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REMARKS:

Yukon Coroner's Service confirms that the body of the canoeist recovered from Lake Laberge on Saturday, June 26 was a seasonal resident of Whitehorse. 54 year-old Allan KIRWAN had rented a canoe from a local company on Thursday, June 24. He was traveling solo to Carmacks and was scheduled to arrive there on June 30.

Shortly after 4:00 on June 26, Mr. KIRWAN's overturned canoe was located by an off-duty RCMP member boating on Lake Laberge. At 6:25 pm, Whitehorse RCMP, using their police plane, located the body approximately 5 kms from the capsized canoe. Yukon Coroner's Service attended the scene with the assistance of Whitehorse RCMP.

Water travel conditions on Lake Laberge at the time of Mr. KIRWAN's departure and the following day were challenging. High water and high winds would have created extremely hazardous conditions.

Yukon Coroner's Service reminds the public of the current high water concerns posed to all water travelers at this time.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. KIRWAN and our appreciation to Whitehorse RCMP as we continue our investigation.