

**INTRODUCTION**

New geochemical data from re-analysis of archived stream sediment samples have been assessed using weighted sums modeling and catchment basin analysis as described in the methodology report that accompanies this map (Mackie *et al.*, 2015). Both commodity and pathfinder element abundances are evaluated to highlight areas that show geochemical responses consistent with a variety of base and precious-metal mineral deposit types. The results of modeling, completed using two approaches, are presented as a series of catchment maps and associated data files. This release is part of a regional assessment of stream sediment geochemistry that covers a large part of Yukon.

**SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS**

Stream sediment and water samples from the Aishihik Lake area (NTS 115H) were collected as part of the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement (Geological Survey of Canada, 1986). Field descriptions and initial geochemical data for 934 sites were released in Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) Open File 1219. New geochemical data from the re-analysis of archive sample material were released in Yukon Geological Survey (YGS) Open File 2015-13 (Jackman, 2015). The reader is referred to these reports for detailed descriptions of sampling techniques, analytical procedures and quality control measures.

**MINERAL OCCURRENCES**

A variety of types of base and precious-metal mineralization are known to occur in the Aishihik Lake area as shown in Table 1 (Yukon MINFILE, 2015). The most significant deposits are classed as Cu-Mo porphyry (Hopper deposit and Sato prospect), Cu skarn (Mack's, Janis and Thatch prospects) and quartz vein Au (Shut, Lib and Mom prospects). The Mt Nansen epithermal Au-Ag and Welgreen Ni-Cu-PGE deposits are located in the adjacent map areas to the north and west, respectively.

**WEIGHTED SUMS MODELING**

As described in the methodology report (Mackie *et al.*, 2015), two approaches have been used to subdue the influence of background lithological variation and secondary absorption on the composition of stream sediments. One uses data levelled by the dominant geology mapped within each catchment, while the other uses residuals calculated from regression against selected principal components. Weighted sums models (WSM) have been generated using the processed data. The importance rankings used in WSMs are summarized in Table 2. Each model is optimized for a target deposit type however other deposit types may be represented in a given model due to similarities in elemental abundances and associations.

Exploratory data analysis using both raw element data and principal components indicate that the distribution of

many commodity and pathfinder elements is strongly influenced by lithological variation. Additionally, there is evidence of scavenging of metals ions by secondary Fe and Mn-oxides/hydroxides, clays and/or organic material. The first principal component accounts for ~30% of the total geochemical variation and shows high positive loadings for Pb, La, Y, Bi, U, Cd and Ag, and high negative loadings for Mg, Sc, Cr, Co, V, Al and Ni. Respectively, these groupings form spatial patterns that match the distribution of felsic intrusions along the western edge of the map area and the Klauene Schist in the southwestern corner of the map area. While not a mappable unit, ultramafic bodies have been documented within the Klauene Schist consistent with noted element groupings. The second principal component shows high positive loadings in Ti, Rb and K, and has a spatial distribution matching the Klauene Schist. The third principal component (PC3) shows high positive loadings for Cu, loss-on-ignition (LOI), Hg and Ag. This grouping, using LOI as a proxy for carbon, is suggestive of scavenging by organic material. This interpretation is supported by the fact that the map pattern of PC3 coincides with low-lying regions where accumulation of organic material and/or clay is likely. Regression analysis of selected metals against the relevant principal component(s) effectively filters these effects while preserving responses related to known occurrences. Levelling by mapped geology has a more subdued effect on filtering the interpreted lithological control on the distribution of certain elements. In order to reduce the impact this has on the WSM using this approach, certain elements were given low importance rankings or, in some cases, were omitted for certain deposit types.

The effectiveness of historical sampling coverage has been assessed empirically using graphs of WSMs plotted against catchment surface area to determine the ideal maximum catchment size (14 km<sup>2</sup>). Catchments that cover larger areas (shown on the map with bold outlines) are interpreted to have been under-sampled and thus require further sampling to properly evaluate the area for geochemical anomalies. Given the likelihood that a mineralization 'signal' would be progressively diluted with increasing catchment size, marginally high WSM scores in large catchments may also be significant.

