

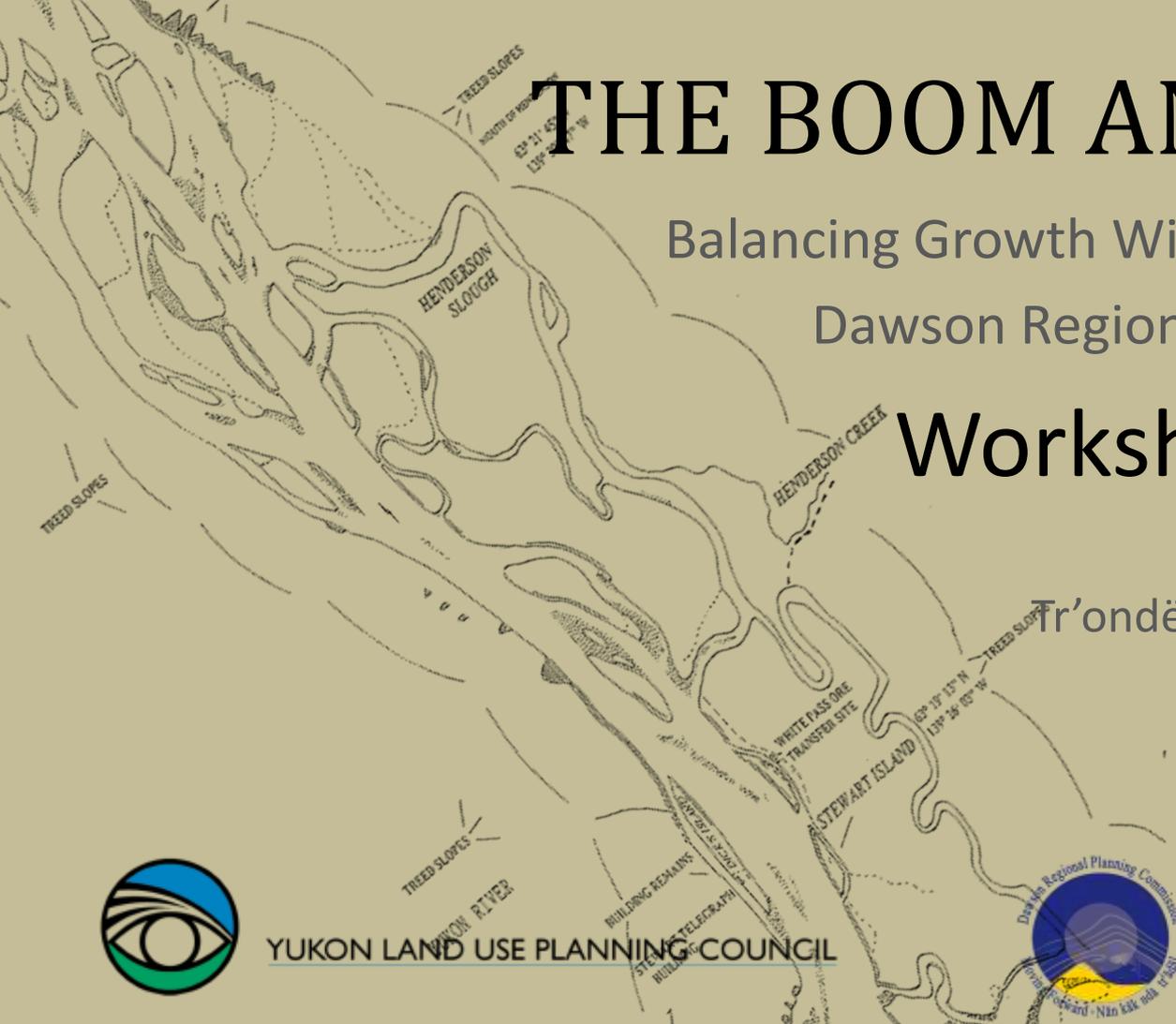


THE BOOM AND BEYOND

Balancing Growth With A Sustainable Future
Dawson Regional Planning Conference

Workshop Outcomes

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall
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Workshop #1

How Much is Too Much?

This workshop examined the challenges commissions face at the options scenario stage, where they must choose between potential future states for the region and develop a draft plan.

Modeling, cumulative effects assessment and land designation ratios are potential tools for creating and expressing the “workable” balance that appears in the draft plan.



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Workshop #1

Group 1 Key Messages

Engagement with the Approval Bodies

Use several indicators and planning tools during planning process that fit the Yukon landscape/context

Collect foundational resource assessment info and issues and interests at the start of the planning process

Allow for evolution and iterative development of a plan that is proactive



Workshop #1

Group 2 Key Messages

Ask the right people for info/input, ask the right questions

Be explicit and transparent about values, tools, and implications of decisions

Clearly define spatial and temporal parameters for scenarios

Accept that trade-offs will be required – find compromise and common interests



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Group 3 Key Messages

Flexibility if new minerals found

Need guidance but must be simple

Measurable indicators needed



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Workshop #1

Group 4 Key Messages

Iterative decision making needed

Recognize uncertainty about the future

Live within limits

Recognize when you are making irrevocable changes (think hard about the consequences)



Workshop #1

Group 5 Key Messages

Transparent process

Flexibility in time and space

Incorporate thresholds

Sustainability rather than trade-offs



Workshop #1

General Outcomes

Iterative process with key groups

Transparency of process

Recognize that there will be trade-offs



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Workshop #2

How Much is Enough?

This workshop examined the challenges commissions face as they develop a framework for the protection of areas of significant ecological and cultural values.

Participants considered the consequences of the conservation assessment work of a commission, and its relationship with the cumulative effects management strategies of the workshop #1.



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Workshop #2

Group 1 Key Messages

Need a tool or model that integrates and synthesizes but must be understandable to the public

Consensus Model – find areas of agreement

CE approaches can address some conflicts but not all

Broad but relevant information gathering is key: local/traditional knowledge



Workshop #2

Group 2 Key Messages

Recognize all resource potential: mineral, forest, heritage

Need to incorporate local/traditional knowledge

Practical, efficient, implementable
understandable management regime



Workshop #2

Group 3 Key Messages

Recognize selectiveness in data interpretation

Better communication between current land users

Cost benefit analysis and risk assessment for full cost accounting

Full cost accounting required



Workshop #2

Group 4 Key Messages

Lack of "pan-regional" integration in regional planning processes

Need baseline and historic data to monitor so "the truth" is known

Economic self-sufficiency is desirable and not be traded off

Cumulative effects needs to be more comprehensive



Workshop #2

Group 5 Key Messages

Ground truthing Ecoregions important

Economic and cultural assessment needs same level of research/attention as conservation

Plans need to identify "core" values and build them into plan

Plan should use Adaptive Management Strategy



Workshop #2

General Outcomes

Conservation assessment needs matching economic potential assessment

Use local/traditional knowledge when doing assessment work

Information sources should to be comprehensive



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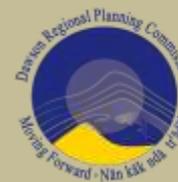
Most thought provoking message*:

Recognize when you are making
irrevocable changes (think hard
about the consequences)

*as selected by one conference organizer



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