

Dear SEEF Reporting

The Student Experience Enhancement Fund enabled me to travel to and attend the Arctic Ungulate Conference and North American Caribou Workshop in Anchorage Alaska. The conference brought together an international group of managers, researchers, Indigenous and Local Knowledge holders, academics, and co-management groups who wanted to share their knowledge of caribou, muskoxen, Dall sheep, and reindeer. The topic of this year's event was Crossing Boundaries. Arctic ungulates cross landscape boundaries, connecting ecological processes between different systems, and requiring partnerships and collaboration across management and national boundaries. A critical component of such partnerships involves crossing the boundaries of Western and Indigenous ways of knowing to identify creative opportunities to steward and sustain arctic ungulate populations in a changing world. Ungulate knowledge, conservation, and management was strengthened when so many backgrounds, perspectives, and ways of knowing came together in the form of over 250 presentations, symposiums, posters, and plenaries over the 5-day conference.

There we had the opportunity to share the projects we are involved with with community members, academics, policy makers, students, government entities, and researchers who work globally. Being able to workshop through ideas, make connections, present research to various co-management boards, and establish future employment opportunities, all within the scope of our research was exceptional. We are very glad for the support that SEEF provided, travel to Anchorage isn't cheap and would be unlikely something we could have pursued using personal or lab funds alone. We would like to encourage other students to think outside the box of ways that SEEF could support your individual experiences and professional development as in this case a short application paid off in dividends.

Thank you for your support and the opportunities and connections that it presented us. A few photos are included below.

Best,

-Patrick Gibeau & William Hein



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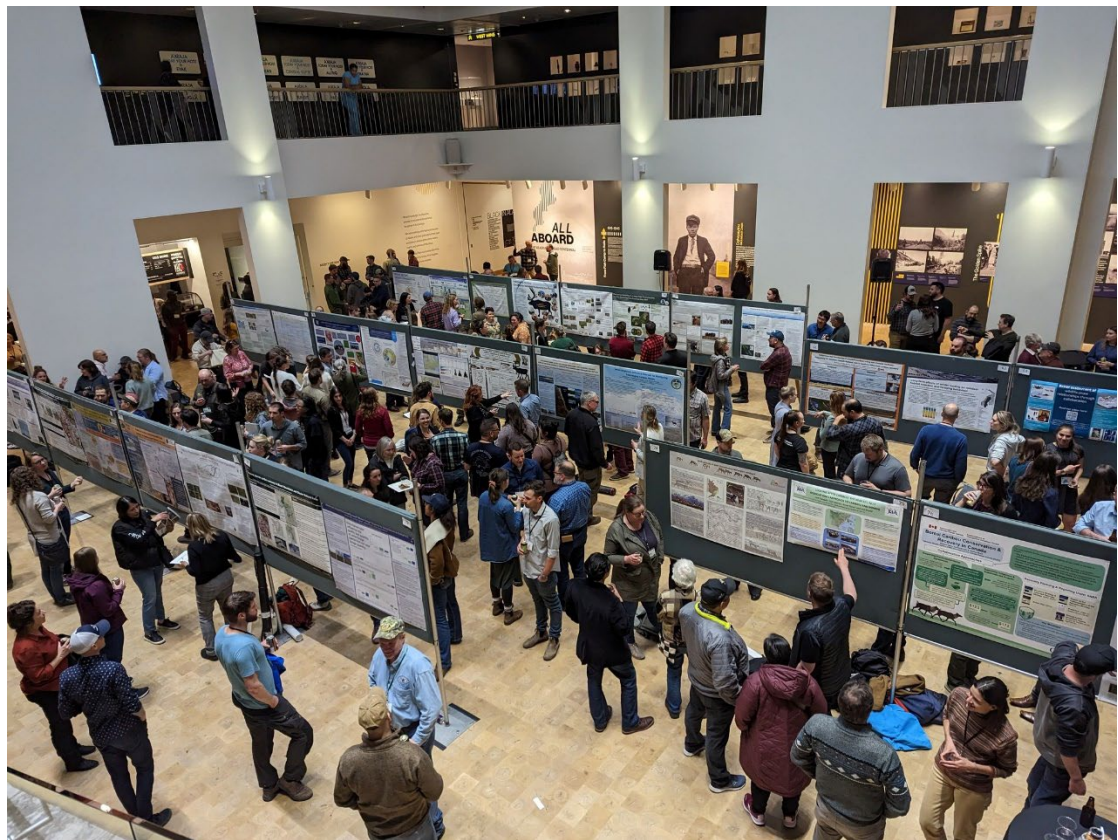
Camping near the Wrangell- St. Elias National Park & Preserve (Alaska) at the end of a first long day of driving from Whitehorse Yukon at our lab's satellite office.



