

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board Bi-annual Meeting
Sept 30-Oct 1, 2010
Sittichinli Recreation Centre, Aklavik, NT

Attendance:

Board Members: Dan Topolniski, Elizabeth Hansen, Barry Greenland, Joel Ingram

Staff: Janet Boxwell, Kristen Callaghan, Cheryl Greenland, Kris Maier, Amy Thompson

Observers: *Thursday, September 30th*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
James Firth	interim chair	Tom McLeod	ERRC, youth representative
Michael Svoboda	CWS, Environment Canada, & Arctic Borderlands Ecological Co-op	Wally McPherson	
		Michelle Gruben	Aklavik HTC
Tracey Francis	Youth, TRRC	Martin Callaghan	GNWT-ENR
Johnnie Charlie	RRC-TGC	Steven Charlie	GNWT-ENR
Jason McLeod	GGRRC	Paul Teoh	(insert business name), Calgary
Anna May McLeod	GGRRC	Eugene Pascal	Aklavik
John Norbert	GGRRC	Danny Greenland	Aklavik
Billy Archie	Aklavik HTC	Ian McLeod	GNWT-ENR
Joe Arey	Aklavik HTC	Susan Mackenzie	GLUPB
Wilson Malegana	Aklavik HTC	Billy Storr	AHTC
Danny C. Gordon	Aklavik HTC	Eliza Greenland	Aklavik Gwich'in Council- DGO
Richard Ross Sr.	ERRC	Paul Grech & father	Inuvik

Friday, October 1st

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James Firth	interim chair for GRRB meeting
Michael Svoboda	CWS, Environment Canada, & Arctic Borderlands Ecological Co-op

Minutes: Kristen Callaghan & Amy Thompson

Summary of motions made and carried:

Motion # Sept2010-01

Moved by: Dan Topoliniski
All in favour: Carried

to appoint James Firth as Chairperson for this meeting

Seconded by: Joel Ingram

Motion # Sept2010-02

Moved by: Joel Ingram
All in favour: Carried

to Approve Agenda

Seconded by: Dan Topolniski

Motion # Sept2010-03

Moved by: Dan Topolniski
All in favour: Carried

to Approve Feb. 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

Motion # Sept2010-04

Moved by: Liz Hansen
All in favour: Carried

to Approve the Audited financial statements

Seconded by: Dan

Motion # Sept2010-05

Moved by: Barry Greenland

to Approve WSF audited financial statements

Seconded by: Joel

Motion # Sept2010-06

Moved by: Barry Greenland
All in favour: Carried

to Approve the appointment of Paul Teoh as GRRB auditor for 2010-2011

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

Motion # Sept2010-07

Moved by: Dan Topolniski
All in favour: Carried

to endorse the IFMP in principle, subject to the understanding that changes to be made are minor and will not affect substantively the management plan.

Seconded by: Joel Ingram

Motion # Sept2010-08

Moved by: Joel Ingram
All in favour: Carried

to approve the priorities as given, with change to the ranking of the water priority to be listed as high priority.

Seconded by: Liz Hansen

Motion # Sept2010-09

Moved by: X
All in favour: Carried

to defer the WSF priorities to the Finance subcommittee for development of a Call for Proposals

Seconded by: Dan Topolniski

Motion # Sept2010-10

Moved by: Barry Greenland
All in favour: Carried

to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Liz Hansen

❖ **Update on Office Lease – James Firth**

James spoke regarding his investigation into the GRRB office lease. Our lease ends in March 2011 and Northern Properties requires 90 days notice to end it earlier. James is investigating other office space, renegotiating our existing lease and reducing office space. Questions were asked about the report and a brief discussion was held. This item is ongoing.

❖ **Approved Audited Financial Statements for 2009-10 – Paul Teoh**

Paul explained the 2010 GRRB financial statement, his audit and the Wildlife Studies Fund monies for 2010. Paul took Board members' questions and clarified several points.

The Board then agreed to address the letter from Phil Anselmo (GRRB investment manager) regarding management of the WSF investments. Paul explained and commented on the contents of the letter and fielded questions from the Board.