**Table 1: List of Mineral Occurrences for NTS map sheet 115H (Yukon MINFILE, 2015)**

Number	Name	Type	Status	Commodities
115H 001	LOSH	Coal	Prospect	Coal
115H 002	ANDESITE	Coal	Prospect	Coal, Uranium
115H 004	AH	Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Besshi Cu-Zn	Showing	Copper
115H 006	MACK'S COPPER	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Copper, Gold, Silver, Iron
115H 007	SNPE	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Showing	Copper
115H 012	VOWEL	Coal	Showing	Coal
115H 013	DIVISION	Coal	Deposit	Coal
115H 014	LION	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Drilled Prospect	Uranium
115H 015	MORANE	Skarn Cu	Prospect	Cobalt, Copper, Silver, Tungsten, Gold
115H 016	GILTANA	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 017	AISHIK	Skarn Cu	Prospect	Copper
115H 018	JANISW	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Copper, Silver, Tungsten
115H 019	HOPPER SOUTH	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Molybdenum
115H 020	DERICON	Unknown	Anomaly	Copper
115H 021	SATO	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Showing	Copper
115H 024	SEKUMUN	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Copper, Zinc
115H 025	KATHY	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Unknown	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 026	THATCH	Skarn Cu	Drilled Prospect	Copper, Tungsten, Silver, Molybdenum, Gold
115H 027	POPLAR	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Anomaly	Molybdenum, Zinc
115H 028	STEVENS	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Anomaly	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 029	OCCIDENT	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Anomaly	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 030	BUFF	Porphyry Mo (Low F-Type)	Showing	Molybdenum
115H 035	SHFD	Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Besshi Cu-Zn	Showing	Copper, Gypsum, Molybdenum, Fluorite, Gold
115H 038	TAHTE	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Showing	Fluorite, Gold
115H 041	ITTELEMIT	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Showing	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 042	SNAP	Epithermal Au-Ag-Cu High Sulphidation	Showing	Fluorite, Mercury
115H 044	POWVER	Vein Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn-Au	Showing	Gold, Zinc, Silver, Lead
115H 045	AL	Vein Au-Quartz	Showing	Antimony, Silver, Gold
115H 047	SHUT	Vein Au-Quartz	Drilled Prospect	Arsenic, Gold
115H 052	LASCAS	Unknown	Showing	Silica
115H 055	LIB	Vein Au-Quartz	Drilled Prospect	Arsenic, Gold
115H 060	MOM	Vein Au-Quartz	Prospect	Arsenic, Gold
115H 063	BOWEN	Vein Au-Quartz	Anomaly	Arsenic, Gold
115H 049	MT. BARK	Vein Au-Quartz	Anomaly	
115H 039	TOSH	Unknown	Unknown	
115H 048	KILLERMUN	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 050	KN	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 026	SATASHA	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 005	ALICE	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 011	KIRK	Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Besshi Cu-Zn	Showing	
115H 010	LAND	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 058	MCKINLEY	Vein Au-Quartz	Anomaly	
115H 034	HOPPER NORTH	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Prospect	Copper, Molybdenum
115H 036	BLOQUIST	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Unknown	
115H 046	LIVE	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 051	MACINTOSH	Vein Au-Quartz	Anomaly	
115H 032	KRI	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Anomaly	
115H 023	BSEET	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 003	NIPON	Porphyry Cu-Mo-Au	Showing	
115H 031	ORLOFF	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 009	EMPRESS	Unknown	Anomaly	
115H 022	BRASS	Unknown	Unknown	
115H 030	SAUCE	Unknown	Anomaly	

**Table 2: Importance rankings for weighted sums models using residuals on principal components.**

Target Deposit Type <sup>a</sup>	Other Deposit Types <sup>b</sup>	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Pt	Cu	Mo	Zn	Pb	Ag	Au <sup>1</sup>	As	Ba	Cd	Sn	Sb	Te	Hg	Ti	Bi	W	
Porphyry Cu-Mo	Cu skarn; Porphyry Mo				-1		4	3			1	1											1
Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn	SEDEX, VMS, Pb-Zn skarn; Epithermal Au-Ag					2	3	3	2		1			1									
Magmatic Ni-Cu-PGE			1	4		3	-2				-1												-2
Epithermal Au-Ag	Orogenic Au; Intrusion-related Au									4	3	2					2		1				
Orogenic Au	Intrusion-related Au; Epithermal Au-Ag										4	2					1					1	1
Hydromorphic Anomaly		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

