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## MINUTES

### WMAC(NS) TELECONFERENCE

March 7, 2000

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**Present:** Lindsay Staples - Chair  
Joan Eamer - Canadian Wildlife Service - Member- Government of Canada  
Danny C. Gordon - Member -Inuvialuit Game Council  
Herbert Felix - Member -Inuvialuit Game Council  
Brian Pelchat - Chief, Regional Management - Member –Yukon Government  
Dorothy Cooley – Regional Biologist- Alternate- Yukon Government  
Aileen Horler - WMAC(NS) Secretariat

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#### 1. 1999-2000 WMAC(NS) Budget

The Chair reviewed the 1999-2000 WMAC(NS) budget with the projected spending until the end of the fiscal year. He reported that the variance in the budget currently stood at \$9316.

Members held a discussion regarding the allocation of the unspent funds. It was agreed that these funds should be used toward four projects in amounts to be determined by the Chair and the Secretariat.

#### *Motion*

*to allocate the funds remaining in the 2000-2001 WMAC(NS) budget to the following projects: 1) Long Term Research Plan - preparation of a report on the recent Implementation Workshop and necessary changes to the Plan on the website as a result of the workshop; 2) editing of the Researchers' Guide; 3) updating of the WMAC(NS) web page, and 4) the Yukon North Slope Satellite Image Poster.*

Moved: Joan Eamer  
Seconded: Danny C. Gordon  
Motion carried

## **2. 2000-2001 WMAC(NS) Budget**

The Chair explained that, in order for the Council to receive its next year's funding under the new contribution agreement with the Yukon Government, a preliminary budget for 2000-2001 must be submitted to YTG prior before the end of this fiscal year.

Members reviewed the proposed budget and spending allocations. The allocation of funds to projects funded by WMAC(NS) will be determined at the May meeting.

### ***Motion***

***to adopt the proposed 2000-2001 WMAC(NS) budget, as presented.***

Moved: Brian Pelchat  
Seconded: Herbert Felix  
Motion carried

## **3. 1999-2000 Wildlife Programs**

### a) Review of recommended funding.

Members reviewed the table summarizing the Council's Wildlife Programs funding recommendations for 1999-2000. All the funds available have been allocated with the exception of \$3000 from Parks Canada which can be carried over into the next year.

### b) Update on moose survey

The Chair provided an update on the proposed moose surveys. Concerns raised by the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee and the GNWT regarding the costs, as well as the area to be included in the survey, have delayed the implementation of the project. The Chair reported that he has spoken to all the parties about their concerns and will be addressing the IGC at their meeting in Inuvik on Thursday. Both the Gwich'in RRB and the GNWT are now in support of the project. The Chair added that he is hopeful the project will be able to continue.

Members agreed that although some of the survey is being conducted outside the ISR, it will be of benefit to the Inuvialuit. Herbert Felix added that it is important to survey the entire proposed area, as a partial survey won't provide all the required information. Dorothy Cooley reported that the GNWT is planning to survey the upper delta region and the GRRB will be covering the Fort McPherson area.

Members agreed that the Council's recommendation to government for wildlife management funding, made at the December meeting remains the Council's

recommendation, notwithstanding what the IGC's views may be pending next week's Game Council meeting.

c) Review of proposal titled 'Methane Storage and Release in High Latitude Lakes and Coastal Seas of the Yukon North Slope' submitted by Eddy Carmack, Institute for Ocean Studies.

Members reviewed the proposal and agreed that, although there is support for climate change related work to be done, it is not possible to recommend this proposal for funding as it is not directly related to wildlife management.

It was agreed that a discussion should be held at the next Council meeting regarding the type of climate change related work that could be done on the Yukon North Slope. Members agreed that they would like to see work undertaken that would tie together the effects of climate change, habitat and community concerns.

**Action 00-03-01 :** The Council will write a letter of support to Eddy Carmack for the project titled 'Methane Storage and Release in High Latitude Lakes and Coastal Seas of the Yukon North Slope'. The letter will also explain the reasons why the Council was not able to recommend wildlife management funding for the project.

#### **4. Support for the Porcupine caribou calving surveys, census and composition count, 2000.**

Dorothy Cooley outlined the work that is proposed for the summer of 2000. The project needs to be reviewed this spring by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee, as the existing multi-year approval no longer applies once the PCMB's Management Plan expires in May. Members agreed to support the calving surveys, census and composition count, as proposed.

**Action 00-03-02 :** The Secretariat will write a letter to Dorothy Cooley indicating the Council's support for the Porcupine caribou calving surveys, census and composition count.

#### **5. Defense Construction Canada submission to the EISC for the Clean Up of the Shingle Point (BAR-2) DEW Line Site.**

The Chair reported that Defense Construction Canada clean up of the Shingle Point is scheduled to start July 2000. The Secretariat received a copy of the lengthy submission to the EISC which is available to members if they wish to review it. The Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee has expressed a number of concerns in the past, which, according to Danny C. Gordon have been addressed. It was agreed that the Chair should review the submission on behalf of the members and forward any comments to the EISC .

**Action 00-03- 03 :** The Chair will review Defense Construction Canada submission to the EISC for the clean up of the Shingle Point (BAR-2) DEW Line Site and forward any comments to the EISC, on behalf of the Council..

**6. Next meeting**

The Chair commented that the May meeting needs to be three days long. It is usually held in a retreat setting. Members agreed to hold the meeting in the Aklavik/ Inuvik area, the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. The Secretariat will establish a date when everyone is available.

**7. Other Business**

Herbert Felix reported that he had been elected as a Director of the Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-operative. Members expressed their support of his appointment.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM.

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WMAC(NS) Chair

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WMAC(NS) Secretariat

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