

The Yukon - Beyond the Sluicebox



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I would like to respectfully acknowledge the opportunity to learn and share with you on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

It's a real priveledge to be here with you !



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A Journey into The Yukon.....



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The Yukon – Facts & Figures



Capital:

Whitehorse

* ~25,085 (City)

* ~27,889 (Region)

* 60°43'N / 135°03'W

Total Population:

~37,193 / 43,249 (U)

Size:

482,443 km²

BC is ~2 x bigger

~4.8 % of Canada

Zone / Code:

Time: Pacific (PST)

Area: (867)

Languages:

English 84%

French 5%

First Nations 24%

From YVR:

1,485 km + 2.5hrs

2,546km + 29.0hrs

Populations are concentrated close to water !

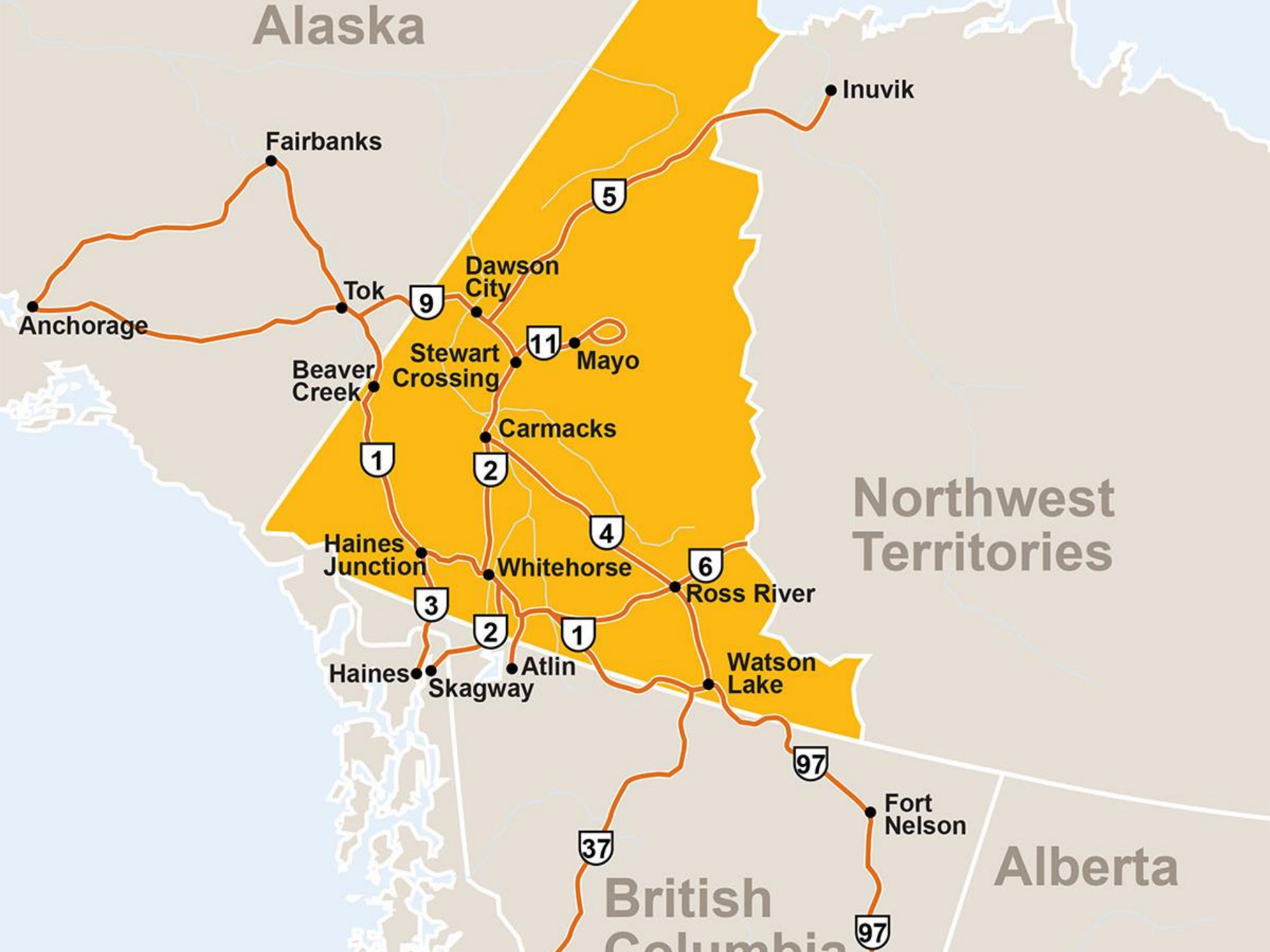
Facts & Figures

The Land



- Right triangle, borders: Alaska; Northwest Territories and BC
- Most of the territory is inside the namesake water-shed:
The Yukon River.
- Canada's highest point, Mount Logan (5,959m or 19,551ft.)
- Kluane National Park & Reserve, UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Other national parks include:
Ivvavik National Park and Vuntut National Park.
- Black & white spruce, and birch widespread tree species.
- Many trees are stunted because of the short growing season and severe climate – The Boreal Forest (taiga).





Alaska

Fairbanks

Inuvik

Anchorage

Tok

Dawson City

Stewart Crossing

Mayo

Beaver Creek

Carmacks

Northwest Territories

Haines Junction

Whitehorse

Ross River

Haines

Skagway

Atlin

Watson Lake

Fort Nelson

British Columbia

Alberta



Mt. Logan Fremont Glacier Route





Mt. Logan

FIVE FACTS ABOUT YUKON'S MOUNT LOGAN

- With an elevation of 5,959 metres, it's the **HIGHEST MOUNTAIN** in Canada, and the second-highest in North America
- It's named after **SIR WILLIAM EDMOND LOGAN**, founder of the Geological Survey of Canada
- Its massif actually includes **12 DISTINCT PEAKS**, the lowest of which, Teddy Peak, is almost the same height as the Eiger in Switzerland
- An international team of mountaineers led by Albert MacCarthy became the **first to reach the main summit on JUNE 23, 1925**
- In June 1992, an expedition led by geologist Michael Schmidt and sponsored by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society **confirmed the height of Mount Logan USING GPS**





Mt. Logan



Boreal (Taiga) Forest



Yukon Flower - Fireweed

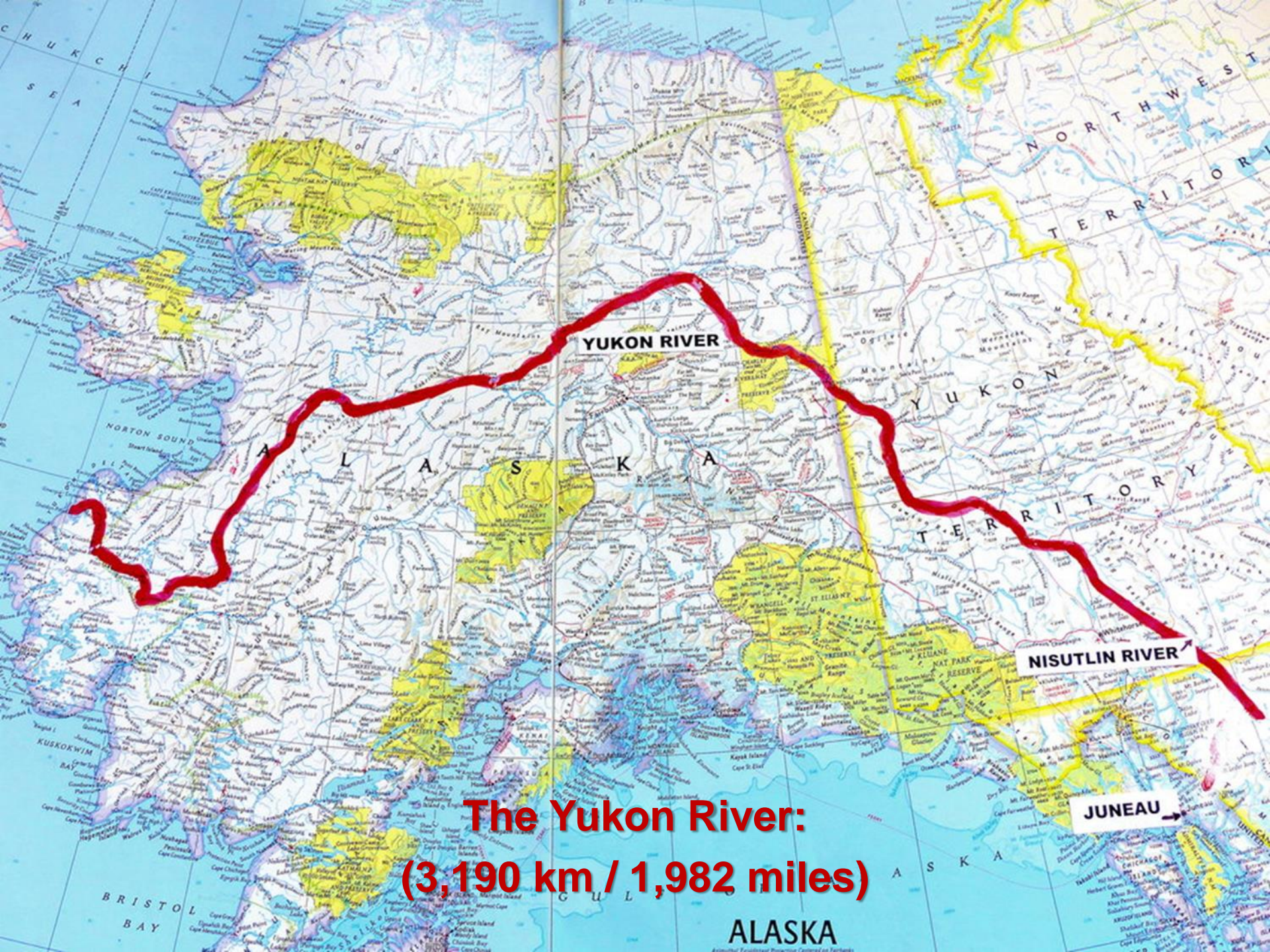
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The Water



- Southern Yukon is dotted with many glacier-fed alpine lakes, most flow into the Yukon River system, including: Teslin, Atlin, Tagish, Marsh, Lake Laberge, Kluane, and Bennett lakes.
- Other watersheds include the Mackenzie River, the Peel Watershed and the Alsek–Tatshenshini.
- A number of rivers flow north to the Beaufort Sea.
- Two large Yukon rivers flow into the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories (Liard and Peel).





YUKON RIVER

NISUTLIN RIVER

JUNEAU

The Yukon River:
(3,190 km / 1,982 miles)

ALASKA

“Yukon” from the Gwich'in word Yu-kun-ah:
“white water river”.

Visual effect of white glacial silt in the Yukon River.





Yukon River





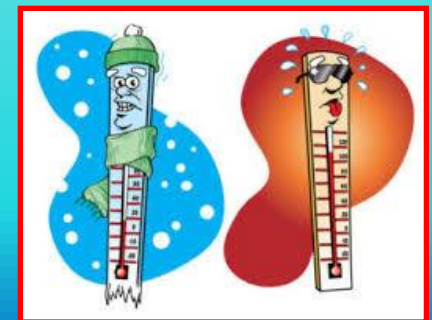
Lake – Southern Yukon

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Climate



- Average winter temperature is mild by Canadian Arctic standards
- BUT, no other place in North America gets as cold as the Yukon during extreme cold snaps.
- Temperature has officially dropped down to -60°C (-76°F) 3 times:
 - * 1947, 1954, and 1968.
- The most extreme cold snap occurred in February 1947:
 - * Town of Snag dropped down to -63.0°C (-81.4°F).
- The Yukon's warmth tends to occur in May-July.
- The Mayo Road Weather Station, recorded the warmest temperature:
 - * 36.5°C (97.7°F) in June 18th, 2004.















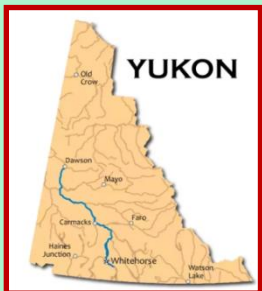




Facts & Figures

Economy

- Government
- Mining: Silver, Zinc, Cooper & Gold !
- Forestry, Hunting/Fishing, Trapping, Filming
- Tourism - National & International:
 - * Japan, Germany....European
 - * Drive the Alaska Highway
 - * Landscape, Aurora Borealis, Hunting/Fishing

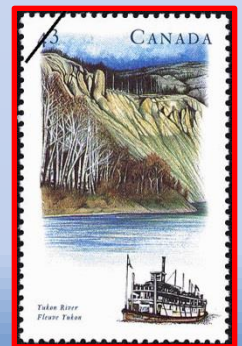


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History (in brief)



- Most of the Yukon escaped glaciation, common in western North America.
- Many Yukon archeological sites hold some of the earliest evidence of First Peoples occupation and history.
- Eruption of Mount Churchill, Alaska (~800 AD), blanketed the southern Yukon with a layer of ash, still visible along the Klondike Highway.
- Coastal and inland First Nations had extensive trading networks.
- First European incursions began early in the 19th Century for fur trading, followed by missionaries. By the 1870s and 1880s gold miners began to arrive.
- Population increases justified the establishment of a police force (NWRMP), just in time for the start of the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897.
- The Yukon Territory was formed in 1898, when the Yukon District left the Northwest Territories.





Music + Writings:

- * Prolific Writers

Film & TV:

- * Big Screen
- *The Big Year*
- *White Lies*
- *Gold Rush/Yukon Gold*

Beliefs:

- * First Nations
- * Religion

Food:

- * Meat: Moose, Caribou
- * Cranberries
- * Spruce: tips, bark, sap
- * Sourdough
- * Fish: Char, Salmon

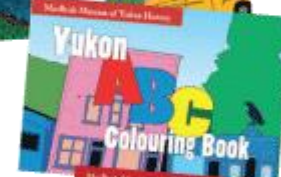
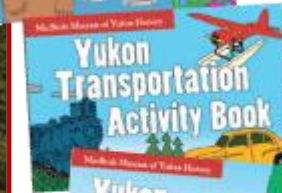
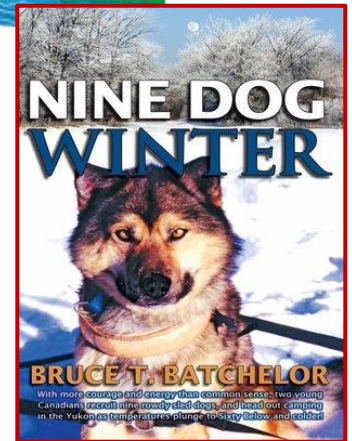
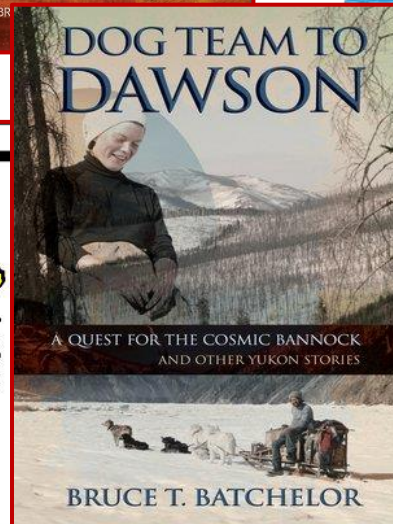
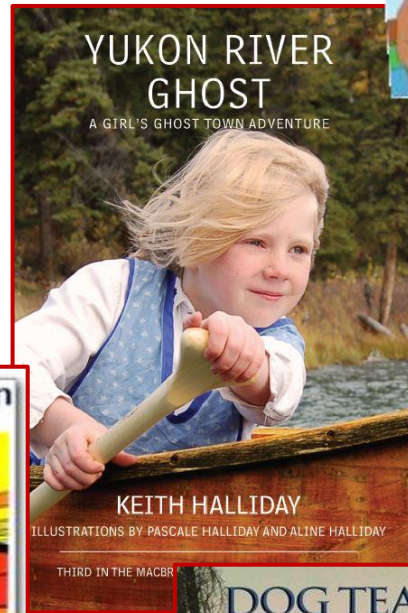
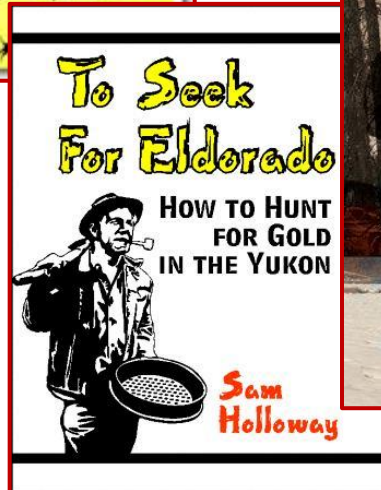
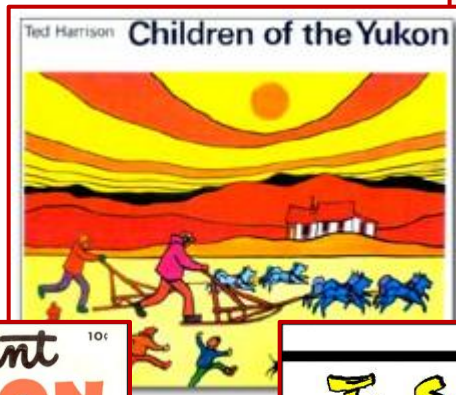
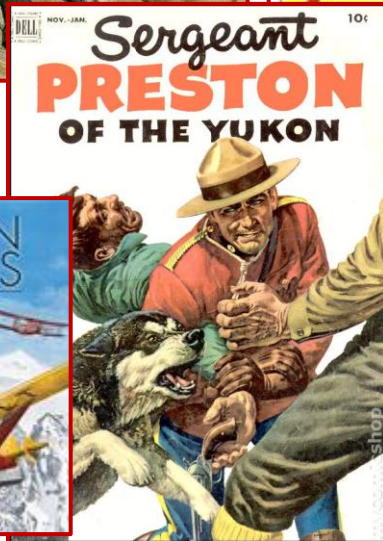
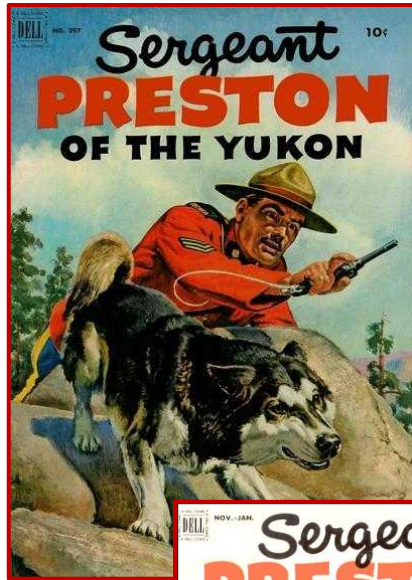
People:

