

BOOTH GUIDE

January 28, 2025 - 4-6pm

KDCC South Lobby - Appetizers Provided

ORGANIZATION	KEYWORDS
Arctic Eider Society	Protected areas, cultural programs, guardians, employment, self-determination in research, climate monitoring, harvesters/land users, data sovereignty
Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board	Community-based monitoring, wildlife, fisheries, building on local skills, training programs
T'akhu Â Tlèn Conservancy	Conservation, land stewardship jobs, funding, capacity building, and cultural revitalization
Parks Canada	Monitoring, data collection, job opportunities, partnerships
Tarium Niryutait + Anguniaqvia Niqiyuam Marine Protected Areas	Indigenous led, community-based monitoring, employment and mentorship opportunities, federal designation/federal funding
To Swim and Speak With Salmon	Youth advocacy, salmon conservation, cultural education, leadership development
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Land-based careers/guardianship, Indigenous salmon management, heritage research
K'ahsho Got'ine Foundation	Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, land-based careers/guardianship, youth training, environmental monitoring, cultural programming
Northern Indigenous Stewardship Circle	Building connections among guardians, capacity building, Indigenous unity, community-led, resources sharing
Kativik Regional Government	Setting up guardian programs, skill building, land-based careers
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation	Guardianship and land-based careers
Environmental Impact Screening Committee	On/Offshore development, co-management, environmental assessment, summer internships, engagement
Northwest Boreal Partnership	Partnerships in conservation, connecting to share resources and information
Porcupine Caribou Management Board	Community-led collaborative management, caribou conservation planning
University of British Columbia	Climate change, research, Qikiqtaruk, partnerships
Yukon Government Archeology	Heritage, archaeology, coastal erosion, climate change, Qikiqtaruk
Yukon Conservation Society	Conservation, partnerships

DAY 1 BREAKOUTS

January 28, 2025 – 3-3:45pm

GROUP NUMBER	LOCATION AND HOST
1	Hallway Craig Machtans (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Canada Alternate Member, Canadian Wildlife Service)
2	Multi-Purpose Room Marc Cattet (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Yukon Member, Government of Yukon)
3	Library Room 1 Kaitlin Wilson (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Program Director)
4	Longhouse Group 1 Jennifer Smith (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Chair)
5	Artist Studio Jen Lam (Joint Secretariat Executive Director)
6	Classroom A Jodie Maring (Joint Secretariat Committee Program Manager)
7	Longhouse Group 2 Deana Lemke (Porcupine Caribou Management Board Executive Director)
8	Library Room 2 Joe Tetlich (Porcupine Caribou Management Board Chair)
9	Classroom B Jaylene Goorts (Government of Yukon North Slope Project Biologist)
10	Multi-Purpose Room Kayla Hansen-Craik (Joint Secretariat Marine Protected Area Coordinator)

TEA AND BANNOCK GUIDE

January 29, 2025 - 2:30-4pm

STATION AND HOST

Storytelling | Renie Arey and Nellie Arey (Aklavik)

Data Sovereignty | Neomi Jayaratne (Arctic Eider Society)

Oikiqtaruk Park Rangers Program | Richard Gordon (Oikiqtaruk Park Rangers)

Guardians Education | Norma Kassi (Yukon University)

Building Your Network | Steve Ellis (MakeWay Foundation)

Inuit Stewardship in Nunavik | Michael Cameron & Steven Kleist (Kativik Regional Government)

Inuvialuit-led Monitoring | Michelle Gruben, Trudy Kogiak, Katelyn Storr (Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee & Inuvialuit Game Council)

Indigenous Climate Leadership | Jordan Peterson (Affinity North)

IPCA Planning | Jared Gonet (Yukon University) & Kaitlin Wilson (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NS))

Youth in Stewardship | Hunter Lyall (Aqviqtuuq Guardians)

Crafting Economies | Sharon Kerr and Colleen Henry

Implementing IPCAs and Conservancies | Iris Catholique (Thaidene Nëné), Aimee Schmidt (T'akluu'ê Tlàn Conservancy)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Listen to Inuvialuit Elders tell stories about the Yukon North Slope, being on the land, and passing on knowledge to tomorrow's leaders. Located in the **Longhouse Wall Tent**.

Learn how the SIKU app and web platform can be used to support harvesters, Indigenous-led monitoring projects and data sovereignty. Located in **Classroom A**.

The Oikiqtaruk Rangers is a long-standing program providing Inuvialuit stewardship of Oikiqtaruk-Herschel Island. Come chat with Richard about what's made this program a success and how he's mentored the Oikiqtaruk Rangers. Located in **Classroom B**.

Learn about a project exploring approaches to coordinate Guardians programs and Guardians education in the Yukon. Located in the **Artist Studio**.

Come chat about how to approach foundations, find funders who fit with your needs and priorities, and grow your network of supporters. Located in the **Multi-Purpose Room**.

The Uumajuit Wardens program is long-standing and combines marine conservation, terrestrial and freshwater protection, and harvest and wildlife monitoring. Learn also about the community harvest support program in Nunavik. Located in the **Longhouse**.

Come talk to Michelle, Trudy and Katelyn about how Inuvialuit, and the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee, are establishing and growing Inuvialuit-led monitoring and harvest support programs to get people out on the land and empower communities. Located in the **Longhouse**.

Learn about how communities and individuals can grow their capacity to skillfully navigate negotiations to build partnership and strengthen local conservation economies, with a focus on climate leadership and clean energy. Located in **Library Room 1**.

Jared and Kaitlin are co-hosting a space for those involved in IPCA planning to gather, connect, and ask questions about the planning process. Located in **Library Room 2**.

