

ONE OUTFITTER'S PERSPECTIVE: PETERSON'S POINT LAKE LODGE



PRESENTATION TO THE WEK'EÈEZHÌ RENEWABLE RESOURCE BOARD





Outfitter Contributions

- ▶ economic
- ▶ shared knowledge
- ▶ research assistance
- ▶ sharing meat

Wise Management



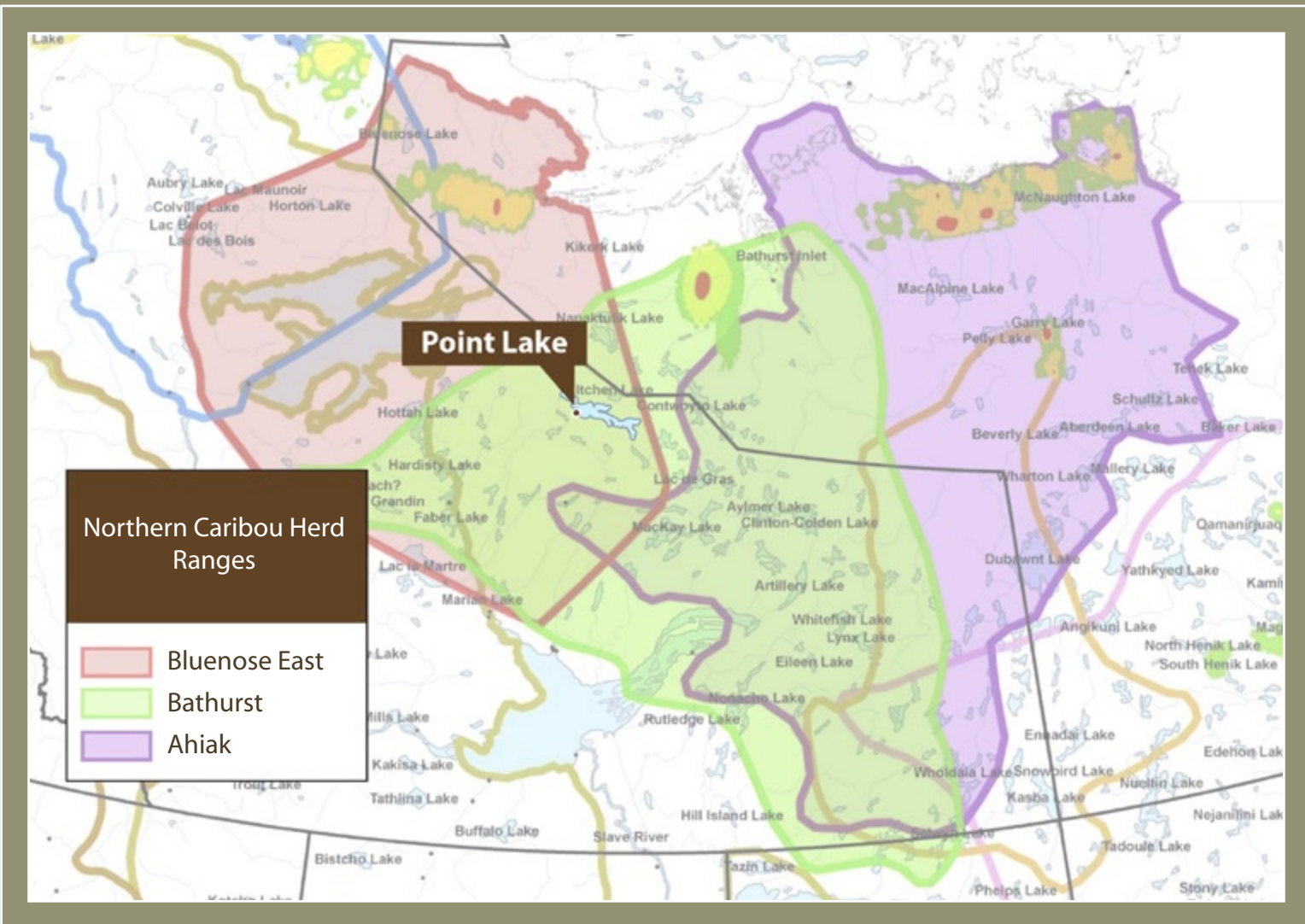
Outfitters Barren Ground Harvest Levels

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Peterson's Caribou Tags

Year	Issued	Used
2006	100	85
2007	83	76
2008	39	37
2009	72	71







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Barren Ground Caribou Harvests

Year - Bathurst (Population Survey Results)	Outfitter Harvests	Peterson's
2006 - 128,000	727 (0.5%)	85 (0.06%)
2007 - unknown	605 (0.9%)	76
2008 - unknown	419 (0.8%)	37
2009 - 32,000	223 (0.7%)	71 (0.2%)

NOTE: These percentages are only accurate if harvested bulls are exclusively from the Bathurst herd. ENR has reported the outfitter's harvest bulls from neighbouring herds, thereby reducing the harvest levels on the Bathurst herd.

