

Sustainable Livelihoods

Action Plan 2019-2023





About the Illustrator

All of the images in the Action Plan were done by Trey Madsen. Trey was born in Yellowknife, NWT, and is a member of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. He graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design in 2017 for Fine Arts in Illustration. He currently resides in Calgary, Alberta.

Table of Contents

Acknowledgments	2
Introduction	4
Vision, Goals and Objectives	6
Guiding Principles	8
Connections to Other GNWT Commitments, Strategies and Action Plans	12
Measuring Success	16
Actions	17
Objective #1: Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on the land activities for interested residents	18
Objective #2: Support communities, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, non-government organizations and other partners in pursuing sustainable livelihoods programs and services by reducing administrative burden	19
Objective #3: Strengthen communication and information about existing ENR programs and increase promotion of sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels	20
Objective #4: Create, promote and support opportunities for on the land program development	21
Objective #5: Ensure ENR programs run effectively, efficiently and support the people who need them	22
Appendix A – List of Meetings and Participating Governments and Organizations	23

Acknowledgments



This Plan is built on what ENR heard from the many people who took time to share with us over several months in 2019. ENR would like to acknowledge and thank the many partners and NWT residents who contributed their knowledge, ideas, experiences, needs and priorities during the development of this Action Plan, whether during community open houses, regional meetings, through the survey, the photo and essay contest or during the draft Action Plan public review.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) was privileged to visit many communities, and hear from harvesters, Elders, youth, environment and culture staff and many others. Thank you to all of the communities that hosted and welcomed us during engagement, and to the people who ensured that ENR staff had the opportunity to get out on the land and experience the things we heard first-hand.

ENR would also like to extend gratitude to the participants in the May advisory group workshop that refined the principles, goals and actions in the Plan.

Finally, much of this work began at the NWT Country Food Forum in 2017, which was possible in part due to support from Tides Canada and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). ENR would also like to thank the many people from across the NWT who participated in that meeting, along with our Forum co-hosts, Aurora Research Institute (ARI) and Tides Canada. ARI and ENR also led a two-year Polar Knowledge Canada-funded project in collaboration with many regional Indigenous governments and universities, which provided insights that helped inform this Action Plan.

ENR looks forward to working with our many partners to implement this Action Plan, and fulfil its vision: *NWT residents have the opportunities to connect with and experience the land in ways that are meaningful to them.*

Mársı | Kinanāskomitin | Thank you | Merci | Hąı' | Quana Qujannamiik | Quyanainni | Máhsı | Máhsı | Mahsi

Introduction



In the Northwest Territories (NWT), life is intimately tied to the land. Residents depend on the land for food, medicine, materials, shelter, income, culture, spirituality and recreation. For the NWT's Indigenous peoples, relationships with the land have existed since time immemorial.

Sustainable livelihoods – in the context of this Action Plan – are considered to be ‘a way of life connected to the land’¹. This Plan approaches the land in a holistic way, considering the plants, animals, water, air, people, relationships, processes and connections that exist. Sustainable livelihoods include the capabilities, resources and activities that support a means of living in a way that is adaptable and resilient, while supporting continuation of those resources and activities now and for future generations².

¹ Note: ‘sustainable livelihoods’ is a broad term that can reflect many things, including health, income, housing and more. For this Action Plan, focus is on those activities that tie to land-based practices, though it is recognized that those activities fit within an individual’s overall livelihood.

² Adapted from Chambers & Conway (1991), Sustainable rural livelihoods: practical concepts for the 21st century. IDS Discussion Paper 296; UNDP, p. 6.

At present, there are many barriers that can make it difficult for people to go out on the land and engage in harvesting, including (but not limited to): high cost of fuel, equipment and supplies; changes to the landscape from climate change and development; shift to a wage-based economy where people working have less time to go out; and ongoing impacts of colonialism, residential schools and intergenerational trauma.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) recognizes the role it can play in supporting individuals, families, communities, regions, organizations and partners in advancing and promoting sustainable livelihoods and engaging in on-the-land activities. ENR has program and service responsibilities for country foods, traditional economy and land-based learning, which broadly make up the program areas captured in this Action Plan.