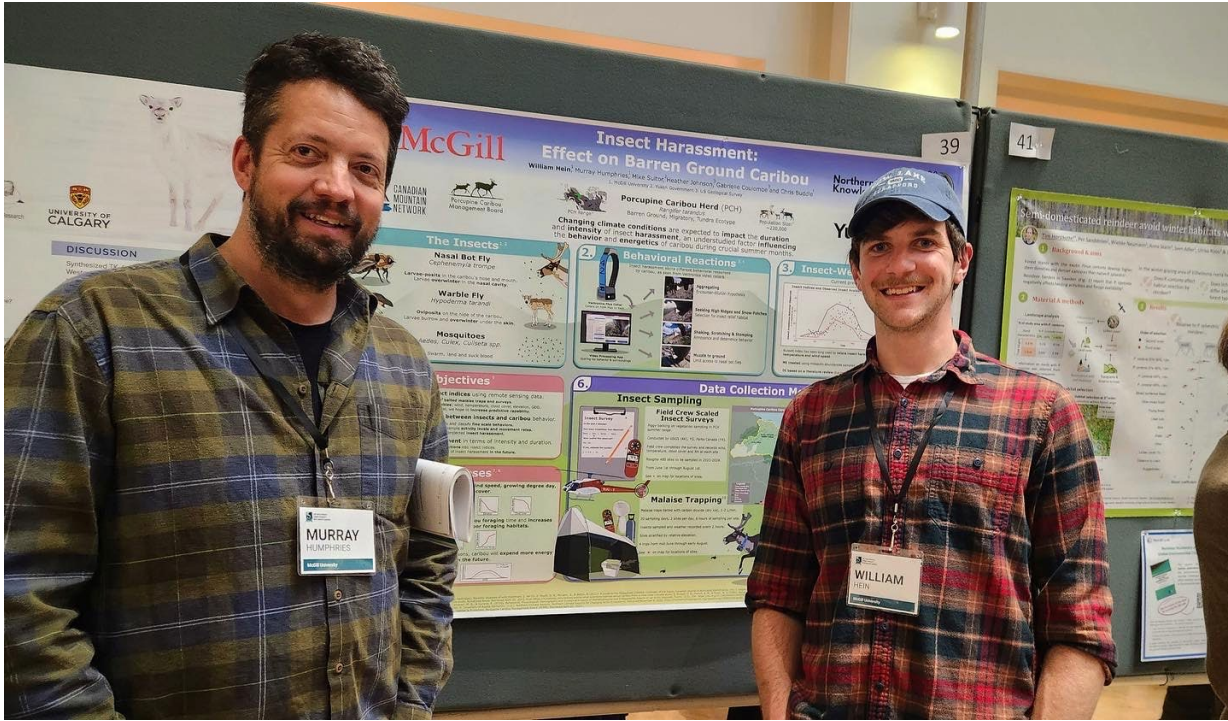
Looking south towards the Chugach Mountains before descending towards the ocean and Anchorage.



Over 600 attendees from across the world fill up the main ballroom during an 8 am plenary. One of over 250 presentations that would take place over a 4-day span.



84 posters showcasing research from across north America during the Tuesday night poster session.



Will Hein and Professor Murray Humphries stand in front of Will's poster detailing his master's project on Insect harassment on Barren Ground Caribou during the Tuesday night poster session.



Patrick speaking at the science and storytelling evening.



Patrick trying to hold it down for the first ever Yukon vs. Alaska biologist mechanical bull rodeo-off. Yukon won despite the Alaskans bribing the operator.