Chat with a Youth Guardian representing the Hapumiyiit (Guardians) Program in Taloyoak, NU and how they are working to create the Aqviqtuuq Inuit Protected and Conserved Area on the Boothia Peninsula. Located in the **Hallway**.

Pick up a beading kit, learn from an experienced beader, and take your work into the wall tent to listen to Elder stories. Located in the **Longhouse**.

Learn about the ins and outs of implementing an Indigenous-led Conservation Area from those with first hand experience. Located in the **Multi-Purpose Room**.

DAY 2 BREAKOUTS

January 29, 2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

SESSION AND HOST

Legal Frameworks to Promote the Exercise of Indigenous Rights

John Donihee (Donihee Law), Lindsay Staples (Conference Co-Chair), Mark Wedge (Carcross Tagish First Nation)

Designing and Implementing Successful Guardians Programs

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

Jennifer Brunet-Rentechem (Land Needs Guardians), Twyla Edgi-Masuzumi (K'ahsho Got'ine Guardians), Dolcy Meness (Nagadjitodjig Aki Guardians)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

This breakout group is an opportunity to dive deeper into the topics discussed in the Indigenous Leadership and Partnerships panel. Explore some of the frameworks and governance models available for Indigenous-led conservation that enhance Indigenous rights and provide economic benefits to communities, and where the future of this work is headed. Located in the **Artist Studio**.

Learn about the Dene Nan Yedah - the Kaska Land Guardian Program, including its history and timeline, from Tanya Ball, the program coordinator. Tanya will also share tools and strategies available to support Guardians and Guardian programs, including the Guardian Toolkit, SIKU App, Orientation Binder, Survey 123, and others. Amos Scott will provide an overview of the Northern Indigenous Stewardship Circle and how the Circle supports Guardians across the North. Gillian will speak about the National Guardians Network and the role the Network plays in supporting Guardians across Canada. Located in the **Longhouse**.

The Community Storytellers Project consists of Guardians or "Storytellers" producing short videos about the many ways the Guardians in their community are protecting the lands and waters of their territory. The Land Needs Guardians Campaign then shares these videos on their social media channels; together we help spread awareness and build public support for federal investment in Indigenous Guardian programs across the country.

In today's practical hands-on workshop, there will be three stations, each operated by a seasoned Storyteller, where participants will be able to explore the development, production, editing, and distribution involved in the Storytellers' video-making process.

The goal of this workshop is for Guardians to gain knowledge and skills on the best practices for storytelling, communications, and outreach. A sign-up sheet to join the Land Needs Guardians' Community Storytellers Project will also be available at the workshop. Located in the **Multi-Purpose Room**.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

To support your participation

WELCOME TO THE 2025 YUKON NORTH SLOPE CONFERENCE

We're so glad you decided to join us in Whitehorse. To support you in making the most of the next three days, we wanted to share a few notes.

The North Slope Conference is a requirement of a modern-day land claim agreement, the 1984 **Inuvialuit Final Agreement**, signed by the Inuvialuit, Canada, and Yukon. The purpose of the conference is "...to promote public discussion among Indigenous people, governments, and the private sector with respect to management coordination for the Yukon North Slope."

The theme for the 2025 Yukon North Slope Conference is **Indigenous Conservation Economies**: traditional and local Indigenous economic systems that are deeply intertwined with land stewardship. We will discuss and showcase the growing ways that Indigenous peoples are shaping their traditional economies to thrive across a variety of sectors and geographies, including: Indigenous-led conservation areas and conservation finance, harvesting and on-the-land support, guardians and monitoring programs, climate adaptation initiatives, ecotourism, research economies, and artistry.

The **objectives** of the 2025 Yukon North Slope Conference are:

- **Supporting each other** in growing Indigenous Conservation Economies by connecting people and sharing resources.
- **Learning together** by listening to people working on Indigenous Conservation Economies and sharing what we know.
- **Celebrating the Yukon North Slope** and sharing knowledge, and stories from the Inuvialuit Settlement region.

Throughout the Conference, we encourage a few things:

- We'd like to ask our guests to **consider showing up mindfully throughout the gathering**. Indigenous Conservation Economies is at its heart a centering of Indigenous leadership and vision. If you are not Indigenous, we ask that you practice **listening**, be **mindful** of the airtime you take up and what you might be **asking** of Indigenous colleagues, and we encourage you to participate **thoughtfully**. For our Indigenous guests, we invite you to share in whatever ways feel most comfortable to you...and please don't hesitate to speak to one of the co-chairs if you have any concerns.
- We hope that you, our guests, find time to **connect** with each other in ways big and small through our time together. **Connection** and **right relationship** are guiding values in this work of nurturing Indigenous Conservation Economies and we hope you experience them here.

We'd like to highlight a few opportunities to **connect** with each other, **share** knowledge, experiences, and culture, and **support** Indigenous Conservation Economies:

- **"Sharing Food and Growing Connections"**, our booth session, (4-6pm on Jan 28), provides the chance for guests to connect with Indigenous Conservation Economy related programs and opportunities, and chat with the people involved.
- The **silent auction** offers a beautiful way to support and bring home a piece of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region Conservation Economy!
- All **talks** and **panels** will include an audience question component, so please bring your questions.
- We have **breakout groups** on day one and day two, and we invite all our guests to participate actively, at your own comfort level - whatever that means for you.
- The **Tea and Bannock Conversations** session (2:15-3:45 pm on Jan 29) is an opportunity to sit down and chat with Indigenous Conservation Economy practitioners on a variety of topics.
- The **Conference Banquet** (6pm-late on Jan 29) is a celebration of the Yukon North Slope and the new Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Traditional Conservation Area. It's a chance to immerse yourself in Inuvialuit culture, and will include a performance from the **Aklavik Drummers and Dancers, old time dance with fiddle and guitar music, jigging contest, and prizes!**