Harvesting in this Plan is defined as procurement of foods (animals or plants) directly from the land – whether through hunting, trapping, fishing or gathering.



This plan is intended to help prioritize ENR's resources and capacity to support sustainable livelihoods across the NWT at local, regional and territorial levels, based on the needs, values and priorities of Northerners. It is ENR's intent that the actions in this Plan add value to and support the great work happening across the NWT that is being led by Indigenous governments and organizations, renewable resource boards and councils, hunters and trappers committees, GNWT departments, municipal and federal governments, and non-government organizations, as well as communities and organizations who want to deliver programming. Key to this will be continuing to build and strengthen partnerships.

The Plan was built based on engagement across the NWT. ENR held regional meetings with Indigenous governments and co-management partners, community open houses, an advisory group workshop and visited a few schools, where possible (see [Appendix A](#) for list of meetings and participating governments and organizations). A public survey and youth photo contest were also used to gather information. ENR then compiled all of the information and drafted potential actions that respond to what we heard. ENR held an advisory group meeting with regional Indigenous government representatives (staff, youth and Elders) and GNWT departments to review and discuss draft actions and identify missing actions or things to consider during implementation. The draft Action Plan was then available for a three-week public review period. This Action Plan is the result of that engagement process.

Vision, Goals and Objectives



The *vision* for the Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan is:

NWT residents have the opportunities to connect with and experience the land in ways that are meaningful to them.

To achieve this vision, ENR, with its partners, will work towards the following *goals*:

- More NWT residents are engaged in on-the-land activities that are important to them, such as harvesting, hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural activities, recreation and healing.
- The number of people with harvesting and on-the-land skills and knowledge is increased.

- Barriers to going on the land are reduced, through innovative, northern-driven approaches.
- Communities, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, non-government organizations and others are supported in delivering sustainable livelihoods programs and services.
- The NWT traditional economy is vibrant and thriving.
- NWT residents have access to safe, culturally appropriate and quality country foods.
- Reciprocal, multigenerational learning opportunities are promoted and supported.
- Programs and support are available for interested residents, regardless of age, knowledge, skill level and experience.



The following **objectives** will help ENR to work towards these goals:

- **Objective #1:** Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on-the-land activities for interested residents.
- **Objective #2:** Support communities, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, non-government organizations and other partners in pursuing sustainable livelihoods programs and services by reducing administrative burden.
- **Objective #3:** Strengthen communication about existing programs and increase promotion of sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels.
- **Objective #4:** Create, promote and support opportunities for program development.
- **Objective #5:** Ensure programs run effectively, efficiently and support the people who need them, and ensure accountability in Action Plan implementation.

Guiding Principles



Based on extensive engagement, a number of overarching principles were identified that will guide ENR when implementing the actions outlined in this Action Plan.

These principles include:

- ***Wellness***

Being on the land is a big part of people's feelings of health and wellness. This includes physical, mental, emotional and cultural health and economic opportunities. Supporting healthy people, communities, families and a healthy environment (including air, water, animals, plants) are at the forefront of the actions in this Plan.

- ***Language***

The land and language are intimately tied together. Language should be a focal point in implementation of the Action Plan.

- ***Food security***

Access to high quality, safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate country foods, and the equipment and means necessary to harvest, process, prepare and store foods need to be considered.

- ***Seasons***

On-the-land activities happen in all seasons; consideration of different seasons and the activities that take place in those seasons is important in design and delivery of programs and services.

- ***Inclusivity and accessibility***

Ensuring that there are diverse, broad opportunities to meet the needs of all residents is important, regardless of age, skill, experience, knowledge, gender, ability, socio-economic status and other factors. In particular, ENR heard about the need for programs that are either targeted or accessible to middle-aged participants, who have been impacted by residential schools resulting in loss of knowledge and skills, as well as opportunities for women and girls.

- ***Knowledge***

Traditional and local knowledge are foundational to many on-the-land activities, and to the design and delivery of programs and services that support sustainable livelihoods. Other knowledge systems can also support implementation of actions.



- ***Respect and responsibility***

Respect and responsibility for the land and water, for each other, for animals, for cultural traditions and protocols, and for future generations should be at the heart of any actions.

