



Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Yellowknife, NT
Date: 16 November 2015

Board Members:

Charlie Jeremick'ca (Tłıchǵ Appointee)
Jonas Lafferty (Tłıchǵ Appointee)
Bruce MacDonald (Federal Appointee)
Suzanne Carriere (GNWT Appointee)
Grant Pryznyk (Special Representative)

Staff:

Jody Pellissey
Boyan Tracz
Susan Beaumont

Translators:

James Rabesca
Violet Mackenzie

Appoint Meeting Chair

Motion #449-16-11-2015 *To appoint Suzanne Carriere as meeting chair*

Moved: Bruce MacDonald
Second: Jonas Lafferty

Motion Approved

Opening Prayer: Charlie Jeremick'ca

Call to Order: 10:19 a.m.

1.0 Agenda and Previous Minutes

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion #450-16-11-2015 *To approve the agenda as presented*

Moved: Bruce MacDonald
Second: Jonas Lafferty

Motion Approved

2.0 Business

2.1 Appoint Interim Chairperson

- *Term Dates for WRRB Board Members – January 2015 tabled*

On October 2, 2015, Grant Pryznyk's term expired. Steven Matthew and Bruce MacDonald's terms end on November 28 and December 7, 2015, respectively. The Board must appoint a new Interim Chair; Grant may continue with the Board as a Special Representative but may not vote.

Motion Approved

- ENR to Tłıchǫ Government (TG) Letter, dated Oct 2, 2015, tabled
- ENR to Aboriginal Governments & Wildlife Management Authorities Letter, dated Sep 24, 2015, tabled
- ENR & TG to WRRB Letter, dated Oct 15, 2015, tabled

- WRRB to ENR & TG Letter, dated Oct 21, 2015, tabled

2015/2016 Interim Recommendations

To date, the Board has not received a response from ENR and TG on the interim recommendations.

2015 Bluenose-East Caribou Population Estimate

During the week of October 26, 2015, ENR was able to conduct the required composition survey for the Bluenose-East caribou herd. Despite long daily ferry trips to the north end of Great Bear Lake, the ENR crew was able to classify 4300 caribou (57 groups). The bull to cow ratio was 42:100 and calf to cow ratio was 35:100. Based on this survey and the calving ground information from June 2015, the 2015 population estimate is 38,592 (CI=33,859-43,325) 1.5+ year old caribou.

Joint Management Proposals

On October 15, 2015, ENR and TG proposed a revised submission date for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds joint management proposals from October 15 and November 15, respectively, to December 15, 2015. The request was to accommodate consultation requirements of both governments. It was further noted that a draft of the joint management proposals was targeted for November 15, 2015. On October 21, 2015, the Board acknowledged receipt and acceptance of ENR and TG's letter of October 15, 2015. It was requested that, due to concerns about future timing issues, the draft joint management proposals be shared confidentially with the WRRB to allow for Staff review. To date, there has been no further response.

Proceedings Preparations

On October 1, 2015, the Board forwarded its Rules of Procedure and Rule for Management Proposals to the Parties of the Tłıchǵ Agreement. As well, both Rules were posted to the WRRB's website, under Public Information, Guidelines and Forms.

2.3 SRRB-WRRB Collaborative Hearing Process

- *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaborative Efforts for the Management of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd*, dated Oct 27, 2015, tabled
- *SRRB-WRRB Meeting – Planning for a Collaborative Hearing Summary Notes*, Oct 27-28, 2015, tabled
- SRRB-WRRB to ENR-SSI-TG-IGC Letter, dated Nov 6, 2015, tabled
- SRRB-WRRB to WMAC(NWT)-NWMB Letter, dated Nov 6, 2015, tabled

On October 27-28, 2015, the SRRB and WRRB (Chairs, Executive Directors and Legal Counsel) met to sign the "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaborative Efforts for the Management of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd" and to discuss the logistics of a collaborative process. On November 6, 2015, the SRRB and WRRB provided a copy of the signed MOU to governments and co-management authorities. As well, the MOU and a short news item were posted to the WRRB's website, under Public Information, Guidelines and Forms, and on Facebook.

2.4 Bathurst & Bluenose-East Caribou Herds DRAFT Work Plans

- *WRRB Work Plan for Bathurst Caribou Herd Management Proposal*, dated Jan 4, 2016, tabled
- *WRRB Work Plan for Bluenose-East Caribou Herd Management Proposal*, dated Jan 4, 2016, tabled
- John Donihee Memo *"Estimate for Legal Costs BNE Caribou TAH Proceeding"*, dated Nov 6, 2015, tabled

In further preparation for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds' proceedings, WRRB Legal Counsel, John Donihee, suggested the development of a work plan for each joint management proposal that outlines the processes and timelines to be followed. The work plan will be posted to the public registry once a proceeding is called following approval by the Board and Legal Counsel. The Board will review the work plan periodically during the proceeding and adjust as required.

A concern about the November 23, 2015 territorial election and possible change in ENR Minister was raised; it was noted that due to requirements of the Tłıchǫ Agreement, the joint management proposals and the subsequent processes will go ahead in 2016 despite a possible change in ENR Minister.

ACTION #294-16-11-2015 (ED): To write letters to INAC and GNWT regarding lack of Board appointments and upcoming public hearings

2.5 2015/2016 Interim Activity Report

- WRRB to Implementation Management Directorate (Canada) Letter, dated Nov 3, 2015, tabled

A reporting requirement of the WRRB's contribution agreement with Canada is to provide an annual interim activity report that details how its obligations have been met as outlined in the original budget and work plan and any changes that are to be expected. In addition, Staff took the opportunity to remind Canada of the Board's need for funding for public hearings related to the expected submission of the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou herds' joint management proposals. The Board also reminded Canada of funding requests submitted in July 2015 for the website/public registry upgrade and Species at Risk consultations for the Boreal Caribou.

3.0 Other Items

3.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13-14, 2016 in Yellowknife, NT.

Closing Prayer: Jonas Lafferty

Adjournment 12:04 p.m. (Motion #454-16-11-2015)

Minutes Approved:

Chairperson

Date