



MEETING MINUTES

WMAC (NS) Meeting Teleconference· Yukon November 7, 2012

Lindsay Staples (Chair) · **Rob Florkiewicz** Yukon Government (Member) · **Danny C. Gordon** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) · **Ernest Pokiak** Inuvialuit Game Council (Member) · **Jennifer Smith** (Secretariat) · **Jocelyn McDowell** (Secretariat) ·

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10 am.

B. Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion 11-12-01

To approve the agenda for the November 7, 2012 meeting.

Moved: Ernest Pokiak

Seconded: Rob Florkiewicz

Motion carried.

C. Review and Approval of the Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 2012 meeting and suggested several changes:

Page 2 – Danny wanted to clarify the caribou location information. This was in Yukon and NWT: the police cabin is adjacent to the Yukon / NWT border.

Page 5 — Danny wanted to remove the point about Alaskans not being able to sell hides. This is part of the US Marine Mammals Act (regulations), and doesn't relate to the land claim.

Page 9 – Danny asked Rob to clarify the point regarding the allocation of \$5000 for harvest reporting. Rob and Lindsay indicated that in 2012-13 \$5000 (i.e. the YG

allocation for harvest reporting) was dedicated to the Inuvik workshop to design harvest reporting for the Porcupine Caribou harvest implementation plan. The \$5000 was assigned to assist the Joint Secretariat to compile data (unlike previous years).

Page 5 – Rob asked if the note about the College making a video for \$1500 was relevant to the polar bear gender discussion. It was explained that the video is an example of an affordable communication product.

Page 11 – Ramona’s draft grizzly bear report will be ready for the end of January 2013.

Motion 11-12-02

To approve the minutes for the July 2012 meeting, as amended.

Moved: Ernest Pokiak

Seconded: Rob Florkiewicz

Motion carried.

Lindsay said that the October minutes would be ready for review very soon.

D. December Planning

There are several meetings coming up in December. There is a CARMA meeting in Vancouver in the first week. Danny and Lindsay are going. The agenda for this event is roughly this:

Day 1 - general management, population and abundance,

Day 2 - calving grounds (this is relevant to our work),

Day 3 – monitoring cumulative effects (this is relevant to the implementation of the north Yukon land use plan), and

Day 4 – monitoring caribou health.

Danny and Lindsay are both travelling from Vancouver to Whitehorse on Thursday the 6th. On Friday everyone flies to Inuvik from Whitehorse. (Ernest is coming from Tuktoyaktuk). The Council will meet 3-5pm in Inuvik on Friday. Saturday morning there will be a joint council meeting with WMAC NWT. Sunday WMAC NS flies to Aklavik and continues the meeting. The Council will meet with Aklavik HTC on Monday over the lunchtime. This will be a two hour session.

Monday evening the Council will fly to Inuvik. Lindsay will attend the Inuvialuit Game Council meeting as soon as he can be on the agenda. Council members will fly home Tuesday.

The Council developed the following three draft agendas:

WMAC NS

- Review the council’s 5 -10 year IFA funding proposal. Lindsay will work with Rob (YG) in advance of this to get the proposals ready (for the end of November).
- Debrief on North Slope conference to inform the next one. Jennifer and Lindsay will circulate their thoughts.

- Budget (12-13 cashflow to date). The wildlife programs budget is on the table and we have a surplus to think about.
- Review of wildlife programs proposals.

Aklavik HTC

- Research priorities.
- Grizzly bear project.
- Grizzly bear quota.
- Harvest reporting.

Joint meeting (WMACs)

- Polar Bear Traditional knowledge project update. (Lindsay, Jennifer, and Jocelyn met with Peter Armitage briefly on his return from the ISR-community tour. Peter should call in for the meeting). The councils need to revise the work plan and Table of Contents for the final report.
- Polar bear uplisting to Appendix 1 (CITES).
- Polar bear tag administration (needs resolution).
- Community based monitoring program update.

E. Correspondence regarding the draft NWT Polar bear species status report

The draft report relies heavily on Dan Slavik's work. (He actually wrote the Traditional knowledge section.) Our own (polar bear traditional knowledge) study can inform a future assessment. Lindsay and Rob submitted a response (correction of errors) to the draft report (to meet their deadline). Council members agreed that the comments were acceptable.

Motion 11-12-03

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Moved: Rob Florkiewicz

Seconded: Danny Gordon

Motion carried.