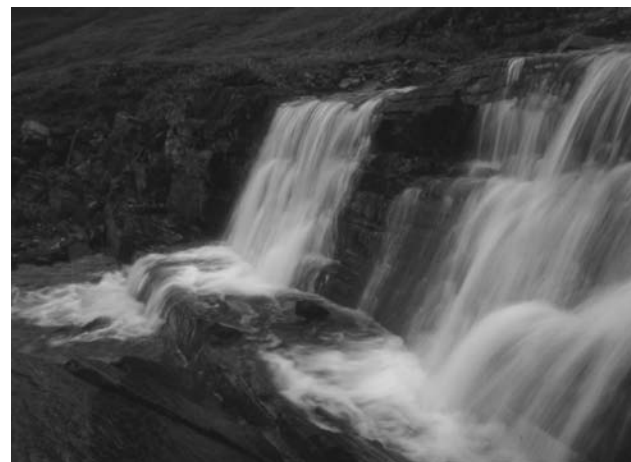




# peel watershed atlas

[ Conservation Values and Land Use in the  
Peel River Watershed ]



A Working Draft Atlas of  
Physical, Biological and  
Cultural Features of the  
Peel River Watershed



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# cpaws-yukon

The CPAWS-Yukon mission is:

- To protect the Yukon's wilderness, waters and wildlife through an interconnected system of protected areas and conservation lands;
- To promote awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the inherent values of Yukon wildlands through education and experience;
- To encourage all levels of government to fulfill their conservation and protected areas commitments;
- To work in co-operation with other organizations and individuals in meeting conservation goals.

Canoeists on the Wind River,  
Three Rivers Journey, 2003. [FM]



## Goals and Objectives

The long-term goal of CPAWS-Yukon is:

*To protect for all time the variety of life and wilderness values of the Yukon through a network of protected areas and special management zones, supported by the maintenance of ecological integrity on all lands and waters outside of protected areas.*

### Objectives

The long term objectives of the Yukon protected areas work are to complete a protected areas and conservation lands system that:

- has representative and ecologically viable examples of all the ecoregions,
- includes complete watersheds as large wilderness areas,
- protects a full range of critical wildlife habitats including wetlands,
- protects examples of large mammal ecosystems, for example the range of a woodland caribou herd,

- protects special ecological, hydrological and geological features,
- protects special cultural features and cultural landscapes,
- provides for the on-going maintenance of the full range of northern biodiversity through a system of connected protected areas, wildlife movement routes and special management zones.

### Conservation Support Work

CPAWS-Yukon works with First Nations, Renewable Resource Councils (RRC), communities, businesses and non-government organizations (NGO) to support conservation through protected areas, habitat protection areas and land use planning. We focus on research, public education, and communications to support conservation efforts. The types of work we do include:

### Conservation Research and Support

- assess areas of interest for conservation or protection;
- support field research and mapping of potential conservation lands and waters;

- support or host community trips to areas of interest for conservation;
- support First Nations or NGO proposals for conservation including Special Management Areas, parks, Habitat Protection Areas other types of protected areas;
- assist with conservation area management plans;
- provide support for local conservation initiatives;
- provide technical support for First Nations or NGO conservation work, eg. biological studies.

### Public Education and Communication

- produce slide shows, videos, maps, books, brochures and other information on conservation;
- help advance conservation proposals through federal and territorial governments.

### Review of Development Proposals, Assistance with Land Use Planning

- assist with review of resource development proposals such as forestry, mining or oil and gas, as they may affect conservation lands or wildlife habitat;

- assist with land use planning by mapping conservation values;

### Training

- host training sessions on conservation leadership, protected area planning, media relations;

### Funding

- raise funds for conservation projects;
- assist in identifying potential funds through private foundations;
- support conservation contracts and staff positions in communities;

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