from local stakeholders who live off the land (trappers and outfitters)	1
• conduct First Nations traditional knowledge research	10
• need ecological systems information	7
• the economic benefit of protected area candidate site	6
• consensus	1

#### **4.5 Defining which Traditional Territories should be Planned First Draft**

**Question 7) Which regions or traditional territories do you think should be given priority for protected areas planning in the Yukon?**

##### **Priority traditional territories:**

- Liard (southeastern Yukon) 18
- Na-Cho Nyak Dun (Tombstone, Dempster Highway, Dawson Range, Peel, Bonnet Plume) 16
- Teslin Tlingit Council and Carcross Tagish (Southern Lakes) 9
- Ross River Dena Council (Finlayson) 4
- Kluane and White River 1
- Vuntut Gwitchin (Bell River, Johnson Creek, Whitefish Lake, Pine and Stone River area, Fishing Branch) 37
- Whitehorse (Yukon River near Riverdale) 1
- priority to regions at risk or under development where opportunities for protection may be lost if action is not taken soon 25
- priority to areas where land claims have been completed and RRCs exist 15
- priority to the continued negotiations of SMA's 12
- priority to areas already identified for their protected areas values by through research and by stakeholders 7
- priority to areas of cultural heritage 3
- priority where there is community interest and willingness 3
- priority to areas where mineral studies show mineral potential to be low 3
- priority to regions and areas that are about to under go Land Use or Forest Management Planning 1

"The planning steps should be fairly consistent from region to region to ensure that agreed upon targets and guidelines are being met and that the process remains accessible to all interested parties."

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4.6 Interim Protection Draft

**Question 8a) What type of interim protection is needed during the planning and establishment of protected areas in the Yukon?**

- interim protection is a priority to resolve 17
- interim protection requires stronger policy 21
- interim protection is essential to create a level playing field for stakeholders 12
- no interim protection, its not needed because it restricts resource exploration and creates an uncertain investment climate 11
  - some cases, but similar concern as above 5
- interim protection for candidate sites and their proposed study areas 23
- interim protection should apply to development pressures including mineral staking, logging, oil and gas, roads, hydro, and in some cases tourism businesses 28
  - do not repeat what happened in the Tombstone situation 5
  - yes, but do not stop outfitting 1
- use a series of steps to identify and provide interim protection 3
- provides security for everyone 11
- problem is it is rarely interim 5
- whole study area not just part 9

**Question 8b) When and how should interim protection be used?**

- now 13
- as soon as candidate sites are selected 11
- time limit placed on it 10
- clear criteria and rules with public consultation 17
- no limit to interim protection 6
- place a limit on interim protection 1

"In summary, do not create large protected areas and do not withdraw land with vision to reduce. This will chase industry away! We need access to land to be successful."

Wayne Roberts, ? / ok to quote

"Total interim protection must be put into place for all proposed study area. Without total interim protection, we risk compromising the ecological and cultural values of the areas we are trying to protect."

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4.7 Developing the Action Plan Draft

**Question 9a) What actions should be taken to implement the strategy?**

- government should continue Land Claims and to negotiate SMA's in good faith with First Nations 46
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- keep the public and other stakeholder informed and allow for input 22
- provide resources resources for NGO's, communities and First Nations so they can have meaningful input 8
- create a protected areas local community committee to coordinates with land use planning and forestry management planning 35
- interim protection and policy 8
- coordinate with other planning agencies like LUP 5
- announce with the strategy the identification of several candidate protected areas sites 7
- want ample opportunity for consultation throughout the process 33
- stronger political stand for protected areas 9
- get on with the strategy and quickly complete 18
- educate and inform public and other stakeholders about the strategy ie. workshops and maps 10
- show political will and commitment for the strategy by allocating adequate staff and financial resources 10
- detail procedures for conducting mineral assessments 5
- priority of identifying protected areas and core sites 7
- identify candidate sites based on a set of criteria or system of guidelines 5
- an action plan with first and second phases. 5
- legislate the strategy 5

**Question 9b) By when should these actions be taken?**

- now and ASAP 49
- in next two years 7
- complete candidate site selections for ecoregions by the years 2000 - 2001 5
- firm timeline 2

**What actions should be taken to implement the strategy?**

"Provide adequate financial resources in the 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 Yukon Territorial Government and Federal Government (DIAND) budgets to facilitate implementation of the Protected Areas Strategy. Include adequate funding for both territorial systems planning and technical support initiatives, as well as local Renewable Resource Councils and other affected Councils and Boards."