- * First Nations
- * Famous & Infamous
- * Colourful 5%

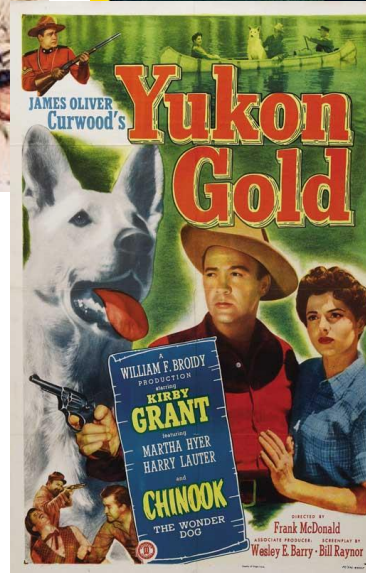
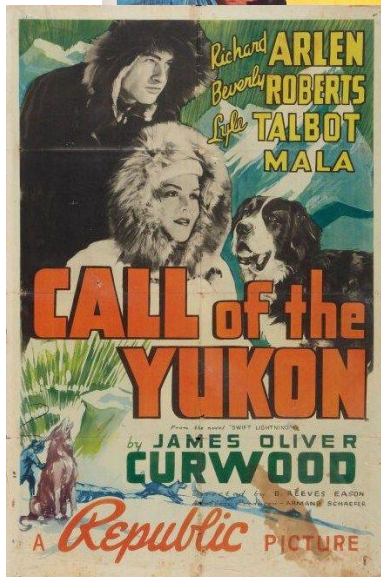
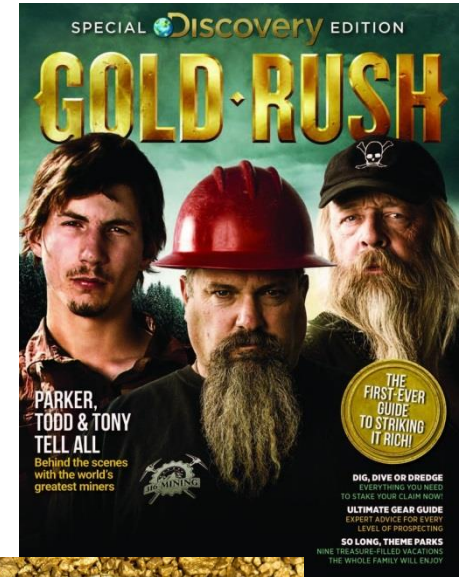


Gold Fever.....Mineral Riches (Copper, Silver, More !)

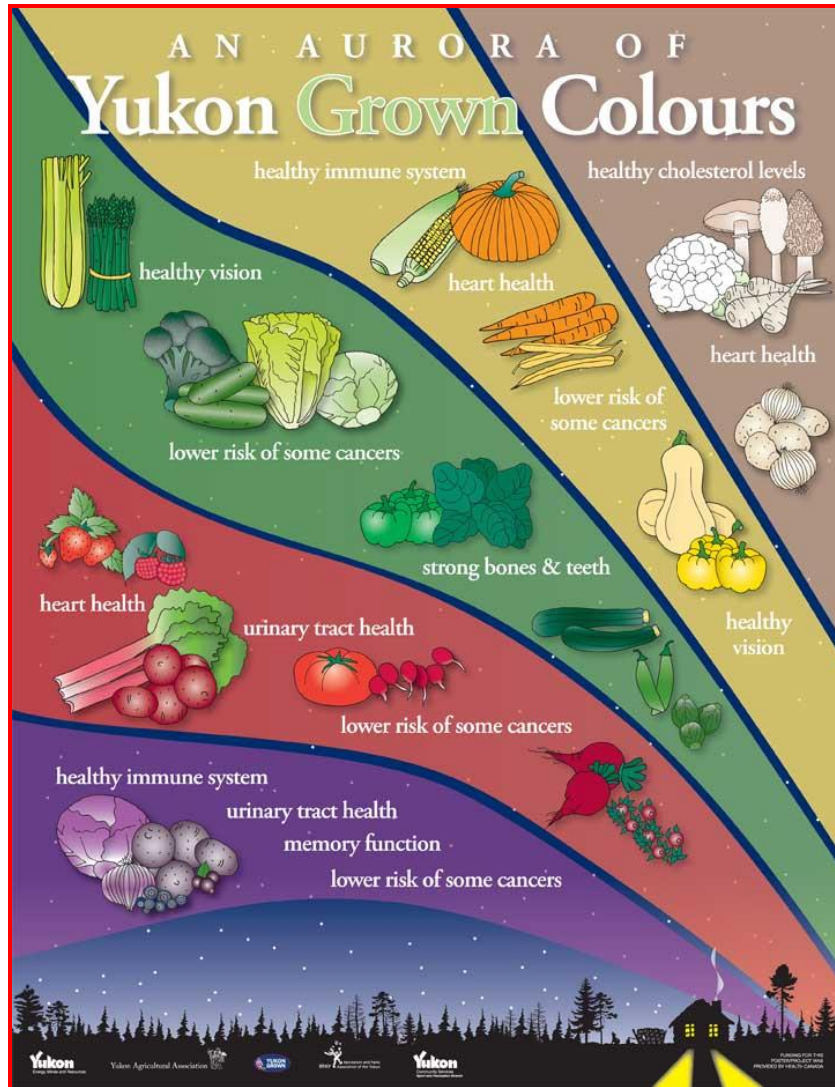
Yukon Books



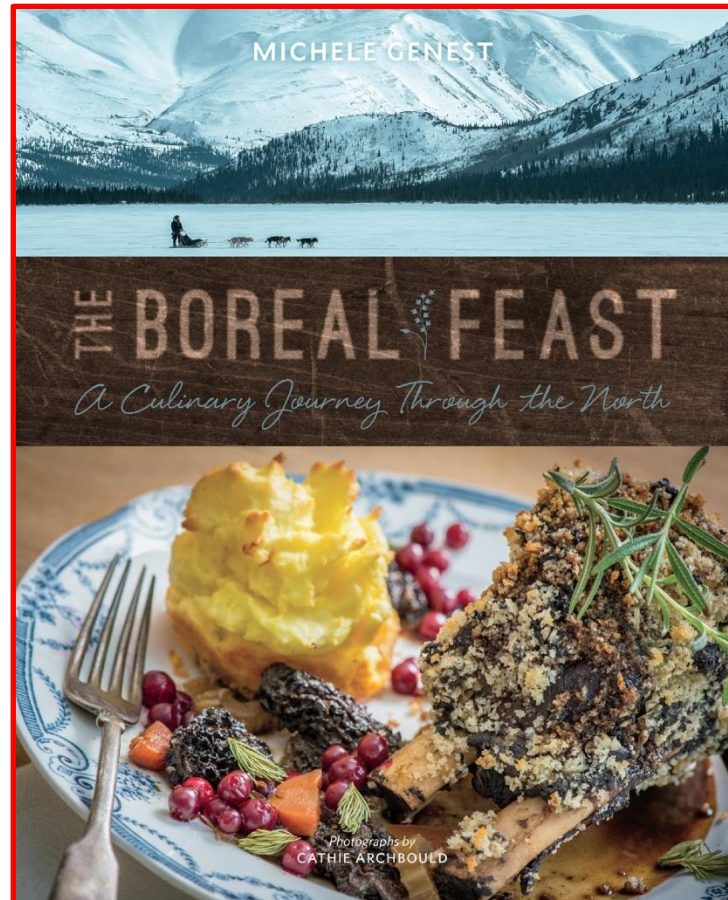
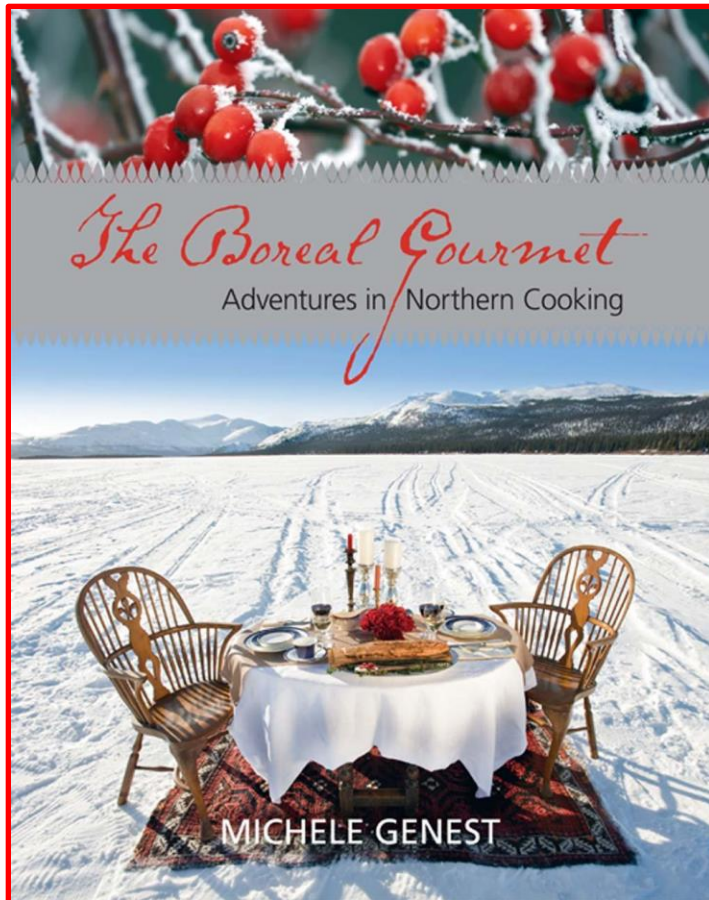
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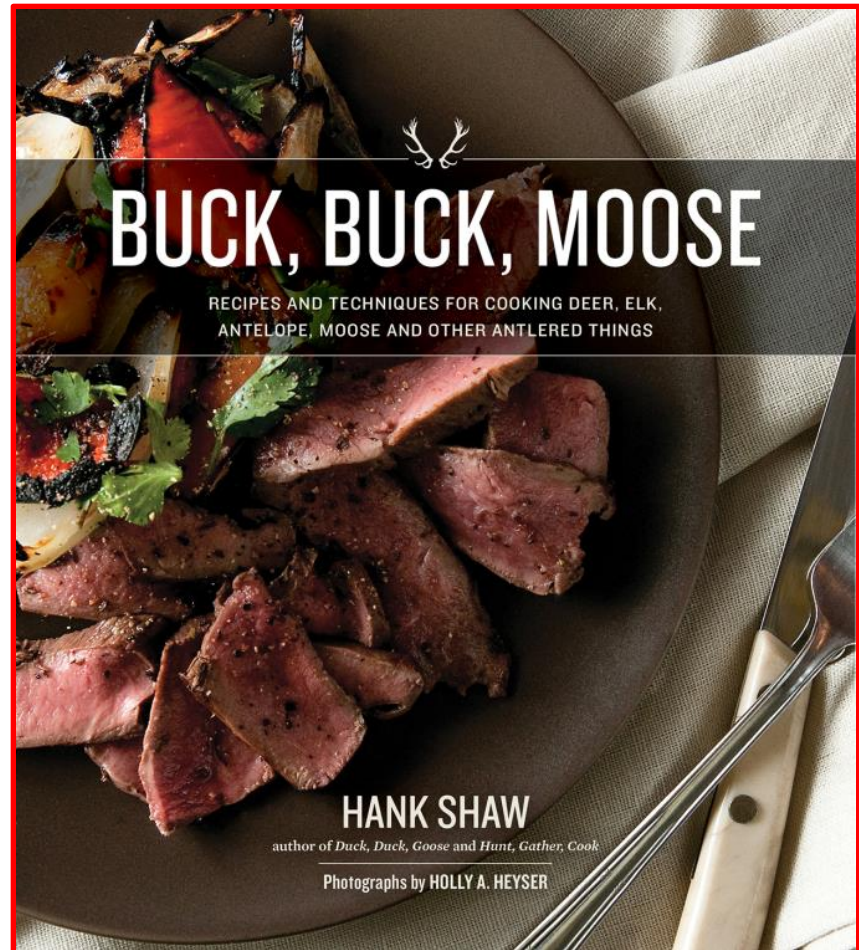
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Yukon People



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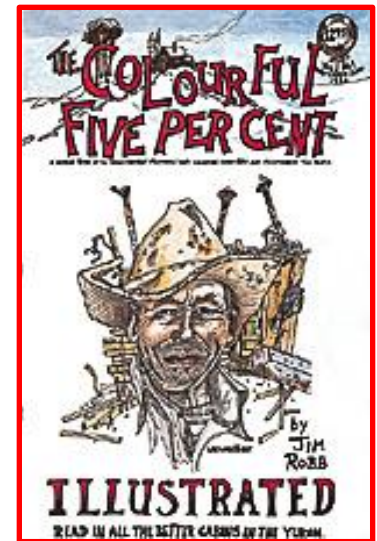
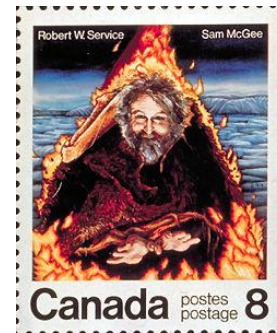
2. Klondikers

(aka. Stampeders)

3. The Famous

4. The Infamous

5. And....The Colourful Five Percent



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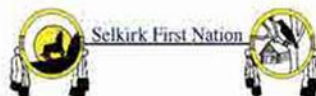
First Nations



- First Nations is ~25% of the population.
- An umbrella land claim agreement representing 7,000 members of 14 different First Nations was signed with the federal government in 1993.
- Eleven of the 14 Yukon First Nations have negotiated and signed comprehensive land claim and self-government agreements.
- The 14 First Nations speak eight different languages. The territory once had an Inuit settlement, located on Herschel Island off the Arctic coast. This settlement was dismantled in 1987 and its inhabitants relocated to the neighbouring Northwest Territories.







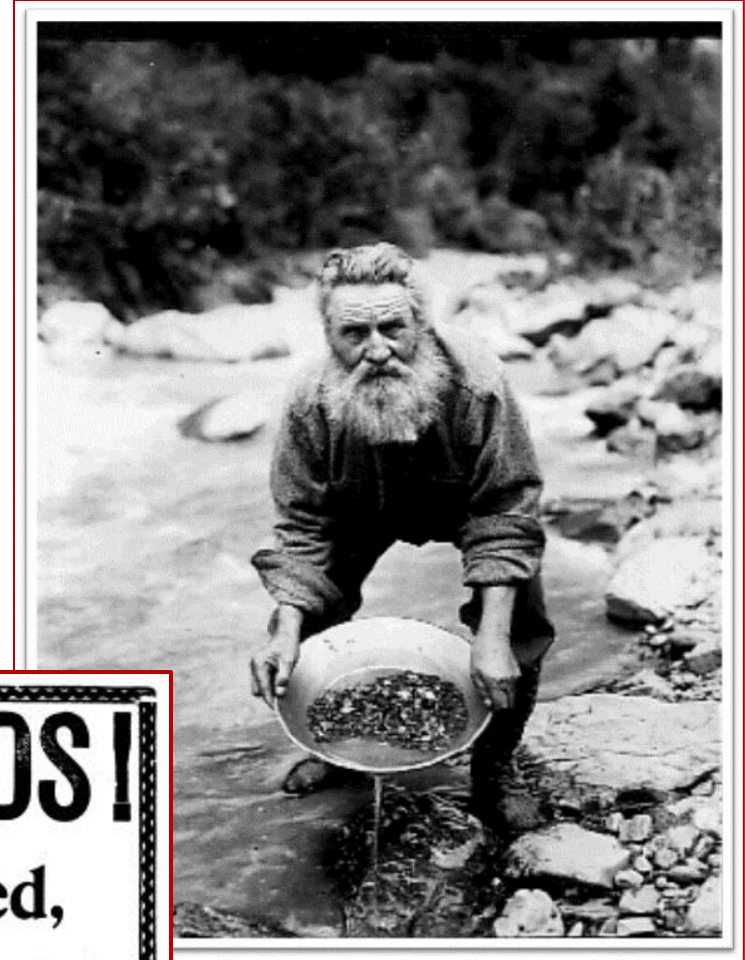
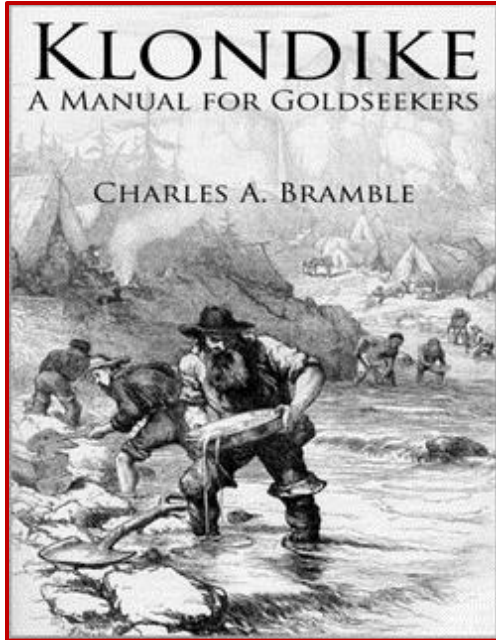


**YUKON
REGION**



1. Carcross / Tagish First Nation
2. Champagne and Aishihik First Nation
3. Na-cho Nyak Dun First Nation
4. Gwich'in Tribal Council
5. Kwanlin Dün First Nation
6. Liard First Nation
7. Kluane First Nation
8. Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
9. Ross River Dena First Nation
10. Selkirk First Nation
11. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
12. Taku River Tlingit First Nation
13. Teslin Tlingit First Nation
14. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
15. Vuntut Gwitchen

Klondikers



KLONDIKE GOLD FIELDS!