- ***Community-driven***

The intent of this Action Plan is to support and add value to community-driven programs, based on the needs, values and priorities of Northerners. Communities and regions are in the best position to determine program and service needs of residents, and to deliver upon those. ENR also recognizes the need and request to provide support and capacity to community and regional governments and organizations. Consistency will be important, while also ensuring different regional and community needs are accounted for.

- ***Partnerships***

Partnerships are the foundation of the NWT, and are core to the way ENR does business. The Action Plan recognizes this, and action items will be implemented in collaboration with a variety of partners.

- ***Climate change***

Climate change is impacting people's way of life on the land. It is changing how people can travel, how people read signs and signals, and feelings of safety. It will be important to consider climate change adaptation in the implementation of this Plan, and how actions contribute to strengthening individual, family, community and regional resilience.

- **Ecological integrity, biodiversity and resilience**

As outlined in *Healthy Land, Healthy People*,
“Our northern ecosystems are diverse and especially sensitive.
Our land, rich in biodiversity, contributes
to the high quality of life we all enjoy in the NWT.
Our food security and traditional economy rely
on continued biodiversity in the north”³.
It is important that actions in this Plan are
implemented within this context.



³ Healthy Land, Healthy People: Government of the Northwest Territories Priorities for Advancement of Conservation Network Planning 2016-2021. (2016, p. 3). Government of the Northwest Territories. Available at https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/sites/enr/files/hlhp_cnp_priorities_2016-2021.pdf

Connections to Other GNWT Strategies and Action Plans



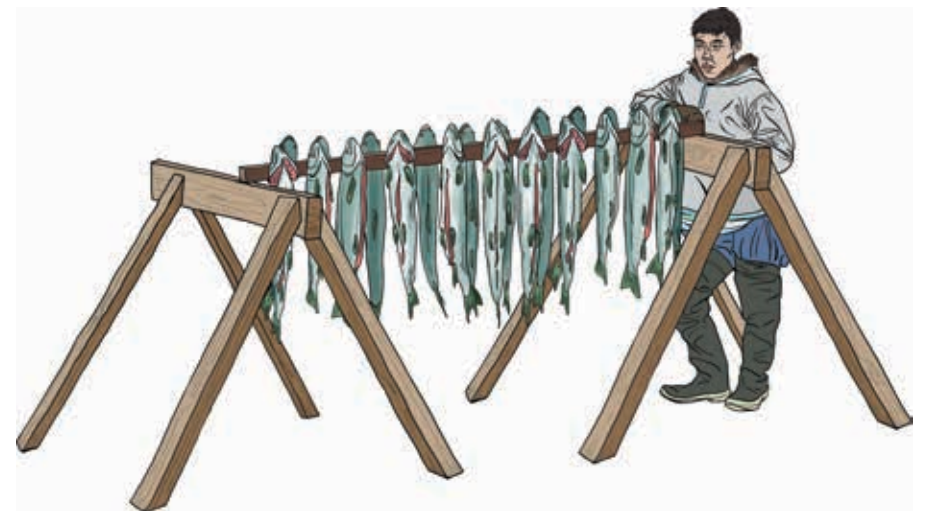
This Action Plan is linked to and supports a number of other GNWT initiatives and commitments, both directly and indirectly. ENR will continue to work closely with departments to collaboratively advance work that supports sustainable livelihoods.

Some of these initiatives include:

- ***GNWT 2030 Climate Change Strategic Framework 2019-2023 Action Plan***: The Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plan identifies the following actions, which align with and/or are reflected in this Action Plan: support country food-related research, including climate change impacts to community food security; implement a sustainable livelihoods action plan to support country food research and programs; building on the priorities to be identified in a sustainable livelihoods action plan, work collaboratively with partners to identify and secure funding to support projects; and support Indigenous Guardians programs led by Indigenous governments in the NWT to monitor climate change using traditional, local and scientific knowledge, where requested.
- ***Working Together: An Action Plan to Reduce and Eliminate Poverty in the Northwest Territories (2015)***: The Anti-Poverty Action Plan sets a vision for a territory free from poverty. Critical to this are on-the-land opportunities, traditional economy and country foods. Specific actions in the Anti-Poverty Action Plan that are supported by this Action Plan include: provide nutritious food to Elders through lunch and community-based food sharing programs; encourage and support people to harvest, hunt and fish to meet their needs and those of their communities; and expand on-the-land programming, such as Take a Kid Trapping, that encourage youth to learn harvesting skills from Elders.

