



MEETING Record

WMAC (NS) Teleconference
April, 20, 2011

Lindsay Staples (Chair) · **Rob Florkiewicz** Yukon Government (Member) · **Danny C. Gordon** Inuvialuit Game · **Dorothy Cooley** Yukon Government (Alternate) · **Jennifer Smith** (Secretariat) · **Christine Cleghorn** (Secretariat) · **Shelly Marshall** Yukon Government (Guest)

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. The Chair described the purpose of the teleconference call as three-fold: to review the Draft COSEWIC status report for grizzly bear, the grizzly bear and sandhill crane NDF's and to provide some updates.

The Council began the discussion on grizzly bear and Danny raised the issue of late tag arrivals to Aklavik for this hunting season. He said that the tags from ENR were one month late coming this year. He indicated that the same thing happened last year.

Members discussed the issue and it appeared to be one of harmonizing of seasons between Yukon Government and Government of Northwest Territories.

Action item 04-11-01: Yukon to consider measures to ensure harmonization with NWT seasons, by issuing tags to the Aklavik HTC by mid-March with an effective date of April 1 – March 31.

B. COSEWIC

Draft Status Report on Grizzly Bear

Shelly reviewed her comments on the report with the Council. The Council specifically discussed areas of reference to the Yukon North Slope and the ISR.

Some clarification of language was discussed as well as confusing references to settlement regions.

Danny informed the Council that education is still necessary about defense kills. Sometimes people will burn a carcass to avoid reporting of the kill as the kill would come off of the quota. Typically hides from defense kills would become the property of the HTC following an investigation by a conservation officer.

Action Item 04-11-2: The Council with work with YG and submit comments on the COSEWIC Draft Status Report on Grizzly Bear.

Caribou Designatable Units

A new draft of the COSEWIC Caribou DU has been produced. Many issues raised in the last version of comments have been addressed. There may be some issues of herd overlap to address. The Council will base its comments on matters pertaining to management.

Action item 04-11-03: Arrange a working group to discuss caribou DU. Dorothy, Troy Hegel and Council to go through the new draft of the caribou DU report focusing comments on management roles.

C. Non Detrimental Finding

Grizzly bear

The Council reviewed the document and suggested changes.

Sand hill crane

The Chair asked the Council if there was an interest to comment on this NDF. Danny informed the group that Sand hill crane is abundant and is not a harvested species to his knowledge.

The Council decided not to comment on the NDF at this time.

Action Item 04-11-04: The Council with work with Yukon and submit comments on the Grizzly bear NDF.

D. Secretariat Updates

Herschel meeting- dates have been narrowed down to July 24-28, 2011.

Community Based monitoring Initiative –meeting was held in Inuvik with HTC's and community members to launch a community based monitoring program.

Action item 04-11-05: Draft Council comments in response to the FJMC CMB initiative. Draft comments as a “think piece” and distribute to IFA orgs.

IGC/ WMAC(NWT) meeting- Lindsay plans to attend the IGC/WMAC(NWT) meeting in June and would like to discuss polar bear quota recommendations with the Council before that meeting.

Action item 04-11-06: Convene a teleconference in early June to discuss items before the IGC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.