THOS. DUNN & CO., Limited,

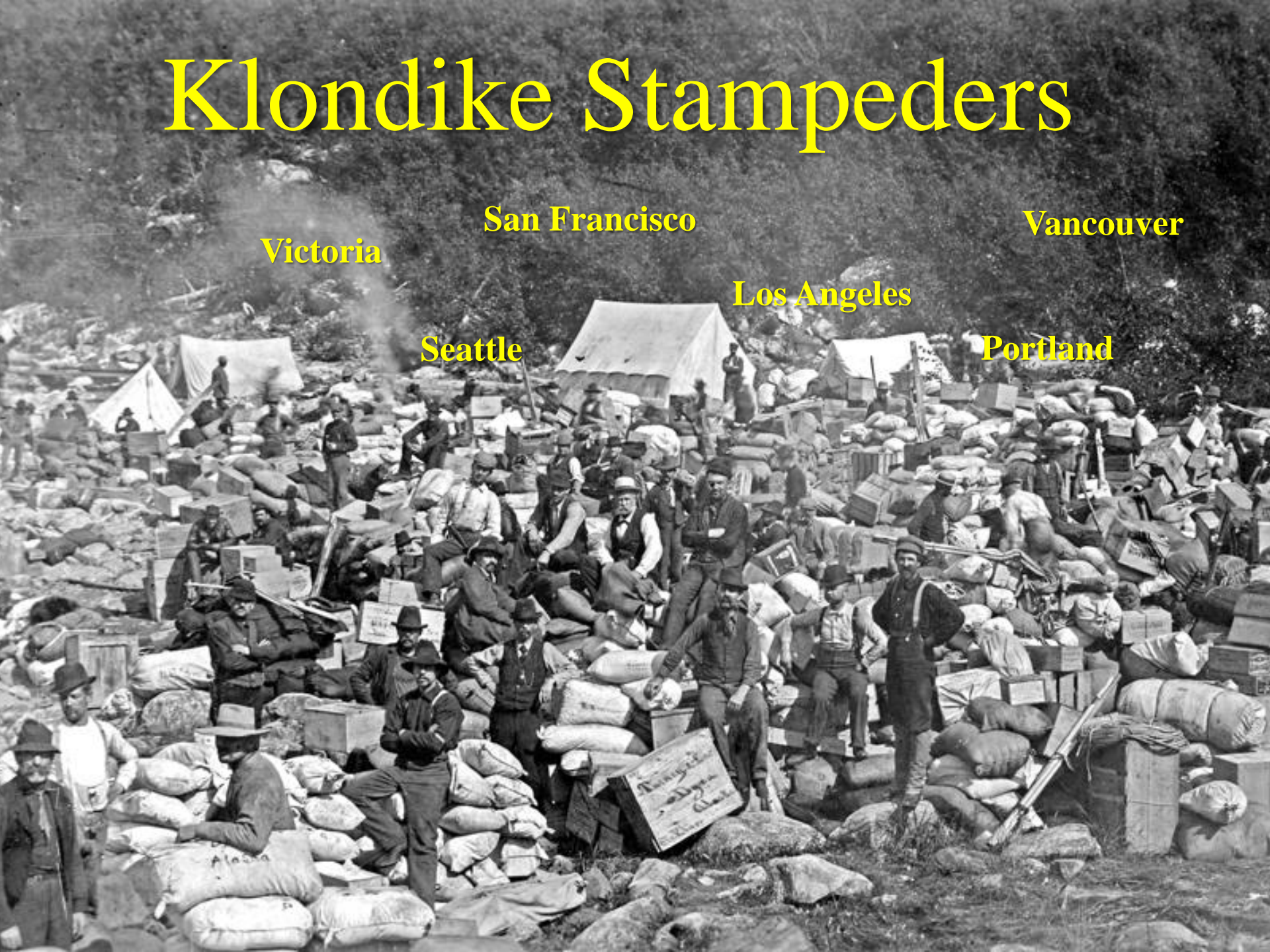
8, 10 and 12 Cordova-St., 8 and 10 Water Street, VANCOUVER, B. C.,

SUPPLY COMPLETE OUTFITS FOR PARTIES Bound for THE KLONDIKE-YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

OUR SPECIALTIES: Camp Utensils, Miners' Tools, Hardware, Tents, Stoves, Sleighs, Sleeping Bags, etc., etc. We also contract to supply complete outfits in all lines, and having had 15 years' experience in outfitting can guarantee satisfaction.

GOODS BOUGHT IN VANCOUVER ENTER THE KLONDIKE DISTRICT FREE OF DUTY. STEAMERS SAIL DIRECT FROM VANCOUVER TO ALL POINTS.

Klondike Stampede



San Francisco

Vancouver

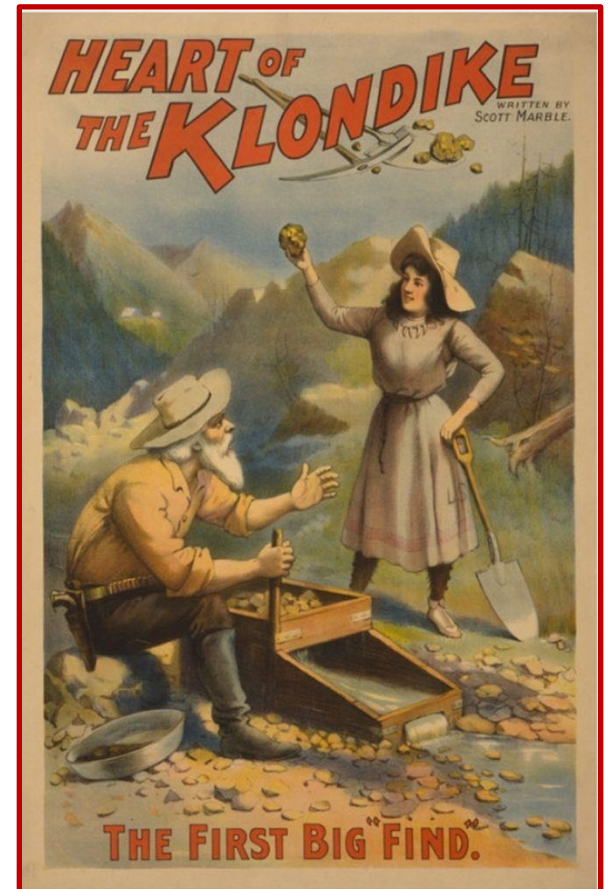
Victoria

Los Angeles

Seattle

Portland

Gold.....

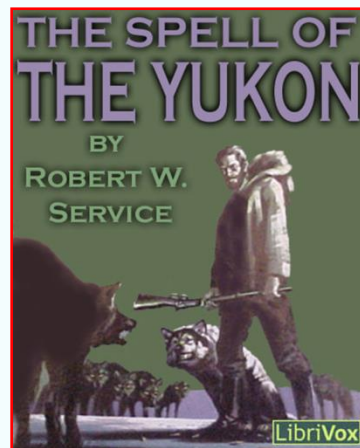
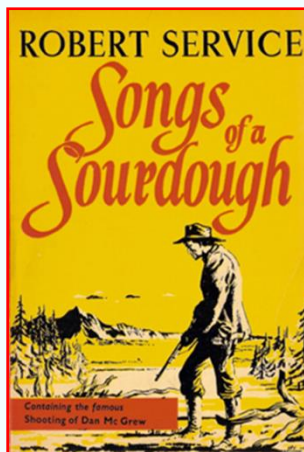


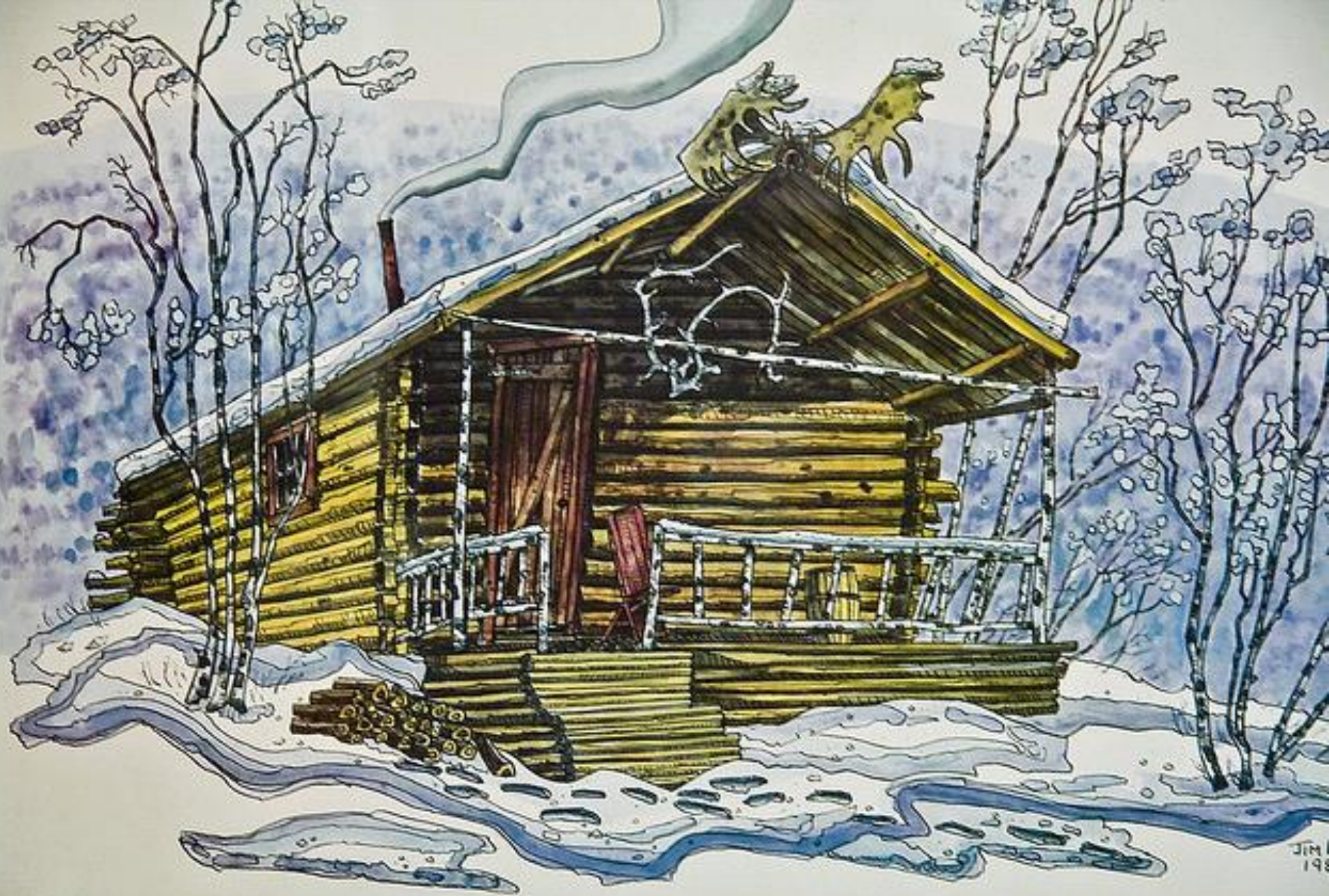
Famous Yukoners

Robert Service (1874-1958)

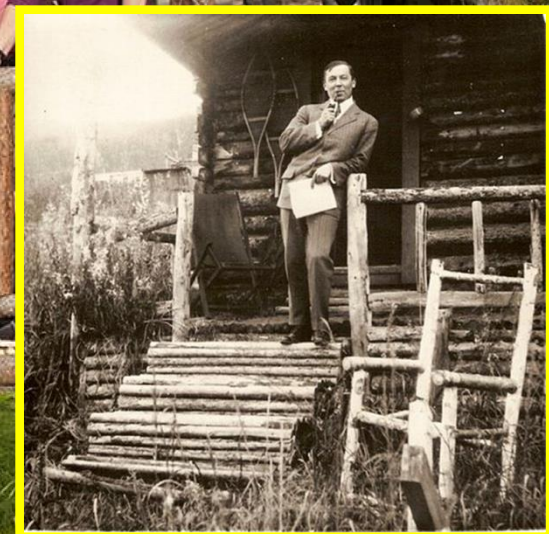
“Bard of the Yukon”

- *Shooting of Dan McGrew*
- *Cremation of Sam McGee*
- *Songs of a Sourdough*





Robert Service Cabine by Jim Robb



THE SPELL

OF THE

YUKON



Robert Lewis

I WANTED THE GOLD, AND I SOUGHT IT:
I SCRABBLED AND MUCKED LIKE A SLAVE.
WAS IT FAMINE OR SCURVY ~ I FOUGHT IT:
I HURLED MY YOUTH INTO A GRAVE.
I WANTED THE GOLD AND I GOT IT ~
CAME OUT WITH A FORTUNE LAST FALL:
YET SOMEHOW LIFE'S NOT WHAT I THOUGHT
AND SOMEHOW THE GOLD ISN'T ALL.

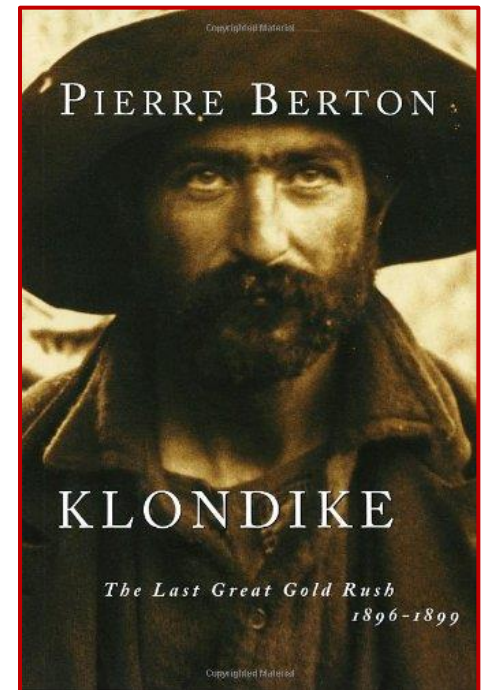
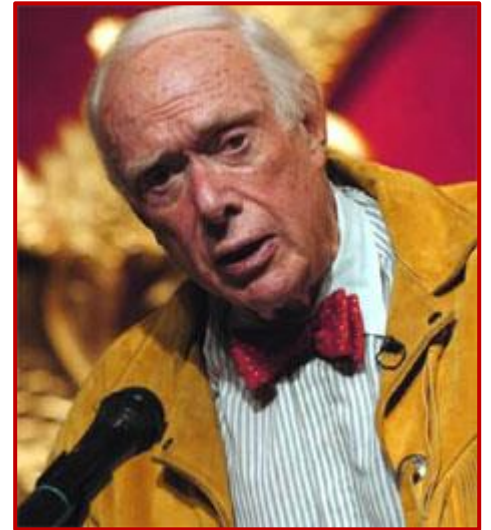


Famous Yukoners

Pierre Berton (1920-2004)

Writer and Storyteller

- 50+ Books
- *'Story of the Klondike'*
- City of Gold (NFB)
- Order of Canada (1974)
- Companion to the Order (1986)

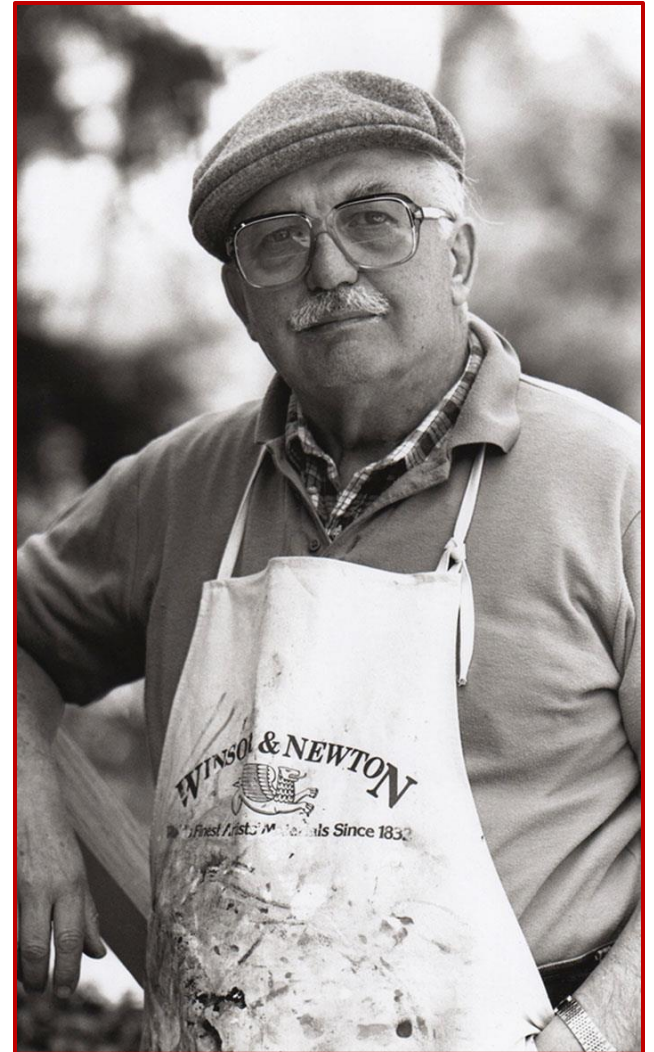


Famous Yukoners

Ted Harrison (1928-2015)

