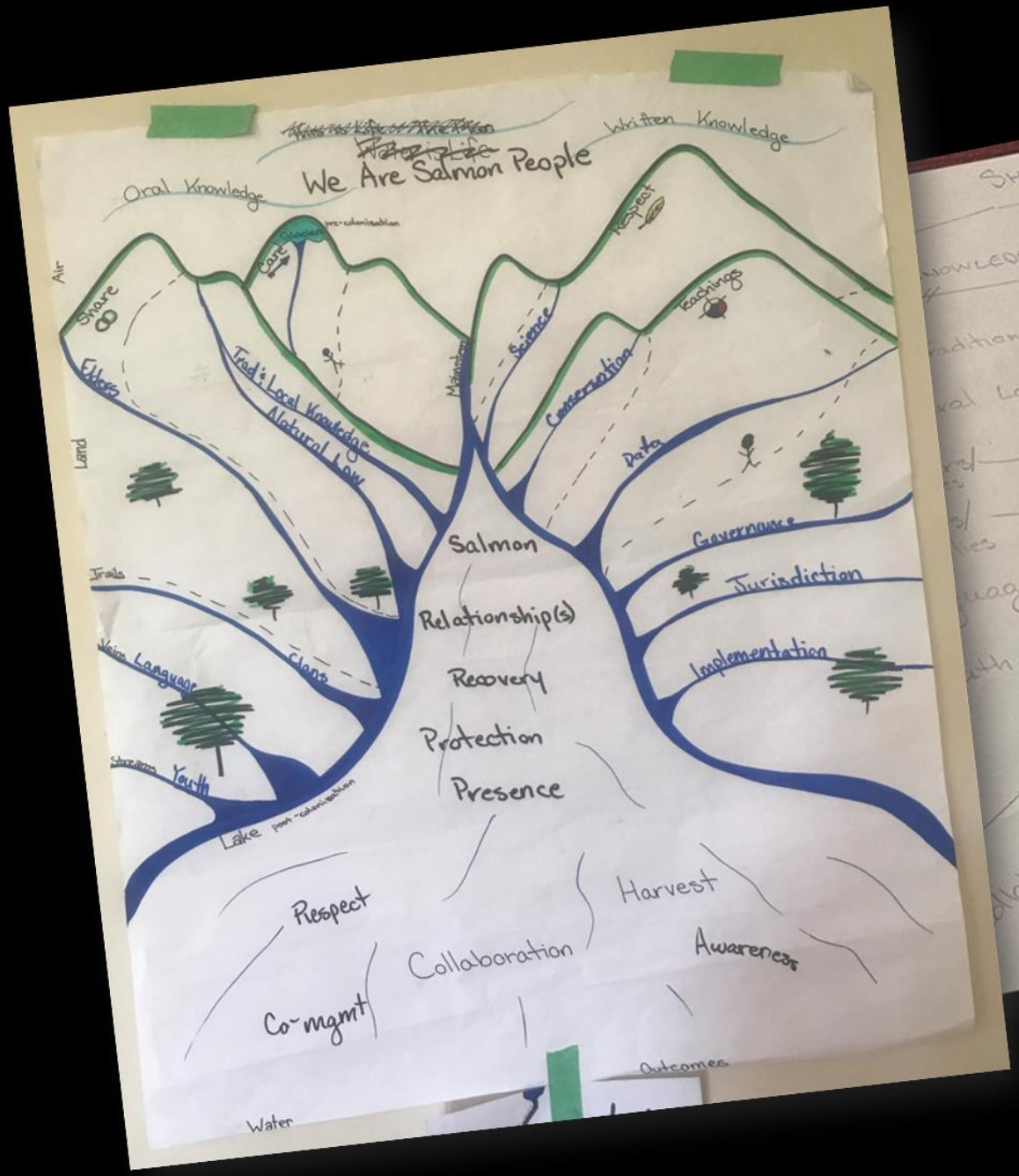
Traditional Knowledge Committee

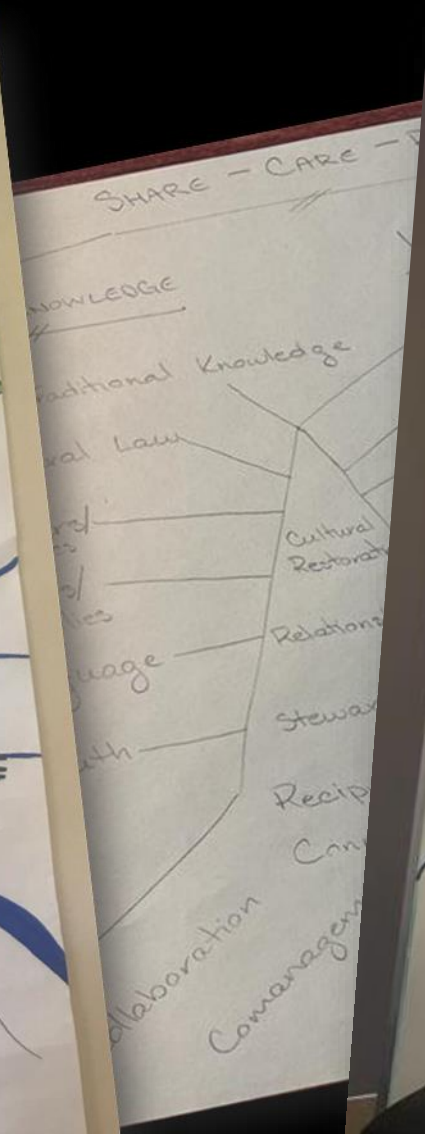
PRESENTATION TO THE YUKON RIVER PANEL, January 28, 2026

Foundation

two
pathway to
eyed
many-eyed
seeing
seeing...
western knowledges &
ways of knowing
indigenous knowledges
& ways of knowing

ETHICAL
SPACE
INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE
WESTERN
KNOWLEDGE


