

How Can a Plan Fulfill this Purpose?

A Planners' Perspective



Vision and Goals

- Vision describes what future is wanted for the region
- Opportunity to look long term, big picture, consider trends, change and uncertainty
- About values – what is important
- Foundation for all other parts of the plan
- Examples



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- ◉ The renewable resource-based lifestyle of the residents will be maintained.
- ◉ Wildlife populations will be managed so that they continue to meet the needs of the young and growing population. The concept of sustainable development will be widely applied, through the conservation of the region's natural and cultural resources, the establishment of protected areas, and the promotion of self-reliant, long-term, sustainable economic growth in both the renewable and nonrenewable sectors.



Sahtu Land Use Plan: Sahtu Vision

- ◉ The ecological integrity of the region is maintained. The land, water and natural resources on which people depend are clean, healthy and abundant.
- ◉ The region has cultural integrity. People use the land as they always have for hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, spiritual renewal and healing. Elders are respected and play a central role in passing down the language, traditional skills, knowledge, stories and importance of the land to community leaders and the youth, strengthening cultural and spiritual connections to the land.
- ◉ Long-term economic planning has resulted in strong renewable and non-renewable industries, providing economic self-sufficiency and stability, and employment diversity for the region. Residents are able to find work in their communities and on the land. Good access and infrastructure in the region reduces the cost of power, goods and services. A strong emphasis on training has created a skilled workforce to maximize employment and business opportunities.

Knowledge and Uncertainty

- ◉ relevant to understanding the issue
- ◉ scientific, traditional, local knowledge
- ◉ Uncertainty – will never know it all
- ◉ Plan has to address uncertainty about values, land uses, future, change



Options and Choices

- ◉ Plan examines range of ways to deal with issues that fulfill vision and goals
- ◉ Spatial (mapped) alternatives and non-mappable directions for how land use is carried out
- ◉ Plan presents a choice of land use direction for the future





To fulfill its purpose in land
and resource management a plan:

- ◉ defines Vision and Goals - How to define what future we want for this region?
- ◉ examines Interests and Issues – How to identify who will be affected and the land use issues of concern?
- ◉ uses Knowledge and addresses Uncertainty – How to provide timely, relevant knowledge? What happens when we don't know everything?
- ◉ identifies Land Use Options and defines Choices – How do alternatives get defined? How to make choices that fulfill the Vision?