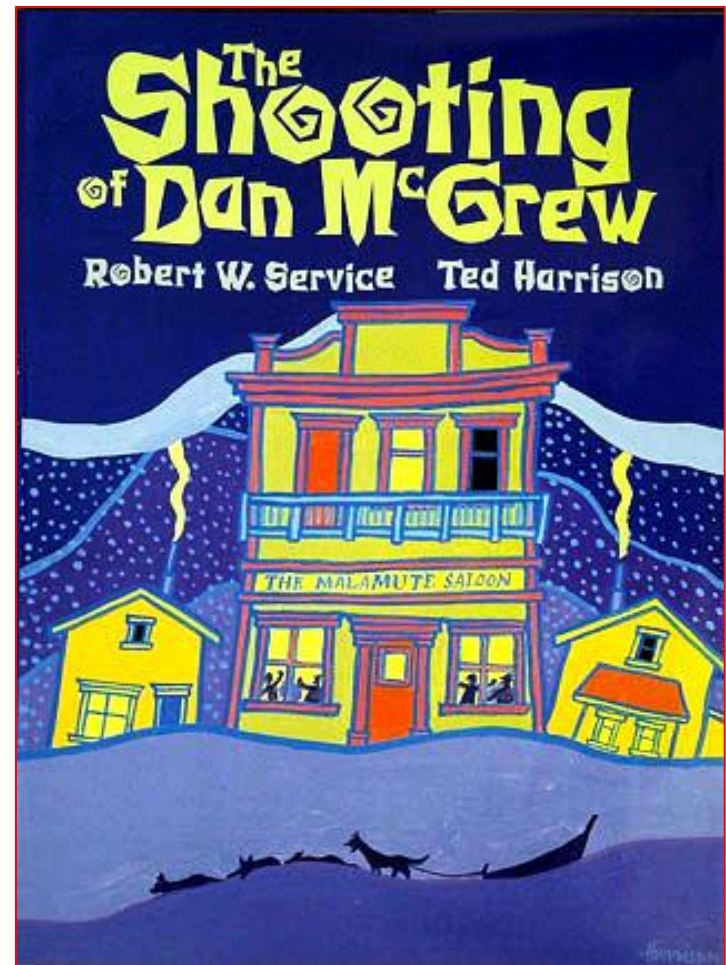
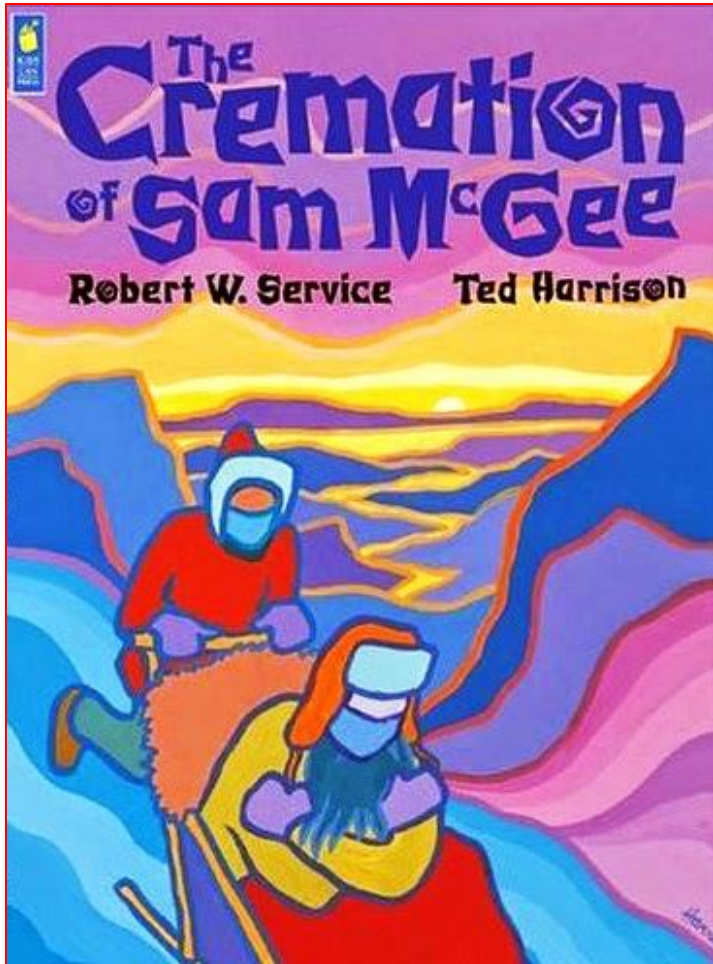
Artist, Illustrator & Author

- *Shooting of Dan McGrew*
- *Cremation of Sam McGee*
- *Order of Canada (1987)*





Best of the Yukon

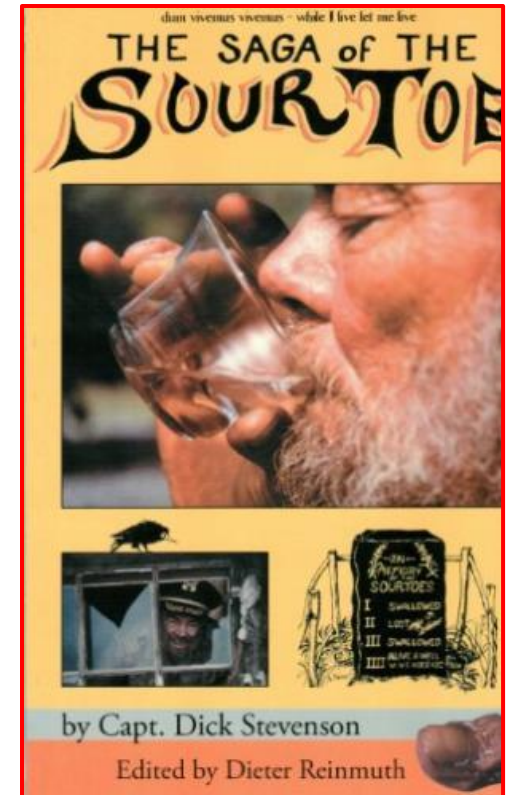


The Colourful Five Percent

Captain Dick Stevenson (1931-2019)

Storyteller & 'Toe Master'

- TV & Yukon Celebrity
- 'Sour Toe Cocktail'
- *Over 60,000 served (only 8 swallowed)*



SOURTOE

Came Capt. Dick to Dawson Town
From a small New Brunswick Town.
A captain's cap was on his head.
A 'River Rat' am I be said.

He had run the mighty Houtlinque,
Also tried the rapids called the Rink,
And bragged all over Dawson Town
To be a river man of great renown.

Now Capt. Fields and Skipper Farr
Were sitting in the Eldorado bar.
There were Skipper Mendlesohn and
Capt. Blanchard.
Said Skipper Farr, "We'll test that
braggard."

"He may've run some famous rivers,
But never skippered Yukon paddle-
wheelers."
Says Capt. Fields, "I have a thought:
We'll give that 'River Rat' the name be
sought."

"I know a prospector who lost his toe;
Froze it in the deadly cold and snow.
He ran rum with a fast dog team
(From the Yukon to Alaska it would
seem).

"Deadly Gangrene soon set in.
He cut it off, his life to win.
To remember the gruesome task he'd
done,
He pickled it in a jar of o.p. rum!"

"Now I can get that gruesome toe
and fix a drink called the 'Sourtoe'.
We'll convince that bragging 'River Rat'
All Yukon captains have a drink like
that."

Bartender Pete agreed to fix the awesome
drink

"To see if Capt. Dick's the man be seems
to think."

Sourtoe Certificate



In recognition that Lee A
in the presence of witnesses, drank an
authentic **Sourtoe Cocktail**, thereby
following in the wayward (even staggering)
footsteps of **Capt. River Rat** has proven
to be a person capable of almost anything,
and is therefore fully entitled to bear this
certificate with **such rights & privileges** as
may at any drunken moment be decided upon.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand (or my seal, or made my mark, or
whatever I was capable of at the time).

Date: July 7, 2012

Signed: [Signature]

Capt. Dick

'Capt. River Rat'

Yukon River Tours

Member # 45456

To be a real Yukon captain, each claimed
was so:

One had to drink a Yukon Sourtoe.

The Eldorado was to be the spot
And Capt. Dick was called for the horrid
plot.

The fearsome thing was in a darkened
jar.

As Bartender Pete slapped it on the bar.

As he pulled it out with silver tong
A gasp went up from the gathered throng.
The very sight of the horrid thing
Was enough to shock the gathered ring.

A jagged nail, a ghastly yellow streaked
with green
The vile thing glistened with a sickly
sheen.

Then Dick turned pale and seemed to
shrink
When the loathsome thing splashed in
his drink.

As he grasped the frosted glass with
shaking hand
A mighty hush fell over the gathered
band.

The glass he raised to quaking lip
And with a shudder took a mighty sip.

He gagged, then with a gasp and frown,
He tilted back the glass and drank it
down.

A mighty roar went up from all the rest.
"Capt. River Rat can navigate with the
best."

He turned a sickly shade of green
As he turned to leave the scene.
He was heard to say as he bolted for the
door.

"Upon the Yukon River I must take a
tour!"



'Talking' Yukon

Burning-a-hole:

Process of digging down to pay-dirt just above the bedrock.
A fire is built on the permafrost, as the ground thaws its removed.

Cheechako:

A novice or "green-horn" in the Yukon.

Overburden:

Non-gold-bearing dirt.

Pay-Dirt:

Gold-bearing dirt/gravel.

Skookum:

A First Nations word meaning strong.

Sluice:

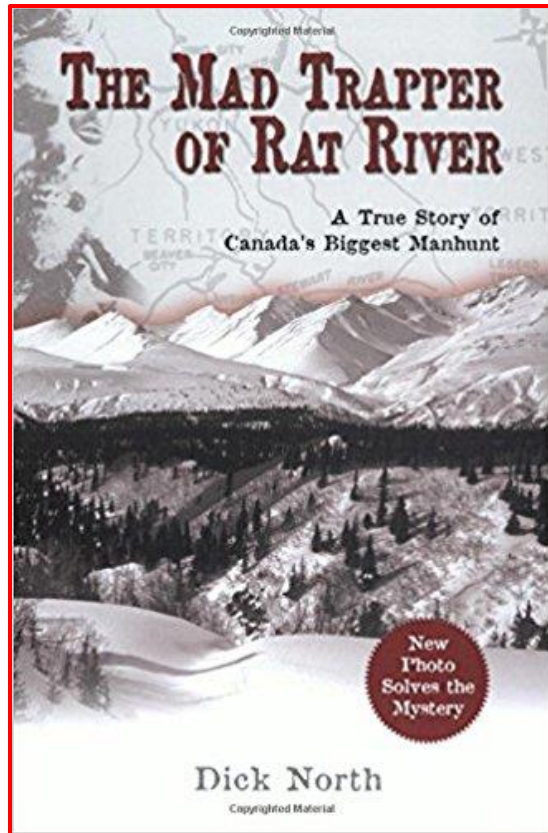
A man made wooden channel, having ribs or slats on the bottom.
Gold is caught in the slats, the dirt/gravel is washed away.

Sourdough:

A person that is considered seasoned in the Yukon.



Mad Trapper of Rat River



Largest man hunt in the history of the RCMP:

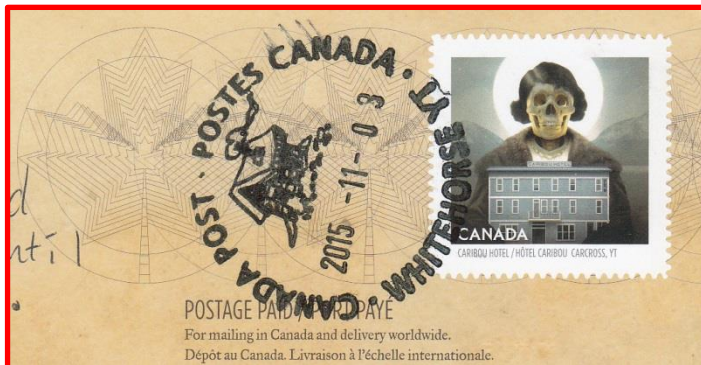
*Albert Johnson (pseudonym)
aka. The Mad Trapper*

- *240km foot chase*
- *Gun battle at isolated cabin*
- Killed: February 17th, 1932

Mrs. 'Bessie' Gideon



Died 1933....but she's still on the Third Floor !



PLACES:

1. **Whitehorse**
Population: 25,085
2. **Dawson City**
Population: 1,375
3. **Watson Lake**
Population: 790
4. **Haines Junction**
Population: 593
5. **Carmacks**
Population: 493
6. **Ross River**
Population: 352
7. **Faro**
Population: 348
8. **Pelly Crossing**
Population: 332
9. **Carcross**
Population: 301
10. **Mayo**
Population: 200
11. **Beaver Creek**
Population: 103



The Yukon

“Larger than Life”

Emerald Lake – Looking West

Yukon River – Looking Northwest from Dawson City





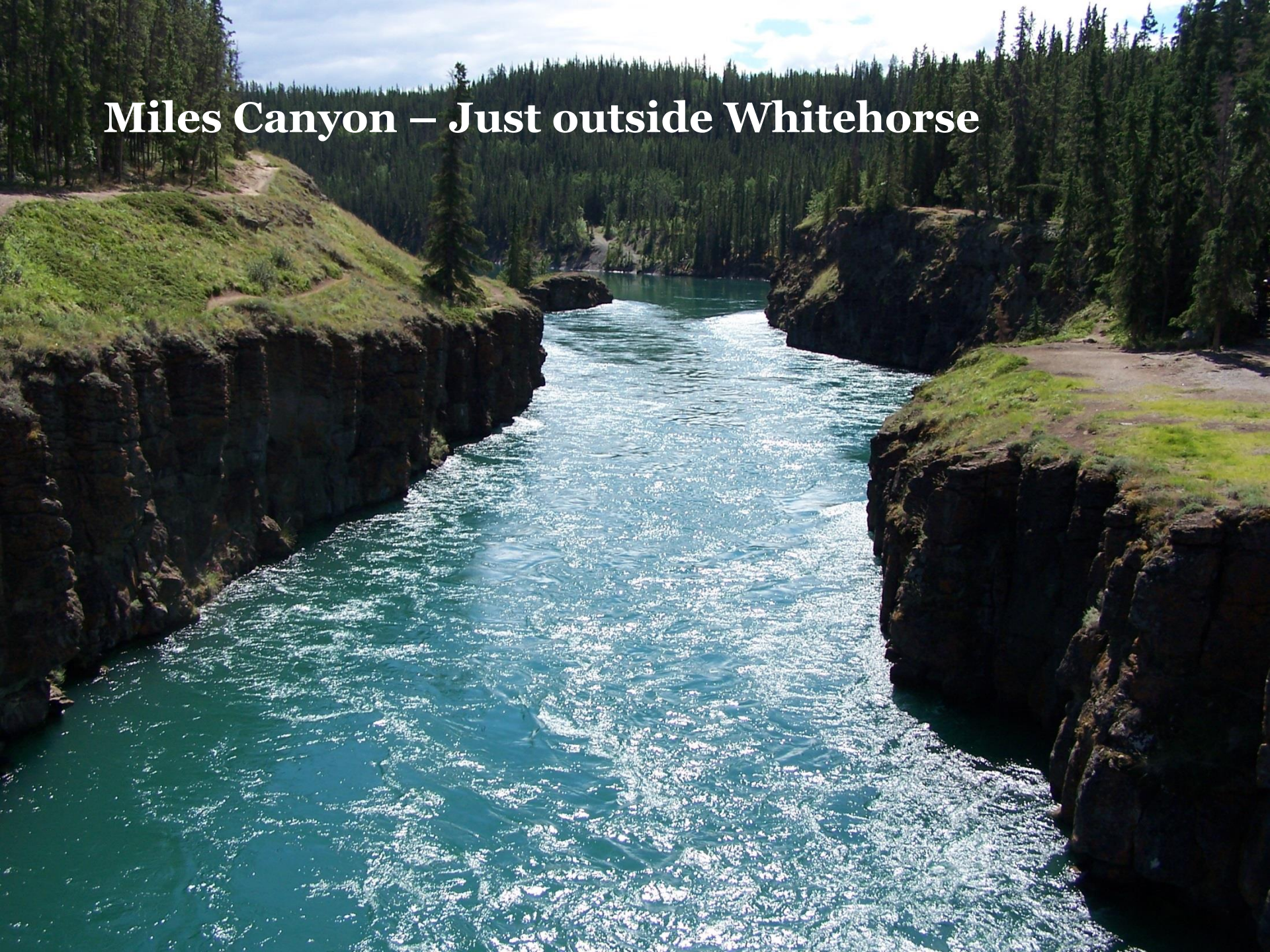


Drury Lake



Wild Riding – Dawson

Miles Canyon – Just outside Whitehorse



Stearnwheeler – Northern Transport (~300)





Bennett Lake at Carcross – Looking Southwest



Richardson Mountains – Northern Yukon



Kathleen Lake - Yukon



Kluane Lake





Aurora Borealis – The Northern Lights



Northern Spa



Off-the-Grid Yukon



The Yukon Quest at Dawson City



Ice Fishing – Yukon River





Dawson City - Ice Bridge

Ice Heave – Lake Labarge



Creative License.....it could happen





Ice Fishing – Lamprey Eels



Fall Fishing of a different kind.









YUKON

LARGER THAN LIFE

PLUS GRAND QUE NATURE

Swimming:

No exercise is more conducive to muscular development and building-up of the constitution.

One needs but to peruse the daily prints to be familiar with the facts that the ability to take a few strokes in the water often saves one's life.....the ability to swim frequently means a matter of triumph over the grasping hands of death....

Swimming days are limited in the Klondike. Let us all enjoy the sport while it lasts.

Dawson Daily News, July 16th, 1914.

