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**REMARKS:**

Yukon Coroner's Service confirms that the body of the Alberta resident who was presumed to have drowned in Drury Lake on January 28, has been recovered.

The deceased is identified as 36-year-old Jason Donald KEITH of Morinville, Alberta. As was previously reported, Mr. KEITH had been travelling by snowmobile with two other men near the 'narrows' on Drury Lake on the evening of January 28. The investigation has determined that the men rode into open water in the lake, rather than breaking through unstable ice.

Mr. KEITH's family has indicated that he was very passionate about hunting and guiding, spending much time 'on the land'. Mr. KEITH had been working with a local outfitting company at the time of the accident.

On Saturday, February 2, B.C. RCMP Underwater Recovery Team arrived at the scene. Working with local RCMP members and Yukon Search and Rescue (YSAR), they were able to recover the body of Mr. KEITH as well as both snowmobiles on Sunday, February 3rd.

Yukon Coroner's Service, with the assistance of Faro RCMP and the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, continues to investigate this fatality.

**Yukon Coroner's Service joins the RCMP in reminding the public to use extreme caution when travelling on or near all Yukon waterways. Please limit travel to daylight hours and times of good visibility only. If it is necessary to venture out from the shoreline be sure to do adequate checks of ice thickness and know the route you will be travelling. Always travel with appropriate winter survival gear including fully functioning communication devices.**