



Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Yellowknife, NT

Date: 18-19 & 27 January 2011

Board Members:

Joseph Judas (Tłıchǵ Appointee)
Ray Case (GNWT Appointee)
Charlie Rabesca (Tłıchǵ Appointee)
Bruce MacDonald (Federal Appointee)
Charlie Jeremick'ca (Tłıchǵ Appointee)

Absent:

Grant Pryznyk (Federal Appointee)

Staff:

Jody Snortland Pellissey
Karin Clark

Translators:

Jonas Lafferty (18-19 Jan 11)
James Rabesca
Peter Huskey (27 Jan 11)

Guests:

Bruno Croft, ENR – North Slave Region
Dean Cluff, ENR – North Slave Region
Deanna Leonard, DFO – Western Arctic Region
Gerald Fillatre, DFO – Western Arctic Region
Lynda Yonge, ENR – HQ
Michelle Henderson, ENR – HQ

1.1 Appoint Meeting Chair

Motion #217-18-01-2011 *To appoint Joseph Judas as meeting chair*

Moved: Charlie Rabesca

Second: Ray Case

Motion Approved

1.2 Call to Order 9:22 a.m.

1.3 Opening Prayer: Joseph Judas

2.0 Agenda and Previous Minutes

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Add 3.9 – Bathurst Harvest of Cows

Motion #218-18-01-2011 *To approve the agenda with additions*

Moved: Charlie Rabesca
Second: Charlie Jeremick'ca

Motion Approved

2.2 a) Approval of Minutes – 22 July 2010**, 29-30 September – 1 October 2010

Motion #220-27-01-2011 *To approve the 29-30 September – 1 October 2010 minutes as presented*

Moved: Ray Case
Second: Bruce MacDonald

Motion Approved

** To defer approval of 22 July 2010 minutes until next meeting

b) Post Approved Minutes to Website

Motion #219-18-01-2011 *To approve the posting of approved meeting minutes to the WRRB website*

Moved: Charlie Rabesca
Second: Ray Case
Opposed: Charlie Jeremick'ca

Motion Approved

2.3 Review of Action Items

Outstanding action items listing was tabled and reviewed.

3.0 Business

3.1 GNWT-TG Joint Response to WRRB Recommendation Report

Reviewed in detail each response made by GNWT and TG for each of the sixty recommendations in the WRRB's Recommendation Report, October 2010. The Board Members agreed that a substantive effort was made to address and accept where possible the Board's recommendations; however, further feedback is required to reiterate areas of concerns, including the risks related to the sex ratio change and addressing several items in an overdue management plan.

Board Members recommended the use of the Rangifer Anatomy Atlas to aid in the health and condition sampling.

ENR staff committed to future presentation on caribou diseases and abnormalities.

ACTION (ED): To invite ENR staff to future meeting to present on caribou diseases and abnormalities (**Action 92-27-01-2011**)

Forests

Three studies planned which are associated with caribou monitoring in the North Slave region, which will help forest managers to minimize impacts of fire by identifying and treating caribou and caribou habitat as Values at Risk.

Moose

The last population survey for moose was conducted in 2007 (Taiga Shield estimate of 732 moose \pm 181; Taiga Plain estimate of 256 moose) \pm 82. ENR staff anticipates the next survey to be conducted in November 2011. Due to recent forest fires and access difficulties, the moose population is believed to be satisfactory; however, as harvesting pressure has likely increase due to caribou declines, the 2011 population survey is critical.

Wolves

Three tundra wolf programs were described to the Board Members: wolf den monitoring, wolf abundance & predation study and the wolf carcass study. Wolf den monitoring is an ongoing study which detects changes in the number of wolves. The carcass collection is also an ongoing program which provides information on health and condition of wolves. Trappers are paid \$200/carcass. The proposed wolf abundance & predation study will estimate the number of wolves and quantify predation rates on caribou winter range.

ENR staff committed to future presentation on black bears and spring black bear baiting.

ACTION (ED): To invite ENR staff to future meeting to present information on black bears, including spring baiting (**Action 93-27-01-2011**)

b. DFO, Deanna Leonard & Gerald Fillatre

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled "*Department of Fisheries and Oceans – Presentation to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board, January 18, 2011*", tabled

The DFO presentation introduced the different program areas in the North: conservation and protection, fisheries management and habitat management. Information was provided on the Great Slave Lake Fishery, Yellowknife River Cisco Exploratory Fishery, Tłjchq Harvest Study, Jhda k'èti (Marian Lake) Fish Monitoring Project (Inconnu), and the Baker Creek Closure.

4.2 Approval of 2011/2012 Budget

Motion #226-27-01-2011 *To approve the 2011/2012 Budget as presented, pending final approval of funding allocation by the Tłıchǫ Implementation Committee*

Moved: Bruce MacDonald
Second: Charlie Jeremick'ca

Motion Approved

4.3 Signing Authority

Tabled until next meeting to ensure all paperwork is in place ahead of time.

4.4 Project Funding Applications Update

The Board Members were updated on the 2011-2012 activities proposed for the Jhda k'èti Fish Monitoring Project and the Boreal Caribou Habitat and Habitat Use Project as well as the funding applications submitted to support the two projects.

5.0 Operations

5.1 Approval of 2011/2012 Work Plan

Amend the work plan as follows: correct lettering on page 2, add wood bison to management plans.

Motion #227-27-01-2011 *To approve the 2011/2012 Work Plan as amended*

Moved: Bruce MacDonald
Second: Ray Case

Motion Approved

5.2 Privacy Policy

The Privacy Policy sets out the principles and practices the WRRB will follow to protect an individual's personal information and applies to Board Members, Staff and to any person who is employed by or provides services on behalf of the WRRB.

Motion #228-27-01-2011 *To approve the Privacy Policy as presented*

Moved: Ray Case
Second: Charlie Rabesca

Motion Approved

6.0 Information Items

Information items tabled for review by the Board Members.

7.0 Other Items

7.1 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 5-6, 2011 in Behchokò, NT.

7.2 Round Table

Charlie Rabesca – Staff should provide an update on YKDFN harvest of caribou at the next meeting.

Joseph Judas – Staff should provide an updated woodlot map showing who is cutting wood, where they are cutting wood and how much wood has been cut.

ACTION (ED): To provide updates at the next board meeting on YKDFN caribou harvest and woodlot harvests (**Action 95-27-01-2011**)

Closing Prayer: Charlie Jeremick’ca

Adjournment 4:55 p.m. (**Motion #229-27-01-2011**)

Minutes Approved:

Chairperson

Date