❖ **Update on Wildlife Studies Fund – Phil Anselmo (call-in)**

Due to technical difficulties, Phil's update could not occur. The Board agreed that Dan would discuss the update with Phil and report back.

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Moved by: Liz Hansen
All in favour: Carried

to Approve the Audited financial statements

Seconded by: Dan

Motion # Sept2010-05

Moved by: Barry Greenland
All in favour: Carried

to Approve WSF audited financial statements

Seconded by: Joel

Motion # Sept2010-06

Moved by: Barry Greenland
All in favour: Carried

to Approve the appointment of Paul Teoh as GRRB auditor for 2010-2011

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

7. Chairperson's Update - Robert Charlie (presented October 1st)

Robert provided a written update of his activities to the board (agenda item #20, Tab D).

8. Executive Director Update – Amy Thompson (Tab E)

Amy presented her Executive Director's update to the Board and took questions.

9. Staff Updates

❖ **GRRB Staff: Kristen Callaghan, Kris Maier, Janet Boxwell and Cheryl Greenland**

Kristen, Kris, Janet and Cheryl presented oral updates on their activities to accompany their written updates in the meeting binders and fielded questions from the Board. Amy reviewed written updates by summer students Amie Charlie and Rebecca Kauffman, as well as that of casual staff-person Chelsea Hermus.

10. Member Updates (Tab G)

❖ **Joel Ingram (CWS)**

Joel explained his position as a Board member. He is still with CWS in his new location in Winnipeg.

❖ **Dan Topolniski (DFO)**

Dan became the full member for DFO in 2008. He is retired and works at an arm's length from DFO but liases with them to keep informed. At a local level with the Inuvik DFO office, the relations appear good and very good between GRRB and DFO staff. Improvements have been made with the regional DFO management authorities. Good interactions with DFO science managers and scientists with the GRRB are an ongoing priority. Amy has been working at this and doing a good job.

Dan met with James, Liz and Amy as part of the GRRB's financial subcommittee (new, struck in 2010) and this has been productive and helpful to the GRRB.

Dan participated in a call with DFO recently with the steering committee for the IFMP with a good update from Kris Maier and others to bring the IFMP to a conclusion.

He is working with DFO science to have better processes in place for our Executive Director to deal with DFO Science.

Dan concurs with the overall message that incorporation of TK with modern science is still needed in the latest COSEWIC report on Dolly Varden.

❖ **Elizabeth (Liz) Hansen (ENR)**

Liz is currently teaching traditional language courses at ARC. She is informed of most GRRB Management Plans. She also is a member of the NRRC and reviews them too. She also sits on committees for education, culture and employment. She wants the strategic plan to be addressed with the GRRB and the Board to refer to where we are with the plan regularly. She is concerned about the process of membership on the board and the long nomination and appointment process. She appreciates the work that staff is doing and is pleased to see them out on the land (ran into Kris during his work on Stoney Creek).

❖ **Barry Greenland (GTC)**

Barry gave a quick update as a newly recognized GRRB member nominated by the GTC. He had recently been involved with the Gwich'in band and had worked with James Firth.

11. RRC Updates

❖ GRRRC Update – Anna May McLeod

Anna May gave the GRRRC's verbal update and will follow up with the GRRB later on the written report. John Norbert spoke as GGRRC president and as a representative of other committees.

The GGRRRC has requested information on the following areas:

- whether DU will do any more duck studies in GSA
- a wood-cutting map to see where folks are cutting in the GSA
- what is happening with the headwaters of the Arctic Red River (mining, claim staking, exploration, etc.)

↑ GRRB to follow up with GGRRRC to obtain written report.

❖ TRRC Update – Johnnie Charlie

Johnnie noted that the formal RRC report from TRRC will be forwarded to the GRRB later and so spoke about an RRC concern about the Gwich'in Private Lands Special management zone sign at James Creek and how it should be bigger and oriented so that it faces people approaching on the highway, not be placed parallel to the highway. Johnnie noted that non-aboriginal harvesters are in the area hunting, but that they need permission on Gwich'in lands. He would like to see this addressed.

❖ ERRC Update

Amy Thompson presented the ERRC report to the GRRB.

