



## MEETING MINUTES

WMAC (NS) teleconference  
February 14, 2011

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**Lindsay Staples** (Chair) • **Danny C. Gordon** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) • **Ernest Pokiak** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) • **Christian Bucher** Government of Canada (Member) • **Rob Florkiewicz** Yukon Government (Member) • **Jennifer Smith** (Secretariat)

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### **A. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am (Y.T time).

The Chair presented the meeting agenda

- a. Review 2011/12 IFA research budget
- b. Next meeting dates

The Council reviewed research recommendations made in December and discussed outstanding amounts to allocate.

The Council discussed all of the proposed projects in terms feasibility and timing and made the following recommendations:

To confirm commitment of \$10,000 to “harvest data collection”.

Defer the “grizzly bear project communications” work -\$ 10,000 until 2012. The Council will work with project leads to do initial communication work in house through newsletters etc.

Conditionally approve \$10,000 for “Coastal Ecological Vulnerability and Risk Assessment/Management Tool” and defer the final decision to the March meeting.

Request a roll -over of unspent 2010/11 “polar bear traditional knowledge study” project money to 2011/12 (\$25,970). The Council requests that \$5000 of the rollover be available in April 2011 to go towards transcribing interviews.

The Council agreed to earmark \$3000 for review to recommend commitment of funds to Chris Burn's Herschel Island book.

The grizzly bear quota will be discussed at the March meeting. Rob will check into options and get back to the Council on the quota discussion

**Action item 02-11-01- Get the introduction to the Herschel Island book as well as a draft of chapters to look at for the March meeting.**

The Hershel book is expected to be in print in the fall.

**Action item 02-11-01: Obtain a summary of funds that have been spend and are projected to be spent for next year for the polar bear traditional knowledge project.**

Motion 02-11-01

*To approve 2011/12 funds as described: Confirm commitment of \$10,000 to "harvest data collection", Defer "grizzly bear project communications"- \$ 10,000 until 2012, conditionally approve \$10,000 for "Coastal Ecological Vulnerability and Risk Assessment/Management Tool" and defer the final decision to the March meeting, roll -over unspent 2010/11 "polar bear traditional knowledge study" project money to 2011/12 (\$25,970). The Council requests that \$5000 of the rollover be available in April 2011 to go towards transcribing interviews.*

*Moved: Christian Bucher*

*Second: Danny C Gordon*

*Motion carried.*

**B. Upcoming meetings**

The Secretariat walked the Council through the upcoming meeting dates for March (16-17) and discussed the one day muskox workshop that is planned (March 15).

The Secretariat will send out invitations to Parks Canada as well as the AHTC to send a representative to the meeting.

**C. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting 11:00am (YT time).

Motion

*To adjourn the meeting.*

*Moved: Christian Bucher*

*Second: Ernest Pokiak*

*Motion carried.*