<sup>a</sup>Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn type includes vein and matrix styles; SEDEX = sedimentary exhalative Pb-Zn-(Ag); VMS = volcanic-hosted/associated massive sulphide deposits; Hydromorphic anomaly = principal component 5

<sup>1</sup>Raw data following a log<sub>10</sub> transformation

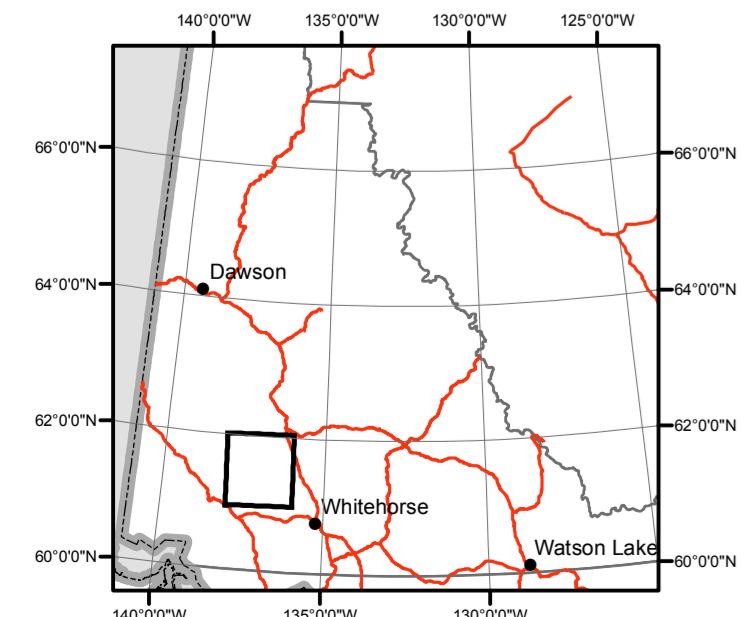
**LEGEND**

- Town
- Mineral Occurrence
- Road
- Contour
- River
- Water Body
- Wetland
- Sample Location
- Catchments > 14km<sup>2</sup>

**Weighted sums model (PC residuals)**

**Polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn deposits**

- incomplete element suite
- 0-50th percentile
- 50-75th percentile
- 75-90th percentile
- 90-95th percentile
- 95-98th percentile
- 98-100th percentile

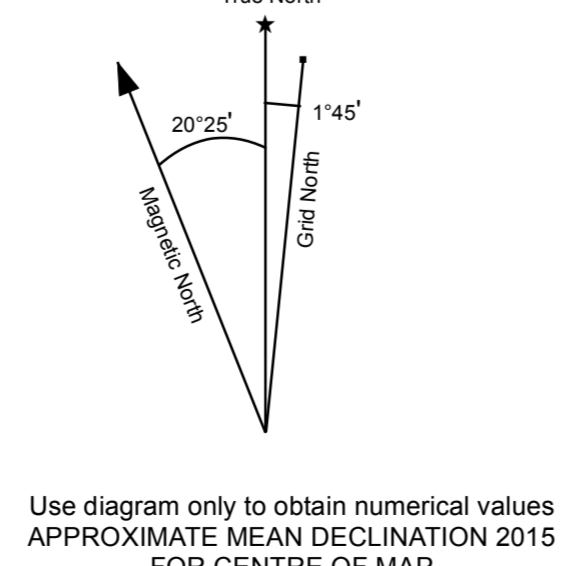


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115J STEVENSON RIDGE	115I CARMACKS	105L GLENNYON
115G KLUANE LAKE	<b>THIS MAP</b> 115H LAKE LABERGE	105E
115B MOUNT ST ELIAS	115A DEZADEASH RANGE	105D WHITEHORSE

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