❖ NRRC Update

The NRRC report was supplied in the meeting binders.

12. Local Agency Updates

❖ Joel Ingram (Canadian Wildlife Services)

Joel gave an update on CWS programs. His update was provided in the binder materials.

Amy commented on the ATK boreal woodland project in the GSA. The GRRB is working with GSCI to complete interviews in mid-October. Arrangements are underway to prepare for the interviews. There is an ambitious schedule to have this done by the end of November, including report preparation.

Joel fielded questions from the attendees. He will provide the DU status report on black ducks to the RRCs.

❖ **Steven Charlie (Superintendent, Inuvik Region - ENR): General Office Update**

Steven gave an update on the current staffing of the ENR office to supplement the written update he provided. The forest office position will be put up for competition in the new year. Martin will be guiding that process.

Steven is the senior official representing ENR on the PCHMP plan. One of the actions is to continue operating the check station at 8 mile.

Conservation officers cannot run the sight-in-your-rifle program until liability issues are dealt with. Officers are doing regular patrols and communications on PCHMP have been put out with the communications working group.

Steven spoke regarding current harvest zones and acknowledged that wolves and otters were brought up as species harvesters would like to target. ENR are working to deliver new programs to train in how to harvest these species.

❖ **Martin Callaghan (Forest Manager, Inuvik Region -ENR): Forestry & Check Station Update**

Martin gave his update to the GRRB on forest management activities in the GSA. His update was provided in the binder materials.

Steven and Martin answered questions from the Board and explained the Forestry Officer and Patrolman job description and requirements.

Discussion on meat wastage led to an action item for the RRCs to provide more education on meat wastage.

❖ **Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board: 5 Year Review Update - Susan McKenzie (GLUPB)**

Susan gave an update on the five-year review of the GLUP. She specifically reviewed GRRB comments made to the GLUPB and outlined how the comments are being considered and addressed. Her update was provided in a written format included in the meeting binders. A draft review with the changes will be sent out prior to community consultations.

❖ **Muskox Outfitting - Eliza Greenland – Aklavik Gwich'in Council**

Eliza went through the presentation for the GRRB. Paul Grech (GTC) and Ian McLeod (Aklavik) helped answer questions. Presentation notes were provided for the binders.

❖ **Muskoxen – GCLCA reference for Board Consideration – Kristen Callaghan (GRRB)**

Kristen reviewed a written submission that she prepared for the board summarizing some relevant sections of the Gwich'in land claim that should be considered in reviewing the motion to begin muskoxen guided outfitting. She also summarized some general considerations regarding what type of harvest is sought and what type of management the Board wishes to undertake for the population.

❖ **Paul Grech – GTC guiding course**

In June, Paul had a request to put on a guiding course in Aklavik as an economic development initiative of the GTC. The course has two levels, the first of which is finishing this week. The second will be in November. The impetus of the course is to initiate some tours and product by DGOs.

The course will not certify students as professional guides. They will need to follow specific criteria for certification as professional guides. GTC will work with them to help further their certification.

The course is for consumptive and non-consumptive guiding - ecotourism, hiking and photography are also included. With those skills comes the opportunity to take advantage of hunting opportunities. Students are being told that they need to have a legitimate product for working with the governments and the boards, that there is a process for what can and cannot be done.

The program has 16 students. The attendance records are impeccable. The students are highly motivated, interested in non-consumptive guiding (kayaking, hiking) and in doing it according to the rules.

Paul and Ian (ENR) fielded brief questions from the Board.

Aklavik HTC: General Update –Billy Storr

Billy gave an update on his HTC's activities. Billy Archie commented on the management of the arctic char and the RRWG.

13. Other

❖ **Michael Svoboda (Arctic Borderlands TK Co-op, Environment Canada): ABTK Co-op Community Interviews; Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan (Tab K)**

Michael gave an overview of the Co-op in a presentation that will be provided to the Board and presented a two-minute draft video of the direction the Co-op is going in its collection efforts and products for sharing and use. He pointed out that the program is becoming more focused and aims to provide rapid results and assessment, increasing communication products and outputs. Michael anticipates circulating electronic copies of the September 2010 community meetings in early October 2010.

