

7. *Socio-economic Effects and Determining Significance. Speaker David Lawrence*

**How do we determine significance for socio-economic effects in the Yukon?**

- Public input
- Vision as to ideal endpoint can assist
- GPI
- Thresholds
- Guidelines
- Project specific
- Should be done at a community level
- Establish the core values of Yukoners
- Consultation with stakeholders
- Define significance
- Community consultation
- Develop consistency
- Establish a collaborative open process
- Important to integrate traditional knowledge
- Encourage communities to establish vision statements
- Maintain transparency
- Land use planning is essential
- Avoidance of unnecessary political interference
- Identify effects and use as a basis for identifying significance
- Consider the effects on future generations
- Consider a "middle ground" between a standard approach and a case by case approach
- Quantify effects
- Case by case negotiations regarding thresholds of significances
- Do not overemphasize quantification
- Iterative approach to determine thresholds and significance