- ***GNWT Knowledge Agenda Action Plan 2019-2024:*** The need for research that supports decision-making is the foundation of the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan. There are a number of linkages to the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan, including some of the following actions: build on community-based monitoring initiatives, including training and support for Guardian programs; provide key decision-making bodies with a list of departmental contacts who can provide information on various areas of NWT research; and encourage and establish new partnerships that enhance NWT research capacity, such as increased program support, new research chairs and new equipment.
- ***Northwest Territories Economic Opportunities Strategy: Connecting Business and Communities to Economic Opportunities:*** The Economic Opportunities Strategy identified a number of recommended actions that are reflected within this Action Plan, such as: increase funding and program support for the traditional economy through the GNWT's Community Harvesters Assistance Program and the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program; engage the private sector to increase support to the GNWT's Take a Kid Trapping Program; create a mentorship program with supports to provide assistance to adults pursuing a return to a harvesting lifestyle; and examine with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment and Health and Social Services opportunities to incorporate traditional economy activities into social wellness and healing programs.

- ***Strong Cultures, Strong Territory: GNWT Culture and Heritage Strategic Framework 2015-2025:*** A number of cultural priorities in the Culture and Heritage Strategic Framework align with actions in this Action Plan. These include: celebrate the diversity of languages; make cultural programs hands-on, immersive and on location; support cultural programs for youth; support the preservation of traditional skills and practices; create demand for authentic NWT cultural products and services; and support decisions by communities about their culture and heritage.
- ***NWT Indigenous Languages Action Plan: A Shared Responsibility 2018-2022:*** As language is recognized as a key component of on-the-land activities, this Action Plan aligns with the Indigenous Languages Framework, including acknowledging and affirming the importance of Indigenous languages in the NWT.



- **Healthy Land, Healthy People: Government of the Northwest Territories Priorities for Conservation Network Planning 2016-2021:** Specific actions in *Healthy Land, Healthy People* that align with this Action Plan include: establishing protected areas through establishment agreement(s) with Indigenous governments and organizations; cooperative and collaborative management and monitoring of protected areas with Indigenous governments and organizations, including Guardian programs; providing training and mentorship opportunities related to on-the-land monitoring and cultural tourism services, utilizing new legislation (*Protected Areas Act*) that supports and promotes the protection, conservation and maintenance of biodiversity, ecological integrity and cultural continuity; and bringing dedicated funding and programs to communities to support on-the-land/sustainable livelihoods activities.

Additionally, it is ENR's intent that the actions in this Plan add value and support the great work happening across the NWT being led by Indigenous governments and organizations, renewable resources boards and councils, hunters and trappers committees, GNWT departments, municipal and federal governments, and non-government organizations. These actions were built in response to what we heard from participants about priorities, needs and values of Northerners and where ENR can best support sustainable livelihoods.

This Action Plan also supports and aligns with government commitments set out in existing comprehensive land claim agreements. In particular, many northern land claim agreements have economic development provisions that include strengthening and supporting the traditional economy of Indigenous communities.



Measuring Success



For each objective, a number of initial performance indicators have been identified to help us track our progress.

Throughout engagement on the Action Plan, ENR heard about the importance of building an evaluation framework that is grounded in and uses Indigenous evaluation methodologies. To honour this, ENR commits (see [Action 5.4](#)) to developing an evaluation framework that builds on Indigenous methodologies, in concert with other evaluation approaches (including community-based approaches, process, impact or outcome evaluations) by the approximate halfway point of this Plan. The intent is to work with the advisory committee to guide this process.

Actions

Identified actions fall under the five Action Plan objectives:

Objective 1:

Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on-the-land activities for interested residents.

Objective 2:

Support communities, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, non-government organizations and other partners in pursuing sustainable livelihoods programs and services by reducing administrative burden.

Objective 3:

Strengthen communication about existing programs and increase promotion of sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels.