The GRRB is to indicate whether they are interested in continuing to serve on the Co-op Board now that Robert is no longer Chair.

↑GRRB to express interest if they wish to remain on the Co-op Board

❖ **Michael Svoboda (Arctic Borderlands TK Co-op, Environment Canada): Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan (Tab L - see agenda item 12)**

Michael gave a presentation to the GRRB on where the management planning process is at for the northern mountain caribou management plan. His presentation was provided in the Board binders.

Kristen asked a question about proposed caribou designated units to COSEWIC and how new units might affect management planning for the NM caribou.

14. Public Update

Eddie Greenland, who is taking the guiding course, asked about muskoxen harvest and opportunities for sport hunting opportunities in the future. The Board will be following up on this concern.

15. Ehdiiat RRC –Meeting of GRRB with ERRC

This meeting was cancelled.

16. Public Dinner

17. NWT Legislation

❖ **Susan Fleck and Norm Snowshoe (GNWT-ENR): Wildlife Act Renewal (Tab J)**

Susan gave a presentation to the Board on the Wildlife Act renewal process and current status. A 2-page summary update was included in the binders that noted some proposed changes in the new Wildlife Act. The presentation was provided to the Board and was included in the meeting binders. There will be community visits on the renewal of the act in November.

Susan and Norm took questions from the Board and clarified several points of legislation under the Wildlife Act. The Board will be asked to review the Act and provide comments before it is finalized.

↑GRRB to review Wildlife Act and provide comments in the near future.

❖ **James Firth: NWT Species at Risk Committee**

James is serving on the Species at Risk (SAR) committee. They have had their first meeting in Yellowknife, one conference call and a face to face meeting in Yellowknife. The new Species At Risk Act (SARA) came into force in Feb, 2010 and requires a SAR committee and a conference of management authorities made up of the GNWT, co-management boards and claimant groups. The committee's role is to take up concerns about species at risk. Part of the GRRB role is to help with assessments.

When James met with the RRCs, he emphasized the process for the assessment and how concerns could be brought directly to the committee.

This is the NWT SARA. Alberta still doesn't have their SARA done due to legal issues. We need to figure out how to work with the Yukon on transboundary populations, as they don't have a SARA.

James responded to questions from the Board about the appointment and operation of the committee.

❖ **Amy Thompson: Conference of Management Authorities**

Amy clarified the difference between SARC and CMA. Each board could appoint a member and alternate to the SARC. On behalf of the GRRB, Amy and Robert Charlie attended the first meeting of the CMA on June 2-3 in Yellowknife. The group is working on a number of items, such as finalizing rules of conduct for the CMA. Amy's update was provided in the Board binders.

18. Project Updates

❖ **WSF Updates**

• **Amy Thompson (GRRB): Youth Program**

Amy gave an update on the Youth program to the Board and explained how the funds that had put aside by the Board were used. Most of the ~\$14,000 in the fund was used for Nature Day, youth participation in the Rat River monitoring site with John Carmichael and youth participation (summer student) in Travaillant Lake. The remaining funds were used to bring youth to this meeting. Any remaining funds will be used to help facilitate youth travel to meetings.

• **Kristen Callaghan (GRRB): Dall's Sheep Survey; GIS Training; Richardson's Project**

Kristen updated the Board on the GIS training that she took in May and the status of the Richardson project (field work complete, final analyses underway, Catherine hopes to be able to send new reports and present to the Board soon). The Dall's sheep survey was discussed.

• **Janet Boxwell (GRRB): GSA Harvest Study**

Janet updated the Board on the current status of the Harvest Study, outlining the status of reporting in each of the Gwich'in communities. She reviewed the updated interviewer training package and new items being asked on the interview sheet and presented the map package for the interviewers.

Janet fielded questions from the Board on protocol and interview questions and Amy helped to clarify how the harvester list is kept up to date and how it can be revised to cover all active harvesters in the community.

Janet then reviewed a note that was sent from the GNWT (M. Branigan) regarding the Implementation Plan for the Porcupine caribou herd. Amy outlined what was happening with the plan and how the implementation plan is developing. ENR is looking for the GRRB's comments on the Implementation Plan regarding the harvest data collection and GRRB role.

