



Yukon Land Use Planning Council

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TOTAL IMPACT: OUR COLLECTIVE FOOTPRINT

Managing Cumulative Effects on People and the Environment

March 12 & 13, 2019

8:00am (breakfast) 8:30am session start – 5:00pm

WORKSHOP THEME

Total Impact: Our Collective Footprint is a two-day workshop that will explore the challenges of managing cumulative effects on Yukon communities and landscapes. Sometimes referred to as “death by a thousand cuts”, cumulative effects highlight how the impacts from a single development may be insignificant, but when combined with other developments may contribute to a total impact that is significant. At the heart of this concern, is the longstanding challenge of how these types of impacts are assessed, permitted and regulated on a project-by-project basis and, on a regional basis, how they are managed and monitored.

WORKSHOP PURPOSE*

The purpose of this gathering is to build understanding about the nature and scope of the problem of cumulative effects, the barriers to addressing it, and the role that landscape and regional planning and other strategies could contribute to overcoming them.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop format is generally informal to promote dialogue. Several small panels of experienced observers will share their views to stimulate discussions in small break-out groups. The views from these small group discussions will be discussed in the larger conference session and contribute to recommended regional planning practices and strategies. ***The results of this workshop depend heavily on the contributions of the participants!*** The intent is that all participants can learn from one another and benefit from informed and frank discussion. The approach is practical, collaborative and results-oriented. A conference report will be circulated to all participants and interested parties for their reference and use.

**This workshop is intended for Yukon First Nations, Council of Yukon First Nations, UFA Boards and Committees, and Government of Yukon and Canada.*

MARCH 12, 2019

DAY ONE:

THE PROBLEM AND CONSEQUENCE

How do we understand regional environmental and socio-economic effects that combine to build over time (also known as cumulative effects) and what are the consequences of failing to effectively address them?

MORNING 8:30–12:00

Session one: Welcoming and Opening Remarks, Keynote Address (Lindsay Staples), a Panel Session: *“Bearing Witness to Change”*: reflections from elders about changes in society and the environment. A break-out session will follow.

AFTERNOON* 1:00–5:00

Session two: *“The Changing Nature of Nature”* Panel session: perspectives of regional biologists and others about changes to the land. A break-out session will follow.

MARCH 13, 2019

DAY TWO:

THE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTION

What are the challenges in addressing cumulative effects from the perspective of environmental assessment, effects management and effects monitoring

MORNING 8:30–12:00

Session Three: *“The Governance Challenge”* a panel will explore how cumulative effects are dealt with in our governance structure, barriers to assessing, managing and monitoring cumulative effects, why success to date has been elusive and who has the responsibility for addressing these challenges. A break-out group will follow.

AFTERNOON* 1:00–5:00

Session Four: *“Remedies for All that Ails Us”* The afternoon session concludes with a panel and break-out groups that will explore how regional land use planning, regional sector-specific plans (e.g. wildlife) and regional and strategic environmental assessments can contribute to effective cumulative effects management. A break-out group will follow.

What are strategies and initiatives to address the challenges in establishing effective cumulative effects management?



*Lunch and refreshments will be provided