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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Owner Shadow Lake Environmental Consulting, 2006-present
Coordinator, CircumArctic Rangifer Monitoring and Assessment (CARMA) Network,
2004 - present
Manager, Circumpolar Global Change Program, CWS, Yukon 2001-2006
Manager, Canadian Wildlife Service, Yukon 1990-2001
Wildlife Researchers, Canadian Wildlife Service, Yukon 1983-1990

### **EDUCATION:**

BSc (Forestry) Honours, University of British Columbia., 1972 Honours Thesis "Dynamics of Raptor Predation"

MSc University of British Columbia, 1976 Thesis "Computer Simulation of *Rangifer* Energetics"

## **MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Adaptation of Rangifer to arctic and sub-arctic ecosystems including behavioral, nutritional, physiological, compensatory and reproductive strategies.
- Computer simulation modeling as a tool to integrate ecosystem components to assess impacts of global change (climate, development and institutional) on reindeer/caribou systems.
- Use of modeling as a tool in cumulative impact assessment.
- Integration of social, economic, biological and cultural research in assessment of assessing health of natural and human systems.
- Use of monitoring as a tool to integrate aboriginal communities in research and management of their environment.

## **RELAVANT PUBLICATIONS:**

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- White, R.G., D.E. Russell, B. Griffith, and R.D. Cameron. 2006. Nutritional controls over caribou growth and reproduction in the Arctic: Is the "selfish cow" syndrome an Arctic adaptation? Symp. Comp. Nutr. Soc. 6:213-220.

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