Janet also reviewed some specific items for the Board's attention. These were provided in the Appendix.

Janet answered questions from the Board following the presentation of her report.

❖ **Kristen Callaghan (GRRB): Harvest data presentation**

Kristen gave a presentation of Porcupine caribou harvest data collected in the GHS and showed what kinds of analyses can be done with the data, particularly looking at changing harvest patterns over time and differences between communities.

❖ **Larry Dow (DFO): DFO Inuvik agency update**

Larry spoke regarding the recent activities of the local DFO office. DFO attended the Beaufort Region Environmental Assessment meeting September 29-30. It was important for DFO to attend as this is related to oil and gas development in the region. There will be a committee struck. There will be a request for proposals to address a knowledge gap in the Beaufort. There will be money there for projects. This should reduce similar studies and make it easier for industry. Frank Pokiak asked for TK to be part of the process and DFO is in support of that.

Discussion followed about the renewal of the Fisheries Act this fall and GRRB's involvement. The GRRB will likely be on the 48-hour contact list.

❖ **Kris Maier (GRRB) Travaillant Lake Project**

Kris gave an update on the field work he did on Sheep Creek and the examination of effects on slumping on habitat and effects to water to wildlife such as insects and fish. He gave a slideshow illustrating some of the slumping that has occurred and showed one creek that had been filled in and blocked by some of the slumps. He fielded questions from the Board on this project.

Kris gave an update to the Board on the work done at Travaillant Lake. This was provided in the meeting binders as a written update.

❖ **Amy Thompson (GRRB): Loche Liver Project**

Amy gave an update on the status of the loche liver project. She is still working on this and will be reporting back. It hasn't been forgotten.

❖ **Kevin Bill (DFO): Rat River Monitoring and Research Update**

Kevin provided an update on the status of this project and current research. There are a number of tagging programs underway.

Rat River tagging was completed last week, with 440 fish tagged out of a targeted 500. 15-20 were recaptured, so they should have a good estimate with good confidence intervals. Initially it looks like the population has decreased and is smaller than last year, a fair bit lower than 2007. DFO will update the Board as the analysis progresses.

Big Fish River tagging was successful. There were extra funds to do tagging on the Babbit River, so now they can do both systems. This will be the first year that three systems of char tagging are happening at the same time. This will be very useful to the study of fish movements and use of different systems.

The camera system was used this summer to count fish passing by (6-7 weeks). ~1000 were counted. This doesn't match up with estimated numbers from tagging, but part of the run may have been missed because of the timing. The camera will be tried on the Babbit and Rat Rivers next year.

There were not a lot of young fish in Fish Creek on the Rat, mostly juveniles and 4-year-olds (good-sized silvers and spawning fish), but not a lot of younger fish following. This is a concern, as it will affect future spawning numbers. It will be considered during the next RRWG meeting.

Kevin addressed questions from the Board on coastal recaptures, the camera system and funding for genetic analysis.

He also gave an update on the Airport Lake project, where the sport fishery was closed during spawning (August to late October). People can fish but can't keep anything. The rest of the year the limit is only one fish. There seems to be good compliance with the regulations. DFO are not presently working towards a regulatory closure. If changes to subsistence fishing were required, they would follow the consultation process with the Board. It may be the lake itself that is the problem (not deep, warm, only limited lake trout habitat). It has been suggested that a limnologist evaluate the habitat issue.

Kevin also mentioned the Pacific salmon collection program. DFO provides rewards to fishers who turn in salmon. Neil Macnocz is running this to help monitor increases or changes in salmon distribution in the area. So far, the number of fish turned in is low, so few conclusions can be made. Kevin will ensure that the GRRB is kept informed on the project.

19. Management Planning Updates

❖ **Amy Thompson: Rat River Working Group**

Amy updated the Board on the RRWG and their focus (Rat River and Vittrekwa char). They act as an advisory group to the co-management boards. The recommendations that they make go to the communities for consultation and, based on those consultations, they advise the co-management boards. This has been a real success story for a community initiative.

