

Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan

Stakeholder / Public Information Session

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Our Position

Yukon needs a diverse economic base and tourism is a key contributor.

The Government of Yukon identifies Tourism as a strategic industry – we need land assets protected in order to build on our industry.

Sustainability is important to the future of the territory.



The Peel land use plan is unique:

Protection in the Peel is imperative.

The Peel plan is not a precedent for all future plans.

The majority of Yukoners surveyed support protection of the Peel.

Protection of the Peel does **NOT** jeopardize the health of the mining industry in the Yukon.



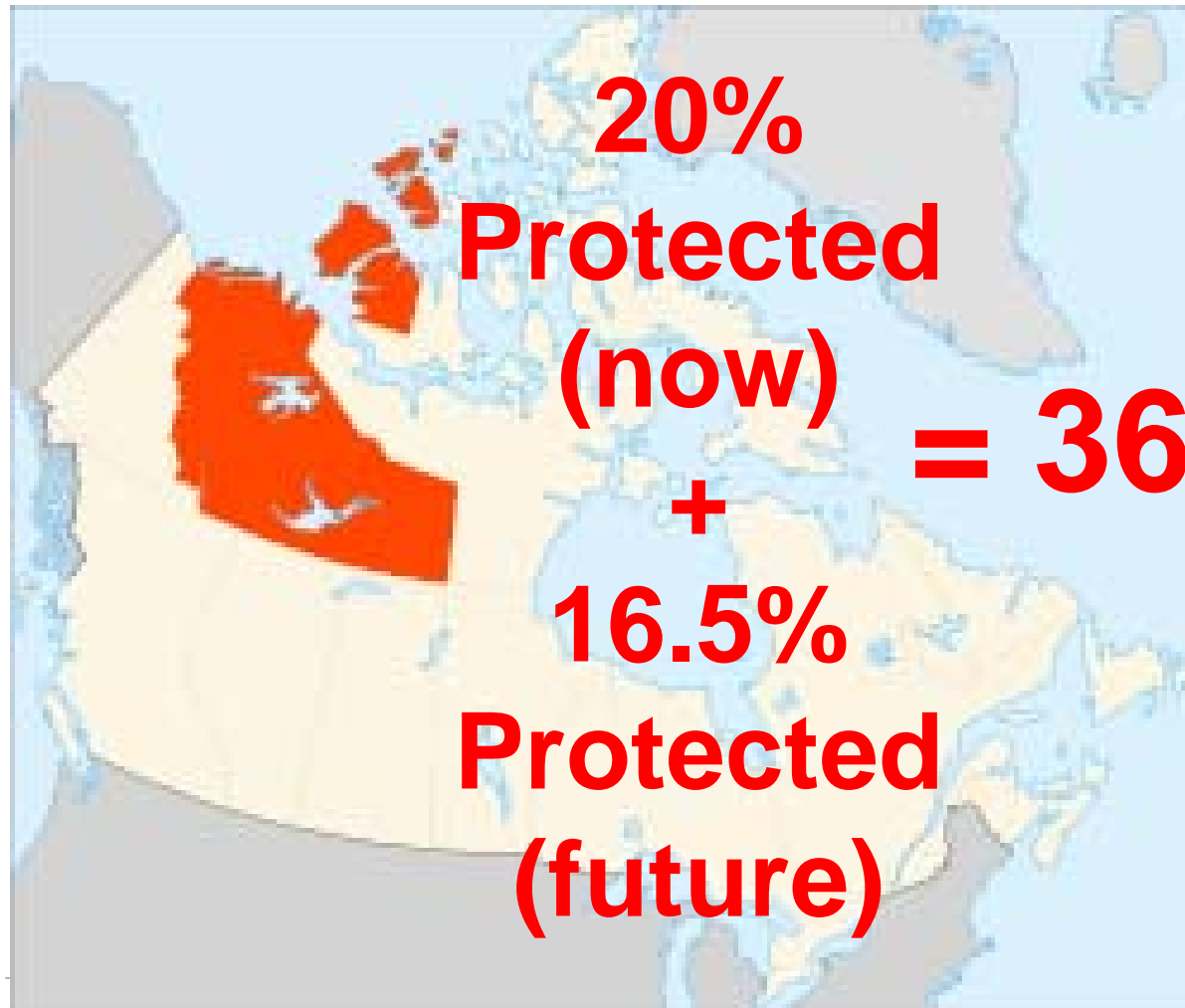
Context - Alaska

Total land base - 1,717,854 sq km / (633,268 sq mi)



Context - NWT

Total land base - 1,346,106 sq km (519,734 sq mi)



Context - Yukon

Total land base – 482,443 sq km / (186,272 sq mi)



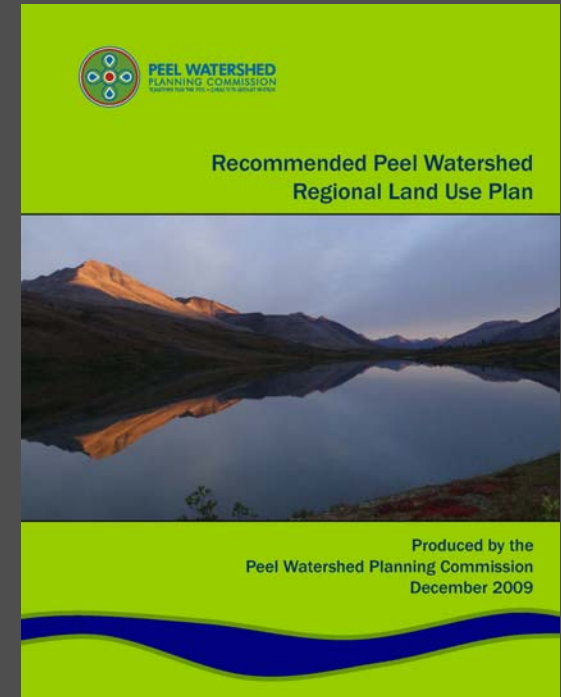
12%
Protected = 12% TOTAL

TIAY Believes:

The Planning Commission was diligent - their findings and recommendations reflect the desires of stakeholders and Yukoners.

Even with the addition of the Peel area as recommended in the plan, the total protected land in the Yukon is :

- ▶ Estimated at 23%.
- ▶ Still well below that protected by our neighbours.



What's at Stake?

The Peel is:

THE iconic jewel of the Yukon.

FUNDAMENTAL to Yukon's branding as pristine wilderness.

ONE of the largest remaining intact boreal forests in the world.

YUKON'S GLOBAL REPUTATION



TIA Y supports:

- The plan as presented by the planning commission
- Protection of key land and tourism assets
- Sound environmental stewardship