Before Contact:

- * First Nations

Early Explorers:

- * Trapping
- * Traders
- * Missionaries

The Gold Rush:

- * Stampede to Dawson

Post-Wars:

- * Alaska Highway

Today:

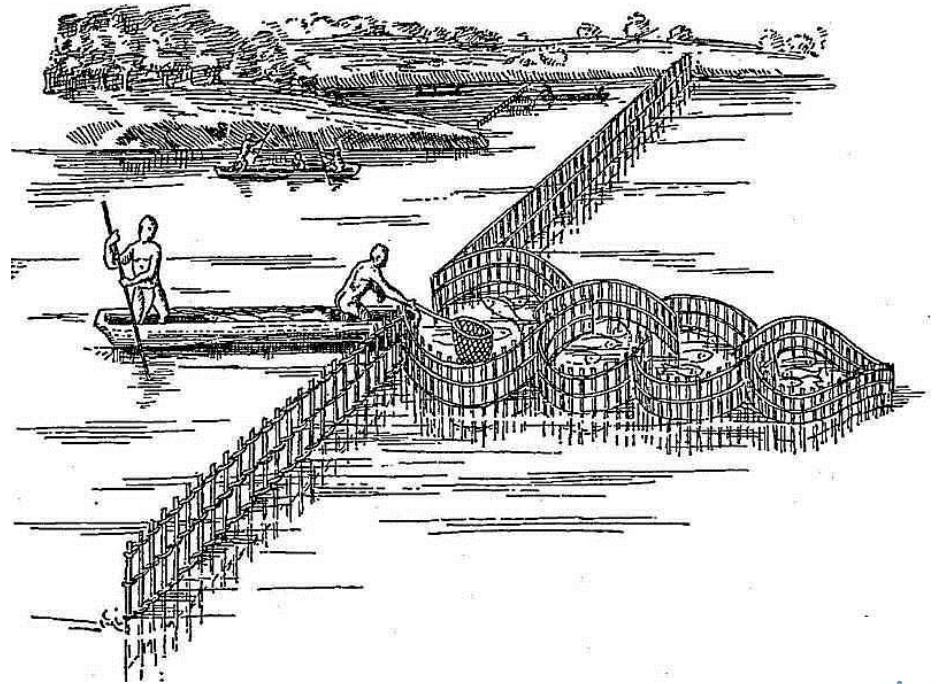
- * Mining
- * Tourism
- * Resources
- * Modern Exploration



Before Contact



- Life Revolved Around Water
- Villages
- Subsistence living
- Spiritual
- Nation Trade
- River Travel



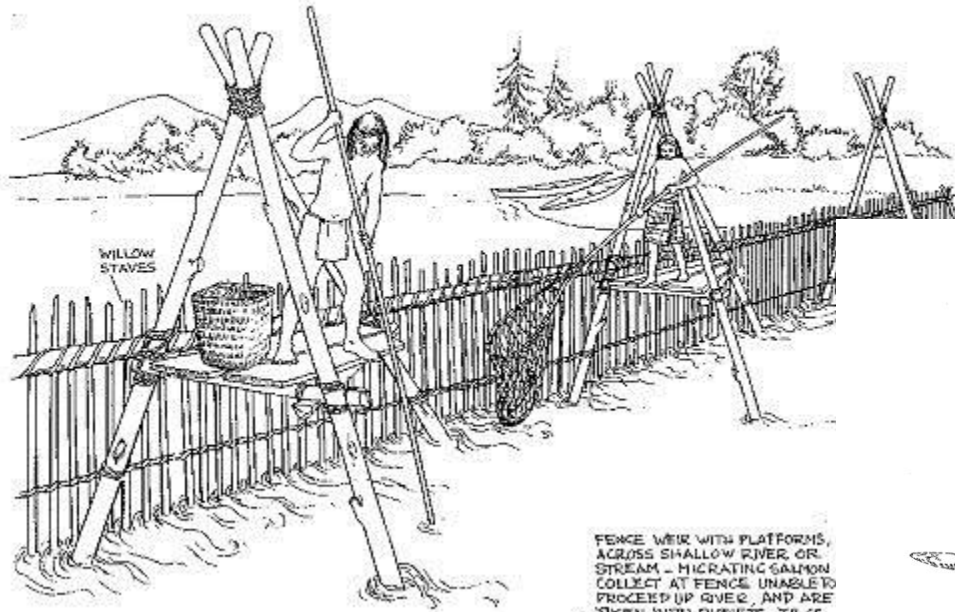


Wolverine

Richard Shorty

Before Contact

FENCE WEIR WITH TRIPODS



Fishing

FENCE WEIR WITH PLATFORMS
ACROSS SHALLOW RIVER OR
STREAM - MIGRATING SALMON
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Hunting





Han People on the Yukon River 1896





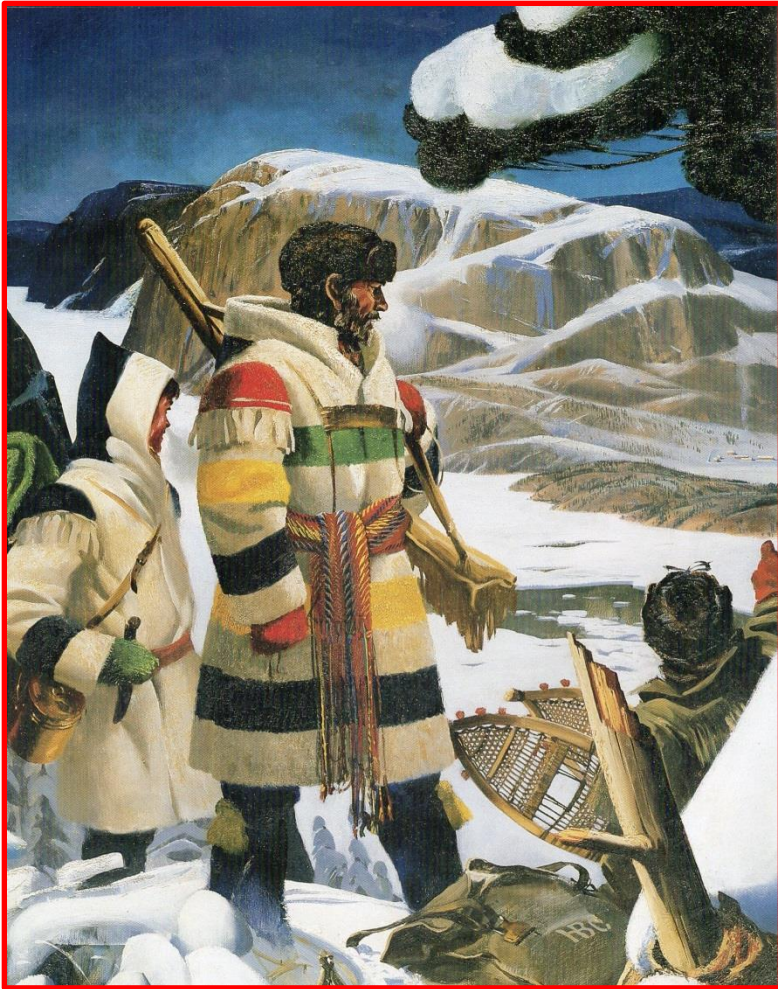
Before Contact



Art of Nathalie Parenteau



First Contact ~1830-1840s



- Trappers/Traders

- Fort Francis 1842
- Lapierre House 1846
- Fort Yukon 1847
- Fort Selkirk 1848

- Missionaries

- Anglicans/Catholics 1850s
- Bishop Bompas 1865



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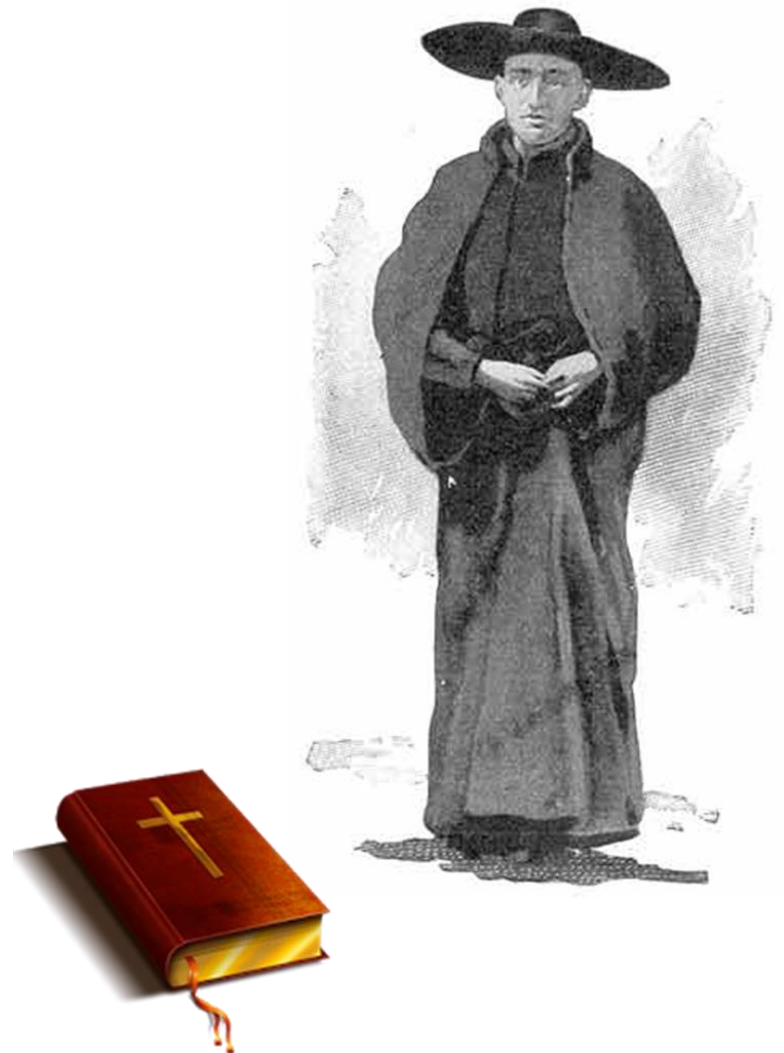
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First Contact

- Schooling
- Western Technologies
- Disease
- Alcohol
- Religion



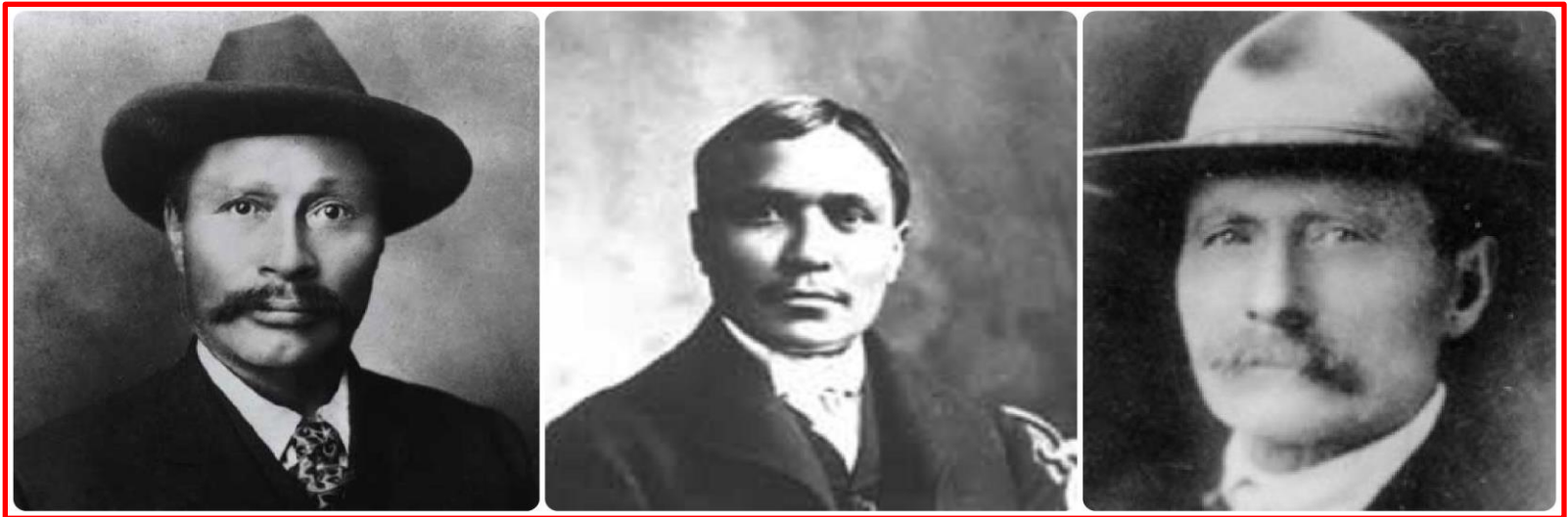
Gold Rush



Rabbit Creek: August 16th, 1896 Klondike Gold was discovered

*"I felt as if I had just dealt myself a royal flush in the game of life,
and the whole world was a jackpot."*

George Carmack.



Skookum Jim, Tagish Charley and George Carmack triggered the Klondike Gold Rush.

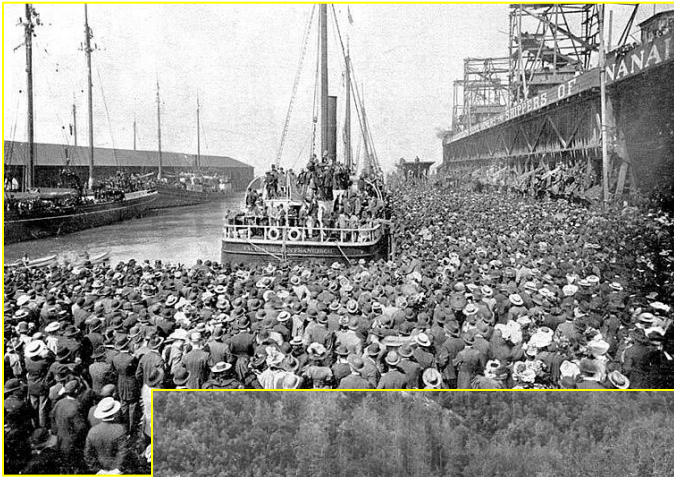
Gold Rush

- “Gold Fever” swept the continent.
- 100,000+ stampeded north.
- Most never made it to the gold fields.

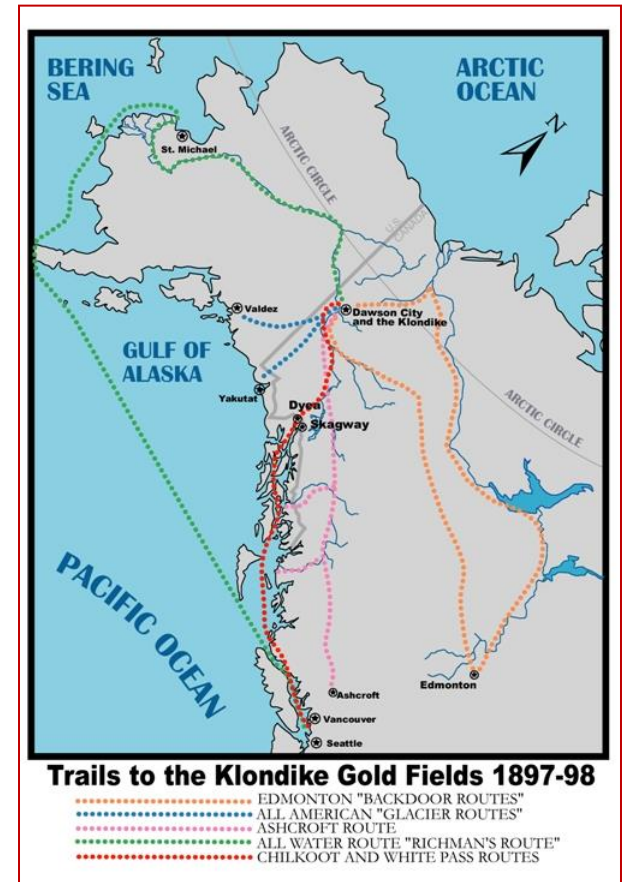


- For a lucky few, the Klondike proved to be one of the richest gold strikes in history.

Gold Rush



~30
Drown !



The Chilkoot Pass





The Chilkoot – The Golden Stairs

Packing Up Chilkoot Pass

Stampede Camping at Lake Bennett (Winter 1898)



BOAT BUILDING AT ABOUT 10
LAKE BENNETT

May 29th, 1898

**Following the break-up of the Winter ice, within 48 hours.....
7,124 boats take to the waters of Lake Bennett.**



Others Stampede via Stearnwheeler





~60 More
Drown !