Objective 4:

Create, promote and support opportunities for program development.

Objective 5:

Ensure ENR programs run effectively, efficiently and support the people who need them, and ensure accountability in Action Plan implementation.



Objective #1:

Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on-the-land activities for interested residents.

Actions under Objective #1 support opportunities for culturally appropriate learning, mentorship and training related to sustainable livelihoods and on-the-land activities for all interested residents. Actions under this Objective also include support for, and creation of, opportunities to form networks and share knowledge between communities and more broadly.

O1	Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on-the-land activities for interested residents.	
Initial Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people who take Hunter Education (online and in schools). • Number of training programs offered. • Number of people participating in mentorship or training programs. • Participants who identify learning outcomes or development of new skills in mentorship or training programs. • Lessons learned and shared from community knowledge exchanges. • Third-party funding secured for Take a Kid Trapping. 	
	Action Item	Deliverable Date
1.1	Act as a resource for schools and child and youth programs to support delivery of on-the-land programs.	Ongoing
1.2	Expand the Hunter Education program to also be offered online.	December 2019
1.3	Work with Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) and school boards to explore offering Hunter Education in high schools for credit.	February 2020 and ongoing
1.4	Establish a process for sending NWT trappers to represent the territory at the Fur Harvester's Auction annual Trapper's Convention.	January 2020
1.5	Work with harvesters and communities to develop and pilot culturally appropriate harvesting mentorship support programs, including ensuring access/programs for middle-aged participants and women.	September 2020
1.6	Develop and pilot a 'Take a Family On the Land' small grant program.	December 2020
1.7	Work with Indigenous governments, harvesters, co-management partners and others, to develop and deliver harvesting training courses (for multiple demographic groups), including safety and navigation, harvesting and processing skills, and food preparation.	March 2021 and ongoing
1.8	Pilot trapper/harvester starter kits to help new trappers/harvesters with some of the equipment necessary to get started in the activity.	March 2021
1.9	Engage the private sector, post-secondary institutions and other partners to increase support for the Take a Kid Trapping Program.	March 2021 and ongoing
1.10	Support and/or facilitate community knowledge exchanges to promote knowledge sharing specific to country foods, such as traditional uses of foods, stories associated with the foods, harvesting, preparation, storage and processing.	September 2021 and ongoing
1.11	Develop a youth leadership committee, focused on country food security and climate change, to build capacity and knowledge in NWT youth.	December 2022

Objective #2:

Support communities, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, non-government organizations and other partners in pursuing sustainable livelihoods programs and services by reducing administrative burden.

Actions under Objective #2 are intended to help reduce administrative burden on communities to secure funding, and to design and implement programs. ENR plans to review its own processes to determine how to streamline them and make them more accessible, while also helping partners to access funds and develop proposals for external funding.

O2	Support communities, organizations and other partners in pursuing sustainable livelihoods programs and services by reducing administrative burden.	
Initial Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success rates of proposals supported. • Third-party funding secured for programs. • Positive evaluation from partners on support available. 	
	Action Item	Deliverable Date
2.1	Support Indigenous Guardian and/or on-the-land monitoring programs, and function as a conduit/point of contact for communities to identify GNWT programs, resources and in-kind capacity to support such programs.	Ongoing
2.2	Work with GNWT departments, the NWT On The Land Collaborative and other partners to improve coordination and collaboration for on-the-land programming and funding.	Ongoing
2.3	Work with partners to identify and secure third-party funding to support sustainable livelihoods programs and services.	Ongoing
2.4	Work with GNWT departments and other partners to develop a community funding application schedule for on-the-land/sustainable livelihoods program funding.	March 2020
2.5	Explore and pilot ways to best support communities in developing funding and program proposals for on-the-land/sustainable livelihoods activities, which could include resource materials, workshops, strategic reviews, liaison functions or application drafting assistance.	December 2020 and ongoing

Objective #3:

Strengthen communication and information about existing ENR programs and increase promotion of sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels.

The strength of our programs rests on awareness of, and access to, those programs. Promoting sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels, through sharing of stories, lessons and experiences, is also an important part of engaging communities, encouraging participation, and advocating for resources and support for partners. Actions under this Objective address communication and promotion.

