

# IRM WORKSHOP

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- IRM sets out in advance the objectives of resource management and facilitates their achievement through decision making processes that cooperative and focused on what has been established as the public good.
- The debate is then centred on *how* to reach the objective rather than *what* it is.
- Antithesis is traditional “stove pipe” approach-decisions based solely on narrow vision of legislation without strategically considering other issues and values.
- Action:
  - Sustainable Development Policy.
  - Common legislative objectives for integrated resource management.
  - Integrated resource information systems.
  - Cooperative management through team structures.
  - Organizational change (team approach).



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- 1<sup>st</sup> Theme: Resource management in Yukon is under significant strain
  - A major challenge will be breaking down bureaucratic barriers, especially in light of devolution.
  - The constraint of existing legislation should be carefully considered in introducing IRM across levels of government.
  - How do independent boards and agencies fit into IRM ?
  - FNs have jurisdictional authority over some Yukon resources.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Theme: Significant change is occurring in Yukon driven by devolution and land claims—change presents opportunities and challenges.
  - ➔ There is a healthy skepticism that long term political commitment is possible (“hot and cold” analogy)
  - ➔ There is also a requirement for strong executive level leadership.
  - ➔ Gaining support from public/industry/FNs stakeholders



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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Theme: Broad Agreement that IRM has potential to be an important tool to assist in effective resource management.
  - IRM must be designed to fit jurisdiction reality
  - IRM is linked to other resource management process such as Land Use Planning
  - IRM by its nature is inclusive and must include all resource sectors to be effective
  - Does EA provide an effective mechanism for achieving IRM.
  - Some sectors of government are practicing cooperative resource management.
  - Interim tools such as Sensivity Mapping/Landscape Value can serve to meeting some of the objectives of IRM
  - Mechanisms for bringing forward field experiences in relation to IRM process and subsequent decisions (feedback) are important for keeping the systems current.
  - Common information bases are seen as fundamental to IRM
  - Establishment of an IRM Champion
  - IRM can help determine legal rights



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- Model of IRM for Yukon
  - Build upon what you have-change as necessary-cultural adjustment
  - Information- should not constrain the release of existing data
  - Clear about “Yukon” IRM
  - Need for context for IRM-formalized structure
  - Drilling IRM into operational decision levels
  - Accountability (measurable)



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- Advancing IRM for Yukon
  - clearly define IRM and how it is to be applied
  - support political objectives- public acceptance of IRM required (timing issue)
  - develop “pilot” area/process to demonstrate effectiveness of IRM
  - development of “best practices”
  - live up to IRM principles now