❖ **Kris Maier (GRRB): Dolly Varden IFMP; Rat River Fishing Plan; Vittrekwa Fishing Plan; COSEWIC update; Peel River Land Use Plan**

Kris gave an update on status of management planning for fisheries in the GSA. Kris spoke regarding the Dolly Varden Integrated Fisheries Management Plan and progress and changes made to that plan. This plan is nearly complete. Kris also spoke regarding the updates for the Rat River Dolly Varden char fishing plan and the new Vittrekwa char fishing plan.

Discussion followed about the progress of the IFMP and its support by the Board.

Motion # Sept2010-07

Motion to endorse the IFMP in principle, subject to the understanding that changes to be made are minor and will not affect substantively the management plan.

Moved by: Dan Topolniski

Seconded by: Joel Ingram

All in favour: Carried

Kris fielded questions on the fishing plans.

He then spoke regarding the process to identify a species for assessment through the COSEWIC process. Dan clarified for the Board and community at the meeting, what the process has been for the IFMP and how it works with the COSEWIC process.

❖ **James Malone (FJMC): Fisheries Joint Management Committee Updates**

James gave a short presentation from the FJMC and passed along a message to the GRRB regarding the response provided to COSEWIC this week. FJMC would like to thank the GRRB for the positive manner in which these two boards have worked together for the past two years. They would like this positive interaction to continue in the future. They look forward to the co-signing of the IFMP.

James updated the board on staffing at the FJMC. James is the Fisheries Resource Specialist (since January 2010); Michaela Craig is their Community Resource Specialist (since November 2009); the committee has a new Chair this year (Vic Yeoman) and are waiting on the federal government to appoint a second member to the committee.

James noted the GRRB motion to endorse the IFMP and mentioned that at the same time the RCC meeting takes place in Inuvik in November, there are plans to have a signing ceremony in Inuvik.

❖ **Marsha Branigan (ENR): ENR Wildlife Update; Porcupine Caribou HMP; NWT Action Plan for Boreal Caribou; other projects**

Marsha gave an update on current ENR staffing and operations for GNWT-ENR. During her update, she also spoke regarding recent research on muskoxen and NWT vs YTG views. ENR needs the GRRB to provide the area for harvesting, number of tags and whether they are resident or non-resident and if subsistence harvesters require a tag. A process for allocation of tags needs to be set up.

Marsha fielded questions from the Board on her muskoxen research.

She then summarized the grizzly bear harvest report tag use. Tags are allocated on a three-year basis, counting down from the six allocated for a three-year period with two given out each year until all six are used. Credits are held over from the previous three-year period. Aklavik has 4 tags available (DLP from credits); Ft McPherson - 5 tags; Inuvik - 6 tags (1 from DLP); Tsiigehtchic - 6 tags; **GRRB - 6 tags. We are under-utilizing tags in the GSA.**

Marsha also updated the board on PCMB operations. The Harvest Management Plan (HMP) was signed and that plan was recommended by the PCMB in June 2009. There was a summit of senior officials in January 2010 to resolve the outstanding issues and make a draft that everyone was willing to sign. Most people did not feel that there were significant changes made, so consultation did not occur. The HMP is a framework for how to manage the herd at different levels, where the Implementation Plan is how it will actually be done. There is a copy of the draft Implementation Plan in the binders for review.

↑ GRRB to read draft Implementation Plan and comment

On November 15, PCTC will submit a report of biological information to the senior officials. The annual harvest meeting is held during the second week of February. Marsha expressed the **need for GRRB submission to and attendance at that meeting**. TOR for that annual meeting are being developed by the board and will come out in the next month. **ENR would like comments on this from the GRRB.**

↑ GRRB to comment on TOR and submit reports/attend annual harvest meeting

Marsha asked the Board for clarification on process. All parties are trying to figure out what to do if a TAH is set. She thinks that if the PCMB made a TAH recommendation, the GRRB would hold a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the Minister on what the TAH should be. This is part of the last section that the GTC is asking for comment on (that Janet presented earlier).

↑ GRRB to comment on process if there are concerns or issues

Trade, barter and sale guidelines – PCMB has received comments back and is redrafting these.

