



YUKON NORTH SLOPE CONFERENCE 2025: INDIGENOUS CONSERVATION ECONOMIES

January 28 - 30, 2025 | Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre | Whitehorse, Yukon

Agenda

DAY 1: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Registration | South Lobby** | Coffee and baked goods provided
- 9:00–10:30am **Conference Open | Longhouse**
- Performance | Aklavik Drummers and Dancers
 - Opening Prayer | Annie B. Gordon, Nellie Arey, Billy Storr
 - Territorial Welcome | Chief Smith (Kwanlin Dün First Nation) & Chief Massie (Ta'an Kwäch'än Council)
 - Welcoming remarks from host organizations | Minister John Streicker (Yukon Government), Chair Dean Arey (Inuvialuit Game Council), Chair Jennifer Smith (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)
 - Remarks from Conference Co-Chairs | Evelyn Storr and Lindsay Staples
- 10:30–11:00am **Break** | Refreshments & snacks provided
- 11:00am–12:00pm **Indigenous Conservation Economies: Looking Back to Move Forward | Longhouse**
- Keynote talk | Hereditary Chief Frank Brown, Heiltsuk Nation (Bella Bella) and Senior Advisor to the Indigenous Leadership Initiative
- 12:00–1:00pm **Lunch provided | Longhouse**
- 1:00 – 2:30pm **Indigenous Leadership and Partnerships | Longhouse**
- Panel discussion | Jim Goudie (Nunatsiavut Government), Lisa Pirie (Canadian Wildlife Service), Gillian Staveley (Dena Kayeh Institute), Mark Wedge (Carcross/Tagish First Nation)
- 2:30 – 3:00pm **Break** | Refreshments & snacks provided
- 3:00 – 3:45pm **Breakout Discussions | Various Locations** (See your registration package for details)
- 3:45 – 4:00pm **Day One Closing Reflections | Longhouse**
- 4:00 – 6:00pm **Sharing Food and Growing Connections (Booths) | South Lobby** | Drinks & appies provided
- A space to learn and connect. See your registration package for details.



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

- 8:00 – 8:30 am Coffee and baked goods provided
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Guardians and On the Land - Supporting Community and Culture | Longhouse**
- Panel discussion | Tanya Ball (Dena Kayeh Institute), Hunter Lyall (Aqviqtuuq Guardians), Carol Oyagak (Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee)
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Break | Refreshments & snacks provided**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm **Breakout Sessions | Various Locations** (see your registration package for details)
- **Legal frameworks to Promote the Exercise of Indigenous Rights | Artist Studio**
 - John Donihee (Donihee Law), Lindsay Staples (Conference Co-Chair), Mark Wedge (Carcross Tagish First Nation)
 - **Designing and Implementing Successful Guardians Programs | Longhouse**
 - Tanya Ball (Dena Kayeh Institute), Amos Scott (Northern Indigenous Stewardship Circle), Gillian Staveley (Dena Kayeh Institute)
 - **Stories From the Land, by Those Who Take Care of It | Multi-Purpose Room**
 - Jennifer Brunet-Rentechem (Land Needs Guardians), Twyla Edgi-Masuzumi (K'ahsho Got'ine Guardians), Dolcy Meness (Nagadjitodjig Aki Guardians)
- 12:00-1:00pm **Lunch provided | Longhouse**
- 1:00 – 2:00pm **Group Reflection | Longhouse**
- 2:00 – 2:15pm **Break | Refreshments & snacks provided**
- 2:15 – 3:45pm **Tea and Bannock Conversations | Various Locations** (see your registration package for details)
- Meet and learn from Indigenous Conservation Economies practitioners and share in conversations over tea and bannock.
- 3:45 – 4:15pm **Day Two Closing Reflections | Longhouse**
- 6:00pm – late **Yukon North Slope Banquet | Longhouse**

Join us for an evening celebrating Inuvialuit culture and the Yukon North Slope, including: Presentation of the Yukon North Slope Conservation Awards, screening of Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Traditional Conservation Area Film, Aklavik Drummers and Dancers Performance, Old Time Dance, and Jigging Contest!



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DAY 3: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

- 8:00 - 8:30am Coffee and baked goods provided
- 8:30 - 8:45am **Day Three Welcome**
- 8:45 - 10:15am **Indigenous Conservation Finance | Longhouse**
- Panel | Frank Brown (Heiltsuk Nation (Bella Bella) and Indigenous Leadership Initiative), Dennis Sizemore (Escudilla International)
- 10:15 - 10:45am **Break | Refreshments & snacks provided**
- 10:45am - 12:00pm **Indigenous Conservation Finance | Longhouse**
- Case study of Thaidene Néné | Iris Catholique (Thaidene Néné), Stephanie Poole (Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation), Steve Ellis (MakeWay Foundation)
- 12:00 - 2:00pm **Lunch (provided) and Conference Close | Longhouse**
- Co-Chair closing remarks | Evelyn Storr and Lindsay Staples
 - Inuvialuit leadership reflections | Dean Arey (Inuvialuit Game Council) & Billy Storr (Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Working Group)
 - Inuvialuit future leader reflections | Katelyn Storr (Inuvialuit Game Council), Jodie Maring (Joint Secretariat), Jessica Norris & Kendra Tingmiak (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Kayla Hansen-Craik & Jessica Stewart (Inuvialuit Marine Protected Areas), Jessi Pascal (Parks Canada)
 - Closing prayer | Annie B. Gordon, Nellie Arey, Billy Storr