ENR/GNWT

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each outfitter

75

tags for both 2009 and 2010

What we wish to discuss today

- ▶ our respect for caribou
- ▶ issues board should address
- ▶ comments on proposed management actions
- ▶ go-forward suggestions

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GNWT and Outfitters

2007 – GNWT reduced tags.
Outfitters requested two
years notice for any further
reduction.

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In 2008 GNWT confirmed

750

tags for the 2009 and 2010
seasons

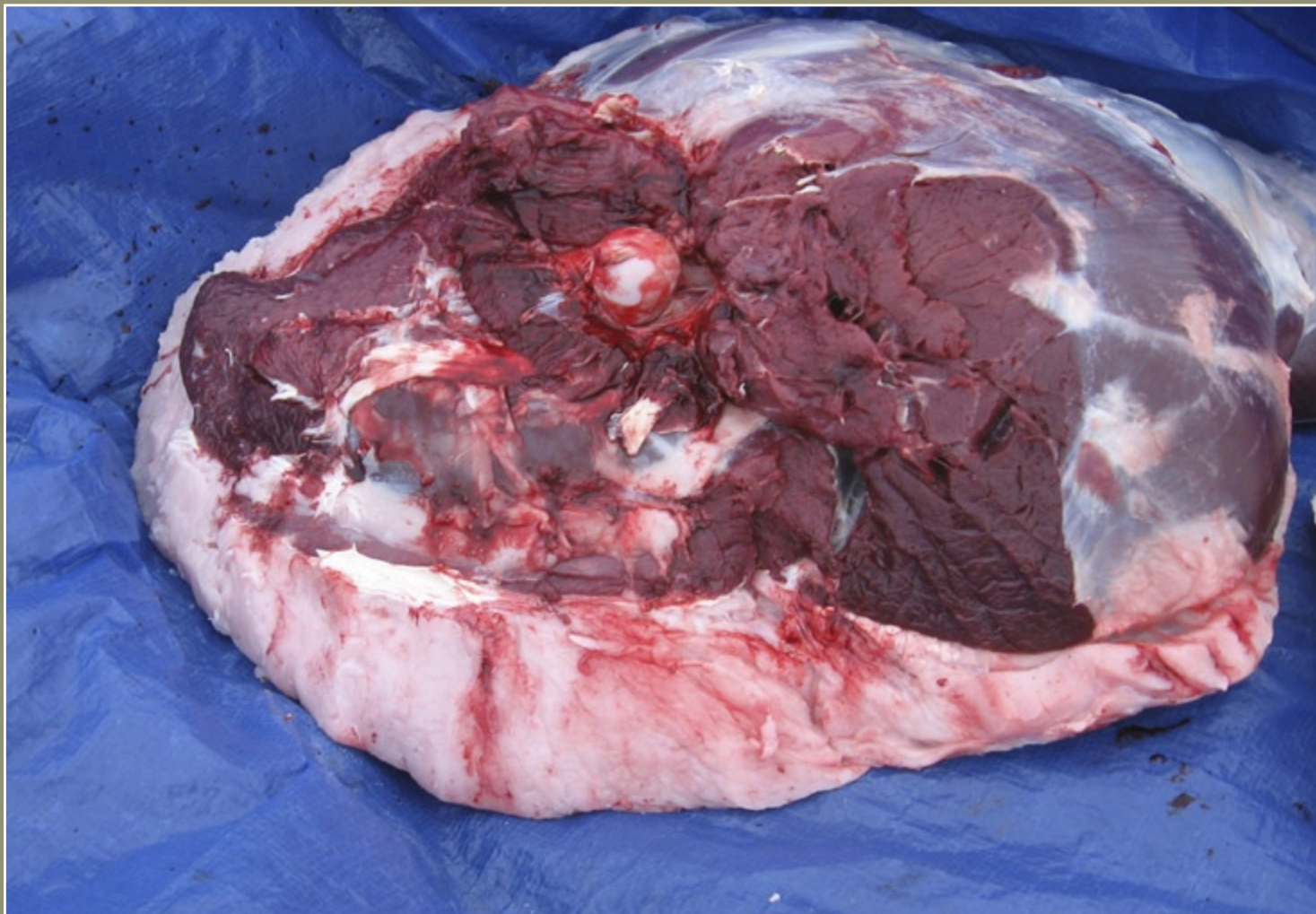


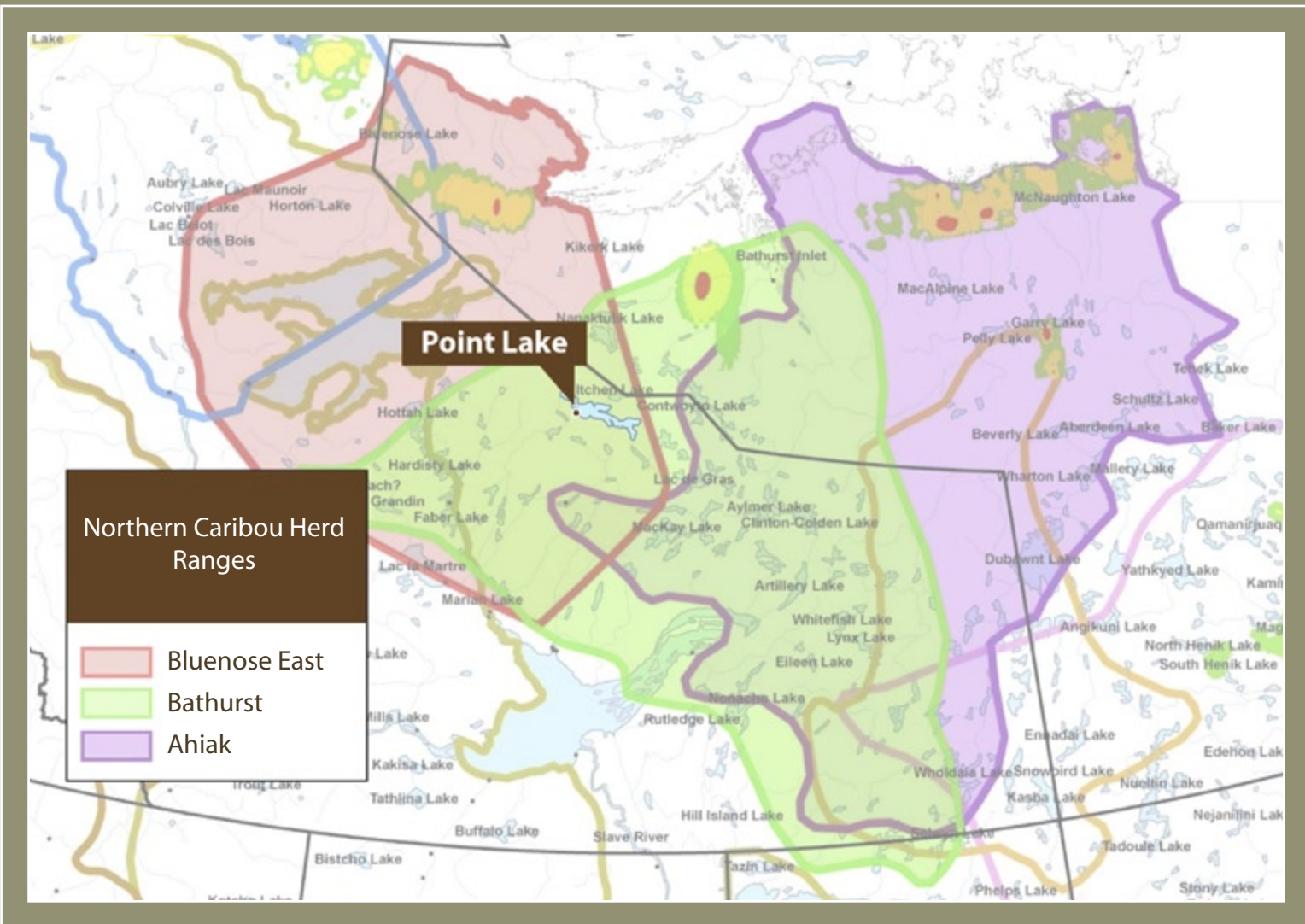












Issues

What happened to
150,000
caribou?

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2003 – 186,000 caribou

2009 – 31,900 caribou

Gone – 154,100 caribou

Why?

- ▶ Disease?
- ▶ Calving?
- ▶ Predators?
- ▶ Mining?
- ▶ Flooding?

Where did the caribou go?

Outfitters – 750 tags/year

Resident
hunters – 250 - 400/year

Aboriginal – 7,500 to 12,000/year

Where did the caribou go?