The Klondike gold rush

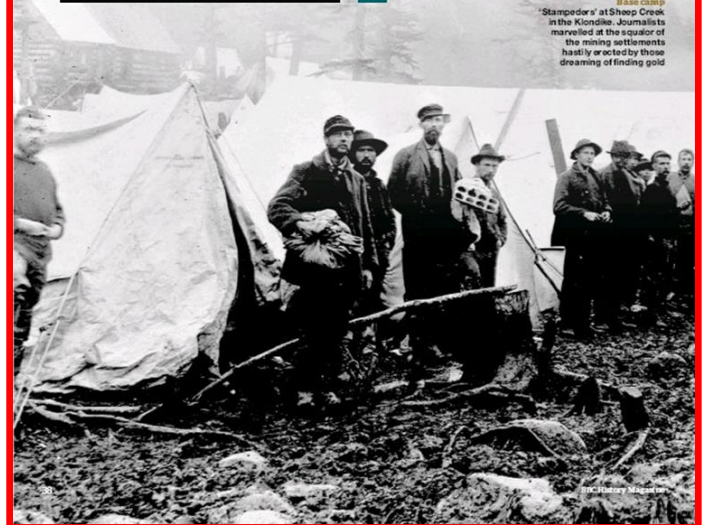
THE DEADLY STAMPEDE

In the 1890s, tens of thousands of people flocked to the Yukon in search of gold but were instead assailed by scurvy, bears and punishing cold. **Felicity Aston** relates how the Klondike gold rush turned into a grim battle for survival

Accompanies the BBC Two series *Operation Gold Rush*

BBC TWO

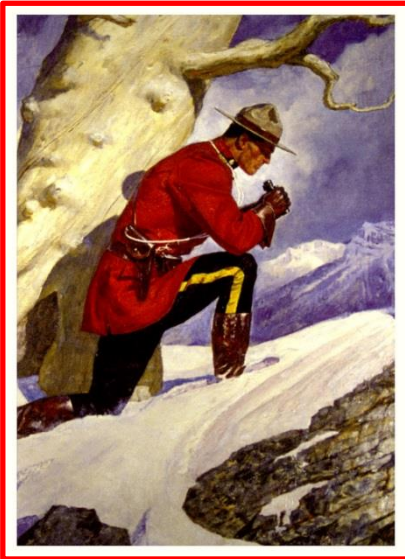
Base camp
"Stampede" at Sheep Creek in the Klondike. Journalists marveled at the squalor of the mining settlements hastily erected by those dreaming of finding gold



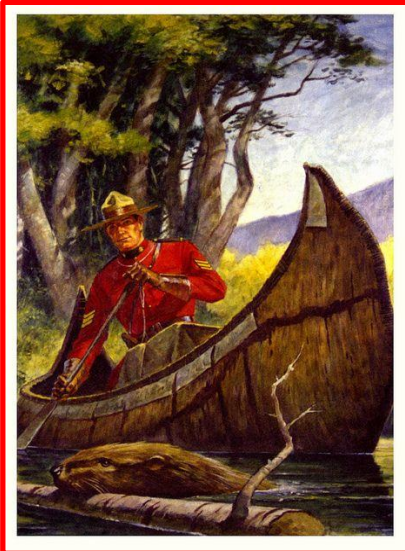


Gold Rush Scow
Never left the shores of Lake Bennett

Royal North-West Mounted Police



- Deployed to Protect Canada
- Law & Customs
- Detachment: 288 men



- Recorded:
 - 132 Gold Rush drownings (3 years)
 - Worst drowning rate in Canadian history !



Gold Fields - Klondike

35A BELOW HUNKER.

CANTWELL PHOTO. 95.



Gold Fields - Klondike



LAW OFFICES
WHITE, DAVEY
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STATION

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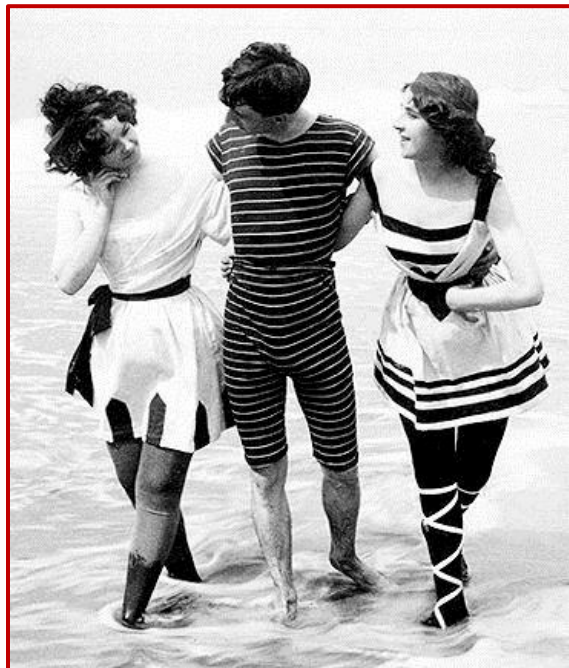
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GOLD DUST
BOUGHT

Dawson City – Gold Rush

Swim Posings



To Aileen
With Love From
Marjorie
mhm

Swimming in the Yukon River

- Earliest known Yukon Swim Picture
- Girls Day Swimming Yukon River

circa. 1899

** Source: Yukon Archives*



Swimming Al Fresco – Klondike Style

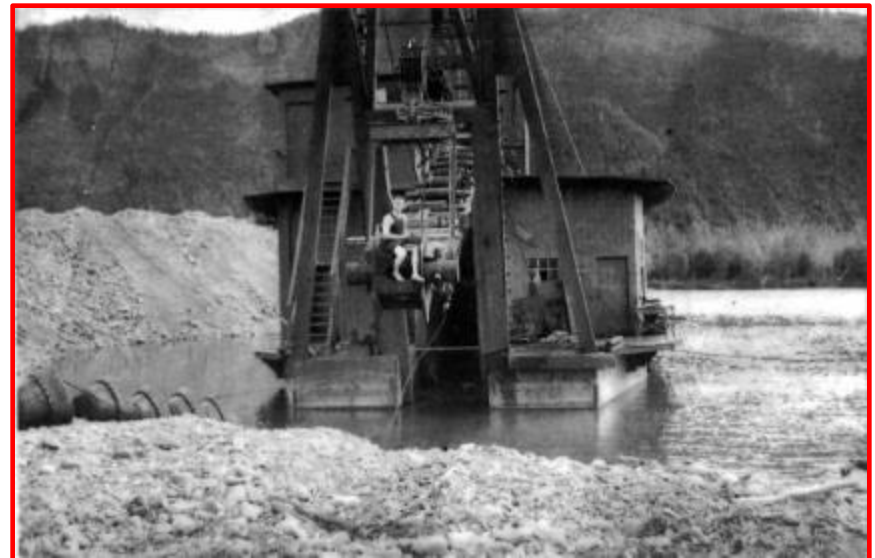
- Rivers
- Lakes
- Dredge Ponds



Swimming Al Fresco – Klondike Style



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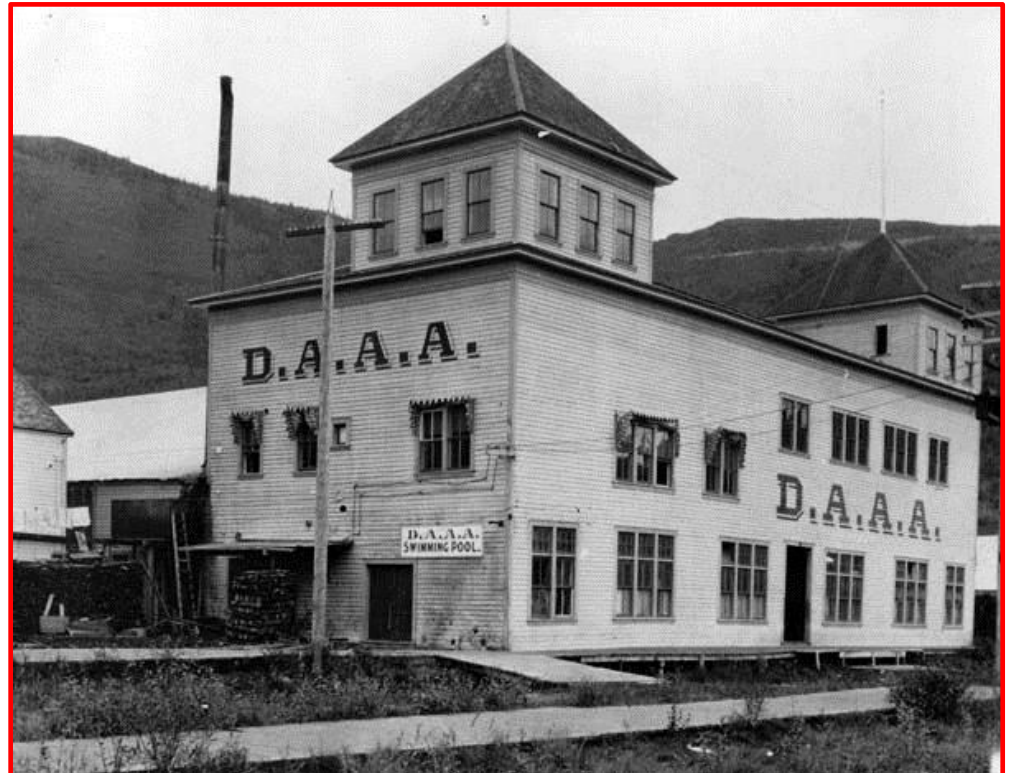


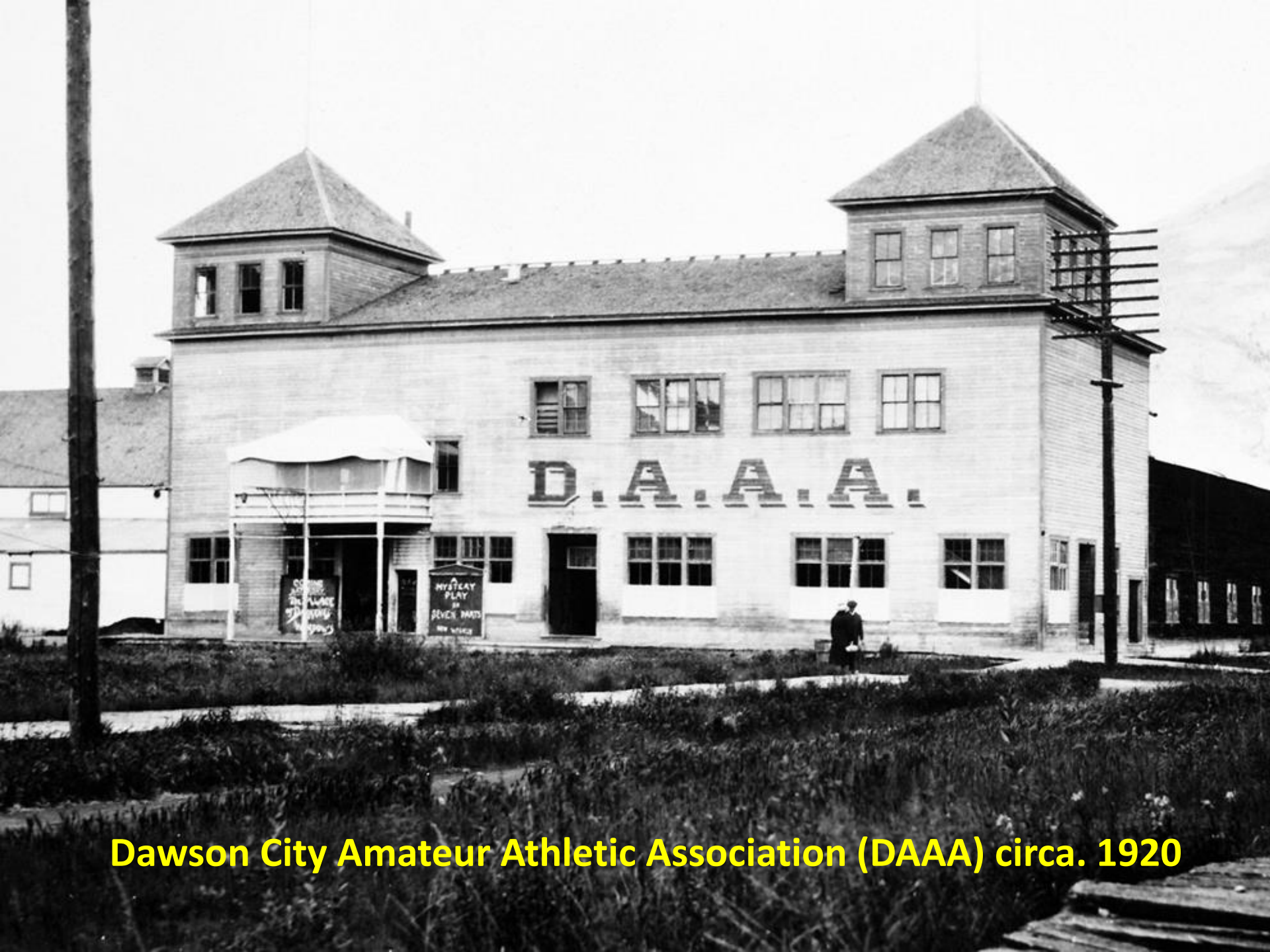


Dawson City

Greatest sports and entertainment centre in Canada:
The Dawson Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA).

- Skating Pavilion
- Curling Rinks (2)
- Theatre
- Club Rooms (4)
- Gymnasium
- **Natatorium with Parlors**
- Dining Halls (2)





Dawson City Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA) circa. 1920

Dawson City - Swims

A lack of bathing suits held-up the grand opening of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA) Pool in June, 1908.

For two weeks the new pool sat un-used while the new manager – Walter Creamer – awaited the arrival of the swimwear.





No. 225. Women's Single Cape, double texture mackintoshes in navy and black; price, \$4.98, \$6.98 and upward.

No. 226. Ladies' Bathing Suit, of black mohair, sailor collar, belt, sleeve and band of cream mohair trimmed with black soutache braid; price, \$3.98.

No. 228. Bathing Suit, of all wool navy flannel trimmed with white soutache braid; price, \$2.25.
No. 230. Of Fine Imported Mohair, black or navy, with cream vest, collar and belt trimmed with black hercules braid; price, \$5.98.

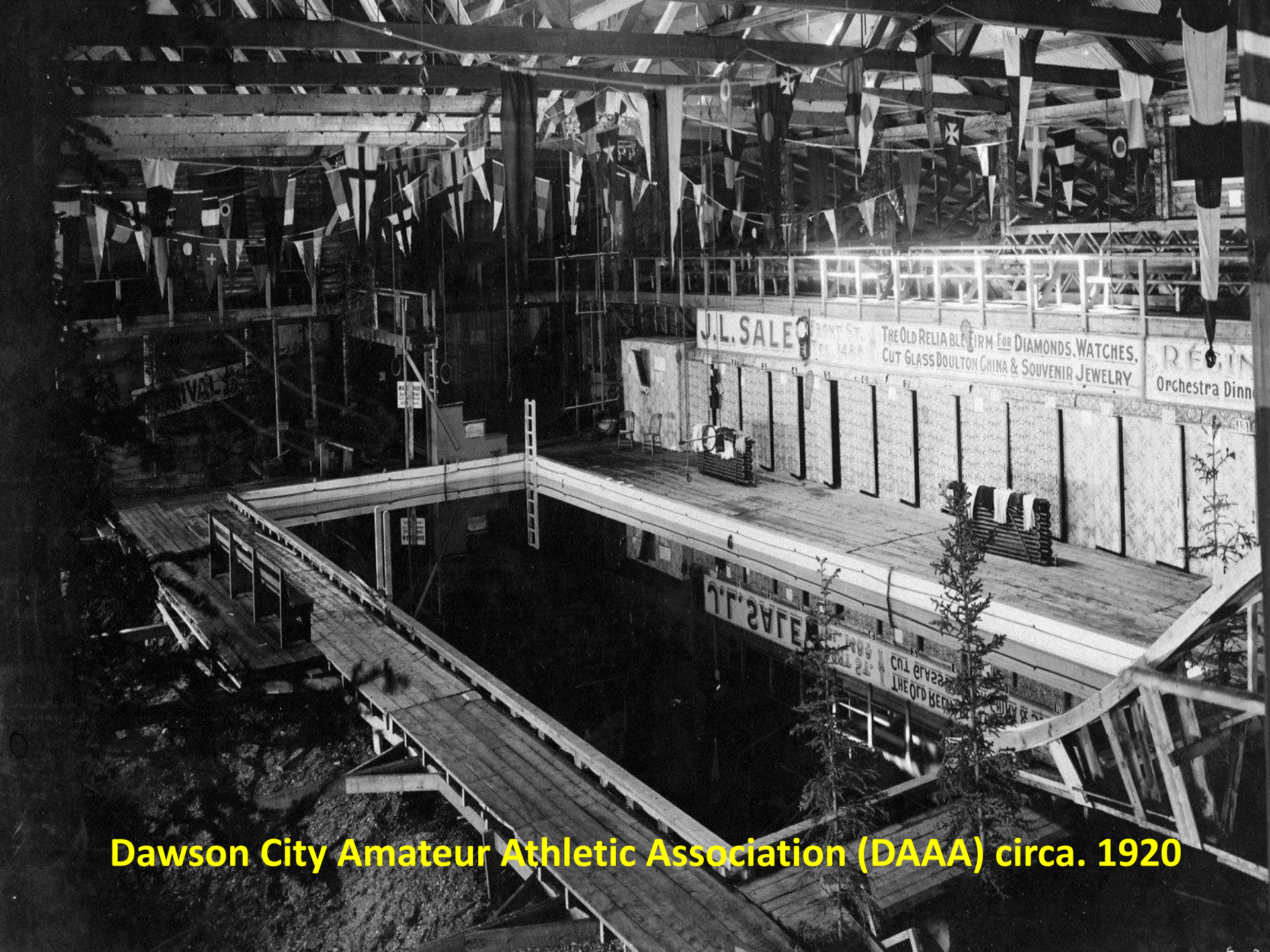
No. 232. All Wool Navy Blue Flannel Suit trimmed with white braid; price, \$1.98.

No. 234. Imported Mohair, black and navy, trimmed with white hercules braid; price, \$4.98.





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Dawson City Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA) circa. 1920



Dawson City Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA) circa. 1912

D.A.A. Auditorium Capacity 5000 Seating 1000

1912-13



Dawson City Amateur Athletic Association (DAAA) 1910

The Renzonis and Reginas Playing Hockey at the D.A.A.A. Rink Dawson Y.T. Apr. 1910

Klondike News – June 26th, 1908

“Dawson’s metropolitan pretensions may have been recently strengthened by the addition of a freshwater natatorium. The water is taken from the Klondike and hence is pure and clean. It is changed every 24 hours and is heated to a comfortable degree of warmth by steam.”

Klondike Nugget News



DAAA Building

- September 17th, 1900: Property was purchased
- October 24th, 1902: Opening ball
- June 26th, 1908: Pool opened
- Walter Creamer: Recreation Manager (RFT)
- In 1921 the pool was closed.
- Diving boards, slides and features relocated to a dredge pond at Crocus Bluff, used as the city's new swimming pool.
- In 1928 the pool was filled with dirt and old film reels.



