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Hello!

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2017 Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council Biennial Summit in Carcross, Yukon. This year's theme, "20 Years of One People, One River" is an opportunity to reflect back on 20 years of progress, share ideas and successes, and plan for the next stage in our journey. Twenty years is an important milestone and we need you there to help us frame the future.

This packet includes several pieces of important information for the Summit. Alaskans, please be prepared for the border crossing. If you have a passport, please check to see when it expires. Passports can be renewed by mail. I have double-checked with U.S. Border and Customs, and Native American Tribal **Photo** Identification Card will still work for the border crossing.

The YRITWC will be arranging for motor coaches to travel to and from Carcross for the Alaska delegation. The tentative departure date is early in the morning of July 31st, and arriving in Carcross in the early evening. The road is great, so it's a safe trip if you'd rather drive yourself, and RV parking is available. Yukoners, driving in a small group is the best plan. The Carcross Tagish First Nation, the host for this year's Summit, will be closing its three campgrounds and RV park for our use. Please note, there really are not hotel accommodations nearby, so plan on camping. As we've done in the past, housing for elders is available. The enclosed registration form will help us plan to best meet your needs.

As a signatory tribe, your participation in this is essential. Not only is this a terrific opportunity for us to reconnect, but important decisions will be made for the Watershed Council. Please make sure that your tribe is represented in this process. The YRITWC is one of the only organizations of its kind, spanning political boundaries and unifying indigenous peoples from the Bering Sea coast to British Columbia. We would like to see as many of you as possible join us, please plan to send at least one person as a delegate, with authority to speak for the tribe or First Nation.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Best,

Kelly Donnelly, MPA
Executive Director

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YUKON RIVER INTER-TRIBAL WATERSHED COUNCIL



YRITWC 11th Biennial Summit

August 1-3, 2017
Carcross, Yukon Territory
Canada

Celebrating 20 Years of
One People One River

Join us for fun activities such as; dancing, biking, tours, bingo, drum making, crafts, presentations, delicious traditional food, and much more!

Start planning your travel now because passports are needed to enter Canada. IGAP funds can be used but revisions may be necessary.

Please reach out to us if you would like to donate, have suggestions, or any general questions or comments.

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT WWW.YRITWC.ORG/SUMMIT



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YRITWC 2017 11th Biennial Summit Registration
August 1-3, 2017 Carcross, Yukon Territory Canada

Contact Information

Name: _____ Community/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Summit Information

Type of Participant (Circle one):

Delegate Chief Elder Speaker Youth Guest Other:

Delegate must provide Tribal Authorization

Type of Transportation (Circle one):

YRITWC provided transportation

Has own transportation

Type of Housing During Summit (Circle one)

Hotel/Cabin (elders have priority) RV lot With family/friends Campground

If camping: I have a tent

I do not have a tent

Food Allergies or Dietary Restrictions: _____

Are you interested in donating traditional food to the Summit? YES NO

Are you interested in volunteering during the Summit? YES NO

Are there any specific trainings or issues you would like to see discussed at the Summit?

Please email/fax/mail this form upon completion. Feel free to contact us with any questions
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Invitation for Resolutions

- All resolutions forwarded by a Tribe or First Nation will be considered by the full Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council at its biennial Summit, Aug. 1-3, 2017.
- Resolutions must be presented on Tribe/First Nation letterhead and received by the YRITWC office no later than **June 15, 2017**. Sample resolutions are posted on the Summit web page, <https://www.yritwc.org/summit> .
- Resolutions must be duly authorized by the tribal/First Nation council.
- Resolutions can be emailed to kdonnelly@yritwc.org; faxed to 907-258-3339; or mailed to YRITWC, 725 Christensen Dr., Suite 3, Anchorage, AK 99501.
- QUESTIONS? Call us! 907-258-3337

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(Type Resolution on Tribal letterhead)

RESOLUTION # _____

[Resolution Title]

WHEREAS, The [Tribe/First Nation] is a sovereign entity and federally recognized Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS, The [Tribe/First Nation] is an Accord signatory and governing member of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (YRITWC); and

WHEREAS, The YRITWC is a coalition of 73 Tribal and First Nation governments in the United States and Canada that have unique interests and enforceable rights, and have agreed to cooperate in protecting the environmental integrity and health of the Yukon River and all of it's inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, The indigenous governments within the Yukon River Watershed are determined to maintain and strengthen their distinctive cultural, spiritual, and material relationship with the lands, waters and other resources within their traditional territories, and to uphold their responsibilities to present and future generations in this regard; and

WHEREAS, The YRITWC has demonstrated 20 years of partnership with signatory tribes and First Nations to engage in citizen science, environmental education, water quality monitoring, and restoration of polluted and contaminated sites within the Yukon River Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The [Tribe/First Nation] hereby [requests / directs / supports / opposes] the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council to _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the _____ (Tribal, Traditional, or Native Village, First Nation) Council at a duly convened meeting on this _____ day of _____, 2016, by a vote of _____ Yes, _____ No, and _____ Abstaining.

Council President/Chief

Council Secretary



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YRITWC 2017 11th Biennial Summit Tribal Delegate Authorization

Date:

We the Chief and Council of the _____ Tribe/First Nation hereby authorize council member _____ as a delegate to act on our behalf and represent this Tribal Government at the 2017 Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council's Biennial Summit taking place August 1-3 in Carcross, Yukon Territory Canada.

This delegate has authority to act on behalf of this Council, a signatory to the Yukon River Watershed Inter-Tribal Accord.

Should a conflict arise, we the Chief and Council of the _____ Tribe/First Nation give authority to council member _____ to be the alternate.

Both of these delegates have or will soon have a passport to travel to and from Canada for the summit.

This authorization is valid until further written notice from (Chief/Council Name)

Name (print)

Position/Title

Signature

Date



2017 Summit Donation Form

<i>Check one</i>	<i>Support Level</i>
	\$5,000
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	\$1,000
	\$ 500
	Other: _____

Make checks payable to: Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Donor Information

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Volunteer Opportunities for YRITWC 11th Biennial Summit- Carcross, YT August 1-3, 2017

We hope you can join us in Carcross, Yukon Territory for our 11th Biennial Summit! This summit will be very special event because it is YRITWC's 20th anniversary protecting the Yukon River Watershed. We are always looking for generous volunteers to lend us a hand during preparation and day to day activities!

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Community: _____

Please indicate what type(s) of volunteering you might be interested in during the Summit:

- Phone Calls (passport verification, logistics, etc.)
- Transportation (to/from summit, carpooling, etc.)
- Day of event communications
- Set up/take down at Summit
- Cooking
- Cultural events coordination
- Travel logistics
- Minute note takers
- Transcribers and recording
- Photography/video
- Other: _____

Please visit www.yritwc.summit for more information!

Note: Please be informed that YRITWC cannot fund volunteers to the summit. Volunteers are financially responsible for getting to and from the summit.