Total 8,500 to 13,500 caribou
harvested per year

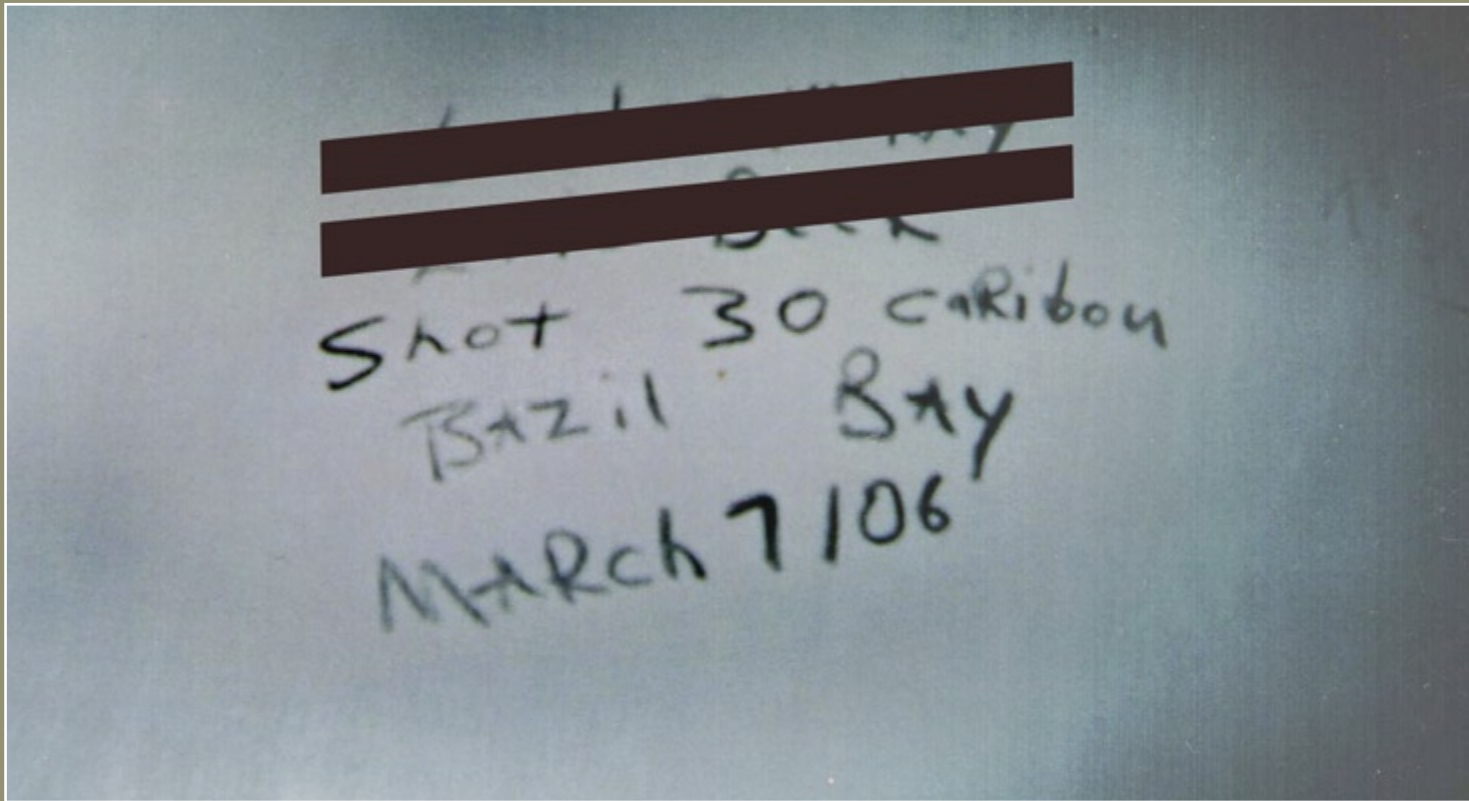
Or

50,000 to 80,000
over six years

Where did the caribou go?

- ▶ Other pressures on the herd:
Excessive hunting???

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~~_____~~
went for ~~the~~ a hunt on
Jan 22 2006. we got
45



**What are the real
reasons for the
perceived decline of
the caribou herd?**

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in planning.

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**Concern
for the
caribou**



What losses do we fear?

- ▶ our control
- ▶ our rights
- ▶ our businesses
- ▶ our jobs
- ▶ our livelihood
- ▶ our traditional food
- ▶ our culture
- ▶ our lifestyle







Thank you - Peterson's Point Lake Lodge

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