

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES October 29, 2015 10:00 AM MST (NT) / 9:00 AM PST (YT)

Attendance

- GRRB office: Amy Amos (Staff), Kristen Callaghan (Staff)
- On call: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Doug Doan (Member), Burt Hunt (Member), Ron Allen (Alternate Member), Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan (Member), Sarah Jerome (Alternate Member)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Eugene Pascal at 10:04 AM.

2. Agenda

Motion # GRRB 2015-39	To approve the October 29, 2015 teleconference agenda
Moved by: Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan	Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
All in favour.	Motion carried.

3. Conflict

Conflict can be declared as it arises.

4. Midyear Report

The GRRB Midyear Report was presented. This includes a progress and financial variance report on the activities the Board has undertaken from April 1st to September 30th, 2015 for its general operating (GO) and species at risk (SAR) supplemental funding.

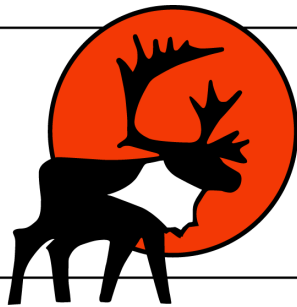
Discussion:

Burt Hunt and Sarah Jerome asked for clarification on what is included in the financial variance report for GO. Amy Amos explained that the Joint meeting to discuss Bluenose West caribou and the Caribou Messaging are not included in the general operating funding. They are funded separately. Burt Hunt also asked for clarification around the \$27,000 surplus under Board meetings. Amy Amos explained that this is because the Board budgeted to hold its fall meeting in September but it will be held in October instead.

The Board discussed how to use the midyear surplus. Under GO the options discussed included upgrading the current computer hardware, professional development, office expenses and staff travel. Under SAR the options included how to extend the current SAR Biologist position.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to add the following to the written progress report under #6 for communication activities:



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- Reference to our Facebook page, reference to the meet and greet we do during Board meetings and reference to the recent efforts in caribou messaging.
- Amy Amos to do develop a computer inventory to determine which computers should be replaced and when, considering a staggered approach so they are not all replaced at once.

Motion # GRRB 2015-40

Moved by: Burt Hunt
All in favour.

To reprofile the SAR funding surplus to cover the SAR Biologist wages and benefits; and to reprofile the GO surplus for computers and professional development.

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
Motion carried.

5. Special Harvesting Areas

The GCLCA speaks to special harvesting areas but they were never included under the Wildlife Act. Under the new NWT Wildlife Act, ENR has mapped suggested Special Harvesting Areas and developed proposed wording for a regulation under its new regulations. They are asking for GRRB and GTC to review this and for the GRRB to formally recommend it for a regulation under the NWT Wildlife Act. The proposed regulation was reviewed by Eugene Pascal and Jozef Carnogursky as well as the GRRB Fisheries Biologist Kris Maier and presented to the Board. Kris Maier (GRRB Fisheries Biologist) had identified some concerns. GTC has responded saying they have no issues with how ENR is presenting the information.

Discussion:

Ron Allen had some concerns with the dates listed in the correspondence and the wording around the area being closed to access versus closed to harvesting. This related to the concerns raised by the Fisheries Biologist.

Action(s):

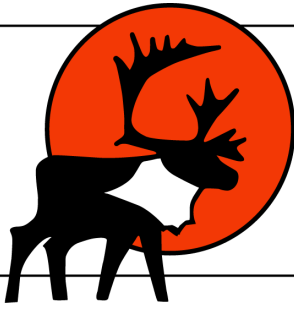
- Amy Amos to draft a letter of support conditional upon the following concerns addressed:
 - Dates should be December 16th
 - It says closed to anyone. Clarify that it is closed to hunting, not access.
- Other areas (E.g. Special harvesting area #9 & 11) to be communicated via other methods such as the annual review of the hunting regulations to help people understand where they are and what they mean

Motion # GRRB 2015-41

Moved by: Doug Doan
All in favour.

To support the Special Harvesting Areas proposal with the correct dates and clarification around the word 'closed.'

Seconded by: Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan
Motion carried.



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6. Joint Meeting

There was an initial joint meeting between the GRRB, Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB), Wildlife Management Advisory Council (WMAC-NWT) held in Yellowknife while the three Boards were attending a different meeting. The notes from this initial meeting were shared in the meeting binder. The discussion topic was the Bluenose West Caribou tag system. One community is not using the tag system but have indicated that they keep track of harvest numbers. Groups are encouraged to communicate their harvest and to use the tags in some way (perhaps manage it themselves). Internal discussions will continue.

The next Joint Meeting is November 17-18 in Inuvik. Amy Amos gave an update on the proposed agenda and on meeting preparation.

Kristen Callaghan entered the meeting.

Discussion:

Burt Hunt suggested having an agenda item for how information is shared. Kristen Callaghan noted that the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee for the Cooperation of Wildlife Management (ACCWM) includes an agreement for how to communicate, which may help address this concern. Ron Allen requested clarification on meeting participants and whether community organizations are planning to attend or just the Boards. Depending on the participants (E.g. if community organizations are invited), it will be critically important how the meeting Chair is selected. Amy Amos suggested hiring an outside Facilitator/Chair and this was agreed to.

Action(s):

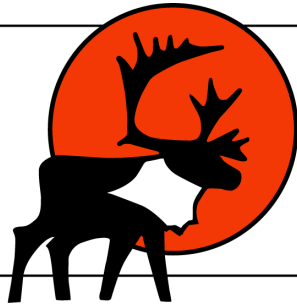
- Amy Amos to get list of participants from each Board
- Amy Amos to touch base with SRRB and WMAC-NWT to see if an outside Chair/Facilitator is desired and, if so, if they have any suggested names then hire someone collectively.
- Add an agenda item for information sharing

7. Caribou Messaging

Kristen Callaghan provided an update. Let the Leaders Pass sticker is getting a lot of attention on Facebook. The elders poster is almost complete. She asked the Board for feedback. The Board was very pleased with the poster and provided compliments. Kristen also updated the Board on a recent youth work experience opportunity that would bring a youth into our office on a part-time basis to work on caribou education and traditional foods activities. Kristen would help supervise. The project is fully funded by a research student.

Discussion:

Doug Doan questioned how widely the messaging was being distributed. Kristen Callaghan confirmed that it could be widely distributed via email and that some printing could be done. She confirmed that it could be distributed to schools.



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Doug Doan suggested that there is an opportunity to develop a broader public relations strategy. Many of the issues could be addressed in a broader discussion at the next face-to-face meeting. Amy Amos mentioned that Tiffany is gaining work experience about how to use traditional ???. Eugene Pascal shared that he went to Kitikmek(?) meeting to talk about caribou. They are using the same messaging of Let the Leaders Pass. Interest in caribou is global. Sarah Jerome suggested a poster contest for students.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to add agenda item to February meeting for caribou messaging and how to develop a broader public relations strategy. This could include a poster contest for students.
- Kristen Callaghan to ensure that copies of the elders poster gets into the schools

8. Updates

Amy Amos provided brief updates on the progress of the newsletter and calendar and outlined upcoming meetings on the agenda. She reported that Ryan McLeod's (Fisheries Technician) last day is tomorrow, December 19, 2015.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to thank Ryan McLeod on behalf of the Board.

9. Other Business

No other business.

10. Adjourn

Motion # GRRB 2015-42

Moved by: Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan
All in favour.

To adjourn the meeting at 11:52am

Seconded by: Burt Hunt
Motion carried.