Dawson City - Swims



Swimming of the Era — Not Dawson City

Dawson City - Swims

1943:

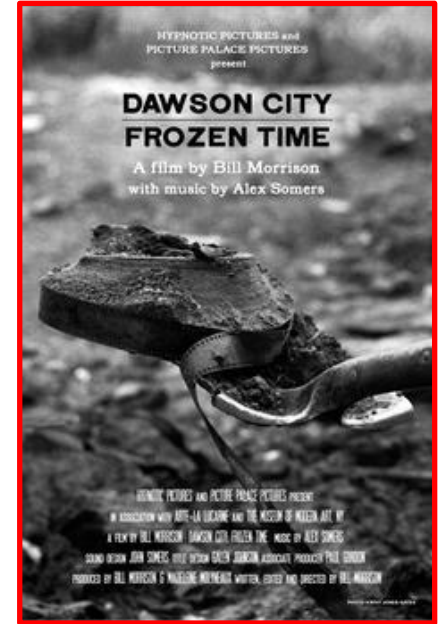
A young girl named Marjorie Snare drowned in a dredge pond.



- A committee was struck under the leadership of Arnold Nordale to build a new open-air pool.
- The new pool was built with materials donated by the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation (YCGC).
- The finished pool (1945) even featured a small wading pool for young children.

Dawson City - Swims

- Film reels (1908-1920) - Rediscovered in 1978 and became internationally famous – The Dawson City Film Find
- Film: *Dawson City: Frozen Time*
- Silent era nitrate film.



Dawson City - Swims

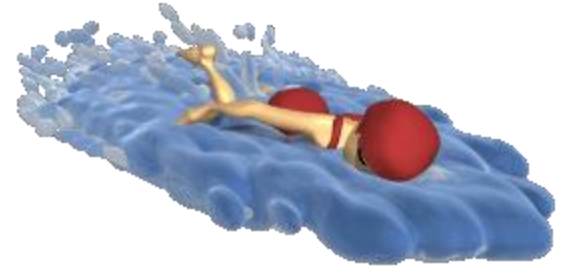
- The current indoor pool is built on the same location as the old outdoor pool.
- First filled by river water.
- Opened: November, 2000.
- It extends the swimming season, closing for the colder months.





Dawson City – Indoor Pool

Whitehorse - Swims



- Lions Outdoor Pool (opened): 1958
- Dale and Margaret Toohey (Australia)
Started: lessons and competitive swimming
- Lions Pool Refurbished: 1964
- Lions Pool converted to Indoor: 1972
- Whitehorse Swimming Championships: 1964
- Whitehorse Dawson Challenge (home & home)
- Whitehorse Swim Club: 1968
- Lions Indoor Pool (closed): 2005

Whitehorse - Swims

Canada Games Centre:
October 12th, 2005

FREE PUBLIC SWIM
Canada Games Centre

Whitehorse
THE WILDERNESS CITY



Saturday September 30
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Join FASD Interagency Advisory Committee for a sponsored swim to promote Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder awareness month!

 **fassy** Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon

 Child Development Centre

 **Yukon**
Health and Social Services

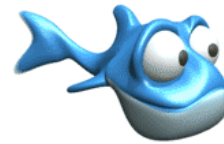


Swim Yukon – Glacier Bears





Public Swimming
Lessons
Aquafit



Swim Club
Synchronized
Scuba



Swim Yukon



- 1972 – Group of parents then formed: Yukon Amateur Swimming Association (YASA).
- 1976 – Communities so strong that the Yukon was represented by Carmacks over Whitehorse at the BC Provincial Championships.
- Yukon kids couldn't swim well in long course pools, but did well short course.
- “Nobody can turn like communities kids. The pools are so short, they're turning all the time.”

David Downing (2013).



Swim !

- 1970 YTG (YG) set-up portable pools in: Mayo, Watson Lake and Teslin
- Expanded to: Carmacks, Faro, Beaver Creek, Clinton Creek, and Carcross



Yukon – Community Pools (1980s)

- Created to:
 - Address high drowning rate (highest in Canada)
 - Learn to swim; and stay safe
 - Provide a recreation outlet
 - Offer wholesome opportunities
- Indoor Pools - above ground
- Operated: May-August
- Partnership: Community/YTG/RPAY



Yukon – Community Pools (1980s)

Wholesome opportunities.....to curb:

- Drug & Alcohol Mis-use
- Build Community
- Economic Disparity
- Seasonal - Midnight Sun



Yukon – Community Pools



1. **Whitehorse - Municipal**
2. **Dawson City - Municipal**
3. **Watson Lake - Town**
4. **Haines Junction - Town**
5. **Carmacks - YG**
6. **Ross River - YG**
7. **Faro - YG**
8. **Pelly Crossing - YG**
9. **Carcross - Town**
10. **Mayo - Town**
11. **Beaver Creek - YG**



Pool Managers Needed - Yukon

We are now accepting applications for summer aquatics staff in Yukon Communities.

The Yukon offers a unique and challenging work environment for mature, self-motivated and energetic individuals who are interested in working in small, northern communities. Positions are available in a variety of Yukon communities ranging in population from 100 to 2000. Experience 24-hour daylight, northern lights, wilderness hiking, canoeing, fishing and music festivals, while you re-live the days of the Klondike Gold Rush!

Pool Manager

The Pool Manager is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations and maintenance of the pool which include the following;

- facility operations and maintenance
- program planning and delivery
- administrating & teaching Red Cross and Lifesaving Society programs
- lifeguarding/instructing
- supervision and training of staff and volunteers
- implement all health & safety regulations
- education of community on safe water practices and the promotion of boat and water safety

Certifications:

- National Lifeguard Service, Water Safety Instructor, Lifesaving Society Instructor, Pool Operator Level I, CPR “C” and Standard First Aid or Aquatic Emergency Care.
- Certification in Pool Operators II, Aquatic Emergency Care Instructor, Water Instructor Trainer and NL Instructor/Examiner would be an asset.

Compensation:

Wages range from \$20-25/hour and many communities offer extra benefits, such as accommodations and a travel subsidy.

Terms of employment: May to end of August.

The Yukon Government assists Yukon communities with the hiring of their staff. Communities are responsible for interviewing and hiring applicants of their choice. Pool Managers work for the community in which they are hired and are not Yukon government employees.

To Apply:

- Please forward your resumé and a copy of your current certifications by February 26, 2014 to the address below. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Yukon Government
Sport & Recreation Branch
PO Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6
marie.cairns@gov.yk.ca
Fax: 867-393-6416

Yukon
Community Services
Sport and Recreation Branch



SWIMMING
POOL

POOL

Haines Junction – Indoor Pool



Haines Junction – Indoor Pool



Haines Junction – Indoor Pool

Elsa (ghost town) Swimming Pool





Dawson City – RPAY/ Yukon Annual Training

It is that time of year again!

Swim Team/Registration Fair & Swim:

Tuesday May 21st, 4-6pm &

teen swim 7-9pm (12+)



POOL OPENING!

Public swim: Friday May 17th 1-3pm & 7-8pm (all ages) 8-10pm (12+)

Movie Night in Youth Lounge Friday 7-9pm with popcorn

Public Swim: Saturday May 18th 1-3pm

All swims this weekend are free!

Registration for swimming passes Tuesday 4-6pm





Faro Swimming Pool Schedule



~ August 2013 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Lesson Set # 2 Continued Swim Lessons 9-12pm Team Practice 1-2pm Public Swim 2-4pm Lane Swim 4-5pm	3 Team Practice 1-2pm Public Swim 2-4pm
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18	19 Discovery Day	20 Holiday Pool Closed in lieu of Discovery Day Holiday	21 Public Swim 4-6pm Lane Swim 6-7pm Public Swim 7-8pm	22 SWIM-A-THON FUNDRAISER 4-7pm Public Swim 7-8pm	23 LAST POOL PARTY 4-7PM	24

If you are interested in registering your children for our last set of swimming lessons please call the recreation centre and speak with Melanie!



Town of Mayo – Outdoor Pool

Three Lane – 15m Pool



Mayo – Yukon's Only Outdoor Pool





POOL RULES

1. ONE LONG WHISTLE BLAST MEANS CLEAR THE POOL NOW!
2. NO RUNNING ON THE DECK
3. DIVE IN WATER DEEPER THAN 5 FEET
4. SLIDE ENTRIES MUST BE DONE FEET FIRST
5. IF YOU SWIM ONE LENGTH YOU MAY SWIM IN THE DEEP END
6. DO NOT IN ANY WAY POLLUTE THE POOL WATER
7. NO OPEN WOUNDS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN POOL

Town of Mayo – Outdoor Pool



Ross River – Indoor Pool



Carcross – Indoor Pool

SHALLOW END



Pelly Crossing New Indoor Pool



Yukon – ‘Other Water Adventures’



Watson Lake - Waterslide



Takihini Hot Springs, now Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs



Takihini Hot Springs, now Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs

Yukon River Quest

- **World's Longest Canoe Race !** 715km / 444 miles
- Whitehorse to Dawson City
- Course record set by a men's voyageur canoe team:
Team Kisseynew (2008), 39:32.43 (hours)



World's longest annual canoe and kayak race

715 km / 444 miles Whitehorse to Dawson City, Yukon

Now also on SUP

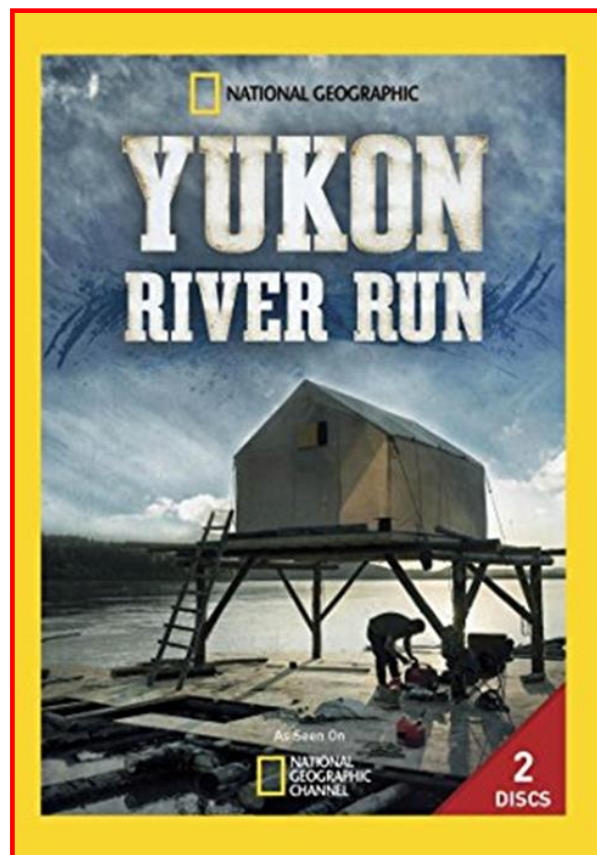
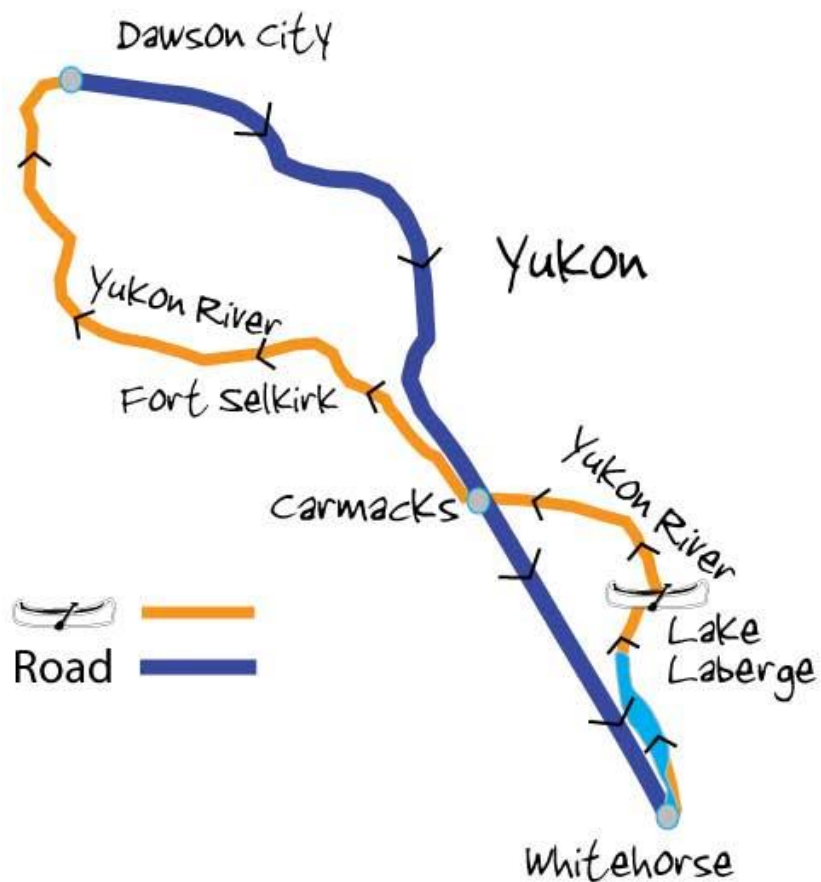
Race to the Midnight Sun





YUKON RIVER QUEST

June 28 - July 2, 2017



Yukon Quest - Carmacks





Yukon River Quest – Heading North West



Yukon Quest - Whitehorse



Yukon Quest – Open

Drum roll, please
Acclaimed percussionist Karl Schrock is teaching some kids at a summer camp.
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Spellbinding sport
Whitehorse's Robyn Fortune has made the national team for sprint slalom, a game straight from the Harry Potter books.
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Established 1980

Peel watershed case concludes PAGE 2, 3

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Maat Poonwet, left, and Isaac Pangphong practice capsize training in Chaudhurn Lake last Friday with the Yukon River fire story and more photos on page 36.

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Fisheries officials say strong Alaskan numbers may not hold in Canada. Page 3

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Mega mine will undergo mega review
Casino's massive copper and gold project faces an unprecedented panel review by assessors.
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McGowan together in a mission to help keep the north.
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Footwork
The new training course run by Tahltan's Equilateral ends with a splash into the Yukon River in Whitehorse on Wednesday.

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ASTONISHING ash
Gardens from across the country to share about the remnants of a volcanic eruption 1,200 years ago in Alaska.
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European adventures Hinkel, Kersten and Matt Lauenroth plan to walk all the way to Old Crow and visit the communities along the way.
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Yukon Triathlon



Paddling the Manes- Whitehorse



Yukon River – Near Five Finger Rapids

First Nations - Paddlefest





Sport Fishing
Northern Pike on the Yukon River



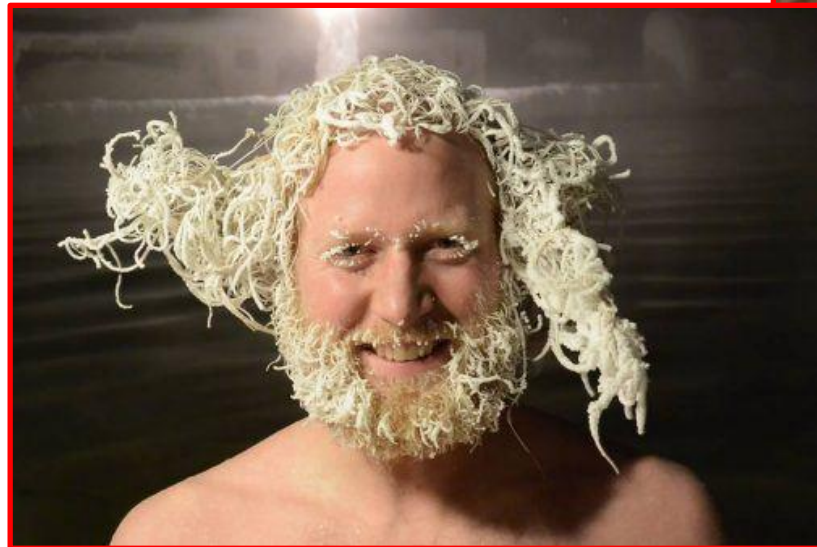
'Wild swimmers' explore Yukon, one bone-chilling lake at a time

CBC News – September 19, 2020



- 'It's different than pools,' says Sophia Marnik, who started a local group of goosebumps enthusiasts.
- The group aims to swim in as many frigid Yukon lakes as they can each summer.

Frozen Hair Contest



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The Drowning Problem



Local:

- * Drugs
- * Alcohol
- * Mental Health
- * Risk Takers

H2O Everywhere:

- * Lakes
- * Rivers
- * Unsafe Ice
- * Transit



Search for the body of a local Whitehorse man



Yukon RCMP investigating Presumed Drowning at Drury Lake

Ashley Joannuo - Wednesday January 30, 2019



A 36 year-old Alberta man is missing and presumed drowned after his snowmobile fell through the ice.



Hot Springs Drowning Ruled Accidental

Meagan Gillmore - Wednesday July 3, 2013



Japanese tourist Kiyoko Nagasaki, 72, drowned in the pool at, Takhini Hot Springs on Feb. 7, 2013



Body found in Lake Laberge

Roxanne Stasyszyn - Wednesday July 6, 2011



The body of Darcy Gene Helman a 56-year-old Whitehorse man was pulled from Lake Laberge on Friday, according to a coroner's investigation and autopsy.



Drowning Death of RCMP Ruled Accidental

CBC News - November 7, 2012

- A coroner's jury in Yukon has ruled the drowning death of RCMP Const. Michael Potvin was accidental.
- Potvin, 26, from Osgoode, Ont., drowned in 2010 when the Mayo police boat capsized in the Stewart River.
- Potvin had been stationed in Mayo for less than a year, having graduated from the RCMP depot in 2009.
- While on the water, the motor stalled again. Chapman said he restarted it four or five times then stopped, because water coming over the back was flooding the boat. He started the auxiliary motor but it died as well.
- After a short time drifting, the now-swamped boat rolled over and both men went into the water. Chapman said he stayed with the boat while Potvin tried to swim for shore.
- A witness testified Potvin was swimming well and she thought he was going to make it to shore when suddenly his head and arms shot straight up and he disappeared. Another witness said Potvin yelled to others to help Chapman before he disappeared into the water.
- A memorial to RCMP Const. Michael Potvin, 26, who drowned in July 2010, was unveiled last year in Mayo, Yukon. (CBC file).