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"Show of strong leadership and a demonstrated commitment to act on the YPAS by the Yukon government is critical."

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"The strategy must include a concrete action plan with measurable targets, a clear time frame for achieving it and specific commitments of resources for the strategy's implementation."

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**Other**

- Confusions over SMA's and First Nations
- would like to talk about specific areas near where I live
- want to know how this will impact jobs, services and taxes
- keep in Chamber of Mines, Yukon Prospectors Association involved
- the missing thing is protected areas, government can not even protect existing sites i.e. Klauane Wildlife Sanctuary
- there is no need for Protected Areas if we manage and use the existing policies and legislation properly
- consider multi-use if large areas are considered for protection
- fear that government has already formed its intentions
- this is threatening my livelihood
- I get the feeling you are more concerned about industry than protected areas
- create a series of ecological reserves with First Nations similar to BC as benchmarks to measure changes in surrounding areas do to activities
- guidelines without legislated laws are useless
- no large protected areas industry needs land
- protected areas are very important to my future vision of the Yukon
- the need to buffer existing protected areas and identify connectivity for wildlife movement is essential for success
- It is an important process and keep the global perspective
- don't forget the government is representing the people and not its own interests
- proceed with the identification of candidate areas from 25 years of protected areas planning
- no staking it is ludicrous that opportunists are permitted to stake in an areas that is being considered for protection
- my vote in the next election hinges on implementation of a strong strategy

- this proposal has identified 23 ecoregions in the Yukon with protected areas within each region to be at 10% on average. This is unrealistic, this number can be reduced by 2/3 rds and still be representative of all ecoregions in the Yukon
- I love the wildlands of the Yukon - thats why I'm here. I fear that if we don't protect our wilderness it will disappear in my lifetime and that would be a huge loss for all
- I believe we already have enough protected areas
- I think we perhaps don't need a protected areas strategy
- This is a great thing for all Yukoners as long as it respects the established rights of individuals and businesses
- get industries ideas
- emphasize that there is a range of protected areas with different allowable activities
- emphasis on ecosystem based management with science decision making
- I want to see action on the ground as well as consultation
- don't make the mistakes that BC made in creating open-ended and highly political protected areas, mineral exploration has been killed by the uncertainty
- don't make the mistake of the south to fail to protect important areas
- carnivore conservation areas should be considered for large carnivores
- need to ensure that agricultural land is identified and kept for agriculture as it is so limited
- want more questions about factors that should be considered when a decision to protect an area is required
- need a new parks act to enhance wildlife habitat protection legislation
- do not compromise much with industry they have had it their way for 100 years
- how will candidate areas be selected; protected areas be monitored; and industry compensated
- the concept of representative areas will lack scientific substance unless biologists with advanced degrees are consulted
- what about the an evaluation of the economic importance of protected areas
- in next consultation show land use maps with more information
- while protected areas will prevent wilderness from being mined and logged, there are concerns about the rules and regulations that come with protection. Will subsistence hunting and wood cutting still be allowed?
- remember the economic value of protected areas
- use land swap if a mineral deposit is found on the edge of a park it is ok to adjust the boundary slightly
- wilderness tourism requires intact wilderness for its future
- prospectors work for years to piece together the geological puzzle in order to interest a larger company in their finds
- an intact environment is compatible with a strong economy in the long term
- tourism represents \$124 million of Yukon's economy
- local authority must be in control of the whole process
- strategy should have adequate funding and be open to the public
- allow exploration it requires a large land base
- need to address sites within communities - how does this fit in within the strategy?
- as a First Nation I am glad we are finally protecting our great territory and putting the environment first