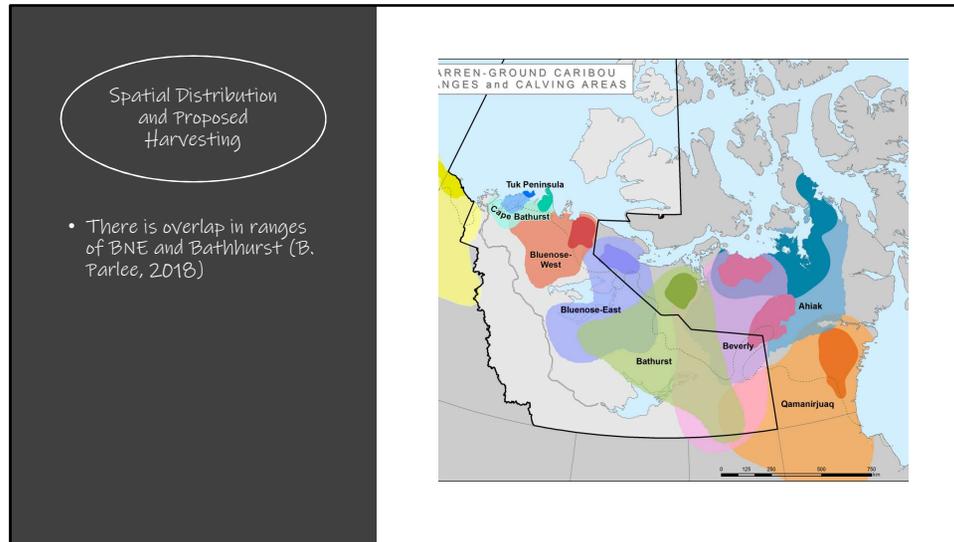




Joint Management Proposal for BNE Caribou Herd

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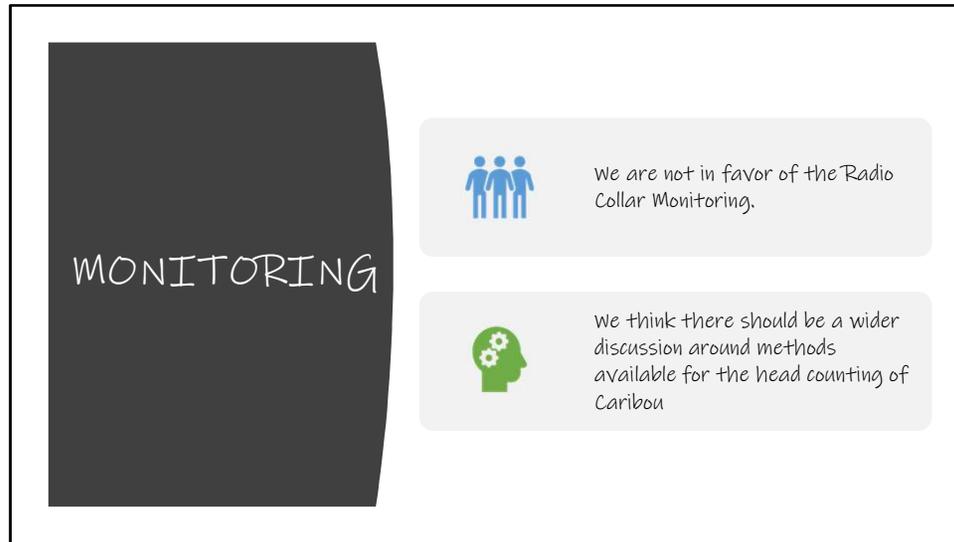
The Caribou saved us without them we will not survive. We are in favor of Conservation and further encouraged by the hands on involvement of the the Tlcho



(B. Parlee 2018) identifies clear overlaps in calving areas and ranges. Therefore, the plan for management should give some consideration to this and how this management plan will impact harvesting within range of the Bathurst Herd with which Parlee highlights the overlap. How will overlaps be dealt with? This also could be point potential conflict between groups such as the YKDFN who are traditionally harvesters of both. It is for this reason that the Chiefs of YKDFN do not agree with the 6 bull per year quota.



There needs to be a better understanding as to the what really is happening with the caribou in the NWT. We have a serious problem and we think there has to be more effort amongst us as First Nation and the GNWT in understanding what exactly is going on, we fail to believe that predation is the main contributing factor, there are other factors at play which quite frankly we are yet to understand.



The chiefs of the YKDFN, are not in favor of monitoring with radio collars (tags). This is not how caribou monitoring has been done by Dene peoples. The best way to understand those species is right there on the land. You have to interact with them. You have to watch them daily. Watch what they eat. Watch what they do. Aboriginal people learn by watching the behavior of ekwò. We don't learn about wildlife remotely. We learn by being in the field, by being with ekwò all the time.

Furthermore, there has to be a general review of the methods for head counting caribou, particularly the quoted marginal error are +/- 24/25% of the estimated count.

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