19-year-old Whitehorse man drowns in Yukon River

Jumped into water to try to rescue a dog

CBC News - July 12, 2013



- Whitehorse man drowned in the Yukon River Thursday night trying to rescue his dog.
- Nicholas Close-Silverfox, 19, was walking with friends on the Millennium Trail in Riverdale near the pumphouse. He jumped into the river to try to get the dog.



A Young Life Lost

By Pierre Chauvin on April 20, 2016

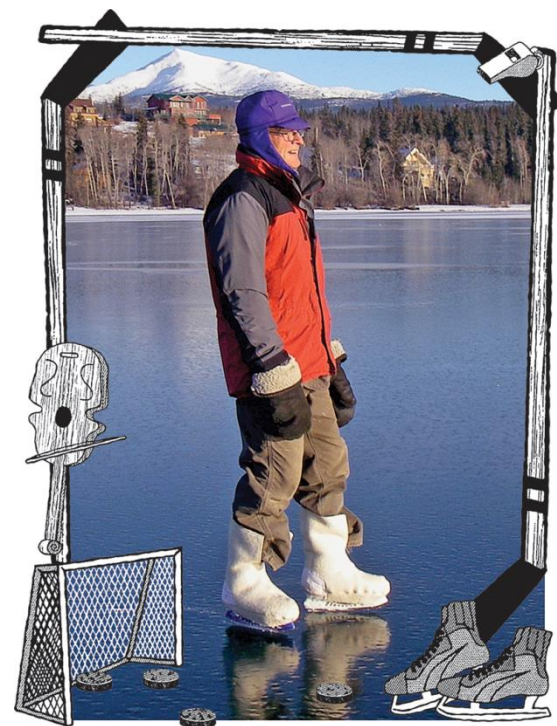


- A coroner's report into the death of a young man who drowned in the Yukon River last summer reveals the 19-year old was intoxicated moments before he jumped from Miles Canyon bridge.
- A coroner's report into the death of a Michael Groening died on June 15, 2015.

'Terrible accident' claims local hockey figure

By Rhiannon Russell on November 17, 2014

- A Sport Yukon Hall of Fame inductee and longtime hockey coach drowned after he went for a skate on Marsh Lake Sunday night.
- Jim Fowler headed out at about 7:30 p.m., telling his wife he'd be home in two hours.
- He never returned.
- A search began early this morning, and his body was recovered at about 10 a.m. in the lake near the Judas Creek subdivision, Kirsten Macdonald, the Yukon's chief coroner, told the Star.
- "There were no injuries, no suspicion of foul play," she said. "Just a terrible accident."



Man's remains found in Pelly River

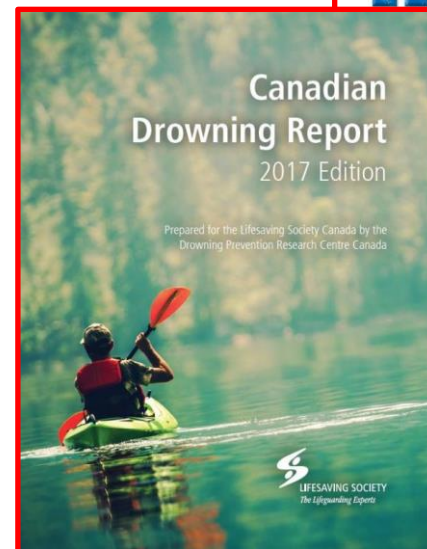


Man's remains found in Pelly River Pelly Crossing RCMP found Richard Hager's body in the Pelly River on Monday, one kilometre downstream from the bridge where he was last seen.

By Ashley Joannu July 30th, 2014

Drowning Problems !

- Still Many drownings in the Yukon.
- Vast majority are:
 - * Local, Male, Young (18-35)
- Access to water and a need for transit.
- Sustenance around water:
 - * Fishing & Hunting.
- Social issues:
 - * Leading to depression
 - * Drug/alcohol misuse



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Saving Lives Through Education



Opportunities:

- * Places to swim !
- * Lessons

Smarter (past):

- * Learning from past

Safety:

- * School Swimming
- * Self-Responsibility
- * BOAT

Celebrate:

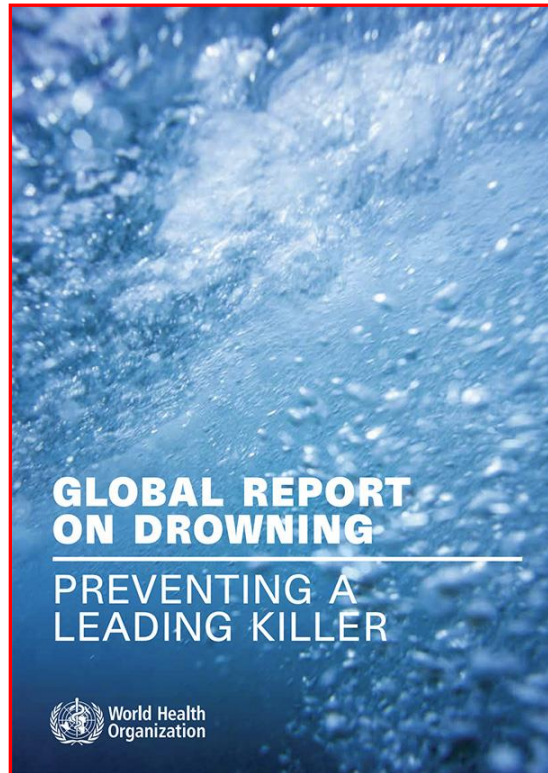
- * Embrace H₂O
- * Outreach



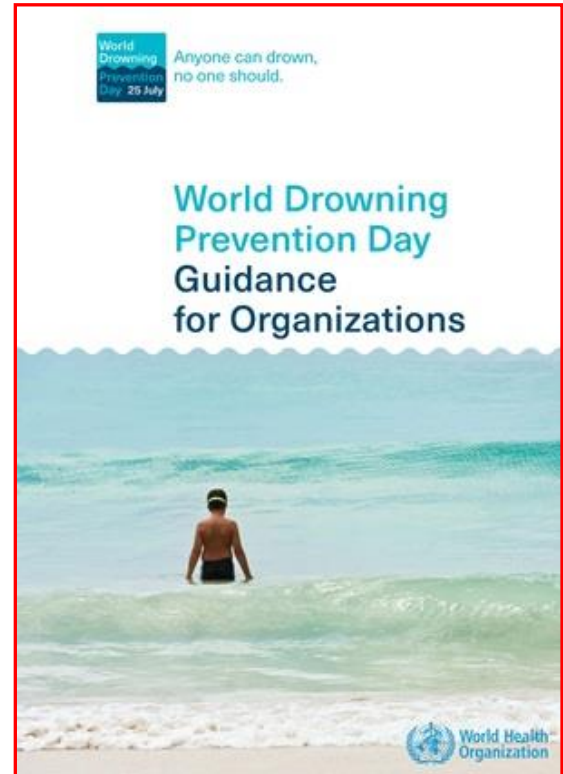
Putting all the pieces
TOGETHER !



World Health Organization (WHO)



Report (2014)



Guide (Annual)



World Health Organization

- The World Health Organization (WHO):
“Drowning is a global burden.”
- Third leading cause of unintentional death on the planet.”
- Drowning is a significant concern in Canada.
- After birth defects, drowning is the main cause of unintentional deaths for children ages 1-4.
- Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death behind car crashes for persons under age 24.

World Health Organization (WHO)

TEN ACTIONS TO PREVENT DROWNING

COMMUNITY SAFETY:

- **1.** Install barriers controlling access to water.
- **2.** Provide safe places away from water for pre-school children, with capable child care.
- **3.** Teach school-age children basic swimming, water safety and safe rescue skills.
- **4.** Train bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation.
- **5.** Strengthen public awareness of drowning and highlight the vulnerability of children.

EFFECTIVE POLICIES AND LEGISLATION:

- **6.** Set and enforce safe boating, shipping and ferry regulations.
- **7.** Build resilience and manage flood risks and other hazards locally and nationally.
- **8.** Coordinate drowning prevention efforts with those of other sectors and agendas.
- **9.** Develop a national water safety plan.

FURTHER RESEARCH:

- **10.** Address priority research questions with well-designed studies.





25 JULY

World Drowning Prevention Day



Learning to swim above the Arctic Circle, in Old Crow

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CBC News – August 3rd, 2016



Lifeguards:
Willow Brewster and Reanne Lemoine
(Whitehorse Pool)





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Lifeguards:

Teach kids to swim !



Swim-to-Survive





Swim-to-Survive – Dawson City



BOAT - Training

Boat
Operator
Accredited
Training



Highest training rate per capita in Canada !



YCKC (Yukon Canoe & Kayak Club) holds river rescue demo during Drowning Prevention Week

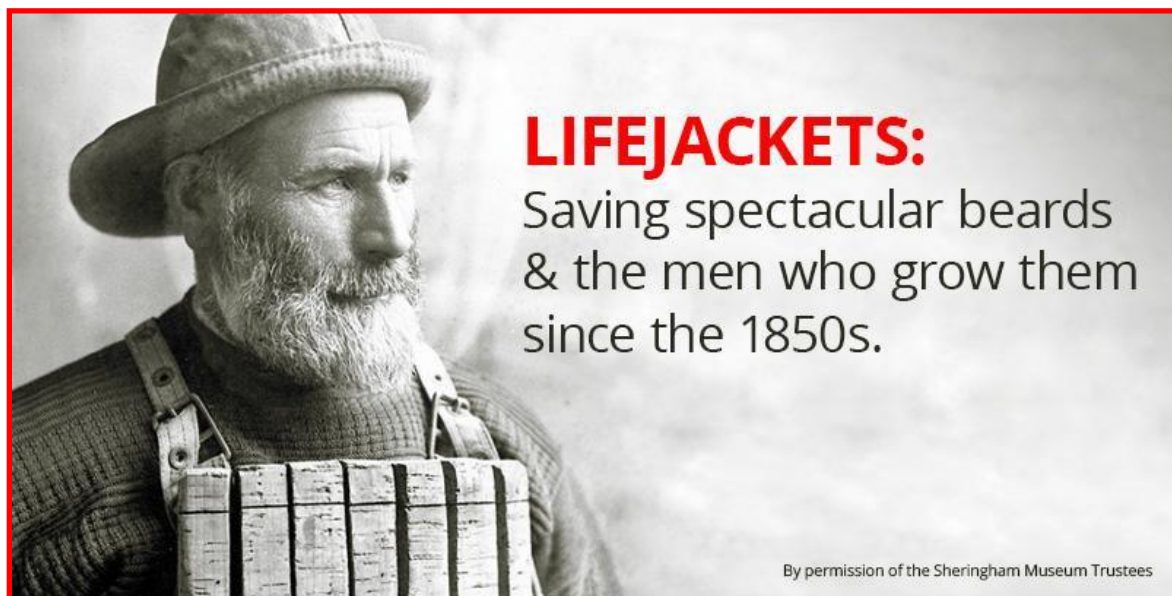


National Lifejacket Day



May 20th, 2022

May 19th, 2023 *Circle it !*



National Drowning Prevention Week



Life Jacket Loan & Return Station

Ms. Tracy Rispin, Manager of the local Co-Op and the RCMP open station.
September 7th, 2017.





GROWING NORTHERN
COMMUNITIES
DÉVELOPPER NOS
COMMUNAUTÉS NORDIQUES

Governments Supports makes the difference

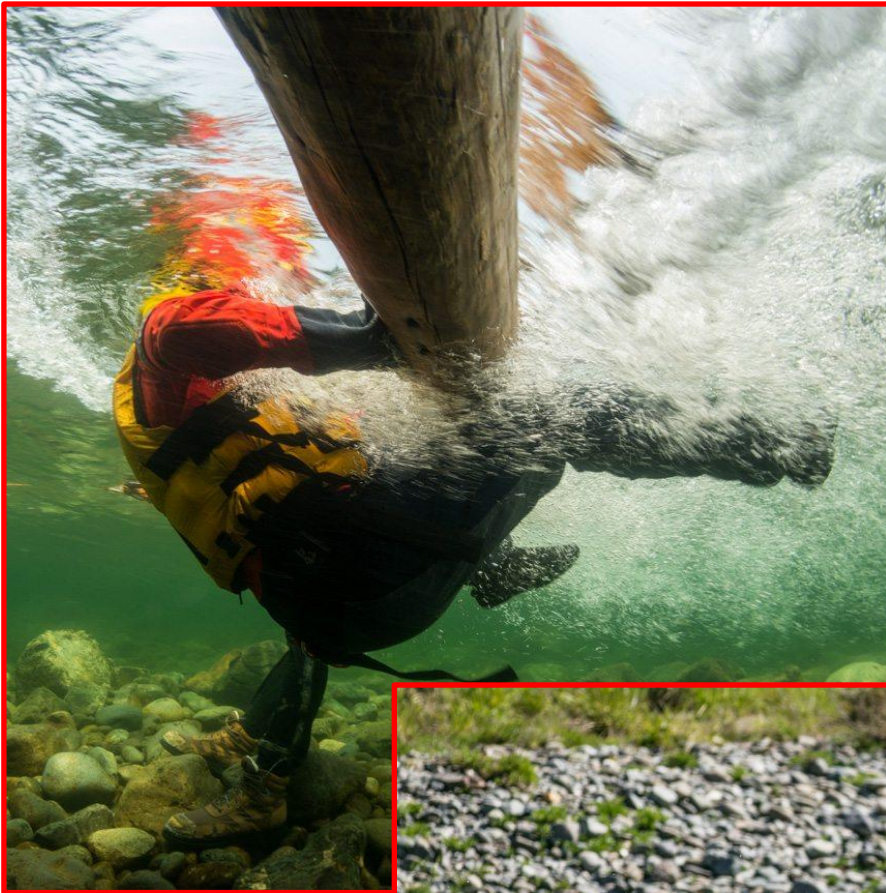
Yukon Search & Rescue Training





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Swiftwater Rescue



Annual Yukon Aquatic Workshops

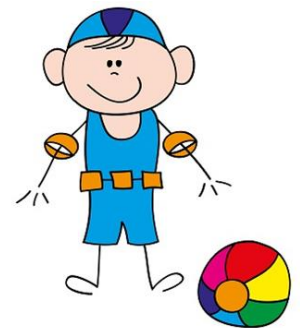


Investment in Safety

- Yukon approach
- Community-specific

Local needs

- One participant
- Flexibility





Yukon Aquatic Workshop – Pelly Crossing



Yukon Aquatic Workshop – Haines Junction



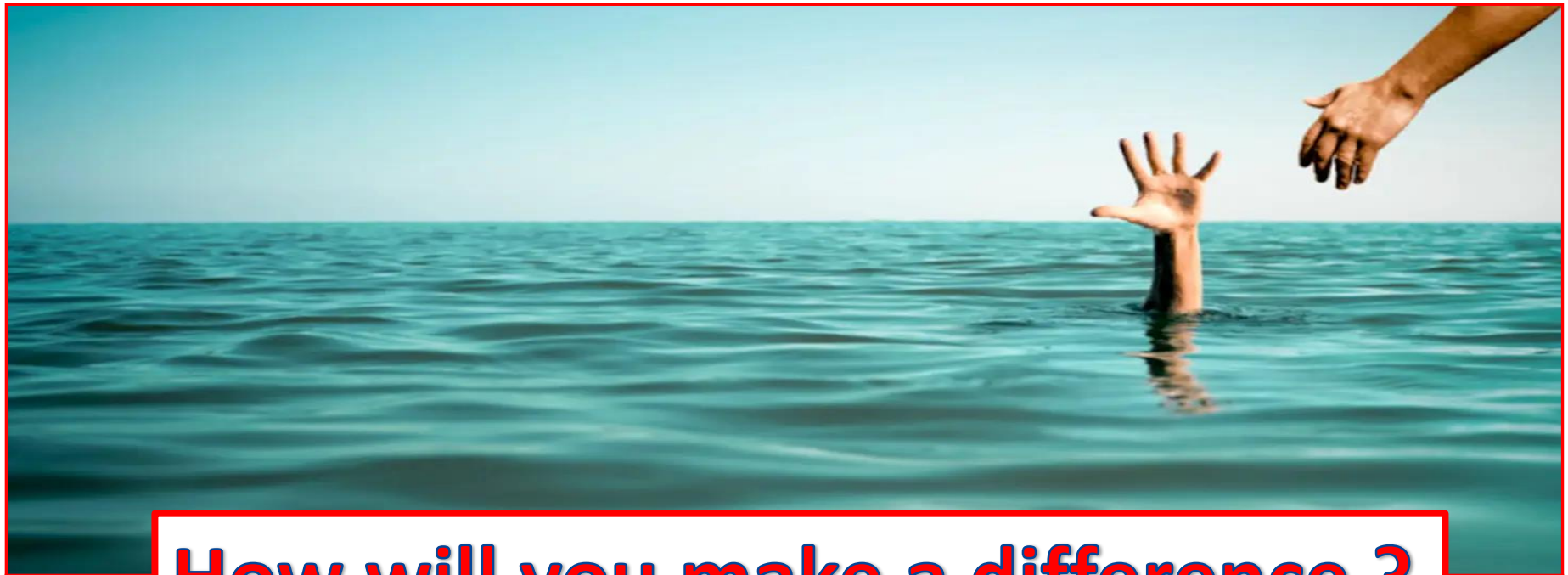
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Yukon Aquatic Workshop

Yukon Aquatic Workshop – Carcross





How will you make a difference ?



Thanks !





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