O3	Strengthen communication and information about existing ENR programs and increase promotion of sustainable livelihoods at multiple levels.	
Initial Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of ENR training, harvesting programs and funding. • Lessons shared from success stories (reach). • Increased awareness of country foods across the NWT. • Number of people who participate in or experience trapper lifestyle campaign. 	
	Action Item	Deliverable Date
3.1	Develop an enhanced communication and promotional campaign for current ENR training, harvesting programs and funding.	July 2020
3.2	Work with partners to develop promotional materials to showcase community on-the-land success stories.	October 2020 and ongoing
3.3	Explore opportunities to have more ENR meetings with partners that take place on the land.	December 2020 and ongoing
3.4	Pilot NWT 'Country Food Day' and support community food celebrations.	October 2021 and ongoing
3.5	Support communities and regions developing country food materials (videos, books, pamphlets, etc.).	March 2022
3.6	Work with partners to develop a trapping lifestyle campaign to showcase historic and current NWT trappers and their stories.	March 2023

Objective #4 :

Create, promote and support opportunities for on-the-land program development.

There are many great things happening across the NWT, and there are opportunities to strengthen, expand and enhance existing initiatives and develop new ones based on needs, priorities and lessons learned. Actions under this Objective focus on areas where ENR can help to support program development. ENR can be a resource or support for partners looking to develop on-the-land programs.

O4 Promote and support opportunities for on-the-land program development.		
Initial Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and quality of partnerships strengthened and established. • Number of partners engaged in community food systems planning. 	
	Action Item	Deliverable Date
4.1	Strengthen partnerships with a variety of partners to support country food-related research, including climate change impacts to community food security.	Ongoing
4.2	Act as a resource to support partners in developing and implementing on-the-land programs for their members/organizations.	Ongoing
4.3	Work with GNWT departments, Indigenous governments and organizations, non-government organizations and other partners to identify and develop a list of equipment that is available to loan out for community on-the-land programs.	March 2020
4.4	Identify potential resources and partnerships to support community-driven harvesting programs that contribute to local food security, particularly those that support people with limited access (e.g. single parents, Elders, people dealing with addictions, people with different mobility needs, etc.).	March 2021
4.5	Support and/or facilitate community or regional food systems planning, including resources, workshops and in-kind capacity as available.	March 2021 and ongoing
4.6	Work with partners to support climate change adaptation programs that focus on harvesting, traditional economy and country food security.	March 2022 and ongoing
4.7	Explore potential opportunities for harvester equipment rebate or subsidy programs to help new and/or low-income harvesters have the basic equipment necessary to go on the land.	March 2023

Objective #5:

Ensure ENR programs run effectively, efficiently and support the people who need them.

Actions under this Objective address long-term implementation and evaluation of this Plan, as well as reviewing existing ENR programs to make sure they meet the needs of NWT residents. It is a commitment to accountability and effectiveness.

O5	Promote and support opportunities for mentorship, learning and training related to on-the-land activities for interested residents.	
Initial Performance Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory committee evaluations of progress. • NWT residents feel there is equity in programs available. • Increase in available information on programs. • Changes from program evaluations are implemented in enhanced programs. 	
	Action Item	Deliverable Date
5.1	Establish an advisory committee to guide the implementation of this Action Plan and broader ENR on-the-land initiatives.	December 2019
5.2	Develop an assessment tool for ENR on-the-land programs and services to ensure programs are equitable, inclusive and accessible as appropriate.	July 2020
5.3	Work with advisory committee to develop a comprehensive evaluation framework that draws on Indigenous evaluation frameworks and methodologies.	December 2020
5.4	Work with harvesters, Indigenous governments and organizations, co-management partners, GNWT departments and others to identify Elders and vulnerable populations who could receive country foods from harvesting programs, to promote food sharing and security.	March 2021 and ongoing
5.5	Work with renewable resource councils and boards, hunters and trappers committees, local wildlife committees, Indigenous governments and organizations, schools, GNWT departments and other partners to undertake comprehensive evaluations of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Harvesters Assistance Program (CHAP); • Harvester Disaster Compensation Program; and • Take a Kid Trapping program. 	August 2021
5.6	Work with renewable resource councils and boards, hunters and trappers committees, local wildlife committees, Indigenous governments and organizations, Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI), other GNWT departments and other partners to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program and its related sub-programs, including an examination of how to increase number of trappers in the program.	August 2021
5.7	Undertake a four-year review of Action Plan implementation.	March 2023

Appendix A

List of Meetings and Participating Governments and Organizations

This Plan was built based on engagement across the NWT. Engagement on the development of this Action Plan coincided with public engagement on a GNWT Traditional Knowledge Action Plan. Below is a list of the different engagement activities that took place.