Herd update – The census was done and results are pending. Cow/calf ratio was .65 (good). Calving ground survey was cancelled (WSF money not used). Caribou calculator modeller is updating the model to provide a population estimate with CI and also will be able to examine harvest management regimes and see how harvest will impact the herd. The PCMB was given the directive to coordinate the role for all the communications. GRRB was a huge supporter of that process.

Leadership - The leadership is now taking on a more active role in communications (letters, radio) to make this plan work.

Highway signs - One is already being made for each community.

Resident harvest requirements - As drafted, we are in the yellow zone. Resident harvest is one tag and reporting is required for resident harvesters. In the meantime, WMAC (NWT) will be recommending that the hunting be reduced to those actions. Government will figure out how to do that. **GRRB could consider a similar recommendation to the minister to be consistent with the HMP.**

↑ GRRB to consider a recommendation to Government on resident harvest requirements to be consistent with the HMP

Marsha fielded questions from the Board on the timelines surrounding the two Plans.

❖ **Joel Ingram (EC): Boreal (Woodland) Caribou recovery strategy (community consultations and ATK)**

See Item 12

❖ **Kristen Callaghan (GRRB): Barren-ground Caribou MP; Grizzly Bear Management Agreement; Dall's Sheep MP; Designated Unit for assessing caribou; Muskox information**

See Items 12 and 18

Dan made a general comment that it would be helpful to the Board to have a clear timeline set out for the different management planning initiatives that lays out responsibilities for staff, councils and the GRRB members. He felt frustrated that he didn't ready to make decisions in response to new concerns raised. He commented that it would be helpful to the Board to have different options presented by staff to help the GRRB make decisions.

❖ **Amy Thompson (GRRB): Forest Management Plan**

20. Research Updates

❖ **Amy Thompson (GRRB): GRRB 2011-2012 Research Priorities**

Amy gave an update to the Board on the Research Priority process underway this year. With the vacancy in the Renewable Resources Manager position, Amy continued the work on this file, but could not devote the same effort as would have been done by a staff member in that position. Janet explained how she collated comments received on research priorities and how priorities fit into different categories. She described new concerns expressed this year by different councils and explained how she interpreted submitted concerns to mean possible changes in priority rankings of research issues.

Discussion followed with Janet Boxwell regarding the ranking procedure, comments on priorities and action items. **The GRRB will review action items to ensure that they are acted upon.**

↑ GRRB to review action items on research priorities and ensure they have been acted on

Motion # Sept2010-08

Motion to approve the priorities as given, with change to the ranking of the water priority to be listed as high priority.

Moved by: Joel Ingram
All in favour: Carried

Seconded by: Liz Hansen

Liz noted that the RRCs would like to receive more reports on the projects they are funding.

❖ **Amy Thompson (GRRB): 2011-12 WSF CFP Priorities**

Motion # Sept2010-09

Motion to defer the WSF priorities to the Finance subcommittee for development of a Call for Proposals
Seconded by: Dan Topolniski

Moved by: ? (37:15 on audio)

All in favour: Carried

21. Other

❖ **Robert Charlie: Chair's report Feb, 2010-August 28, 2010; Update on briefing note for new Chair (see tab D)**

Robert reviewed his update provided in writing to the Board and the outline that he supplied laying out the responsibilities of the GRRB's chairperson.

The Board thanked Robert for all his hard work. Board members and others in attendance also acknowledged the work that Robert had done and how his efforts have benefited management in the NWT. On behalf of the Board members, staff presented a gift of a vest, artwork and a framed and signed picture.

22. New Business – business arising from meeting

A conference call was suggested for the Board members to deal with new issues raised at the meeting.

James spoke, concluding the meeting and thanked the RRC and HTC members for coming. Amy thanked everyone for their participation and the RRC members and youth in attendance for being there at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn and go in-camera.

Motion # Sept2010-10

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Liz Hansen

All in favour: Carried

23. In-Camera – Members and Executive Director only

24. Next Meeting - date and location of next Board meeting

Inuvik - winter 2011 (if quorum providing), then Fort McPherson - fall 2011.

25. Adjournment - closing remarks