DOLOMITE LAKE "What We Heard"

Summary of findings from the public engagements held March 14th and 15th





Summary

The purpose of the open house sessions was to provide people an opportunity to reflect on the information gathered from the first series of open house sessions, held on Feburay 7th and 8th, 2018 (available on the Lands website) and expand upon their vision for Dolomite Lake.

A series of posters were used to:

- Provide a statement of "What is Dolomite Lake" and context of how it fits with existing recreational sites in the Inuvik area;
- Explain the recreation management planning process;
- Confirm, using a map, 'what we heard' from the first public engagement session;
- Conceptually display the physical contraints of the study area;
- List the key issues for the area and allow people to highlight issues they feel are of highest priority Seek input on a vision for future recreational use of Dolomite Lake.

Twelve people attended the three open house sessions; all twelve self-identified as Dolomite Lake cabin owners. The sessions were led by two GNWT Department of Lands representatives and a consultant from Dillon Consulting Limited. A summary of the feedback is provided on the following pages.









What people said about

What is Dolomite Lake, What We Heard, Constraints.

Feedback on the "What is Dolomite Lake" statement, the detailed "what we heard map" and the constraints map included:

- Looking at the 'What is Dolomite Lake' poster, people mentioned that although recreational sites are available to use within the Town of Inuvik, some of the sites, such as Boot Lake, have garbage and enforcement issues making Dolomite Lake one alternative recreation site.
- The Scout Lean-to was not in the correct location, and at one time was also a Gwich'in Tanning Camp.
- There was a larger area of methane gas around the north shoreline of the lake than was orginally identified.
- The amount of garbage around the lake, such as old wire and appliances.
- Corrections to some of the previously identied and mapped trail, wildlife habitat and activity locations
- People also identified new recreational sites









What people said about

Issue prioritization and proposed management ideas

Participants were asked to look at the list of issues that were identified during the previous open houses, and using three dots, indicate their priorities for Dolomite Lake. They were also asked to provide any management ideas that could help address the issues. The table below outlines the feedback received.

Issues	Priority	Management Ideas
Lack of parking for boat trailers		
Condition of the road past the quarry	••	
Lack of a proper boat launch	•	
Garbage	••••••	 Large items that have been left by cabin owners have been abandoned Lack of services
Lack of toilets		
Lack of enforcement	••••	 With increased expansion, increased enforcement is required People stealing motors etc. Enforcement – fishing requirements, garbage pickup, water, and wildlife and land destruction
Use of the quarry to access northwest shore		
Lack of clarity of land tenure and taxation	••	
Wildlife habitat	•••••	 Habitat preservation through education and enforcement Limit and enforce fishing regulations and stop wastage Overall preservation of habitat
Damage to lands due to ATV / Argo use	•••	



What people said about

What do you envision for Dolomite Lake?

Participants were asked comment on what they envision for Dolomite Lake in five (5) to ten (10) years' time. The list below outlines the comments we received.

- Leave the lake as is
- Leave the lake as is, but open to tourism
- Stop the damage to the land and water
- Include wildlife education programs
- Feature interpretive signageMaintain a landscape that people will respect



