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**MINUTES**

**WMAC(NS)**

**Teleconference**

**October 16, 1995**

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**On-Line:** Lindsay Staples (Chair) Joan Eamer - Gov't of Canada  
Hugh Monaghan - Yukon Gov't Nelson Green - IGC  
Jody Shimkus - Yukon Gov't Donald Aviugana - IGC  
Dorothy Cooley - Yukon Gov't  
C. McEwen (recording secretary/secretariat)

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**A. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

**B. Review and Approval of Agenda**

The Chair reviewed the revised agenda. Omitted from the agenda were items dealing with wildlife funding proposals and a resolution on a muskoxen quota. These items previously proposed for discussion were deferred until the December quarterly meeting as none of the wildlife funding proposals had an immediate time frame and as Parks Canada wanted to participate in the discussion of the muskoxen quota yet neither Vicki Sahanatien nor Martin Raillard were available for the rescheduled teleconference. Nelson Green had also requested more time for discussion of the muskoxen quota.

The Chair added two items: Wildlife Act amendment; and Endangered Species Act.

**MOTION:**

*To adopt the agenda.*

Moved: Donald Aviugana

Seconded: Nelson Green

Motion carried.

**3. Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan**

**a) Status of Volume 1**

Volume 1 of the plan is into copy editing. It has received a thorough and exhaustive review. The Aklavik Hunters' and Trappers' Committee has given its support and approval of printing Volume 1 and recommended it to the Inuvialuit Game Council.

The Chair asked the members and the Yukon Secretariat if they wished one further review of the document. All declined.

**b) Volume 2 - review comments from YTG and Canadian Nature Federation**

Formal review comments were received from YTG and the Canadian Nature Federation after the June quarterly meeting of WMAC (NS). The Chair met with Hugh Monaghan and Jody Shimkus to discuss the individual comments from YTG, a measure that proved to be most worthwhile for understanding the context of the comments. The variety of departments which reviewed the plan is expressed in the diversity of review comments received.

The most substantial revisions to the text, based on all review comments received, are within the chapter dealing with development within conservation limits. Specific revisions will deal with: the definition of generic review; the treatment of the Withdrawal and Prohibition Orders; and an addition to the introduction of the chapter welcoming development. The Special Conservation Areas will be more strongly acknowledged as candidate areas for consideration of protection and a rationale will be provided as to the source of these candidate areas.

**ACTION 95-10-01:**

Members will be provided with a revised copy of Volume 2 of the *Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan* by November 30 for final discussion and endorsement at the December quarterly meeting. Revisions will be notated for the members ease of review.

#### **4. WMAC (NS) Attendance at Circumpolar Aboriginal People and Co-Management Practice (Inuvik, November 20-24 '95)**

All members expressed an interest in representation at the conference. Laurie Craven, acting as Yukon Secretariat was confirmed and either Brian Pelchat or Barney Smith would also be attending from YTG. The Chair inquired as to whether there would be any representation from YTG's north Yukon region, specifically John Russell or Dorothy Cooley.

##### **ACTION 95-10-02:**

Hugh Monaghan will inform the WMAC (NS) Secretariat of John Russell or Dorothy Cooley's attendance at the Co-Management and environmental assessment conference in Inuvik in November.

#### **5. Wildlife Act Amendment Proposal**

The Yukon Government wants closure on acceptance of the proposed process of review. One of the outstanding questions on the proposal was how WMAC (NS) chooses to be consulted during the course of the wildlife act review - as a group or through the designation of individuals? Laurie Henderson will be conducting the review through the Yukon Secretariat while on contract with the Department of Justice. The intention of the proposal was to have specific contact with the Inuviluit Game Council and WMAC (NS). It was assumed that the two Akalvik HTC representatives on the IGC would be the voice of the Aklavik HTC. The involvement of the Aklavik HTC is significant and if they wish different representation than their IGC members, that is fine. The IGC had indicated to YTG that they may appoint an outside contact. It is perceived that there will be focal consultations as various times and also working sessions over the framework.

##### **ACTION 95-10-03:**

The Chair of WMAC (NS) will respond in writing to YTG on their proposal recommending the following points:

- The WMAC (NS) Secretariat will be the point of contact for the Yukon Secretariat and Laurie Henderson;
- the WMAC (NS) Secretariat will work closely with the Yukon Secretariat and facilitate consultation
- as it is appropriate, various individuals will be requested to participate in the review
- there will be a general encouragement to consolidate consultations

##### **ACTION 95-10-04:**

Nelson Green will communicate to the WMAC (NS) Secretariat who will be the IGC designated representative for the amendment of the Yukon Wildlife Act.

**ACTION 95-10-05:**

Donald Aviugana will communicate to the WMAC (NS) Secretariat who will be the Aklavik HTC representative for the amendment of the Yukon Wildlife Act.

**6. Endangered Species Act**

The Chair sought comments from the members as to their opinions on the proposed legislation materials. As a matter of a national initiative, Hugh Monaghan recommended support for the revised document while acknowledging that at the local level the management systems are in place. An excellent example of this is the international polar bear management agreement.

Joan Eamer commented on the advice from Gerald McKeating that WMAC (NS) should consider input and comment on how to formalize the involvement of traditional knowledge into the process, the role of co-management bodies and the existing local management contrail mechanisms.

**ACTION 95-10-06:**

The Chair will draft a letter to the Minister of the Canadian Wildlife Service regarding the proposed endangered species legislation and circulate to members for their quick review.

**7. Other Business**

With regard to wildlife funding proposals, Hugh Monaghan explained that his branch would be letting a contract for the reporting on the North Slope muskoxen data which Corr Smits had gathered. The contract price would be about \$8,000. As to using YTG's IFA implementation funds to assist with the publication costs of the *Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan*, given that there is no North Slope Conference for this year, those funds otherwise allocated to that expense could go towards the printing costs. It was acknowledged that although the development of the conservation plan for the North Slope was a responsibility of WMAC (NS) within the IFA, no moneys had ever been identified specifically to accomplish this task, hence the history of requests for its funding, above and beyond the WMAC (NS) operating budget. Parks Canada was acknowledged for their generous contribution to the production of the plan.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

*To adjourn the teleconference.*

Moved: Donald Aviugana

Seconded: Nelson Green

Motion carried.

The teleconference was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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WMAC(NS) Chair

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WMAC(NS) Secretariat

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