1. Community Open Houses – 18 community open house events were held across the NWT. Some of these events were held in prospector tents. Elder facilitators (where available) and ENR staff led the discussions. Open houses were held in:

- Paulatuk February 18, 2019
- Ulukhaktok February 20, 2019
- Sambaa K'e February 21-22, 2019
- Hay River February 26, 2019
- Délįnę March 5, 2019
- Fort Resolution March 6, 2019
- Fort Good Hope March 7, 2019
- Jean Marie River March 19, 2019
- Fort MacPherson March 19, 2019
- Inuvik March 19, 2019
- Tsiigehtchic March 20, 2019
- Aklavik March 21, 2019
- Fort Liard April 3-4, 2019
- Yellowknife April 15, 2019
- Łutselk'e April 24-25, 2019
- Kátł'odeeche First Nation May 8-9, 2019
- Wekweètì May 1, 2019
- Behchokò May 7, 2019

2. Regional Meetings – Two regional workshops with delegates from Indigenous governments and organizations and co-management partners were held in Hay River (February 26-27, 2019) and Inuvik (March 19-20, 2019). The following organizations participated in these meetings:

- Aklavik Community Corporation
- Aklavik Indian Band
- Dehcho First Nations
- Deh Gáh Got'įę First Nation
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- Ehdıitat Gwich'in Council
- Fort Providence Métis Council
- Fort Resolution Métis Council
- Fort Simpson Métis Local #52
- Fort Smith Métis Council
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Gwich'in Land and Water Board
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Gwichya Gwich'in Band
- Gwichya Gwich'in Council
- Hay River Métis Council
- Inuvialuit Game Council
- Inuvik Native Band
- Kátł'odeeche First Nation
- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
- Nahʔa Dehé Dene Band
- NWT Métis Nation
- Paulatuk Community Corporation
- Pehdzeh Kı First Nation
- Sachs Harbour Community Corporation
- Sahtú Land and Water Board
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
- Smith's Landing First Nation
- Teetl'it Gwich'in Council
- Tłhets'ėhk'edéłį First Nation
- Tulita Land Corporation
- Ulukhaktok Community Corporation
- Wek'ėezhıı Land and Water Board
- West Point First Nation

3. Public Survey – A public survey was made available online to all NWT residents to gather input on barriers and challenges related to getting out on the land and/or harvesting, as well as ideas for needed actions. A total of 30 responses were received.

4. Youth Photo Essay Contest – ENR held a youth photo essay contest to engage youth (up to age 25). Youth could submit photos and written summaries of what being on the land means to them. Participants included:

- East Three School, Inuvik
- Andrew Mackenzie, Behchokò
- Tristan Liske-Abel, Yellowknife
- Y. Hong, Yellowknife

5. A meeting with non-government organizations – ENR held a half day meeting open to non-government organizations to discuss actions and opportunities for collaboration.

The following organizations participated:

- Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning
- NWT Literacy Council
- NWT Recreation and Parks Association

6. Advisory Committee Workshop – ENR held a 2.5 day workshop from May 28-30, 2019, at Aurora Village, with representatives from regional Indigenous governments and GNWT departments to review the results of engagement and to discuss future actions. Participants included:

- Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- GNWT – Department of Finance
- Nah?à Dehé Dene Band
- GNWT – Department of Health and Social Services
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- GNWT – Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- NWT Métis Nation
- Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated

7. Individual Indigenous Government and Organization Meetings – three individual meetings took place during the engagement period:

- Hay River Métis Council April 30, 2019
- West Point First Nation May 3, 2019
- Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute June 10, 2019







www.enr.gov.nt.ca