We Are Salmon People
Oral Knowledge
Written Knowledge
Air
Land
Share
Elders
Trad & Local Knowledge
Natural Law
Care
Science
Conservation
Data
Repeat
Teachings
Governance
Jurisdiction
Implementation
Trails
Veins
Language
Clans
Youth
Lake
Salmon
Relationship(s)
Recovery
Protection
Presence
Respect
Collaboration
Co-mgmt
Harvest
Awareness
Outcomes
Water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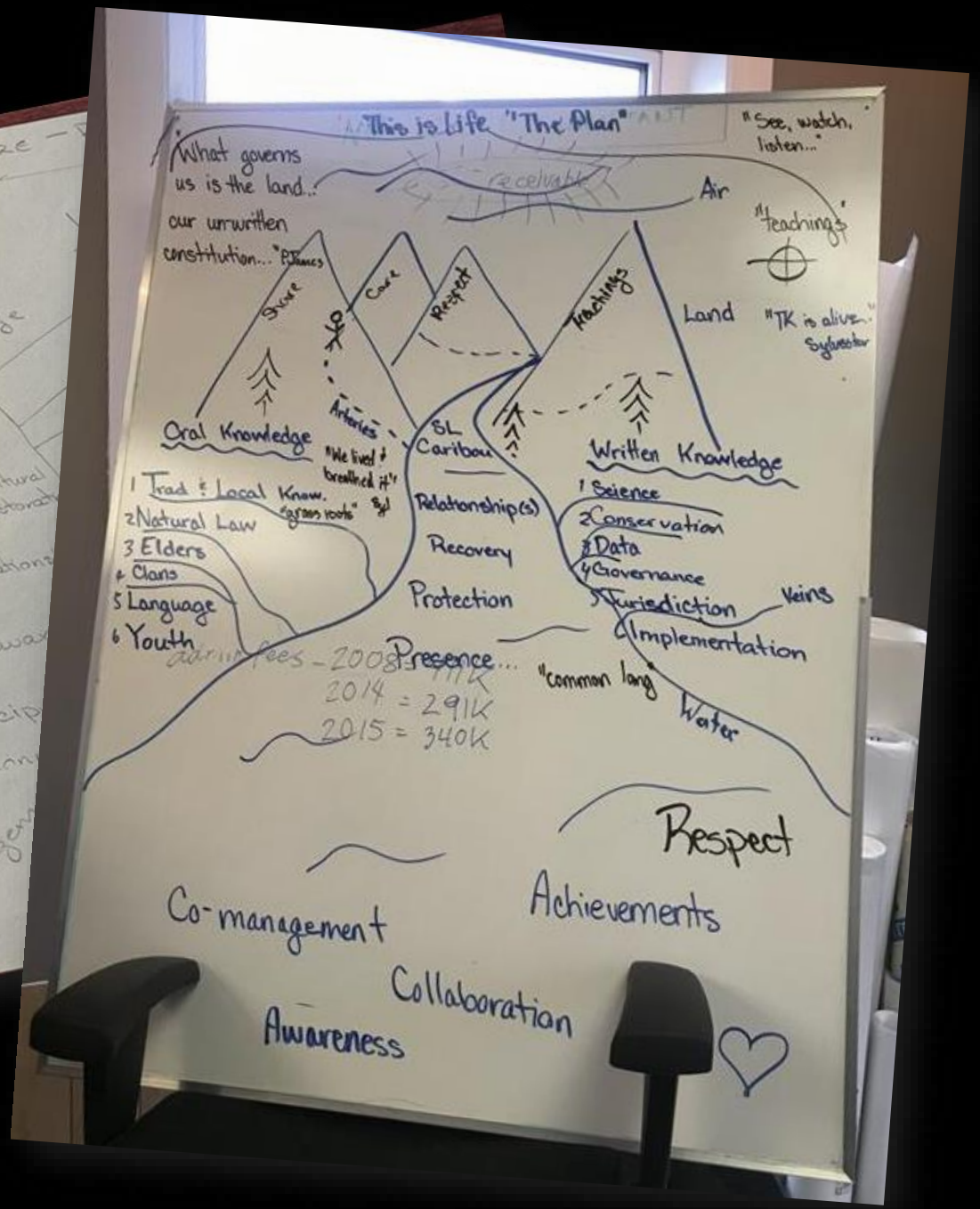
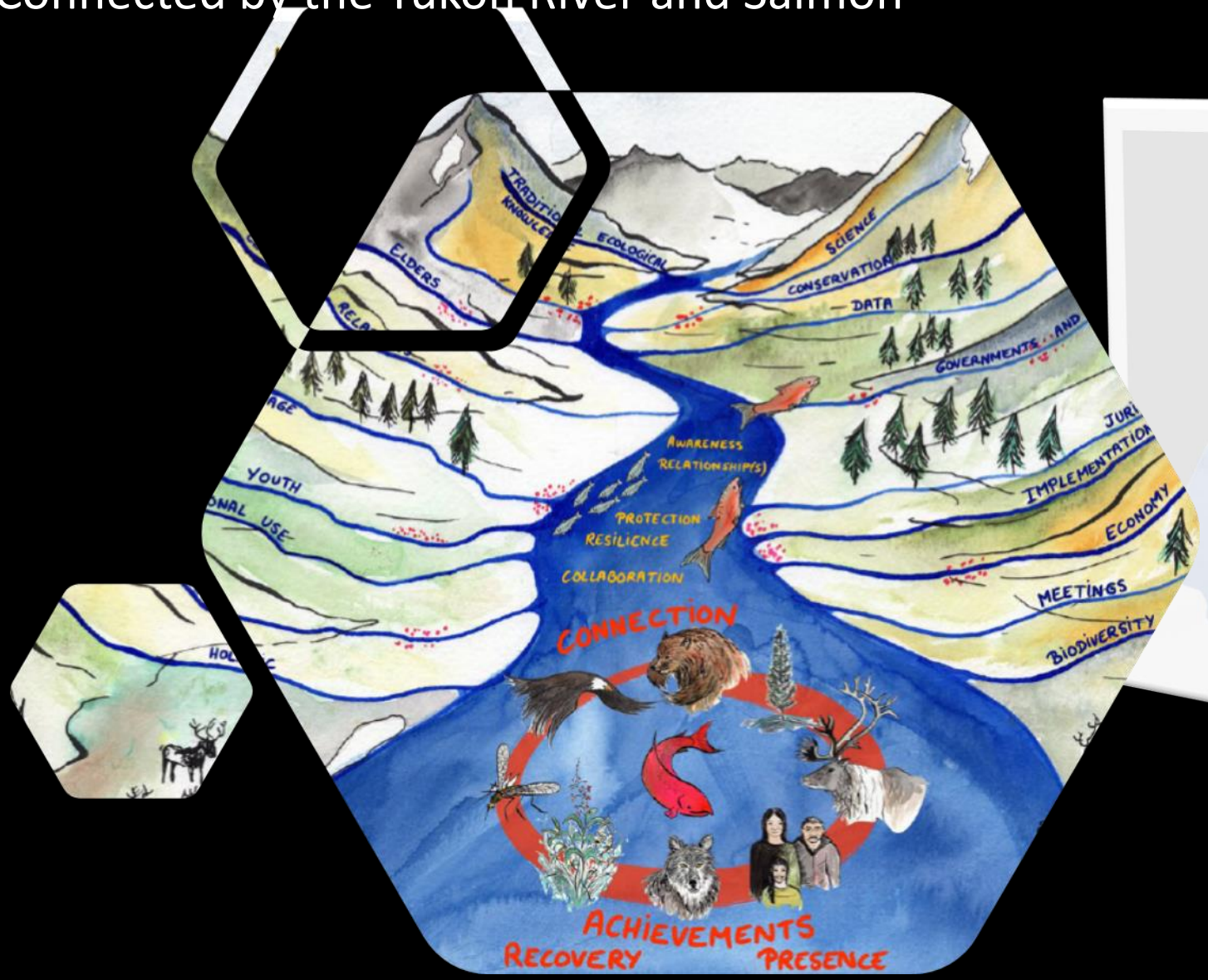

This is Life "The Plan"
"See, watch, listen..."
What governs us is the land... our unwritten constitution... "PJames
Air
"Teachings"
Land
"TK is alive..." Sylvester
Share
Care
Respect
Teachings
Arteries
"We lived & breathed it" Syl
Oral Knowledge
SL Caribou
Written Knowledge
1 Trad & Local Know. "grass roots" Syl
2 Natural Law
3 Elders
4 Clans
5 Language
6 Youth
Relationship(s)
Recovery
Protection
1 Science
2 Conservation
3 Data
4 Governance
5 Jurisdiction
Veins
Implementation
Presence...
2014 = 291K
2015 = 340K
"common lang"
Water
Respect
Co-management
Achievements
Collaboration
Awareness

Connected by the Yukon River and Salmon



Knowledge Comes from the Land and Flows Together

(ORAL AND WESTERN KNOWLEDGE)

SHARE
ORAL KNOWLEDGE
CARE
WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE
RESPECT
TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
ELDERS
CLANS AND RELATIONS
LANGUAGE
YOUTH
TRADITIONAL USE
GATHERINGS
HOLISTIC
SCIENCE
CONSERVATION
DATA
GOVERNMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
JURISDICTION
IMPLEMENTATION
ECONOMY
MEETINGS
BIODIVERSITY
AWARENESS
RELATIONSHIP(S)
PROTECTION
RESILICNCE
COLLABORATION
CONNECTION
ACHIEVEMENTS
RECOVERY
PRESENCE

Charlie Burns

Connecting the Broken Salmon Trail

"….Don't forget about the salmon babies"

Responsibilities

- Make recommendations to the Yukon River Panel regarding the management of Canadian-origin Yukon River salmon based on laws of share, care, respect and teaching using Traditional and Local Knowledge, Laws and Principles.
- Review Stewardship and Restoration proposals under the R&E process.
- Undertake other assignments as may be requested from time to time by the Panel.

Traditional Knowledge Committee Members

CANADA

- Brandy Mayes (KDFN) (Co-chair)
- Karlie Knight, (TDFN) (Alt Co-chair)
- Gillian Rourke (TTC)
- Stan Njootli (VGFN)
- Allen Skookum (LSCFN)
- Jennifer Herkes (C/TFN)
- Cathy Merkel (DFO – Facilitator)
- **2 Vacant Seats**

USA

- Charlie Wright (Tanana) (Co-chair)
- Serena Alstrom (YRFDA)
- Sven Pauken (Mountain Village)
- John Linderman (ADF&G)
- Virgil Umphenour (North Pole)
- Caroline Brown (ADF&G – Facilitator)
- **3 Vacant Seats**

U.S.
Canada
Stanley Nj
Porcupine R
Darcy P
Fort Yukon
Allakaket
Huslia
Charlie W
Brooke W
Virgil U
Karlie K
Klondike R
Vacancy in the middle river
Koyukuk
Salcha R
Yukon R
Tanana R
Delta R
Pelly R
Andreafsky R
Vacancy in the middle river
White R
Anvik R
Allen S
Anvik
Gillian Rourke
John L
Sven P and Serena F
Brandy M
Jen H

Activities

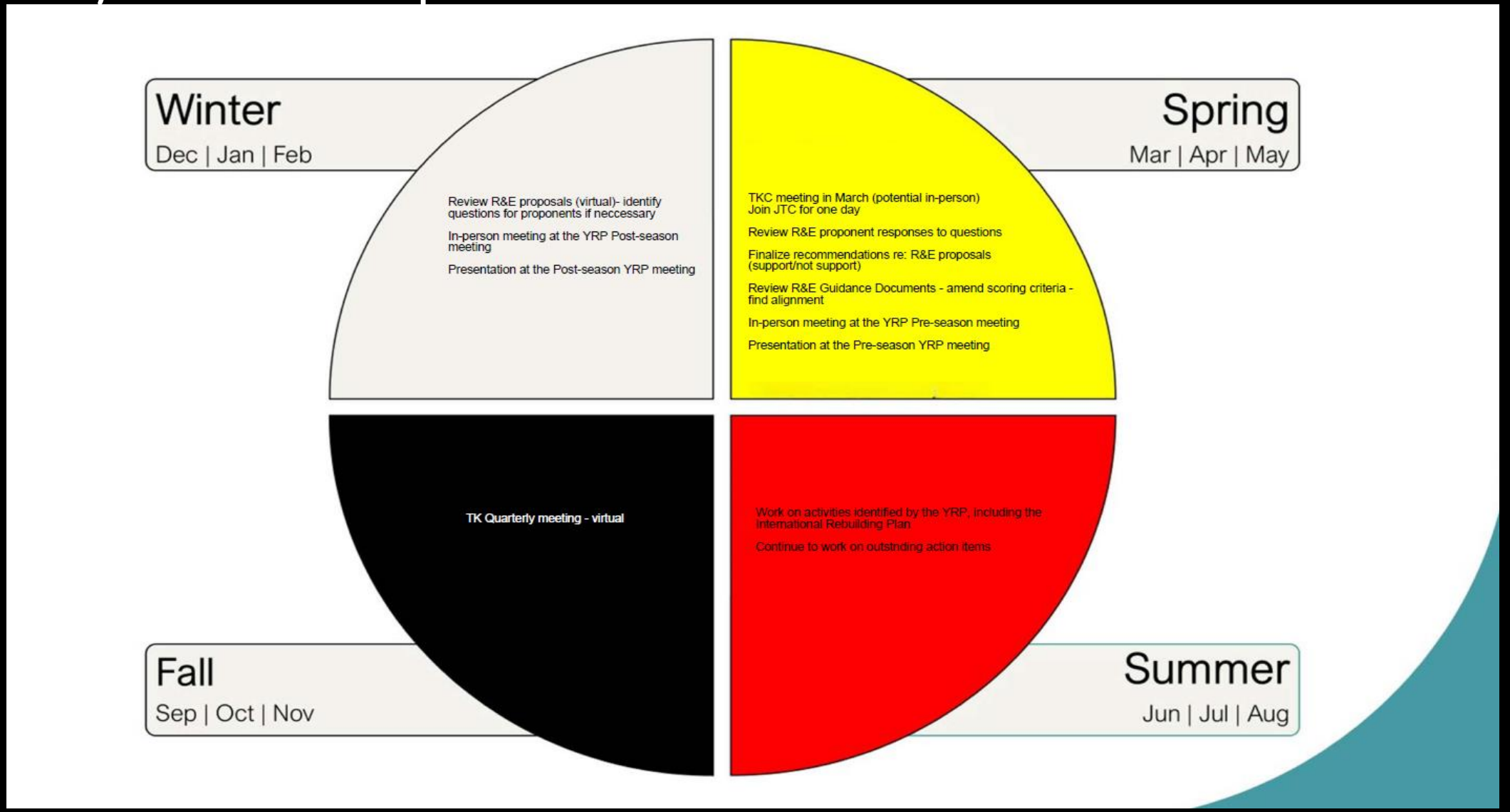
Meetings

- Dec 9, 2025 – Bilateral meeting (virtual)
- Jan 15, 2026 – Bilateral meeting (virtual)
- Jan 24, 2026 – Bilateral meeting (in-person)

Discussions & Key Activities

- Reviewed R&E Fund proposals and completed scoring
- Submitted scores to PSC Secretariat (Jan 15, 2026)
- Provided clarifying questions to PSC Secretariat
- Coordinated with Communications & JTC on R&E guidance updates
- Discussed alignment of proposal guidance with scoring criteria
- Provided input on Communications Committee projects
- Discussed committee coordination and governance

2026/27 Workplan



May we walk forward together with respect, unity, and humility, honoring the teachings of those who came before us and protecting what is sacred for those who will follow.

Yeenji’tr’ahaa’ee ts’at nihłah gwiinzii iindoo tr’eeheedaa,
khazhididich’uu hiidalyaa,
Yeenoo nakhwah chih ga’ooniltin kat diichih giniijil, googwijilcheii, jidii srig oogijahch’uu gook’ih giiheedaa eenjit gooveenjit gok’aganahtii